



Ryton-on-Dunsmore Provost Williams

Church of England Academy

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Newsletter 15th December 2023

"Let your light shine"



What a busy week we have had!! From Gruffalos to Pantos, and carols to Christingles, all the children and staff have been embracing the Christmas spirit as we come to the end of the autumn term. It was wonderful to see all the children performing this week from Nursery to Year 6. I was very proud of each of you and how you learnt all your lines and songs so well. I want to say a big thank you to all staff for their hard working in putting the Nativity performance and KS2 carols service together.

A special thank you to Mark Jones and Carolyn Reilly who joined us on behalf of St Leonard's church. It has been wonderful to be able to rebuild our connection and we look forward to this developing further next term. This Sunday, one of our Year 6 pupils will also be doing a reading in church as part of their service, and some of our children will be singing. If you are able to, please come and support the Church and our school.

Mrs Lampe Cullen

Head of School





None of us were taught how to be parents and sometimes we may find what we're doing isn't working or we just want some different strategies in our toolbox. In Warwickshire, parents to be, parents, carers and grandparents have access to a variety of parenting resources and advice. Support can be accessed online, face-to-face through informal advice, one-to-one consultations, group programmes and workshops.


This is part of the information, advice and support that is often referred to as 'universal support' or 'early help' as it is freely available to all families. Early help is about helping families deal with any issues as early as possible. It is a spectrum of support that ranges from information, advice and support that families can access themselves through to more individualised or targeted support.

All children, young people and families in Warwickshire are entitled to receive early help at any point in a child's life, from the foundation years through to the teenage years.

For Early Help support and a wide range of other support services, please follow this link :-

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>

Contacts:-

- Online**
- fis@warwickshire.gov.uk
 - [Twitter – @WarksFIS](#) 
 - [Facebook – Warwickshire Family Information Service](#)

Phone 0800 408 1558 or 01926 742 274

Have a look at our plans for “Christmas Day at School”

CHRISTMAS DAY AT RYTON ON DUNSMORE ACADEMY FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2023

- Arrive in PJ's (bring clothes in a bag, non uniform)
- Have breakfast in our PJ's
- Children to open their gift
- Change into Christmas Day clothes
- Christmas activities in classroom
- Christmas Dinner in the Hall, staff to serve children, with crackers and Christmas music
- Games and films in the afternoon
- 2.45pm All together in the hall for singing
- 3.15pm Home at normal time

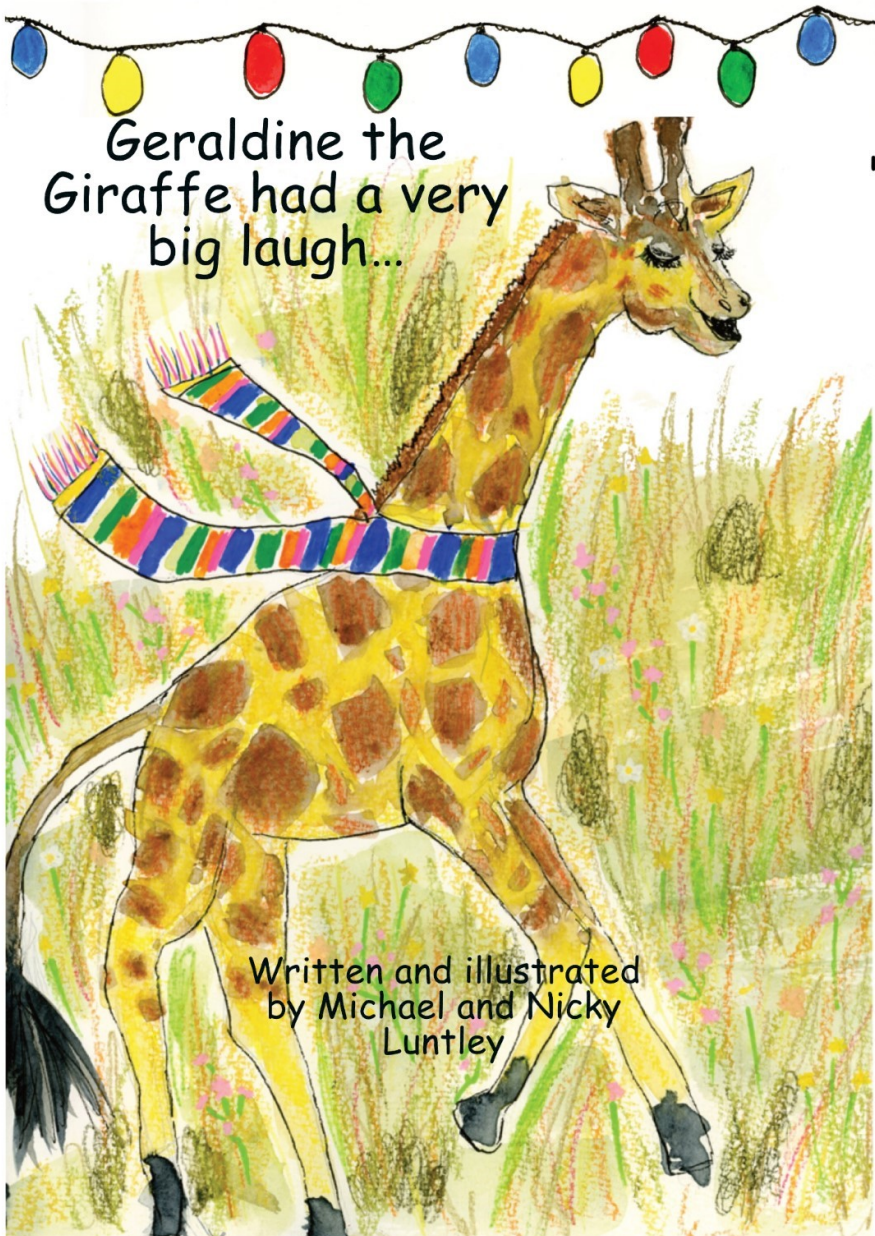
Next week, the Alan Higgs Centre have **cancelled** our swimming lesson due to essential maintenance on the movable pool floor.

So the next swimming lesson will now be Wednesday 10th January. The first lesson will not be included in the fees for January. January fees will be £17.00 payable on parentpay.

Year 3 and 4 will finish their swimming lessons at Easter.



Parent and local artist, Nicky Luntley, has just self-published a children's Christmas book with her Dad, Michael.



Geraldine the Giraffe had a very big laugh...

"Geraldine loses her laugh and her scarf

Their safe return is all that she's after

Follow her quest as she finds kindness is best

And can earn the return of laughter."

Written and illustrated by Michael and Nicky Luntley



NICKY LUNTLEY
ART & DESIGN

A copy has been donated to year 1 and will be read to Key Stage 1 on Christmas Day at school on 22nd Dec!

If you would like to purchase a copy please visit www.nickylart.com
Copies can be hand-delivered to villagers by selecting local pick-up at checkout.



Diary Dates

18th December	Christmas Movie Night
22nd December	Christmas Day at school, break up at 3.15pm
8th January	Teacher Training Day, school closed to children
9th January	Back to school
21st February	Reception Vision Screening
17th January	Parent wellbeing workshop 2.45pm to 3.15pm
5th February	Mental Health Week
5th February	Year 2 Come and Learn 2.45pm to 3.15pm
6th February	E-Safety Day
	Safety Workshop for Parents 2.45pm to 3.15pm
9th February	Break up for half term

Extra Inset Day

As we are now an Academy, we can allocate an extra Teacher Training Day. This is going to be on **Thursday 2nd May**, so the school will be closed to children on this day.

Other Teacher Training days we previously advised are:-

8th January (set by Local Authority)

22nd March (set by Academy)

3rd June (set by Academy)



Ryton-on-Dunsmore Academy Stars

Early Years Star Learner this week is

Macie



Year 1 Star Learner this week is

Vinnie



Year 2 Star Learner this week is

Leila

Year 3 Star Learner this week is

Imogen and Shiza

Year 4 Star Learner this week is

Olivia



Year 5 Star Learner this week is

Gulpenar

Year 6 Star Learner this week is

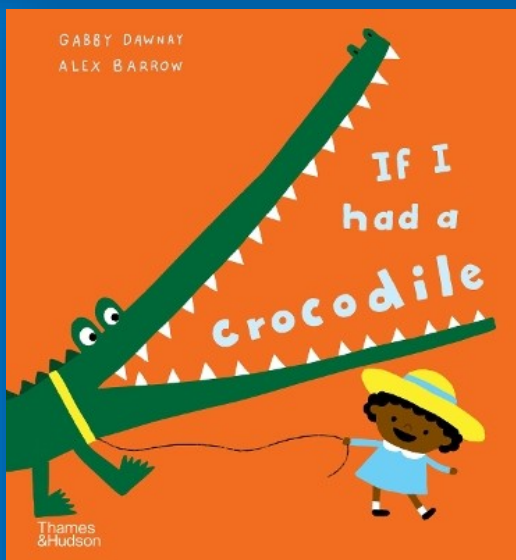
Joshua



**Good Citizen
this week
is Nancy**



Mrs Lampe Cullen's Recommended Reads



A charming and imaginative story in the bestselling 'If I had a...!' series, which imagines life with a crocodile as a pet. There's more to a crocodile than its scaly skin and scary teeth – they stay cool under pressure (in part because they can't sweat) and on a rainy day, they love nothing more than a fast game of Snap! This latest addition to the 'If I Had a...!' series is packed with humour and rollicking rhymes that young children readily catch on to. Its bold, graphic illustrations are stylish and packed with quirky details for children to spot.

Introducing *Sherbert and the Partly Digested Amulet of Power*, a thrilling tale of two unlikely heroes, Hatechi and Didi, who are determined to gain admission to the prestigious All-Artistry Temple school. But with slim chances of success in the annual Elemental Games, Hatechi and Didi might need a miracle to secure their spot. Enter Sherbert, a seemingly harmless creature with surprisingly potent abilities. However, their luck takes a turn for the worse when they realise that others also covet Sherbert's power. Magical creatures, blackmail, kidnapping and evil beings threaten to derail their dreams. Will Hatechi and Didi outsmart the villains, keep Sherbert safe, and fulfil their dreams of attending the All-Artistry Temple?

