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"Let your light shine"

On Thursday, volunteers from NUF Mutual gave the day to help give Katie's Garden a much needed makeover and tidy up our Tiny Forest area. They caused a real buzz around school as pupils were eager to see what they were doing. The transformation was wonderful to see and we are looking forward to planting some bulbs with each class over the coming weeks.

On Friday Year 1 welcomed Mrs June Backholler, local resident and retired Teaching Assistant, into school to share what toys she used to play with as a child. All the children loved to hear about what life was like when she was a child, and they asked some wonderful questions.

In EYFS, the children didn't let the rain stop them from exploring the school grounds. They definitely made good use of their wellies!

This week, we have also welcomed a number of new children to our school. I have been so proud of the openness of all pupils, who ensured that our new children felt welcome and part of Ryton-on-Dunsmore Academy.

Finally, a huge thank you to parents for their generosity and kindness in donating school uniform and other clothing items after our plea for pre-loved items yesterday. Your donations will ensure that we are able to provide uniform for any child who needs it.



Before



After

Love

Honesty

Hope

Fairness

Respect

Forgiveness



Reception and
Nursery Welly
Walk



Mrs Backholler
talking to Year 1
about the toys she
used to play with
as a child.



Can we please remind all parents and carers to be mindful of how and where they park during drop off and collection time. Our neighbours understand that at times the road can become busy, but can we please ask that you do not block any drives and ensure that traffic can flow easily and safely for all of our community.

Ryton-on-Dunsmore Academy Stars

Nursery Star Learner this week is

Aleksandra



Reception Star Learner this week is

Sawyer

Year 1 Star Learner this week is

Logan

Year 2 Star Learner this week is

Louis

Year 3 Star Learner this week is

Josiah



Year 4 Star Learner this week is

Sienna



Year 5 Star Learner this week is

Logan and Samvida



Year 6 Star Learner this week is

Issy



Playing games online

Parental Controls

Does your child have a games console? If yes, have you set up age-appropriate parental controls? The controls vary across the different consoles, but all will allow you to restrict spending and communication for example.

PlayStation

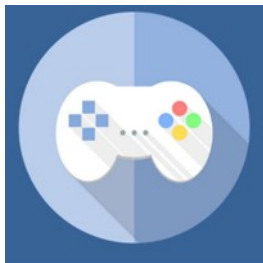
Set up your account as a family manager and create a separate child account so you can tailor their activities. Find out more here: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/psn-safety-parents-guide/>

Xbox

You can download an app to manage your child's gaming experience. Find out more here: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/apps/family-settings-app>

Nintendo Switch

Nintendo also offer a free app to monitor what and how your children are playing. Find out more here: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Nintendo-Switch-Family/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>



Scary Teacher 3D

Scary Teacher 3D is a game rated as 12+ by the App store (due to Mild Realistic Violence) or as 'Teen' on Google Play (due to violence). The game does include in-app purchases as well. Players must scare their teacher by completing different activities. There are lots of videos of this game on YouTube as well.

As with all games your child is asking to play, please take note of the age rating and play the game first to see if you think it is appropriate for your child.

Does your child play games online? We have outlined some points that you may wish to consider to try and create a safer experience for your child.



Have you set up parental controls?

As well as setting up appropriate parental controls through the game's setting, ensure you have set them up on the console/device your child is playing on. For example, many consoles allow you to restrict the games accessed by age.

Chatting to strangers

Some games will allow communication, for example (FIFA and Fortnite). Depending on the game, this may be via the in-game text chat, direct messages or talking through headphones. Some games do offer the ability to switch communication off or restrict bad language so make sure settings appropriate to your child are set up for each of the games they play.

It can be difficult to moderate online chat so ensure your child knows how to block and report other players who make them feel uncomfortable and that they know to talk to you or a trusted adult if they have any concerns. It can also be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they would not if they were face to face with each other. Talk to your child about how they are speaking to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect, like they would if they were face-to-face.

Is the game age appropriate?

Before buying the game, check that your child is old enough to play it. All games will either have a PEGI rating or be rated by the App Store /Google Play. UK Safer Internet Centre have published a blog, which shares tips on what to do if your child asks about playing a new game:

- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/help-my-child-wants-to-play-games-that-are-too-old-for-them-2>

In app purchases

In addition to the above, you should be aware of in app purchases as lots of games include the option to purchase additional items/subscriptions so ensure you do not have payment cards saved or set up restrictions/pin code to approve.

Further information

The NSPCC provide further guidance and support regarding this topic:

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>

Attendance Update

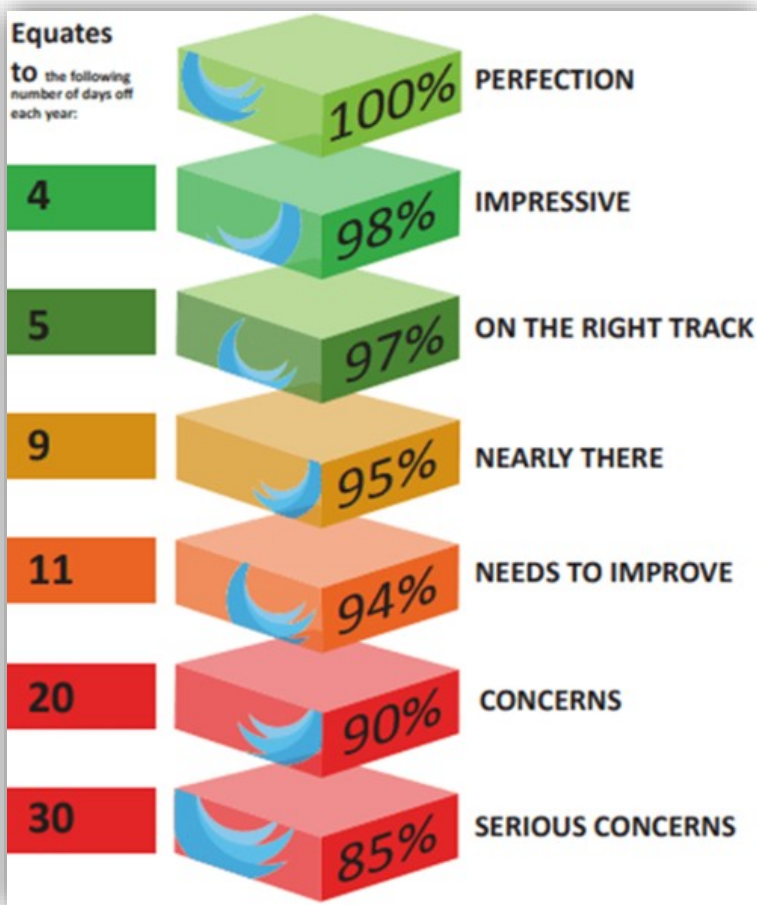


Attendance	
Nursery	76.8%
Reception	90%
Year 1	97.1%
Year 2	95.4%
Year 3	97.9%
Year 4	94.5%
Year 5	96.2%
Year 6	100%

PWP Attendance League 2023/4

Position	Class	Points
1st	Year 1	15
2nd	Nursery	12
3rd	Year 6	11

Lovely to see so many greens this week!



Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME



Diary Dates

25th October 2.30pm	Year 1 Victorian Toys and Games Workshop Year 6 Parents "Come and Learn" session on resilience 2.30pm
27th October	Break up for half term
6th November	Early Bird Week begins Children to bring in their "Executive Headteachers Challenge" entries.
7th November	School photos
6/7/8th November	IEP Meetings for children on the SEN Register
10th November	Remembrance Service
15th November 2.45pm	Anti Bullying Parent Workshop
24th November 2.30pm	"Come and Learn" Year 3
30th November	Flu vaccination for all children with consent
1st December	"Come and Learn" year 4
12th December am	Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production Year 3 4 5 and 6 Carol Service Nursery/Reception/Year 6 to Christingle Service at Coventry Cathedral
13th December	Early Years family trip to see the Gruffalo
14th December	Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production
22nd December	Christmas Day at school
8th January	Teacher Training Day, school closed to children
9th January	Back to school

There will be more details about our school "Christmas Day" nearer the time, but here is the menu for the Christmas Dinner, which will be served on the last day in school, Friday 22nd December.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**Roast Turkey,
Cocktail Sausage, Stuffing Ball
with Gravy**
or
**(vg) Roast Quorn Fillet,
Stuffing Ball with Gravy**

**Served with Crispy Roast Potatoes,
Garden Peas and Sliced Carrots**

**(vg) Christmas Shortbread or
(v) Christmas Cup Cake**

NORTH POLE
SANTA'S WORKSHOP
Reindeer Crossing
Elf Village
MRS. Claus's Kitchen
SLEIGH RIDES

Seasons Greetings
from The Nutrigang
& everyone at
Educaterers

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Mrs Lampe Cullen's Recommended Reads



A powerful, thoughtful and bold comment on humanity and its future from one of today's most thought-provoking artists. In his first picture book created specifically with a wider audience in mind, Oliver Jeffers shares a history of humanity and his dreams for its future. Where are we going?

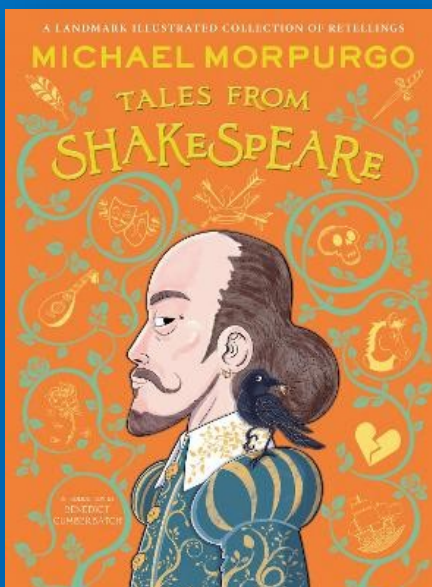
With his bold, exquisite artwork, Oliver Jeffers starts at the dawn of humankind following people on their journey from then until now, and then offers the reader a challenge: where do we go from here?

How can we think about the future of the human race more than our individual lives?
How can we save ourselves?
How can we change our story?



Ten stunning Shakespeare retellings from the master storyteller.

Featuring re-tellings of ten of Shakespeare's plays, and beautifully written with Michael Morpurgo's warm, accessible and inimitable style, this wonderful collection offers a new generation of readers the chance to discover the magic of Shakespeare - the perfect introduction to the Bard and an unmissable book for children.





St Leonard's Church ~ Ryton-on-Dunsmore

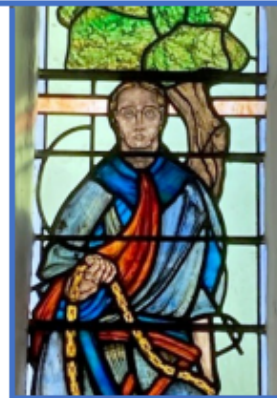
Songs of Praise and Giving Service

To celebrate

St Leonard's Feast Day

Bacon rolls & refreshments after the service

Sunday 5th November 9.30 am

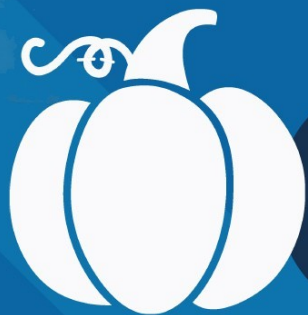


The beautiful church of St Leonard was built in 1080 and has formed a focal point for the village and community for over 900 years. It is one of the oldest Norman churches in Warwickshire and was built on woodland given to the Coventry Priory in 1043 by Lord Leofric (Lady Godiva's husband). The oldest parts of the church are built of red sandstone, including the nave and chancel. The tower dates from 15th Century.

St Leonard is the patron saint of the church. He is believed to have been born in France in 485. He was the son of an official in the court of King Clovis. St Leonard was converted to Christianity and devoted himself to visiting prisoners and pleading their cause with the king. He is usually represented with broken iron chains in his hand.

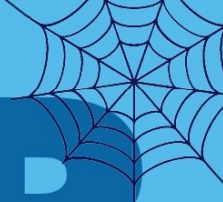
The responsibility for running and maintaining the church rests with the church community. **Maintaining a listed building is expensive and the congregation alone is not able to raise all the money needed.** This is why we need to ask people in the village to contribute to this beautiful, medieval church and peaceful churchyard that have been at the centre of village life for over 900 years.

As we celebrate the Feast of St Leonard, **we warmly invite you to join us for this informal 'Songs of Praise' service and enjoy a bacon roll with us afterwards.** If you are also able to make a donation, that would be greatly appreciated and would help to ensure that St Leonard's is able to continue to play a vital role in our village.



OCTOBER

half term



DATES

MON 30 -
FRI 3 NOV

TIME

9AM - 3PM

AGE

5 - 11

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a day

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Have a great weekend!