

## Newsletter 10th February 2025

*"Let your light shine"*

Last week, children across school took part in the NSPCC Number Day. This annual campaign organised by the charity NSPCC encourages children to get involved in numbers-based activities. As a school, we took part in the TTRS event and competed against other schools. There were a total of 3623 schools, and as a school we finished 830 for average school per pupil with Year 6 being our highest scoring class. A super result—well done, everyone!



Times tables Rock Stars

Our most VALUABLE TT  
Rock Star players from  
each class were:-

Year 6	Samvida
Year 5	Sophie
Year 4	Imogen
Year 3	Ted
Year 2	Kieran



We raised an amazing £93.20 for the NSPCC on  
Friday! Thank you very much for your  
donations.

With E-safety day taking place tomorrow, a reminder that most social media apps are not suitable for children **under the age of 13**. Please do all you can to make sure that children are safe online, including using parental controls, or by talking to your children about what they are accessing. There have been some recent incidents where children from Ryton-on-Dunsmore have been accessing social media outside school and resulting interactions with each other have caused upset.

This website provides further information: [https://saferinternet.org.uk/online-issue/social-media-](https://saferinternet.org.uk/online-issue/social-media-3)

## Mid-term Reports:

On Thursday you will be receiving your child's mid-term report. The terminology that we use in our reports is: 'Your child is' either 'Great depth', 'On track', 'Just below' or 'Below'. These reports are based on data from our Autumn assessments and are supported by the class teacher's judgement. We are only halfway through the academic year, and your child has not yet been taught the whole curriculum for their year group, so please do not worry if your child is not showing at 'on track' for the end of year expectation at this point. There will be further opportunities for you to meet with your child's class teacher, but if you are concerned, please arrange a meeting via the office.

Miss Cullen, Head Teacher

Available for children who book school meals on 4th March. Order as normal with class teacher on the day.

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# Happy National Pancake Day

**Tuesday 4th March 2025**

## Pancake Station

Choose from the following toppings:

- Fruit in Juice
- Choice of Sauces
- Traditional Lemon & Sugar Golden Syrup
- Honey or Fruit Jam

Allergen free alternatives are also available

What's your favourite?

NGM 2024  
Mindful Meals  
Mindful Meals



# Ryton-on-Dunsmore Academy Stars

EYFS Star Learner this week is

*Demi Lee*



Year 1 Star Learner this week is

*Macie*

Year 2 Star Learner this week is

*Esme*

Year 3 Star Learner this week is

*Louis*

Year 4 Star Learner this week is

*Gerry*

## Value Awards



The "Value Awards" are designed to recognise children who show our school values.

Sophie is the latest recipient, for showing all our values every day.

Well done Sophie!



**LOVE**  
**HONESTY**  
**HOPE**  
**FAIRNESS**  
**RESPECT**  
**FORGIVENESS**

Year 5 Star Learner this week is

*Ella*

Year 6 Star Learner this week is

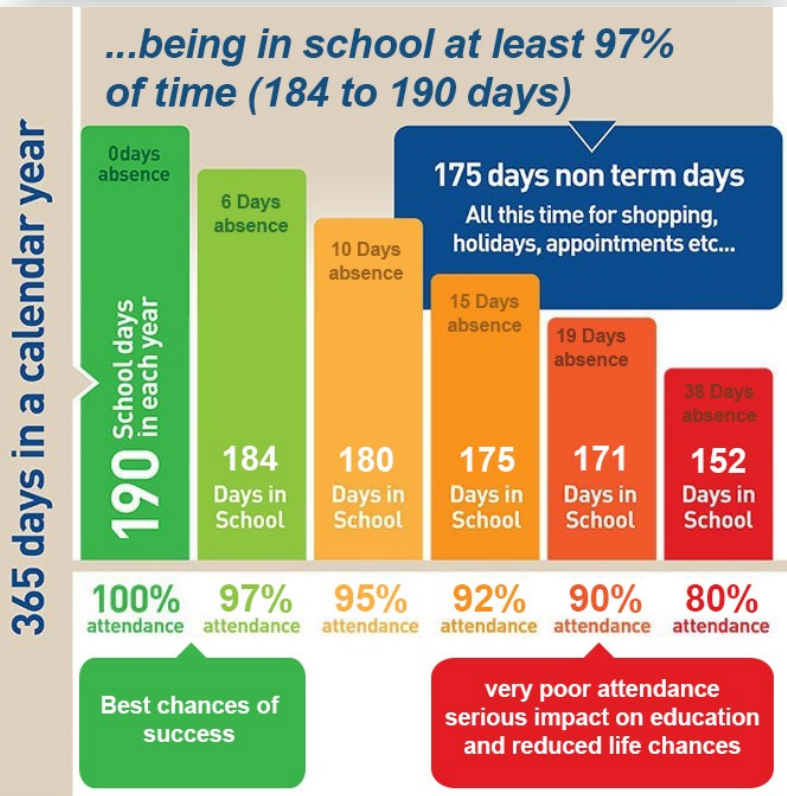
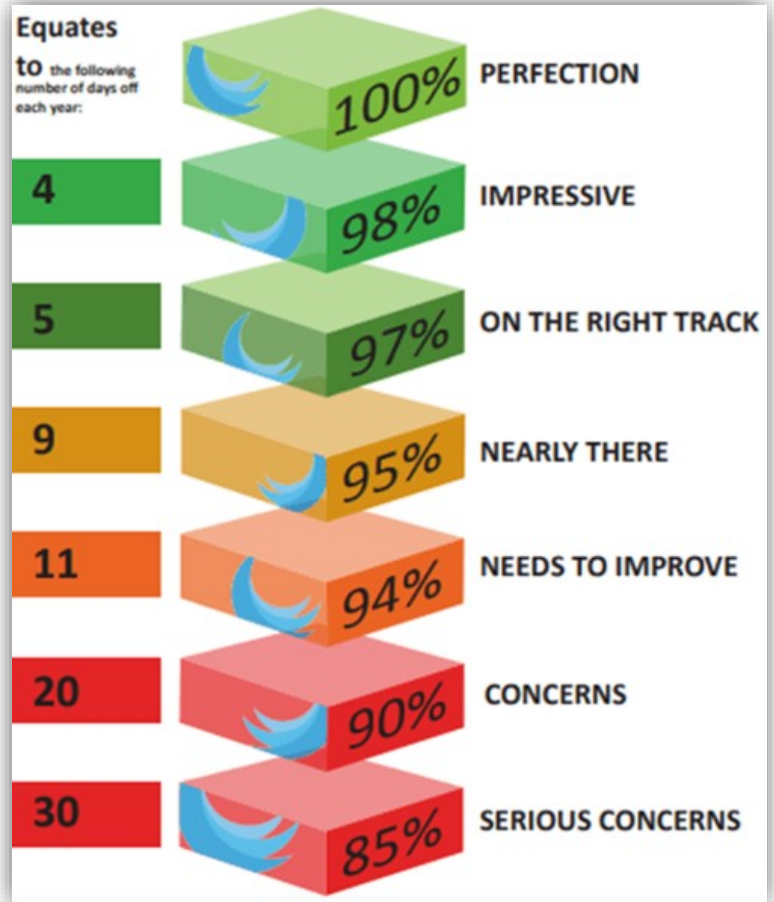
*Savana*



# Attendance Update

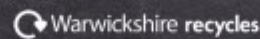
Please note that if your child is ill you must still contact us every day to let us know

Attendance	
Nursery	91.5%
Reception	92.3%
Year 1	96.4%
Year 2	99.6%
Year 3	93.8%
Year 4	89.1%
Year 5	98.6%
Year 6	92.3%



Be In SCHOOL  
Be On TIME

# Warwickshire's Schools Waste and Recycling E-newsletter



Today, Ruth from Warwickshire waste management visited your child's school. We hope your child enjoyed the visit and has learned a bit more about the following topics:

- Recycling
- Composting
- Waste Free Lunches
- Becoming Plastic Free

We haven't left the parents out. Here is a little something for you to do at home:

- Slim Your Bin
- Waste Free School Lunches
- How to buy a compost bin from the Recycling Centre
- What can you do about climate change at home?

## Slim Your Bin



### Use your own custom HTML

Join Slim Your Bin to learn how to recycle more and waste less in order to shed pounds from your rubbish bin. By slimming your bin, you'll help to shrink your environmental footprint and save money at the same time!

When you sign up, we'll set you up with a 4 week training plan to help you Slim Your Bin. Each week we'll send you emails on a new bin slimming theme: from shifting everything you can from your rubbish bin to recycling bin; getting the right thing in the right bin; cutting down on food waste and minimising waste in general.

With Slim Your Bin, you'll earn points for the bin slimming activities you take part in and every month we'll give out £20 vouchers to the individual dieters who earn the most points.



Trying to think of a healthy packed lunch for your child can be a headache but trying to help the environment too can prove a challenge. We've pulled together some ideas from our own experience plus health advice from the NHS. You can easily search for eco-friendly lunch box products on the internet, but we have gone for items you may already have in your cupboards.

Items you will need:

- Insulated reusable lunch box
- Tupperware lunch box
- Reusable drinks bottle
- Reusable wrapping - beeswax wrap or tin foil (can be reused a few times and is infinitely recyclable - place small pieces in a tin can for recycling)

The [NHS](#) recommends a balanced lunchbox containing:

- Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta
- Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans
- A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt
- Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit

A clear head is required to try and create a healthy lunchbox that your child will also actually eat. To avoid food waste and brain overload on busy mornings, create a menu that has been approved by your child and will feed into your shopping list. Here are just some examples:

Monday - Cheese roll, carrot sticks, apple, breadsticks

Tuesday - Pasta salad, cucumber sticks, banana

Wednesday - Cream cheese and cucumber wrap, peppers, plums (stone removed)

Portion size is important to avoid food waste and reducing the cost of the packed lunch. Children have small tummies and may not need two slices of bread to make a sandwich. One slice might be enough, also cutting the cost of the sandwich in half.



Compost bins are available to buy at a discounted rate of just £10 from some of our Recycling Centres. Follow the guidance below to buy a bin:

1. Email [waste@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:waste@warwickshire.gov.uk) to check availability. You should receive a reply within 5 days letting you know if there are compost bins in stock at your chosen site. Compost bins are available to buy from Princes Drive, Leamington Spa; Hunters Lane, Rugby; and Lower House Farm, near Atherstone.
2. Book an appointment to the Recycling Centre at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/hwrc](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/hwrc)
3. When completing the registration form, add 'Purchasing Compost Bin' after your car registration.
4. Turn up at your allotted time. The site staff will know that you are there to collect a compost bin from your booking information. They will show you where you need to go to collect the compost bin and how to pay.
5. Payment is by card only.

The compost bins fit in most cars with the seats folded down in the back if necessary.

## What can you do about climate change at home?



Following the 'code-red for humanity' warnings in August from the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), we might be forgiven for thinking that there is little anyone can do in the face of such stark findings. ([BBC report](#)) However, the report states that catastrophe can be avoided if we act quickly.

Small changes in our day-to-day lives add up. Here are some of the things we can all do to make a difference:

1. Avoid food waste. Some people are totally horrified by the idea of wasting food which is great news for climate change. Not everyone has that understanding. [Love Food Hate Waste](#) is a good place to start.
2. Reuse and refill what you can. Single-use items are a waste of resources from the mining of the raw materials to processing and transporting and are often difficult to recycle.
3. Recycle. Recycling items that can't be avoided or reused is the best option for reducing climate change impact. Recycling means you don't need to mine raw materials and use less electricity and water to manufacture new products.
4. Buy less. But if you really need to buy something consider pre-loved first.

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Did you know that we are on social media? You can follow Warwickshire Recycles on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Pinterest](#) and [Instagram](#).





# MOTHER'S DAY

## *Afternoon Tea*

THURSDAY **27th** MARCH

1.30-3PM

Parents/carers are invited to join their children for an afternoon tea in the school hall on Thursday 27th March. Children will have lunch as normal then join their adult for a cake and drink during the afternoon. Adults can order their Afternoon Tea by paying on Parentpay. The tea will consist of a plate with small sandwiches (ham salad and cheese) cakes and scone with jam and cream.

There will be tea and coffee to help yourself to.

The cost is £6.00 per adult.

Due to the popularity of the event in the past, timeslots will be sent out by text. If you require a specific time, please email the office on

[school.parents@rytonondunsmore.covmat.org](mailto:school.parents@rytonondunsmore.covmat.org)

**We will place the order with our catering team on Thursday 13th March so all orders must be made by this date.**

We look forward to seeing you

Adults only need to pay once as we will bring siblings together at the time slot you are given.



Tuesday 11th February

E safety Day

Year 6 and Reception Height and Weight Check and Year 6 Health Questionnaire

Wednesday 12th February

Year 2 Come and Learn 2.45pm

Friday 14th February

Break Up for half term

Monday 24th February

Teacher Training Day (School closed to children)

Tuesday 25th February

Back to school

Tuesday 4th March

Pancake station for dessert for children with hot meals

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day

Thursday 27th March

Mother's Day event (This date has been amended from our original plan due to staffing changes)

Children order as normal on the day. Jacket Potato is still an option on World Book Day.

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**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
Lunch  
Thursday 6th March 2025.

Harry Potters Bangers and Mash (G.D.SU.SB)

(v.h) Gruffalo Quesadilla (wrap filled with peppers, onions and cheese) (G.D)  
Served with Potato Wedges.  
Vegetables of the Day or Salad

(h) James and the Giant Peach Melba sponge and Custard (G.E)  
or  
(v) Willy Wonka's Chocolate Mousse (D)

Allergen Free alternatives are also available

Allergens  
G-Gluten  
D-Dairy  
SU-Sunflower  
SB-Soya  
V-Vegetarian  
H-Home-made  
E-Egg

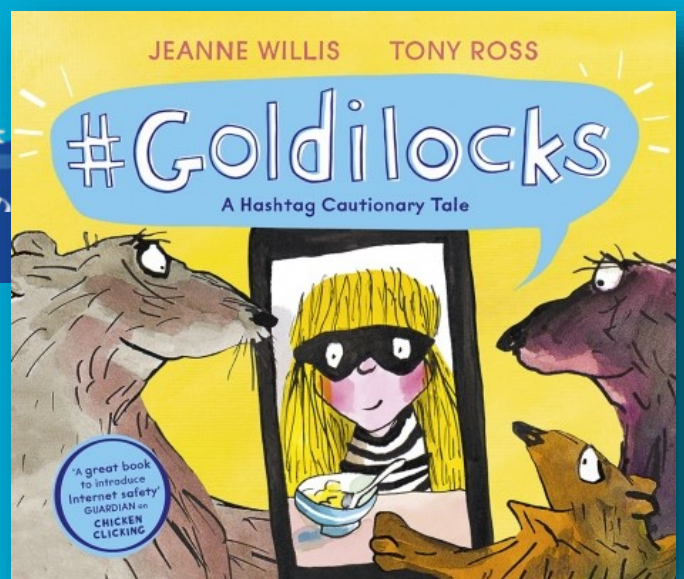
"Let's make our children love books, so that books become the needs of our children."

CHILDREN BOOKED INTO THE ARK ON THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY WILL BE HAVING SAUSAGE SANDWICHES ALONGSIDE THE USUAL BREAKFAST ITEMS.



## Miss Cullen's Recommended Reads

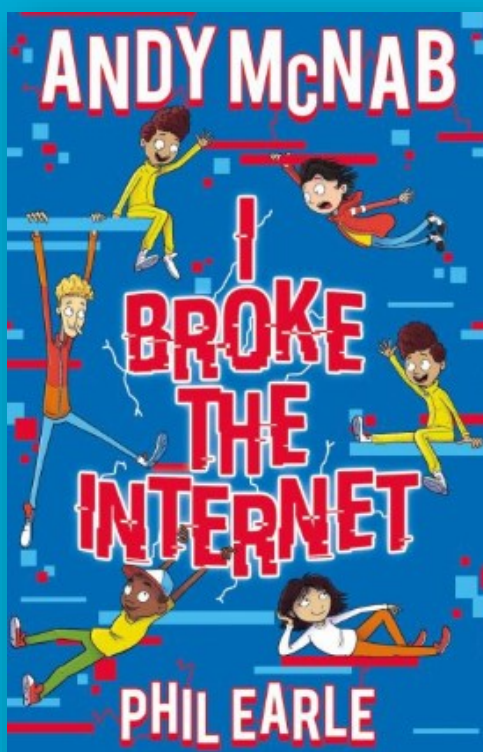
Everyone loves Goldilocks' hilarious online videos, but in her quest to get more likes, more laughs and more hits, she tries something a little more daring: stealing porridge #pipinghot, breaking chairs #fun, and using someone else's bed #sleep. What will Daddy Bear do when he sees that online?



Life has changed for Danny and his mates since they survived the horrors of their disastrous school trip. Footage of Danny zip-lining out of the most savage storm of the year went viral, making him, and the others, local celebrities.

Next thing they know, Danny wins a prestigious award for bravery, and is flown out on an all-expenses-paid trip to a fancy resort in Norway with his friends.

The kids can't believe their luck! Their flight, the resort and all of the amazing things they get to do and see - it all seems too good to be true. Which is exactly what makes Danny suspicious...





# End of term **TREAT**

Friday 14th February  
£1 For 1 Donut  
£1.50 For 2 Donuts

Ark Children Can Preorder Their Donut.  
Please Bring Their Money  
In On Thursday 13th :-)

AFTER SCHOOL  
AT THE BENCHES



# DANCE

## *Classes*



Ballet, Tap  
Disco/Street Dance  
Pre-School Dance & Adult  
Tap

Classes held in Bubbenhall  
& Wellesbourne

Contact Sarah Cooke  
[sarah.cooke77@btinternet.com](mailto:sarah.cooke77@btinternet.com)  
or 07751470318



# FEBRUARY PROVISION

Ladybug Lodge are incredibly excited to host a range of activities over the February Break! All activities must be booked separately, families are welcome to book as many sessions as they wish!

All sessions hosted at: Tiverton School, Ashington Grove Whitley, CV3 4DE

## STAY AND PLAY

Sensory Stay and Play for the whole family  
Access to Sensory Room, Soft Play, Indoor Swing, Secure Playground and more

Tuesday 18th February  
Wednesday 19th February  
Thursday 20th February



## DANCE

Small group and 1:1 sessions hosted by Alexis from Off Balance Dance. SEN Children only

Thursday 20th February

## SWIMMING



Small group hydrotherapy pool swimming. An Adult must accompany their child in the pool. SEN child and 1 adult only.

Tuesday 18th February  
Wednesday 19th February  
Thursday 20th February

Exclusive Swimming Pool hire sessions are available on Wednesday and Thursday only. This is open to the whole family

Sessions are suited for children and young people aged 0 - 19 with a range of needs. Hoist access is available in all rooms and from the changing room to swimming pool.

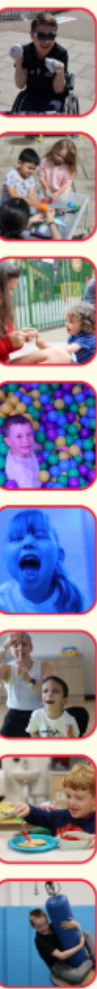
Advance booking via the website is essential via QR code link or web address below

[www.ladybuglodge.co.uk/activities/holiday](http://www.ladybuglodge.co.uk/activities/holiday)



Further information regarding all sessions is available via the website

PLEASE NOTE: All sessions require an upfront donation which can be made payable via the website.



Charity Number: 1207790

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### Rugby Borough Children and Family Centres (CFC) Spring Term Timetable 6th January -14th February 2025



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Walk-in Wardrobe</b> Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's 9.30am to 11.30am <b>Toy Library</b> 9.30am to 11.30am Claremont CFC	<b>Toddler Time</b> <b>Booking essential*</b> Aimed at 0-5 years 10.00am to 11.30am Boughton Leigh CFC	<b>Support &amp; Advice</b> 1-2-1 advice & support available from the centres on a wide range of issues for families with children, young people 0-19 or up to 25 with SEND.	<b>Toddler Time</b> <b>Booking essential*</b> Aimed at 0-5 years 10.00am to 11.30am Claremont CFC	<b>Walk-in Wardrobe</b> Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's 9.30am to 11.30am Claremont CFC
<b>Baby Time</b> <b>Booking essential*</b> Non-walkers from birth 10.00am to 11.00am Claremont CFC	<b>Baby Time</b> Non-walkers from birth 10.00am to 11.00am The Barn @ Houlton (CV23 1AL)	<b>Saturday</b> <b>SaturDads</b> Stay & Play session for dads, grandads and male carers. 2nd Saturday of the month. <b>Monthly dates:</b> 11th January 8th February 10.00am to 11.30am Claremont CFC	<b>Story Explorers</b> Starting 16th January (4 weeks) <b>Contact centre if interested</b> Course for parents and children Run by ACL in partnership with Rugby CFCs 10-11am Long Lawford CFC	<b>Toddler Time</b> Aimed at 0-5 years 10.00am-11.00am Rogers Hall, Hillmorton (CV21 4EN)
<b>Toddler Time</b> <b>Booking essential*</b> Aimed at 0-5 years 10.00am to 11.30am Long Lawford CFC	<b>Story Explorers</b> Starting 14th January (4 weeks) <b>Contact centre if interested</b> Course for parents and children Run by ACL in partnership with Rugby CFCs 1-2pm Claremont CFC		<b>Central Baby Time</b> Non-walkers from birth 1.30pm to 2.30pm Hill Street Youth & Community Centre (CV21 2NB)	<b>Baby &amp; Me</b> Non-walkers from birth 1.30pm-2.30pm Long Lawford CFC
<b>Toddler Time</b> Aimed at 0-5 years 2.00pm to 3.00pm Cawston Community Hall (CV22 7GU)	<b>Baby Time</b> Non-walkers from birth 1.30-2.30pm Long Lawford CFC	<b>Interested in volunteering?</b> For more information about volunteer recruitment for Group Helpers, Admin and Saturplay sessions, please contact <a href="mailto:serena.lanoan@barnardos.org.uk">serena.lanoan@barnardos.org.uk</a>	<p>*To book a place on our sessions scan the QR code or follow the link: <a href="https://rugbycfc.eventbrite.com">https://rugbycfc.eventbrite.com</a></p>	 Stay up to date with the latest Children & Family Centre news! @Rugby children and family centres @RugbyCFC
Please see overleaf for health visitor & breastfeeding clinics	<b>Baby Time</b> Non-walkers from birth 1.30-2.30pm Boughton Leigh CFC			