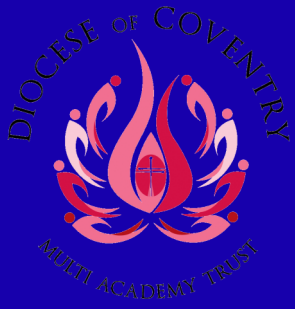


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Newsletter Monday 20th April 2026

"Let your light shine"

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed a restful and enjoyable Easter break. It has been wonderful to see how refreshed and ready the children have returned to school - enthusiastic, eager to learn and embracing the busy term ahead with great energy. The Summer Term is always one of the most exciting parts of the school year, filled with opportunities to celebrate learning, progress and achievement.

We have a great deal to celebrate as we begin the term. An amazing 43 children achieved 100% attendance during the Spring Term, demonstrating fantastic commitment and resilience. Even more pleasing, a further 32 children have maintained 100% attendance for the entire academic year so far. This is a significant achievement and reflects the strong partnership between home and school in supporting children to attend each day and make the very most of their learning opportunities. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support.

This week, we also received confirmation of our newest pupils who have been allocated a place in our Reception class for September. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new cohort and beginning their learning journey with us. Our new parents meeting is due to take place on XXX. I am looking forward to meeting you all.



It was wonderful to hear about the exciting trips to Dudley Zoo and the Black Country Living Museum on Tuesday. I had the pleasure of reading a fantastic recount of the day written by Holly in Year 2 (last week's *Star Learner*), and I have also seen some brilliant photographs of the very brave staff and pupils who ventured into the aviary.

I had hoped to join the school on this trip myself - but perhaps next time! I was very kindly brought back a traditional sweet to try, which was much appreciated... although I must admit it reminded me rather a lot of medicine!

Thank you to the staff for organising such enriching experiences and to the children for representing the school so brilliantly.

Miss Cullen, Headteacher







BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM



Examination/Test Dates

This term is a particularly busy one for assessments across the school as we measure the fantastic progress our children have made and benchmark against national expectations:

Year 6 SATs will take place from **Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May**. As in previous years, we invite Year 6 children to join their teachers in the hall for breakfast from 8.30am on these days.

Year 1 Phonics Screening will be held on a one-to-one basis with school staff between **Monday 8th June and Friday 12th June**.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) will also take place between **Monday 1st June and Friday 12th June**.

We know how hard the children have been working, and we're proud of their efforts and determination.

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) have begun their inspection of Warwickshire's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) arrangements.

As part of this process, inspectors want to hear directly from parents, carers, children and young people about their experiences of SEND services.

You can share your views by completing the parent/carer survey [here](#). All responses are treated in confidence. The survey will close at 9am on Tuesday 21st April 2026.



On Friday, Simon and Peter from the Harris Sports Partnership joined us for a whole-school inclusive sports day. Children from Nursery through to Year 6 had the opportunity to take part in and learn a range of new sports, all carefully designed to ensure pupils of all ages and abilities could participate successfully.

The day was full of energy, enthusiasm and enjoyment, and it was wonderful to see every child engaged and active. There are definitely some new sports that will be making their way into our curriculum next year, and we are excited about the opportunities these will bring.

SEND Help!

@ The Gap Community Centre, 10:00-12:00

Once a month on the following dates in 2026:
11th March, 15th April, 13th May, 10th June, 15th July, 12th August, 9th September, 14th October, 11th November, 9th December.

An adult led SEND support group for parent's/carers, whose child(ren) may or may not have a diagnosis.

Facilitated by Family Support Workers.

A chance to meet people who may be going through the same things as you.

Guest speakers from services such as SENDIAS, FIS and more.

Signposting to helpful services & professionals.

Have open and honest conversations, in a safe space.



Please contact the duty line on 01926 41 41 44, select option number 1, followed option 2 for more info/to book.



PTA MOVIE NIGHT

24TH APRIL | 3.15PM - 5PM

INCLUDES SNACKS AND
DRINKS

Tickets £2.50



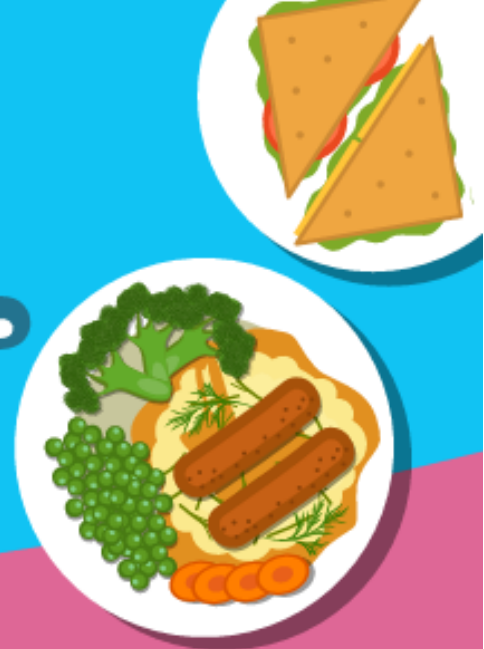
Diary Dates

Fri 24th April	PTA Movie Night, book on MCAS
Mon 27th April	Time to Shine, Carle Class
Thurs 30th April	Time to Shine, Rowling Class
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
Mon-Thurs 11-14th May	Year 6 SAT's
Fri 15th May	Class photos
Mon 18th May 2.45pm	Relationships, Sex and Health Parent Meeting
Wed 20th May	Crowning of the May King and Queen
Thurs 21st May	Break up for half term
Friday 22nd May	Teacher Training Day
Mon 1st June	Back to School
1st-5th June	Year 4 Multiplication check
4th June	Time to Shine, Dahl Class
10th June	Time to Shine, Wilde Class
8th to 12th June	KS1 Phonics check
Wed 17th June	Fathers Day event
Fri 19th June	Year 1 and 2 to Avon Valley School for Football Festival.
Mon 29th June 5pm	New parent meeting, Early Years
Tues 30th June	Time to Shine, Carle Class
Wed 1st July	Sports Day Picnic and Fete
Wed 8th July	Moving On Day
Fri 10th July	End of Year Reports given out
Monday 13th July	Parent drop in
Friday 17th July	1.45pm Leavers Assembly
	Break up (normal time)



We have been given this badge to mark one year of our school using "Picture News" for school and class assemblies. Picture News inspires our children to learn about current affairs and the world around them in an age- appropriate way.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS



School meals are free for lots of families, check if you are eligible to apply!

So much more than lunch...

A free school meal:

- creates healthy eating habits
- improves learning and behaviour
- saves money and time
- helps schools get extra funding

Did you know that claiming free school meals means that your child will get access to free school holiday activities and food?

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To find out more and for help to apply for free school meals, please contact: freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk or call 01926 359189



Can I apply?

Your child could be eligible for free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from National Asylum Support Service (NASS)
- Guarantee Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You should still apply if your child is aged 4-7 and receives a universal free school meal

Find out more and apply at
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm



Free School Meals Expansion

Schools obtain extra funding to support children where families claim Free School Meals. For this reason it is vital that parents make an application to Warwickshire County Council.

Please check the list of CURRENT eligibility (on previous page) and apply NOW if you think you may be eligible. Please do this even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. If you prefer to call rather than apply on-line, the number is 0800 408 1558.

If this is unsuccessful, based on your current income, there are changes happening for the next academic year which may mean that from September, your child WILL be eligible. Free School Meals are to be expanded to include ALL families where Universal credit is paid.

We are waiting to hear more details of this and will keep parents updated on this newsletter and Class Dojo.

Caterlink menu

On the subject of school meals, please can we draw your attention to the new menu that was sent out before the Easter Holiday. The options are listed differently to the previous menu. Option ONE is the vegetarian option and is referred to as GREEN in school. Option 2 has meat/fish and is referred to as RED in school.

On a Monday, all meals are plant based but the same colours apply, Option 1 GREEN, Option 2 RED.



SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026



Planet Friendly MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

WEEK ONE

Option	Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Option One	Chef's Special Creamy Chickpea Curry with Rice (VE)	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice (VE)	Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy (VE)	Smokey Bean Burger with Wedges & Tomato Sauce (VE)	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce (V)
Option Two	Classic Macaroni Cheese (V)	Phat Pasty Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
Dessert	NEW Banana Mousse (V)	Orange Drizzle Cake (V)	Fruit Platter (VE)	Apple Flapjack (VE)	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins (VE)

WEEK TWO

Option One	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice (VE)	Spaghetti & Planet Friendly Tomato Saucy Meatballs(VE)	Lentil Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy (VE)	Greek Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad (V)	NEW Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips (V)
Option Two	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Summer Mixed Salad (V)	Beef Chilli with Rice & Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa	Roasted Pork or Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
Dessert	Iced Vanilla Sponge (V)	Peaches & Ice Cream (V)	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad (VE)	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard (V)	Oaty Cookie (VE)

WEEK THREE

Option One	Saucy Tomato Pasta (VE)	Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes & Rainbow Slaw (VE)	Hearty Garden Loaf with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy (VE)	All Day Planet Friendly Breakfast (V)	Nature Ranger Sausage and Bean Hotpot (VE)
Option Two	NEW Chinese-Style Rainbow Noodles (V)	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges & Rainbow Slaw	Roast of the Day, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Chef Shilpa's Chicken Korma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
Dessert	Pineapple Upside Down Cake (V)	Cheese & Crackers (V)	Fruit Medley (VE)	Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard (V)	Vanilla Shortbread (VE)

MENU KEY:



AVAILABLE DAILY:

Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Bread, Fruit.

Attendance Update



We continue to emphasise the vital link between attendance and attainment. Quite simply, the more time children spend in school, the greater their opportunity to learn, develop skills, and achieve their full potential. The data we have reviewed this term clearly reinforces this message, showing a strong correlation between high attendance and higher levels of attainment.

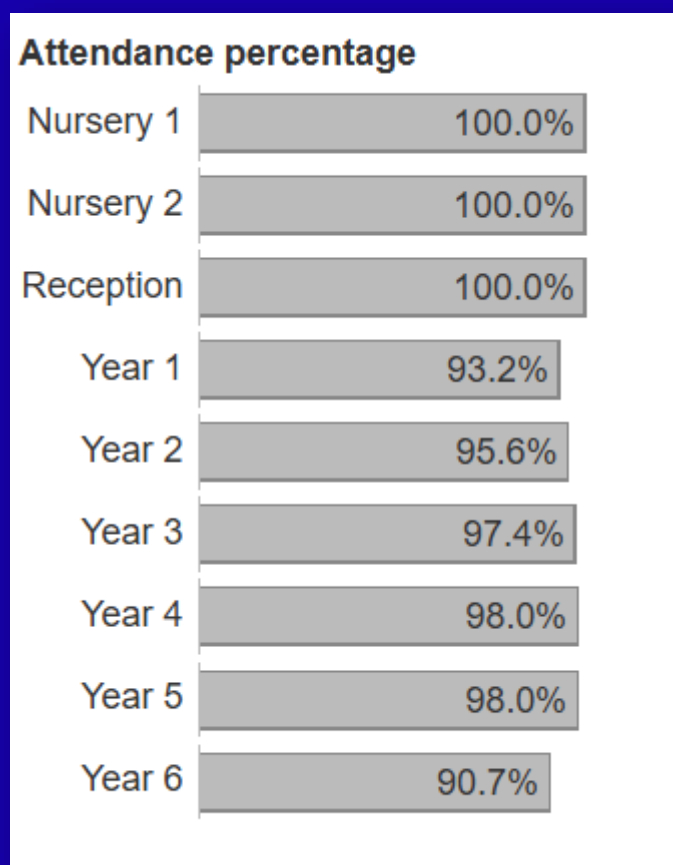
It was encouraging to see improvements in both whole-school and individual pupil attendance last term following our drive to ensure all pupils are in school and on time. For a small school, just under 50% of our pupils achieved 100% attendance during the Spring Term, with 63 pupils reaching good attendance or better - a fantastic achievement and a testament to the support of families.

However, our attendance data also highlights an important concern. There remain a number of children who are missing a significant amount of school. Pupils classed as persistently absent are those who miss the equivalent of one day every fortnight. Over time, this quickly adds up and can have a serious impact on learning, progress and overall attainment.

We fully understand that children will occasionally be unwell and that some absences are unavoidable. However, we ask all families to continue supporting us by ensuring children attend school as regularly and punctually as possible. Every lesson matters, and even small amounts of missed learning time can create gaps in understanding that are difficult to close.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us give every child the best possible chance to succeed.

This is the Attendance Percentage for WC 13th April 2026.



STAR LEARNERS

Star Learner has been awarded to:-



Early Years

Evalyn



Year 1

Jayden



Year 2

Holly



Year 3

Ivy Grace



Year 4

Jacob



Year 5

Willow



Year 6

Leighton

Well done superstars!

VALUES AWARD

This is awarded to pupils who have shown our school values of:

Love

Honesty

Fairness

Respect

Hope

Forgiveness

The latest recipients of our
Values Award are:-

Keiran for Respect



Safeguarding Focus - Gangs

This week our safeguarding focus is gangs.

The word 'gang' means different things in different contexts, and the government distinguishes between peer groups, street gangs and organised criminal gangs.

It's not illegal for a young person to be in a gang, however, gang membership can be linked to illegal activity, particularly organised criminal gangs involved in trafficking, drug dealing and violent crime. Young people may become involved in gangs for many reasons, including: peer pressure and wanting to fit in with friends; they feel respected and important; they want to feel protected from other gangs or bullies or they want to make money and are promised rewards.

For more information visit the [NSPCC](#) website.

[Criminal exploitation and gangs | NSPCC](#)

MISS CULLEN'S BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

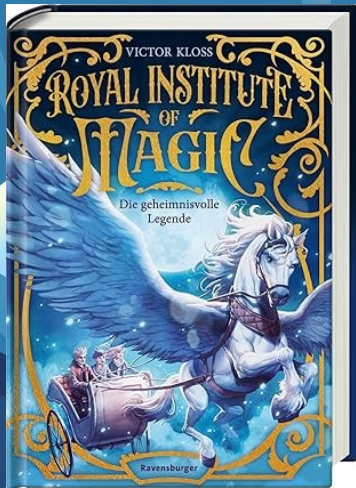


Some stories are true. Others are make-believe. And some true stories are so amazing that it seems they must be make-believe even when they are not... This is one of those stories. In a sanctuary in Thailand lived an elephant called Bonti. Short-tempered and destructive, Bonti was alone - the other elephants (and humans) knew to keep their distance. But when a musician came to play the piano for Bonti, something incredible happened...

The Elephant and the Piano tells the spectacular true story of Paul Barton and the elephants who loved to hear him play.



To most, he's a talented apprentice and an exceptional spell shooter, but Ben is also a Guardian, responsible for uniting Elizabeth's Armour, the only artefact powerful enough to overthrow the evil dark elves. With two pieces of the armour secure, finding the third may be Ben's toughest challenge yet. His only clue is a magical key, a tenuous link to a legend called the Silver Dwarf. With the dark elves slowly conquering the Unseen Kingdoms, Ben races against time to gather the pieces of armour and unite the Guardians entrusted with them. If that wasn't hard enough, new challenges and old enemies await him at the Institute, and his friendship will be tested like never before.





**COMMON
STORY**



CASTING CALL **CHILDREN AGED 4½ TO 6**

TV production company Common Story are looking for children to take part in *I Can Taste It* - a brand new CBeebies series that takes children on a fun, sensory journey of different food and ingredients.

We welcome applications from children of all backgrounds. Whether your child already loves exploring new flavours, is just beginning to discover different tastes or needs encouragement to try new things - we'd love to hear from you!

Midlands-based Common Story are the team behind previous CBeebies series including 'I Can Do It, You Can Too' and 'I Can Grow It'.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 26TH APRIL 2026

APPLY HERE: www.commonstory.tv/taste

**OR APPLY
HERE**



NEED SOME HELP?: casting@commonstory.tv