

Newsletter 36 Friday 4th July 2025

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Pupils participated in a range of inclusive games, earning points for their Houses.

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# Y5/6 Sport's Day

There were also some competitive races at the end of the event.

# Y3/4 Sport's Day

It was great to hear children cheering each other on.

Lots of family members came to watch. Thank you!

# Y3/4 Sport's Day



Games included dodge ball and tug of war. We saw some great skills and good teamwork.

# Y1/2 Sport's Day



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Children also participated in events such as "Whacky Wickets" and howler throwing.

# YR Sport's Do

Younger pupils enjoyed races with a bean bag, egg and spoon and a hulahoop.

## YR Sport's Day

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A HUGE thank you to our Onside coaches for organising and running our sport's days.

## Arts Ambassadors

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On Thursday, our Arts Ambassadors worked with artist, Emma O'Brien and their Ambassador colleagues from St Patrick's Primary School. Together, they created an artwork for our SPLAT! pop-up gallery, hosted at Art in the Park on August 2nd and 3rd in Jephson Gardens.

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Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture

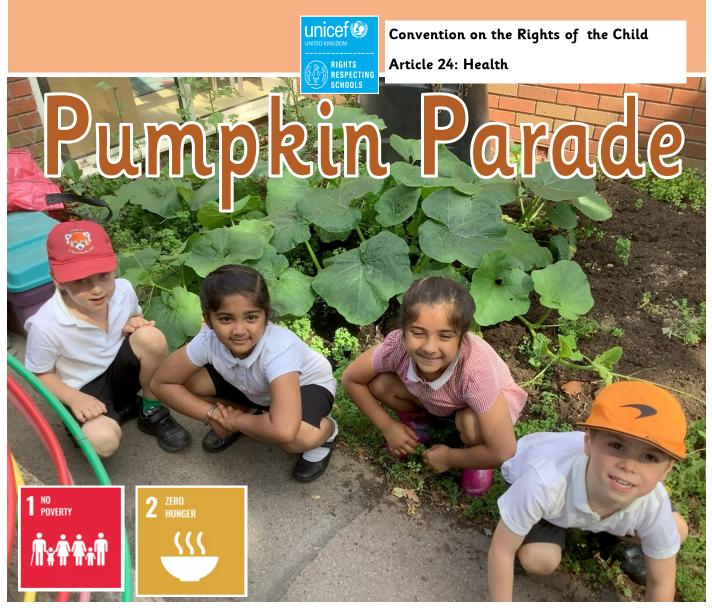
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The theme for our gallery is, "Your Voice Matters." If you visit us at Art in the Park, you can have a go at screen printing with artist, Jim Duncan, and can also work with Young People First to create a collaborative piece of art that will be displayed in Leamington Library.



At the end of April, Nimrat, Ben, Thomas and Devina helped plant a pumpkin patch in the Reception garden as part of a project linked to the Unicef Global Goals 2 and 3 (No Hunger and Good Health and Wellbeing.)

The children were amazed at how much the pumpkins had grown over the last 2 months and wanted to share their progress with you. Hopefully, they will flower soon



They learnt very good stuff and remembered it and it was stuck in their brain.

Talk Partners helped each other and took turns.

## Learning Detectives

We are so proud of our amazing Learning Detectives. This week they have been out and about in Y2 Wrens and Y4 Wagtails, looking for children using their Learning Characters; They noticed children:

- Self-assessing and improving their work with pink, green and purple pens.
- Learning from mistakes and never giving up.
- Asking questions and sharing answers and ideas.
- Using fantastic vocabulary and working together collaboratively.
- Listening well, concentrating and focusing on the task.
- Smiling, laughing and enjoying learning.

There was a nice feeling in the environment.

The classroom was calm and quiet—no distractions.

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Pupils across the school have continued to work on The National Gallery's "Take One Picture" project, using Canaletto's piece "A Regatta on the Grand Canal" as their inspiration.

Year 1 Kingfishers were fascinated by the colours within the artwork.

## Take One Picture

The children used AI to make a complete colour palette and they then explored matching the colours to different oil pastels.

AI then cut the picture into 30 pieces and pupils tried to recreate the colours within their patch.

The children then put all the pieces back together again to create their own collaborative piece of art.





Pupils in Reception were fascinated by the boats in Canaletto's picture. They designed their own vessels using felt tip pen and fine-liner.

# Take One Picture

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## Movers and Shaker

Queen Victoria

Captain James Cook

Y2 pupils are continuing their History topic, "Movers and Shakers." Pupils have enjoyed studying the lives of significant people such as Florence Nightingale, Captain James Cook, William Shakespeare and Queen Victoria.

This week, the children were challenged to choose one of the significant people studied and create a time line showing key events in their life, placed in chronological order.

The time lines evidenced why these important people need to be remembered.

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These beautiful self-portraits were created by Reception pupils. They showed off their work in a special art exhibition for parents/carers.

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### Self-Portraits

The children used a variety of media to produce their pictures including water colour paint, pencil and fine-liner pens.



## Parables

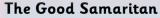


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Today in RE, Year Two stepped into the world of parables and brought two powerful stories to life: *The Good Samaritan* and *The Prodigal Son*.

Through acting and teamwork, the children didn't just retell the stories, they felt their meaning. Each parable reminded pupils of the importance of showing forgiveness and kindness, no matter the circumstances. Their timeless messages still speak to us today.

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A man was hurt on the road, and people walked past him. But one kind man – someone others didn't expect – stopped, helped him, and took care of him.

He was called the Good
 Samaritan.
 He showed kindness to
 someone he didn't even know!

#### The Prodigal Son

A boy ran away from home and made lots of mistakes. But when he came back, his dad didn't shout or get angry.
○ His dad gave him a big hug and was just happy he came home!
♀ That's called forgiveness.





Our school Eco Reps have been working hard on their submission for the Green Flag Award.

The award recognises a school's commitment to sustainability and environmental action. Participation in the programme empowers pupils and raises environmental awareness.

A key area of the award is to think about improving the local area and our Eco Rep's have been designing posters encouraging people to dispose of rubbish safely. Well done!

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### Free Parent/Carer Workshops at Sydenham September 2025

We are working with Warwickshire County Council to offer a range of parent/ carer workshops at Sydehnam in September. Topics include

- Parenting support.
- Understanding children's behaviour.
- Sleep and routines
- Boundaries and rules.

#### Please click on the links below to find out more and book a place.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-parenting-support-71623337213

<u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-childrens-behaviour-workshop-</u> <u>leamington-tickets-1454544494739?aff=oddtdtcreator</u>

<u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sleep-and-routines-leamington-tickets-</u> <u>1460192959449?aff=oddtdtcreator</u>

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/boundaries-and-rules-workshop-for-parentscarers-

#### SEEKING NEW PLAYERS FOR GIRLS U10s FOOTBALL TEAM FOR 2025/26 SEASON (Girls Currently in Year 3/4)

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COME AND TRY US OUT AT OUR OPEN TRAINING SESSION:

DATE: Wednesday 02<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 TIME: 6:30PM - 7:30PM TRAININGLOCATION: Aylesford School (Grass) LEAGUE: Coventry & Warwickshire Girls Football League MATCHES: Saturday Mornings CONTACT: Laura on 07592 961320 Designed by Phoebe, aged 9





Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness Change

Changes are a normal part of our lives and they affect us all in different ways. Some changes may feel small to you, but big to another person, and the opposite for a different change. For example, moving to a new class or school, moving homes, or starting a new club. They can feel exciting, but they can also feel overwhelming and stressful, especially when they are unexpected. Below are some tips to help you cope with changes that may feel hard for you.

#### Our tips for coping with change:

#### 1 - Keep doing things you enjoy!

When we feel stressed or worried, it can be easy for us to focus on the worries all the time and forget to do the things that make us happy. Make sure to plan in time at the weekends and evenings to do things you enjoy to help you relax and boost your mood!

#### 2 – Think about what you can control

When a change is unexpected or overwhelming, we can feel a bit like we have no control over the situation or how it is making us feel. It can be helpful to think about what you do have control over in this situation. For example, we can't control how the change makes us feel but we can control how we react to the situation and what we do following the change. Such as, staying connected with our friends and family, keeping to our daily routines, and planning ahead where we can.

#### 3 - Look for the positives

While change can feel hard, there's often something good that comes from it, even if it is not immediately obvious. Such as, new opportunities, new people or learning experiences. You might even surprise yourself and enjoy the change!

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.



MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.



#### **Eligibility criteria**

Families who receive the following are eligible for free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension 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)
- Children in households with no recourse to public funds

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will automatically be entitled to universal infant free school meals, and you do not need to apply for these. However, if you do meet the benefits-related free school meals eligibility criteria, then it is advised you apply to receive additional benefits.

#### So much more than a lunch...

If you do meet the benefits-related free school meals eligibility criteria, then not only will your child gain a free meal, but they will also gain the following additional benefits:

- Holiday and food (HAF) programme is for children aged 4 to 16 in reception to year 11 in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. HAF offers eligible pupils access to activities and at least one healthy meal is provided during each session. The activities take place during the Easter, Summer, and Christmas school holidays.
- <u>Pupil premium</u> is extra funding paid directly to schools for each pupil who is eligible for free school meals. It can help to fund valuable teaching and learning support to improve pupil's education.

#### Need help with your application?

If you have any questions or need support with applying for free school meals, please contact the Family Information Service by calling 0800 408 1558 (freephone) or emailing freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk.

### Free School Meals

### MENS CLOTHING REQUIRED

Please consider donating good quality, items to locally placed Asylum Seekers & Refugees temporarily located in Warwickshire.

We need clean joggers, shorts, t shirts and hoodies.

Collecting at the Kenilworth Centre, Abbey End, Kenilworth, CV8 10J

Drop off times: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 10 - 12noon Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 2 - 4pm







### Crafting with Trish

Starts Wednesday 23 July 10am - 12noon

Ages 5-9 years

### Cookery with Adam

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Starts Thursday 24 July 11am - 1pm

Ages 10-16 years

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REGISTER Now!

Both activities last for 6 weeks and you can book on as few or as many as you like. Includes a FREE sandwich lunch for each child. Parental supervision required. HAF Voucher recipients have priority

The SYDNI Centre, Cottage Square, Sydenham, Leamington Spa CV31 IPT 01926 422071 bookings@sydni.org sydni.org



### SEND SUMMER MEET UPS!

Come and join us for an informal 'stay and play' with other SEND families and our SEND officers Georgia and Laura!

#### WHEN?

Wednesdays between 10am and 12pm 23/07, 06/08, 20/08, 03/09

#### WHERE?

Viotoria Park, Leamington Spa, CV31 3PH On/near the grass opposite the play park

Bring a pionic and a blanket if you fancy, we are looking forward to meeting you there!

For more information: 01925 422123 georgia maneel@brunewickkio.org.uk lauramog@brunewickkio.org.uk







Open to the public 11.00am - 2.00pm

Our SYDNI Car Boot sales are up and running again this year - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month. The sun is forecast so why not come over to our SYDNI Garden and grab yourself a bargain. Our café will be open too!! If you're having a Spring clear out then you could come along as a seller and make some money from your unwanted stuff! Sellers can arrive from 10am and pitches cost £6 when booked in advance or £10 on the day.

SYDNI Car Boot is free to the public and is open from 11am - 2pm.

### **Car Boot Sale Dates**

5th July 2nd August 6th September 4th October



The Learnington Spa repair Café is also on the same Saturday as the Car Boot, so there is double the reason to pop in to SYDNI. Look out those items that don't work and for a small donation you can have them as good as new!



#### Here are some tips from Public Health Warwickshire to keep well in the sun and heat:

Try to keep out of the sun between 11am to 3pm;



Wear UV sunglasses, if possible wraparound, to lessen UV exposure to the eyes;

Walk in the shade;

Put on sunscreen of at least SPF15 or preferably SPF50 with UVA protection;



Wear a hat and light scarf;

Wear light, loose-fitting cotton clothes;



Drink lots of cool drinks;

Look out for others particularly susceptible groups such as older people, young children and babies and individuals with serious illnesses;

At no time leave anybody in a shut, parked vehicle, particularly infants, young children or animals



\* Cars \* Bikes \* Street food \* Live rock & roll \* Dancing \* Children's activities \* Stalls \*

> 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2025 11-4 SYDNI Centre, Leamington Spa, CV31 1PT Admission FREE



Come along to this great family day at SYDNI!

### Diary Dates

Week beginning Monday 7th	End of year reports emailed to parents/carers.
July	
Tuesday 8th July	Idris Caldora (chef) in Y5.
Tuesday 8th July	Reception Family Learning Food Explorers course,
	1.50pm—sign up via ParentPay.
Wednesday 9th July	Level 1/2 Bikeability.
Wednesday 9th July	Changeover Day
Thursday 10th July	Y5 Residential—Kip in a Ship.
Friday 11th July	Y6 Leavers' assemblies.
	Swans at 9.45am
	Moorhens at 1.30pm
Monday 14th July	Rocksteady concert at 2.30pm.
Monday 14th July	Y6 Motionhouse session.
Wednesday 16th July	Y6 silent disco.
Thursday 17th July	New date—instrumental concert at 2.30pm. Parents of
	pupils participating are invited to attend.
Friday 18th July	Break up for the Summer holiday.

#### INSET (teacher training) dates for the academic year 2025/26:

- Monday 1st September 2025
- Friday 10th October 2025
- Monday 1st December 2025
- Monday 1st June 2026
- Monday 20th July 2026

## Sydenham Superstars







Key Stage Two