



Choctastic Trip!

Year 3 were lucky enough to visit Cadbury World on Tuesday as part of their "Scrumdiddlyumptious" topic. During their visit, the children learned about the history of the Cadbury company and the life of its founder, the famous Quaker businessman, John Cadbury.

Pupils enjoyed discovering the origins of chocolate and were fascinated to learn that Cadbury source their cocoa beans from Ghana in West Africa. They also loved seeing the chocolate-making process in action. Highlights of the day included the exciting 4D cinema experience and the opportunity for children to write their names in liquid chocolate



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Founded in 1824 by John Cadbury, the Cadbury company began as a small shop in Birmingham selling tea, coffee and drinking chocolate. As the business grew, Cadbury became famous for producing high-quality chocolate and for looking after its workers. The company later built the model village of Bournville, providing homes and community facilities for employees. Today, Cadbury is one of the world's best-known chocolate brands, with its products enjoyed in many countries around the globe





Choctastic Trip!

Y1 Mathematicians

The whole is 5, 3 is a part and 2 is a part!

The whole is 3, 2 is a part and 1 is a part!

Year 1 Kingfishers took their maths outside this week. Pupils have been learning about the part whole model. The children had to collect leaves to represent the number in parts. This has helped them to complete the work in their Power Maths books.

Last week, Year Two visited The Cotswold Farm Park as part of their Science learning. The children enjoyed meeting a range of animals and learning about the different foods they eat and their life cycles. The visit brought their Science curriculum to life, helping them explore how animals grow, survive and adapt to their environments. Pupils had the opportunity to observe animals up close, ask thoughtful questions and deepen their understanding of living things and their habitats.



Y2 Visit the Farm Park

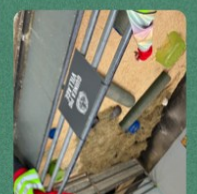
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Y2 Visit the Farm Park



YEAR 2 HAD THE BEST TIME ON THEIR SCHOOL TRIP! FARMERS IN THE MAKING!



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This week, Year Six were took part in Peer Mediation workshops led by Peter Timms. The sessions taught pupils the skills of conflict resolution to enable them to solve minor friendship or playground disputes peacefully and independently.

Pupils learnt and practised the different stages of mediation which are focused around five key questions:

- What has happened?
- What do you feel about it?
- What can you do about it?
- What shall we agree to do?
- When shall we meet again?



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Article 3: Best Interests of the Child

To be successful mediators, pupils needed to listen carefully, show empathy, and work collaboratively to reach fair and positive solutions. Well done Everyone!



Reception Library Visit

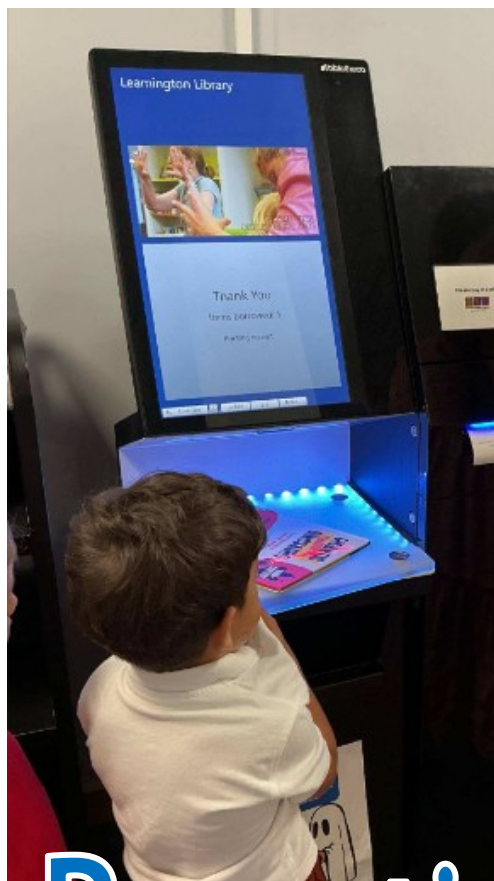
On Tuesday, Reception made a very special trip into town to register at Leamington Library. Each child received their own library card—a golden ticket to a lifetime of free books and a love of reading. The children thoroughly enjoyed choosing a book to take home before exploring the Pump Rooms Museum and Art Gallery. They were treated to a fascinating guided tour by the Pump Rooms Engagement Officer, Giovanni Vinti, who even opened the museum's gallery store especially for the children, giving them a rare glimpse behind the scenes



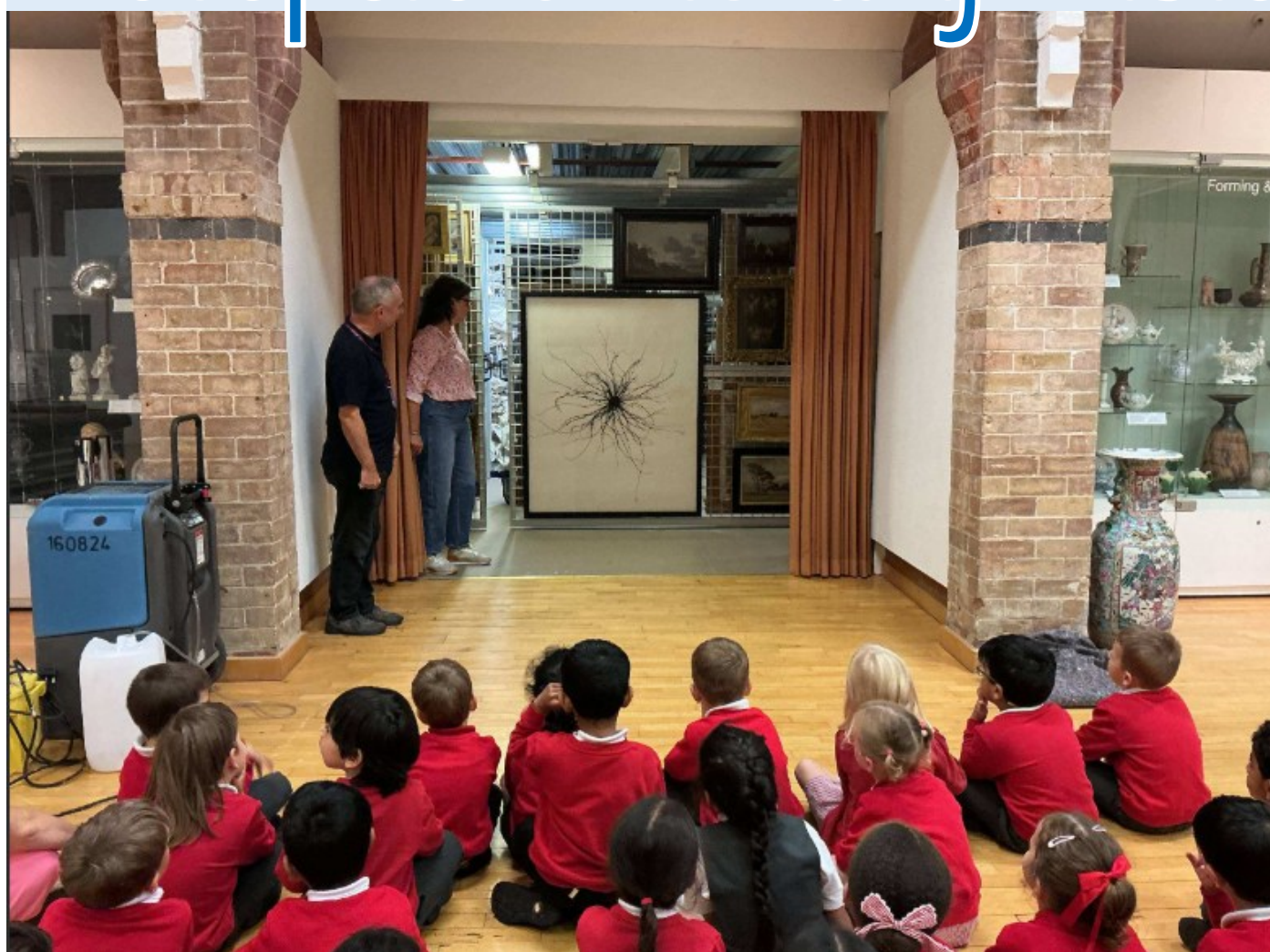


Children become library members free of charge and can borrow a wide range of books to enjoy at home. Leamington Library also offers regular activities, story sessions and holiday events, helping children to develop a love of reading while providing a welcoming space to learn, explore and discover new interests.





Reception Library Visit



This week in Art, Year 4 explored the exciting world of onomatopoeia, linking their learning to their ongoing animation theme. The children investigated how words that imitate sounds, such as BANG!, POP!, CRASH! and WHOOSH!, can be transformed into bold, expressive pieces of artwork. Pupils explored how colour, lettering, shape and composition can be used to communicate sound, movement and emotion. They considered how artists and animators use visual effects to make actions more dramatic and engaging, taking inspiration from comic-book-style illustrations. The children then experimented with creating their own onomatopoeia-inspired designs, thinking carefully about how to make their chosen words stand out and reflect the sounds they represent. They used their creativity to explore different styles, patterns and visual effects.



Fun with Onomatopoeia



Tudor Etiquette

As part of their learning in History about the Tudors, Year Five have been working in role as courtiers and ladies in waiting to explore sixteenth century etiquette. Pupils learnt how to bow and curtsy gracefully and respectfully in a manner which would greatly please their king.

Non-Uniform (Mufti) Days

The term “mufti” originates from a 19th-century British Army expression referring to comfortable, casual, or “civilian” clothing worn by officers when off duty. Over time, this term has been adopted into school culture.

We would like to take a moment to explain the purpose behind our Mufti Days and how they benefit our school community.

Non-uniform days are an important part of our fundraising efforts throughout the year. By allowing pupils to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a small voluntary contribution, we are able to raise funds that directly support the experiences and opportunities we provide for our children.

The money raised helps to enhance learning beyond the classroom. This may include funding educational resources, supporting school trips and enrichment activities, improving facilities, and contributing to special events that make school life more engaging and memorable for all pupils.

We are very grateful for your continued support and generosity, which truly makes a difference to the opportunities we can offer. Our aim is to create a fun and relaxed experience for pupils while working together as a community to support the school. We are always mindful of keeping contributions affordable and inclusive, and participation is entirely optional. Our children and staff greatly appreciate your generosity.

Funds raised from our most recent Mufti Days have enabled us to purchase new art resources, such as chalks and felt-tip pens, as well as playground equipment including cricket sets, skipping ropes, balls, and parachutes. Our school budget does not always allow for these additional resources, so we sincerely thank you for your kind donations.

Our next Mufti Day will take place on **Friday 23rd October**. Please visit ParentPay and make your donation under the payment item “Mufti Day”.



Talk Partners

In each class at Sydenham, every child has a **Talk Partner**. Talk Partners help each other with their learning and discuss ideas together.

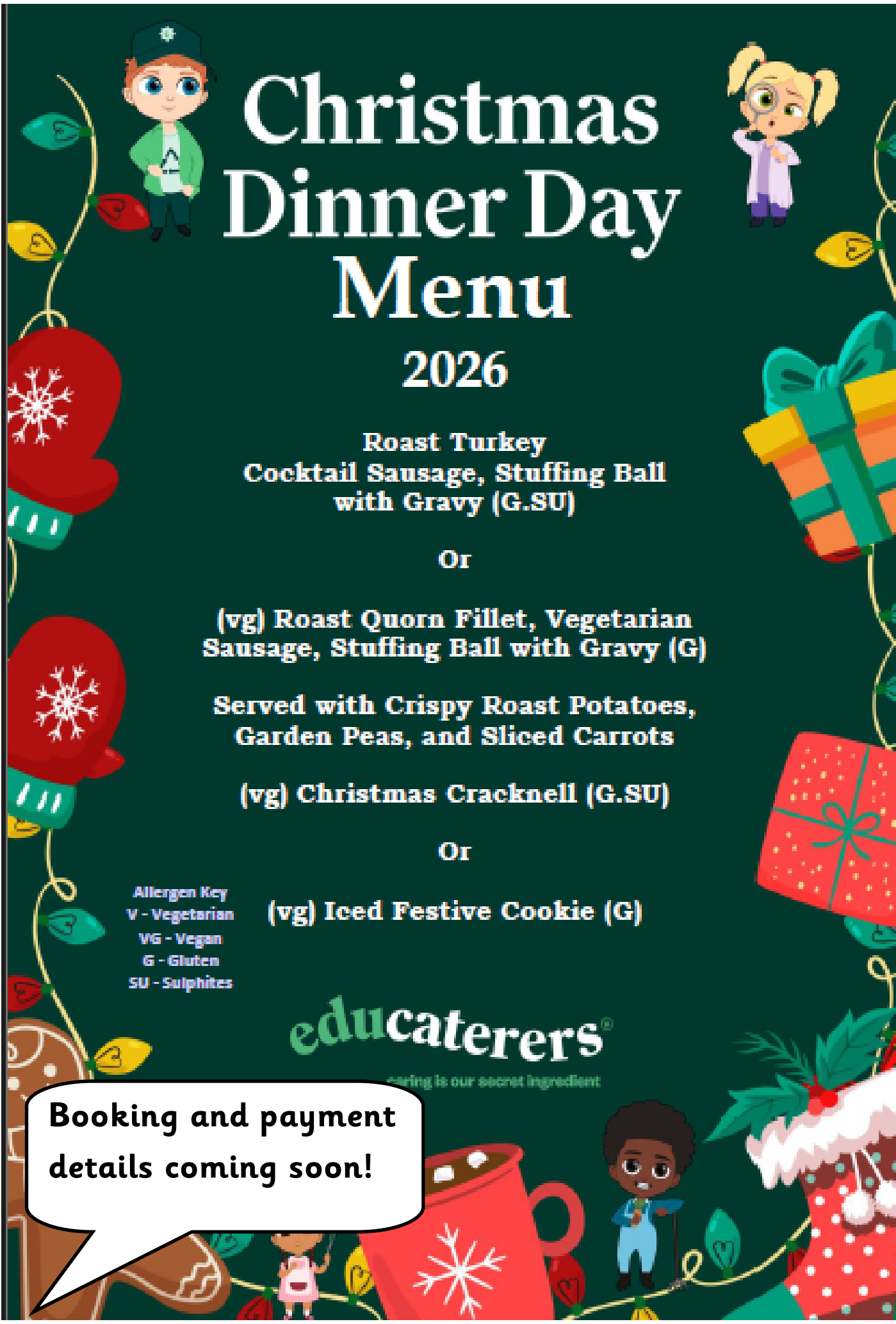
Talk Partners are chosen at random and change every week. This means relationships are strengthened and children learn to accept difference.

Pupils are involved in creating Success Criteria to explain what makes an effective Talk Partner:

To be a successful Talk Partner:

- Face your partner.
- Make eye contact.
- Take turns.
- Listen to your partner's ideas.
- Share your ideas.
- Ask questions.





Christmas Dinner Day Menu

2026

**Roast Turkey
Cocktail Sausage, Stuffing Ball
with Gravy (G.SU)**

Or

**(vg) Roast Quorn Fillet, Vegetarian
Sausage, Stuffing Ball with Gravy (G)**

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

(vg) Christmas Cracknell (G.SU)

Or

(vg) Iced Festive Cookie (G)

Allergen Key

V - Vegetarian

VG - Vegan

G - Gluten

SU - Sulphites

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**Booking and payment
details coming soon!**

KS2 Christmas Theatre Trip



Beauty and the Beast

Things are looking bleak for beautiful Belle! Kidnapped by a frightening beast, she is locked away in a terrifying castle with little hope of escape.

But unbeknownst to her, the beast is actually a handsome prince under the curse of an evil enchantress. Only by changing his selfish ways and finding true love can he ever hope to break the spell.

Will the Beast change his ways in time? And will Belle ever get back home? There's only one way to find out!

Written by and starring Coventry's favourite dame, Iain Lauchlan, **Beauty and the Beast** will feature the breathtaking sets, crazy costumes and seasonal silliness that make a trip to the Belgrade such an unmissable treat.

Year groups: 3/4/5/6

Date: Tuesday 1st December at the Belgrade Theatre.

Cost: £20.99—Please use ParentPay.

The Gruffalo's Child



The Gruffalo said that no gruffalo should

Ever set foot in the deep dark wood...

From the company that brought you “The Gruffalo” and “The Smeds and the Smoos,” follow the Gruffalo’s Child on her adventurous mission in Tall Stories’ enchanting adaptation of the much-loved picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

One wild and windy night the Gruffalo’s Child ignores her father’s warnings about the Big Bad Mouse and tiptoes out into the deep dark wood. She follows snowy tracks and encounters mysterious creatures – but the Big Bad Mouse doesn’t really exist... does he?

Let your imagination run wild with songs, laughs and scary fun for everyone aged 3 to 103.

Year groups: Reception

Date: Wednesday 2nd December at Warwick Arts Centre

Cost: £18.37—please use ParentPay.

KS1 Christmas Theatre Trip



ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year...

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrcode.minftec>.

School Admissions

Applying for a place at Secondary School

The deadline to apply for a secondary school place is **31 October 2026**.



If you apply by this date, you will receive your child's school offer on National Offer Day (**1st March 2027**).

Applying for a Place at Primary School



You need to apply for September 2027 if your child was born between **1 September 2022** and **31 August 2023** (for a place in Reception).

The applications process opens on 1 November 2026 and the deadline for applying for a Reception or Junior place is **15 January 2027**. If you apply by this date, you will receive your child's school offer on National Offer Day (16 April 2027).

For more information visit:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals>



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SEND Help Drop-In



Kingsway Children's Centre

Baker Avenue, Leamington Spa, CV31 3HB



09:30am - 11:30am



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Come along for a friendly chat, share your ideas, ask for advice or information, and find out about the resources available to you.

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Free to come and go as you please



Join us for a cuppa and biscuit



Come for a chat, advice or signposting



Resources available

Different organisations and professionals joining us:



SENDIAS



Family Information Service (FIS)



Early Support



Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice



DWP



and many more.



More Information

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Warwickshire
County Council

Coffee Morning with the Family & Relationship Support Team



**Kingsway Children and Families Centre,
Baker Ave, Leamington Spa CV31 3HB**



Come along to one of our friendly coffee mornings to learn more about what we do:

- Find out about our workshops and longer programmes on a range of parenting topics including sleep, routines and boundaries and understanding your teen
- An opportunity to have your parenting questions answered
- Opportunity to talk to other parents.

Join us on any of the following dates between 9:30-11:00am:

16th Oct

6th Nov

20th Nov

27th Nov

11th Dec

Drop in or stay for the whole session

Learn more about our fantastic online offer from the **Togetherness** programme

An amazing offer of free online courses from the Togetherness parenting programme covering a huge range of topics from antenatal advice to understanding more about how to support your child with additional needs

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contact us for more information.



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TERM TIME CLASSES



HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

October Half Term Holiday Workshops

FOR AGES 5-12

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We run two holiday workshops per day, so students can attend individual classes, or bring a packed lunch and stay for both!



Monday 26th October

1030 - 12PM

'The Floating Carnival' with Soft Pastels

12.30 - 2PM

'The Rabbit Who Escaped the Hat' with Clay & Acrylic



Tuesday 27th October

1030 - 12PM

'The Coyote Who Stole The Moon' with Gouache

12.30 - 2PM

Potion Bottle with Acrylic



Lots of different projects to choose from:



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Diary Dates

Tuesday 13th October	Height and weight checks for YR and Y6. Y6 Health Needs Assessment.
Tuesday 13th October POSTPONED	Y1 Puffins class assembly at 10.15am ———parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 20th October	Y1 Kingfishers class assembly at 10.15am ———parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 21st October	Parent's Evening, 3.30—7.00pm
Thursday 22nd October	Y4 Anglo Saxon workshop.
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Thursday 22nd October	Parent's Evening, 3.30—5.30pm.
Friday 23rd October	MUFTI (non-uniform) day—please make a donation to School Fund via Parent Pay if your child chooses to wear their own choice of clothes.
School closed for half-term holiday from Monday 26th October—Friday 30th October. Pupils return to school on Monday 2nd November.	
Tuesday 3rd November	Y5 Woodpeckers class assembly at 9.05 am ———parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 5th November	Y5 trip to Sulgrave Manor.
Thursday 12th November	Y6 Remembrance assembly at 9.05am —— Y6 parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 17th November	Y5 Kittiwakes class assembly at 9.05am ———parents/
Monday 23rd November	St Mary's Church leading whole school assembly.

Diary Dates

Friday 27th November	MUFTI (non-uniform) day—please make a donation to School Fund via Parent Pay if your child chooses to wear their own choice of clothes.
Tuesday 1st December	Y3/4/5/6 visit to The Belgrade Theatre to watch a performance of “Beauty and the Beast.”
Wednesday 2nd December	YR/1/2 visit to Warwick Arts Centre to watch a performance of “The Gruffalo’s Child.”
Thursday 3rd December	Y1 Christmas performance at 9.30am —parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Monday 7th December	School closed for INSET (staff training.)
Tuesday 8th December	Y3 Christmas concert at 9.30am — parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 8th December	Y4 Christmas concert at 2.15pm — parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 9th December	Y5 Christmas concert at 9.30am — parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Friday 11th December	Y6 Christmas concert at 2.15pm — parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Monday 14th December	Y2 Christmas concert at 9.30am — parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas lunch.
Wednesday 16th December	Reception Nativity and refreshments at 9.30am — parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to

Diary Dates

Friday 18th December

MUFTI— (non-uniform) day— come to school in a **Christmas jumper or festive outfit**. Please make a donation to School Fund via Parent Pay if your child chooses

**School closed for the Christmas holiday from Monday 21st December—
Friday 1st January.**

School closed for INSET (staff training) on Monday 4th January.

Children return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2027.

Please note that school will also be closed on Monday June 7th 2027 for INSET (staff training.)



Sydenham Superstars



YR and Key Stage One



Key Stage Two