Emscote Express

Issue 8, March 2025



Welcome back to our pupils and families in the second half of Spring term. On Monday we had our half termly reading champion prize draw, all of the children's reading bookmarks were entered and we had badges presented to readers across EYFS, Year One and Year Two. We now start afresh for this half term. Aim to get your bookmark in the box each week.

During the half term break, our school chickens Speckle, Speedy and Hazel moved to their forever home. They have been relocated to a farm in Kenilworth with acres of land to explore. The update is that they have settled in well and have been laying lots of their lovely sky blue eggs. We are looking forward to developing the field area, to create additional outside space during the coming months.

Next week, Year One and Two will be taking part in Scootability sessions, we are keeping our fingers crossed for some dry weather! We also have some Year Two children heading into Warwick town centre to try their hand at pancake races. The children will be competing against other local schools and we wish them luck.

We will be announcing a whole school homework next week to support school taking part in the Warwick Town Centre Summer Flag Scheme. This is an opportunity for pupils to take part in a Town Centre scheme that sees their work put on display for them to view, be proud of and feel part of the Town. Children will be asked to design a flag based on the theme 'A celebration of Peace and Love'. Our School Council will select their favourite one to represent our school. The winner and their family will be invited to the Ballroom at The Court House, to celebrate their artwork ahead of the flags being unveiled around the Town. There will also be refreshments and a presentation from the Mayor. This will take place on 1st May 2025 from 4pm – 5pm. The flags will be hung across the Town Centre, from the beginning of May, in time for VE & VJ Day Celebrations. As this is in relation to the 80th anniversary of VE and VJ day, this initiative will contribute to our pupils learning about the importance of the day.

Parking

We continue with our aim to make parking around school safe for our pupils and families. We recently met with a local County Councillor to enlist his support and our local PCSO, Sarah Bolger has visited the school to understand the challenges. Please support our community by parking safely and we urge people to consider parking further away and walking where possible. We remain grateful to All Saint's Church for allowing us to use their car park.

A reminder about school uniform expectations.

Children should wear correct uniform **including proper black school shoes**, trainers are not acceptable on days PE is not taking place. Make sure all items of school clothing are named and no items of jewellery or friendship bracelets are worn. Earrings - children should never be wearing anything other than studs to school, so anyone wearing hoops or anything else will be asked to have them removed. Children shouldn't be wearing other jewellery to school, this includes necklaces, rings, bracelets/ friendship bracelets for health and safety reasons (other than those worn for religious purposes). Children should come dressed in sweatshirts, plain dark joggers and trainers for PE days.

Sustrans Big Wheel and Walk

We have some exciting news, we are taking part in Sustran's Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 24 March- 4 April 2025. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do? Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event. Remember that we have space to store bikes and scooters during the day when children arrive through the main gate.

Why we are taking part? Sustran's Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. A 2021 YouGov study showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.

Plus, there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!

Useful resources

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you have hassle-free journey to school. <u>Download your free family guide</u> using this link: For more information about the event go to <u>www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk</u>.

Have a lovely weekend Mrs Nicol

Dates for the Diary 2025 Scootability Sessions (Maple Please remember to pay at Mon 3rd March class) www.eduspot.co.uk Scootability Sessions Please remember to pay at Tues 4th March (Syc/Oak/Chestnut) www.eduspot.co.uk Warwick Pancake Races (pm only) Tues 4th March Reception Year Trip to St John's Please remember to pay at Wed 5th March Museum www.eduspot.co.uk Children are invited to come into

World Book Day, "Bedtime Story"

Sycamore Sharing Assembly

Cherry Sharing Assembly

Willow Sharing Assembly

Chestnut Sharing Assembly

Oak Sharing Assembly

Easter Church Service

PTA Easter Bingo

Easter Holidays

Bank Holiday

1.45pm

1.45pm

1.45pm

Half Term

Inset Day

Maple Sharing Assembly

Children return to school

Year 1 Impact Workshop 9am and

Year 2 Impact Workshop 9am and

Year 2 Impact Workshop 9am and

Children return to school

of Parliament

theme

Thurs 6th March

Fri 7th March

Fri 14th March

Fri 14th March

Fri 21st March

Fri 28th March

Wed 2nd April

Fri 4th April

Fri 4th April

April

Mon 14th - Fri 25th

Mon 28th April

Mon 5th May

Tues 6th May

Wed 7th May

Wed 7th May

Mon 2nd June

Tues 3rd June

May

Monday 26th - 30th

Thurs 27th March

school in their Pyjamas and Dressing Gowns and to bring their favourite bed

time story (please name any books

brought in). Children may also bring in

slippers to change into (please name

make payment at www.eduspot.co.uk

and arrive in outdoor shoes for

playtimes).

Parents welcome

4-6pm, Emscote school hall

More information to follow

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Children not in school

School Council Trip to the Houses Please complete permission form and

Warwickshire County Council Road Safety Education Team are running a competition to name their new county fleet cycles. Fleet cycles are available for children to use to access Bikeability cycle training delivered by our cycle training providers. By providing fleet cycles they are aiming to remove barriers to children gaining the skills they need to become the safe cyclists of the future. By naming the cycles they hope to make them engaging for the users, and make it easy for children and their team to identify the different cycles.

- The competition is open to everyone.
- The closing date for entries is 31st March 2025.
- You can suggest a name for one of our cycles per entry.
- All names will be considered by the Road Safety Officers and cycle instructors.

They will share the new names for the 20 cycles once they have been chosen and let the winners know that they are using their name. They will provide a small, age appropriate prize for the winning names. Winners who are under 18 will be contacted via their school or college. Winners over 18 will be contacted via email.

This is the link to the entry form - https://forms.office.com/e/PHUzdvSqPi



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Connect club
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(Clubs do change termly)
Also in with your price!

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The Contact Centre (Behind All Saints Chruch) All Saints Road Warwick CV34 5NJ

Contact us

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> We've worked alongside Emscote and All Saints for 20+ years



Family-friendly worship with the children taking part

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Story, songs, crafts prayer & refreshments

The Next Messy Mass Dates are:

19 January, 16 February, 16 March, 4th May, 15 June,

NO MESSY MASS during April or July

COME AND SEE

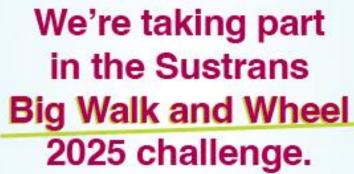
3rd Sunday of the month

10.30am - 11.30am.



Contact Ania for more details: 07546390555





Join in by walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling to school between 24 March-4 April.

Be active and feel more energised

Help the environment by replacing a car journey

Help us win some fantastic prizes

www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk

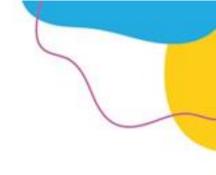












Relaxation

Relaxation is when our mind and body is free from stress and tension. Research has found that this can help us to think clearly, concentrate, sleep well, feel more confident and even boost our immune system!

Relaxation can look different for everyone, and it can be helpful to try a few different relaxation techniques to see what works best to make you feel happy and rested.

Our Tips for Relaxation:

1- Try some breathing exercises, such as finger breathing or square breathing. Breathing exercises are great as you can do them in any place, at any time. Follow the QR code to try rainbow breathing!



- 2- Drawing or colouring can help you to express your feelings and focus on something peaceful. This is a great way to relax your mind!
- 3- Practice mindfulness by taking a break away from any screens and devices. This could be going on a walk or being outside in nature. Try to use as many of your senses as possible, think about what you can see, hear, smell, touch and even taste! You could even try cloud watching to calm your mind.
- 4- Stretch it out, practice yoga to stretch out your muscles to relax and reduce tension. Try following the QR code for a yoga video!

5- A warm bath or shower can be a soothing experience that helps to relax muscles and calm your mind. You could make it extra relaxing with quiet music and bubbles!

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.

> > Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.



Gratitude

Gratitude is the act of looking for things that make us feel happy and being thankful for them. For example, saying "thank you" to someone who did an act of kindness such as holding a door open for you, or telling your friend that you're happy they make you laugh and tell you funny jokes.

We can also be thankful to ourselves. We all have different skills and talents which bring us joy. What is yours? It might be skateboarding, cooking, sport or dancing. Whatever your skill or talent is, be thankful for it!

"Joy is the simplest form of gratitude." - Karl Barth

Notice the good in your life - practise gratitude

Look around, can you see something that makes you feel happy? For example, your best friend's smiling face. Listen, can you hear something that makes you feel happy? For example, music that makes you want to dance.

Being thankful for the good things in your life can improve your wellbeing and reduce feelings of frustration. It gives you the chance to reflect on the good things you have accomplished and have a more positive mindset.

Each day this week, try and notice three people/places/things that you are thankful for. Write these down on your phone or a notepad to be able to look back on and appreciate the positive aspects of your week.

Express gratitude

Show your appreciation to someone who did something nice. Say: "It was really kind of you to...", "It really helped me out when you..."

Tell the people in your life how you feel and what they mean to you. This can be as simple as "Mum, good dinner. Thanks!"

Scan the QR code for lots of other ideas around gratitude activities:

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Pupil Premium Funding



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What is Pupil Premium funding?

Pupil Premium funding is additional financial support that is provided by the government and which is allocated to schools to meet the needs of certain pupils. For each pupil that qualifies the school receives a significant sum of money that is used to raise standards in the pupils who are eligible.

Does my child qualify for this additional support?

You may be eligible to apply for Pupil Premium funding if you receive any of the following...

Income Support

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- Income-Based Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross 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)

Or if your child...

- has been looked after (their care is managed by the local authority) for 1 day or more
- was adopted from care on or after 30 December 2005, or left care under a special guardianship order a residence order

Or

if either parent is in the Armed Forces

Are you an exhausted, SEN and/or EBSA parent carer?
Running on empty with no time to shout "HELP!" let alone step off the hamster wheel to rest, relax or recharge?





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Events for Families

Saturday 10th May

Nadia Shireen and Charlie Higson What's That Noise? £8 I 10-11am I Age 4+



Join author, actor and comedian Charlie
Higson and award-whining illustrator
Nadia Shireen for this fast and furiny event
based on their brand-new picture book,
What's That Noise? Laughs, noisy games,

live drawing and fun for all the family

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Saturday 10th May

The Seaside Sleepover

£8 | 10-11am | Age 6+

Dame Jacqueline Wilson

One of the UK's bestselling children's authors (and a Festival Ambassador) brings you the latest in her hugely popular Sleepovers series teaturing Dalay and her thends - and Dalay's sister Lily. The summer holidays have finally arrived, and Dalay longs for a proper holiday at the seaside, building sandcastles, eating lots of fee cream and maybe even sporting a

mermaid in the sea. Dalsy's sister, Lify, wants to come too, but she uses a wheelchair which can make trips to the sesside tricky. Especially with all that sand: Then Scruff arrives in their life...

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Saturday 10th May

Bunny vs Monkey Trail

Can you find mischlevous Bunny, Monkey and their friends around the Festival site? Go on a hunt for these beloved characters in this family-friendly trail created especially for us by Bunny vs Monkey author and illustrator Jamie Smart.





Pup along and get creative with superhero craft and games, plus create your own character with the Phoenix Comic artist Abby Bulmer.



In partnership with The Players Const.

Saturday 10th May

Maz Evans Oh What a Knight! 58 | 11.30am-12.30pm | Age 7+



Embark on a madcap journey with superstar author Maz Evans - from the Maya Underworld, through Ancient Egypt and all the way to Camelot to find Excalibur and save the world. Join in the fun and games and discover ancient myths and Arthurlan legend



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For parents/carers Our service explained

or up to 25 for people with SEND) can get in touch with any concerns related to health and wellbeing Warwickshire families with a school age child (aged 5-19 supports children, young people and parents/carers. Connect for Health is a school nurse-led service that

children, a healthy lifestyles programme, and specialist support such as on key topics such as sleep and continence, resilience workshops for healthcare plans for children with medical conditions that affect their The support we offer includes one-to-one advice, parent/carer workshops

Health Needs Assessments in schools; you'll receive a full description of these initiatives if your child is invited to take part Our team also carry out the National Child Measurement Programme and





Continence

What can Connect for Health help with?

- Sleep.
- Behaviour.
- Healthy eating & physical activity.

Parenting.

Changing Bullying.

school.

- Oral health
- Friendships and relationships

Many other health & wellbeing topics

emotional wellbeing Mental health &

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Information Sessions for Warwickshire Parents and Carers

Courses available online – via Zoom

Emotionally Based School Avoidance Understanding and Supporting Children and Young People with

Thursday 26th September 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Thursday 10th October 2024, 9:30 am to11:30 am Understanding Emotion Regulation in School Aged Children

Thursday 24th October 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am Understanding and Supporting Children aged 3-11 Years with Anxiety

Thursday 7th November 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am Understanding and Supporting Children Aged 12+ Years Anxiety

Thursday 21st November 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am Understanding and Supporting School Aged Children Who Self-harm

Thursday 5th December 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am Understanding Sensory Needs in School Aged Children

Thursday 9th January 2025, 9:30 am to 11:30 am Understanding Low Mood in Children and Young People

Thursday 10th April 2025, 9:30 am to 11:30 am Understanding Self-esteem in Children and Young People

Places on our sessions are subject to availability. To book your <u>place please email risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk</u>

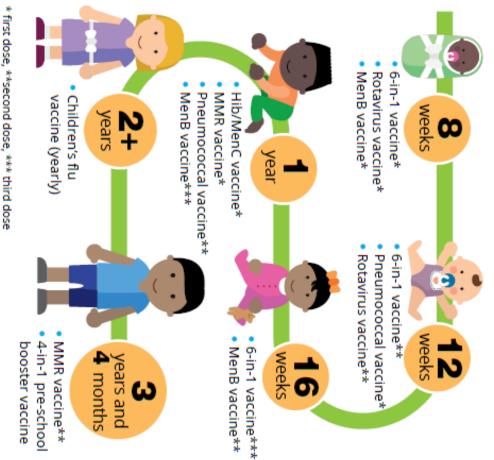
Please note: the sessions are available for Warwickshire residents only

RISE/PMHS-002 Version 2: August 2024





Your child's vaccine schedule



6-in-1 protects against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, Hib and hepatitis B 4-in-1 protects against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and polio

to protect them against illnesses Follow your child's vaccine schedule

useful reminder timeline up as a Stick this



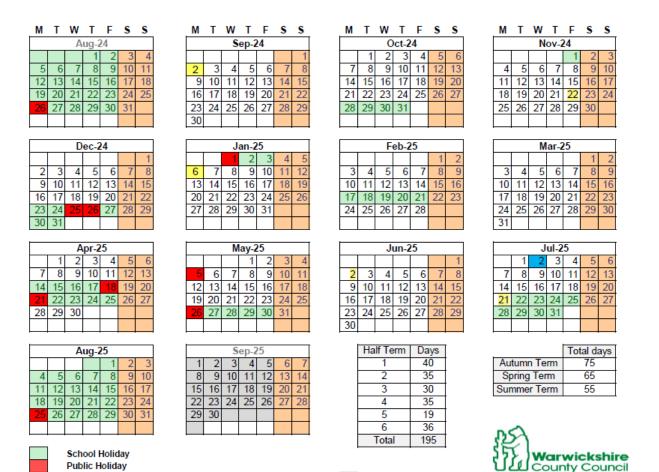
- Childhood illnesses like measles and whooping cough are rising
- These illnesses can make children very sick, leading to hospital stays or lifelong problems
- If your child is not vaccinated, they are not protected
- It's important that vaccines are given on time for the best protection. Some need booster doses later too
- Check your child's red book or speak to your GP practice to see if they have missed any
- You can still catch up on most missed vaccines
- All the childhood vaccinations are free. As children grow up, they are teenagers. Some vaccines are offered at school will be offered more vaccine appointments, right up until they
- Vaccinations offered by the NHS are thoroughly tested to assess effects, but vaccines are among the very safest how safe and effective they are. All medicines can cause side
- Research from around the world shows that immunisation is the safest way to protect our children's health

Are your child's vaccines up to date? Book now at their GP practice

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WCC School Term and Holiday Dates - 2024/25



Teacher Training Day (+3 to be set by school)