

# Emscote Express

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Dear parents and carers

This week the children were taught about the importance of staying safe online. Miss Stanley led an assembly in preparation of Safer Internet Day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February. For more information on this visit <https://saferinternet.org.uk/> where you can find some resources to support discussions with your child.

Willow and Cherry classes held their sharing assemblies this week, where parents and carers were invited to see the children display their learning with the school. The feedback was extremely positive and huge well done to our youngest pupils who were really brave to stand up in front of the school, as the first classes to lead the assemblies this academic year.

Our Spring term Parent Evenings will be held on the Tuesday and Wednesday after we return from the half term break. The system is now live for you to be able to make appointments.

## Uniform

Children should wear correct uniform with the exception of PE days, when PE kit may be worn to school. Please ensure all items of school clothing are named and no items of jewellery or friendship bracelets are worn.

We have a selection of school jumpers, that children will be asked to wear if they attend school without a school jumper/ cardigan. As the weather is unpredictable please make sure children always have a coat in school. **Please remember to name school jumpers and cardigans.** It is impossible to locate lost jumpers which all look the same without names.

## Toys from home

We would ask you to support us in discouraging your child from bringing in items from home, unless these have been specifically requested. We are seeing an increasing number of toys (cars, purses, Lego etc.) that are being brought in school bags and pockets, which inevitably get mixed up with school resources or are lost, causing upset. There are a very small number of children who may have a specific aid to support them with their learning (a chewie necklace for example) which will have been agreed with the class teacher in advance.

## Half term

A reminder that school closes to pupils on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February and reopens on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Nicol*

## Our sign of the week – safe



We are excited to bring Raceways Revolution to your school. A physical activity programme which encourages children to run or walk marathon distances incrementally over the weeks and months of the academic year. Our programme develops a passion for physical activity, improving not only their physical wellbeing but enhancing their mental health too.

Our programme not only engages children to be physically active throughout the school week but also encourages them to run or walk at home.

Our Digital Tracking System, along with our free Raceways Revolution App, will help your child's teacher, school and you see how many kilometres they achieve over this academic year, and the more kilometres they notch up, the more certificates they will receive.

**For your child to take part in the programme please complete the online consent form which has been sent out to via Teacher2Parents system. We can do the rest. This will allow your child's school to keep track of your child's progress and enable us to update you by email on how to download the free Raceways Revolution App.**

Our Kids Run Marathons! Join us - The Raceways Team

NB: Raceways Revolution for Schools is facilitated by our partners, Aspire Active Education Group LTD

## Dates for the Diary 2024

Tues 20th Feb	Year 1 Walk to Warwick	Please complete online consent form. Please let us know if you are able to help on the day.
Tues 20th & Wed 21st Feb	Parents Evenings	
Tues 27th Feb	Year 1 Bake Sale	Donations of cakes and biscuits (home made or shop bought) would be very welcome.
Wed 28th Feb	Reception Year height and weight checks	More info to follow
Thurs 7th March	Oak Class Sharing Assembly	
Thurs 7th March	World Book Day	Dress up as a book as character of your choice and bring in a book to share. We are really keen for parents not to have to buy anything new, so dress up is optional.
Fri 8th March	Chestnut Class Sharing Assembly	
Fri 8th March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	Fully booked
Mon 11th March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	Spaces still available for Mon 11th March. Please book via the SHOP at <a href="http://www.eduspot.co.uk">www.eduspot.co.uk</a>
Mon 11th - 22nd March	Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel	More info to follow
Wednesday 13th March	Year 1 Trip to Gurdwara Sikh Temple	More info to follow
Thurs 14th March	Easter Service at All Saints' Church	Parents Welcome
Fri 15th March	Red Nose Day	More info to follow
Mon 18th March	Book Sharing	Parents are invited to look through their children's books in the classroom from 2.30pm
Wed 20th March	Maple Class Sharing Assembly	
Fri 22nd March	Sycamore Class Sharing Assembly	
Fri 22nd March	Reception Year Easter Craft Day	Timings TBC - parents welcome to join
Mon 25th March – Fri 5th April	Easter Holidays	
Mon 8th April	Children return to school	
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday	
Mon 27th – Fri 31st May	May Half Term Holiday	
Mon 3rd June	Inset Day	
Tues 4th June	Children return to school	
Wed 10th July	Transition Day	Children spend the day in their new year

## Parents Evening Bookings

Parents Evenings are taking place on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February , appointments will be in person, in school with the class teacher. Please book an appointment for **ONE** of these days only. **After school clubs will still take place on the evenings of the parent's evenings.**

You will be sent a link to your mobile phone and email address which will take you to our online booking system to select a time convenient for you. Please follow these simple steps to book your slot:

1. Click the link that you receive through text and/or email to take you to the confirmation page. You will need internet access to do this.
2. Enter your child's first name to continue. If you have more than one child, any of their first names will work
3. Next you will be taken to the booking page. This will show your children alongside all of the teachers that you can book in with.
4. Click 'Please Choose' to be shown a list of available times that you can click to book.
5. Please click 'Book this Slot' to complete your booking. When the button has turned green you know your booking has been made.
6. You can click the link on your phone or email again to check your booking time or even un-book by clicking the green booked button any time until the booking closes.

Make sure you book your parent's evening ASAP to ensure you get the best time for you.

## Late arrival at school

**We would like to politely remind parents to arrive on time in the morning. School gates open at 8.45am – 8.55am. Children are expected to be in school for 8.55am ready for registration. Please can we also ask that people remember to give their children their water bottles, lunch bags, book bags etc ready for the day ahead.**

Being on time for school is very important. Often key skills such as literacy and numeracy are taught at the beginning of the school day and children who arrive late can miss important learning. In addition, late arriving children miss important information on what is happening during the day, which can leave them confused and distressed as they don't know what is going on.

## Mother's Day Tea

We still have some spaces available for Mother's day Tea on Monday 11th March. Please visit [www.eduspot.co.uk](http://www.eduspot.co.uk) (SHOP) to book.



# Feeling Sporty at Emscote!





Dear parents and carers

We have been presented with the opportunity to host a 'try-out' session for our children, who may be interested in appearing in the Cbeebies programme *I Can Do It, You Can Too!* Members from the production team will be visiting school on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 - to speak with all Key Stage One pupils about TV production in general and also gather interest and they will then return on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 to hold Try Outs for children that would like to audition. The idea is that children present in pairs. Here is a link to a previous programme.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001sz72/i-can-do-it-you-can-too-series-1-9-skipping-and-tennis>

Parents and carers will need to complete the documentation below for their child to be considered.

<https://forms.gle/3qHn8dsHiMd5RE419>



**Are you the parent or guardian of a curious and enthusiastic 5–8 year-old child?**

**Are they keen to learn a new skill?**

**Or do they have a skill they're good at and would love to share?**



Production company Common Story are back with a second series of the CBeebies peer-to-peer learning show '**I Can Do It, You Can Too!**' with presenter Aaron Roach Bridgeman.

We're looking for children from **The Midlands** area with a broad range of interests and hobbies. Whether that's how to whistle, twirl a baton, build a den, bowl a cricket ball, try out trampolining or anything in-between!

We'd love to hear about activities and skills that your child is keen to learn or teach. If you think your child, or a child you know, would be interested in taking part email us on:

**[castingicantoo@commonstory.tv](mailto:castingicantoo@commonstory.tv)**

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## **Holiday Activities at Market Hall Museum, Warwick**

<https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/events?location=6&period=full&filterList=Go>

## **Parental Resources**

SSS Learning recognise that as primary carers, parents and guardians have an important part to play in keeping their children safe. To support them in doing this we have created a range of free resources which you can make available via a link on your school website. <https://ssslearning.co.uk/parentsandguardians>

## **Welcome to Connect for Health's January health and well-being update**

Within this month's newsletter you can find out how easy it is to make healthy food choices. Download the NHS Food Scanner App, and with a speedy scan of your favourite foods, you can find healthier swaps next time you shop. If you would like further healthy lifestyle support contact the Change Makers team who teach families about good nutrition, staying active and other healthy living topics. You can learn about the importance of hand washing and germ prevention during the cold and flu season too.

[https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/C4H-January-Newsletter-2024.pdf?utm\\_source=WSHWBS&utm\\_campaign=728dff559f-April Newsletter Professionals COPY 01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0 f00493dc86-728dff559f-507989521](https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/C4H-January-Newsletter-2024.pdf?utm_source=WSHWBS&utm_campaign=728dff559f-April%20Newsletter%20Professionals%20COPY%2001&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f00493dc86-728dff559f-507989521)

## **Warwickshire Music Spring Term Newsletter 2024**

[https://www.warwickshiremusic.org/cms/pages/files/wm\\_spring\\_term\\_1705669079.pdf](https://www.warwickshiremusic.org/cms/pages/files/wm_spring_term_1705669079.pdf)

## **Raring2go! - the winter edition of the magazine is out now**

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/southwarwickshire/winter2024/>

# RISE MHST

## Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

### Tips For Wellness:

## TALKING

This week is **Children's Mental Health week** and the theme is 'your voice matters'!

It is important that your voice is heard and you share your views with others, as this can help positive changes to be made. When you feel your voice is being heard, this can also boost your self esteem and confidence to keep talking! Research has shown that talking can provide a stress relief and help you to problem solve difficulties, but it can also be useful to just have someone to listen to you.

#### Our tips for talking:

1- **Create a network hand**, to identify trusted adults that you can talk to. Think about adults you trust in school, at home and in the community.

2- **Watch this video** to help you start a discussion about mental health:



3- Websites such as **Childline** and **The MIX** are available if you are not sure who you can talk to. Follow the QR codes below:



Childline



The Mix

4- Try talking to someone new this week! It can be difficult to start a conversation, so try using some icebreakers or talk about something you have in common. You can also use these **conversation starters** to help you:



#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSSStars certificates. If you know a child or young person that deserves recognition for going above and beyond, don't wait, nominate!

[thankskids@covwarkpt.nhs.uk](mailto:thankskids@covwarkpt.nhs.uk)

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.





# RISE MHST

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### Tips For Wellness:

## CONNECTING

One way to feel connected is to identify with those who share the same interests, hobbies, passions and beliefs. This may be through attending social groups, with friends at school, sports and extra-curricular activities, employment, religious groups or events.

It is also possible to feel connected with people who you may not share similar interests with. When we feel seen, listened to and our opinions are considered, we feel a greater sense of belonging and connectedness.

#### How to feel connected

- 1- Asking questions to find out who shares similar interests with you (e.g. what is their favourite film or sport?)
- 2- Sit next to somebody new in class!
- 3- Share your favourite activity/hobby with a friend to enjoy together
- 4- Listen to others - paying attention to details can support the connection between two people
- 5- Reach out to somebody you may not have connected with for a while - send them a text!

Trying new things is a great way to discover interests we may have never known we had! There are bound to be other 'first timers' there, who may also be nervous.

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# Cashback for you and your school

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## Help boost our budget with the My School Fund initiative

We're pleased to announce that Emscote Infant School is part of the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school's budget with your help.

### How does it work?

Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend.

Add that all up across our school's network of families and together we can all make a big difference!

This term, thanks to the scheme, we have purchased a new storage unit for second hand uniform which is on display in our main reception area as well as a new Henry Hoover.

### How to get involved

Visit [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org) to register for free and link to Emscote Infant School. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!

Sign up today at [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org)





A vegan meal is available on request on days when (vg) is not shown as a choice on the menu.  
 All our fish is natural whole fillet and although great care has been taken to remove all bones, some may remain.



# Weekly Menu

## Week one

Warwickshire, Coventry: 18/09, 9/10  
 Oxfordshire: 18/09, 9/10  
 Leicestershire: 28/8, 18/09, 9/10

**Choose a main meal... MONDAY**

**Best of British Pork Sausages with Gravy and Creamy Mashed Potatoes**  
 (v) Veggie Korma Curry with Wholegrain or White Rice - *mild and creamy*

**On the side...**  
 Vegetables of the Day

**For dessert...**  
 (v) Swirly Chocolate Mousse  
 (vg) Homemade Fruity Flapjack  
 (v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

**Choose a main meal... TUESDAY**

**Homemade Cheesy Pasta with Peas, Bacon, and Freshly Baked Wholegrain Baguette**  
 (v) Veggie Breakfast Pattie in a Bag with Oven Baked Potato Wedges

**On the side...**  
 Fresh Salad Choice...  
 Vegetables of the Day  
 Baked Beans

**For dessert...**  
 (v) Homemade Crispy Cornflake Cookie  
 (v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

**Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST**

**British Roast Chicken Joint or Fillet, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy**  
 (vg) Quorn Roast in Gravy with Sage and Onion Stuffing

**On the side...**  
 Vegetables of the Day

**For dessert...**  
 (v) Homemade Chocolate and Orange Brownie  
 (v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

**Choose a main meal... THURSDAY**

**Homemade British Beef Bolognaise with Pasta and Garlic Bread**  
 (v) Homemade Vegetable Burrito Bake with Crispy Diced Potatoes  
*Mild Mexican flavoured veggies and cheese, layered between soft tortillas*

**On the side...**  
 Fresh Salad Choice  
 Vegetables of the Day

**For dessert...**  
 (vg) Homemade Strawberry Slice  
 (v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

**Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY**

**(msc) Harry Ramsden's Crispy Salmon and Sweet Potato Fishcake**  
 (v) Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza

**On the side...**  
 Fresh Salad Choice  
 Peas or Baked Beans

**For dessert...**  
 (v) Cheddar Cheese, Crackers and Apple Wedges  
 (v) Ice Cream  
 (v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Fruit Cordial or Fruity Water from the Hydration Station, Semi Skimmed Milk & Fresh Bread are also offered daily.  
 Vegetable accompaniments change to reflect seasonal availability.

## Week two

Warwickshire, Coventry: 4/9, 25/9, 16/10  
 Oxfordshire: 4/9, 25/9, 16/10  
 Leicestershire: 4/9, 25/9

**Choose a main meal... MEAT FREE MONDAY**

**(vg) Quorn Dippers with Rainbow Rice and Sweet Chilli Dipping Sauce or Ketchup**  
 (v) Homemade Mac 'n' Cheese with Freshly Baked Wholegrain Baguette

**On the side...**  
 Fresh Salad Choice  
 Vegetables of the Day

**For dessert...**  
 Chocolate Mousse with Fruit in Juice  
 (v) Homemade Cherry Cookie  
 (v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

**Choose a main meal... TUESDAY**

**British Chicken Fillet in Wrap with Fresh Salad, Mayonnaise or Ketchup and Oven Baked Potato Wedges**  
 (vg) Plant Power Meatballs with Noodles and a Sweet and Sour Sauce

**On the side...**  
 Fresh Salad Choice  
 Vegetables of the Day

**For dessert...**  
 (vg) Homemade Chocolate Shortbread  
 (v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

**Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST**

**British Roast Gammon Steak with Gravy**  
 (vg) Quorn Roast with Gravy

**On the side...**  
 Vegetables of the Day

**For dessert...**  
 (vg) Homemade Jam Tart  
 (v) Ice Cream Tub  
 (v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

**Choose a main meal... THURSDAY**

**British Beef Grill Burger in a High Fibre Bun with Ketchup and Crispy Diced Potatoes**  
 (vg) Veggie Burger in a High Fibre Bun with Ketchup and Crispy Diced Potatoes

**On the side...**  
 Fresh Salad Vegetable Sticks  
 Vegetables of the Day

**For dessert...**  
 (v) Homemade 'School Favourite' Sprinkles Sponge Cake  
 (v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

**Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY**

**(msc) Gluten Free Breaded Fish Fillet with Chipped Potatoes**  
 (v) Jacket Potato with Cheese

**On the side...**  
 Fresh Salad Choice  
 Peas or Baked Beans

**For dessert...**  
 Jelly with Fruit  
 (v) Ice Cream  
 (v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

## Week three

Warwickshire, Coventry: 11/9, 2/10, 23/10  
 Oxfordshire: 11/9, 2/10  
 Leicestershire: 11/9, 2/10

**Choose a main meal... MONDAY**

**Gluten Free British Pork Meatballs in a Rustic Tomato Sauce with Pasta**  
 (vg) Sticky Barbeque Quorn with Oven Baked Potato Wedges

**On the side...**  
 Fresh Salad Choice  
 Vegetables of the Day

**For dessert...**  
 Fresh Homemade Chocolate Cracknel  
 (v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

**Choose a main meal... TUESDAY**

**Chicken Korma Curry with Wholegrain or White Rice - mild and creamy**  
 (v) Cheese and Tomato Pizza Wedge with Italian Herby Potatoes

**On the side...**  
 Fresh Salad Choice  
 Vegetables of the Day

**For dessert...**  
 (v) Swirly Strawberry Mousse  
 (vg) Homemade Orange Cookie  
 (v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

**Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST**

**British Roast Beef, with Traditional Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy**  
 (v) Veggie Toad in the Hole with Gravy

**On the side...**  
 Vegetables of the Day

**For dessert...**  
 (v) Homemade Fruit Crumble with Custard  
 (v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

**Choose a main meal... THURSDAY**

**Homemade British Chicken Pie with Gravy and Creamy Mash**  
 (vg) Breaded Vegetable Fingers and Crispy Diced Potatoes

**On the side...**  
 Vegetables of the Day  
 Baked Beans

**For dessert...**  
 (vg) Homemade Flapjack with Fresh Fruit Wedges  
 (v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

**Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY**

**(msc) Breaded Fish Fillet Fingers with Chipped Potatoes**  
 (vg) Veggie Sausage Hot Dog with Ketchup and Chipped Potatoes

**On the side...**  
 Fresh Salad Choice  
 Peas or Baked Beans

**For dessert...**  
 (v) Dinky Doughnuts/Chocolate Sauce  
 (v) Ice Cream Tub  
 (v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

(vg) Vegan  
 (v) Vegetarian Option (h) Homemade  
 (msc) Certified Sustainable Seafood



**Allergies**  
 Please contact your school cook for information regarding the content of dishes and products on our menu.

## Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2023/24

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Aug-23						
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Sep-23						
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Oct-23						
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Nov-23						
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Dec-23						
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Jan-24						
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Feb-24						
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Mar-24						
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Apr-24						
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May-24						
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Jun-24						
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Jul-24						
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Aug-24						
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Sep-24						
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30						

Half Term	Days
1	41
2	35
3	25
4	25
5	34
6	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>

	Total days
Autumn Term	76
Spring Term	50
Summer Term	69

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

  Secondary School Induction Day



# 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?



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



Warwickshire  
County Council

## 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](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm)



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# February Holiday Action

12 - 16 February

**Multi activities for Reception and Year 1**

**Fun short courses for Years 2-7**

**New programme for 12-14 year olds**



[warwickschool.org/  
february-holiday-action-2024](http://warwickschool.org/february-holiday-action-2024)

All enquiries to Dan Partridge and Adrian Bevan 01926 735473  
[holidayaction@warwickschools.co.uk](mailto:holidayaction@warwickschools.co.uk)



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**Friday**

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Mountford Close,  
Wellesbourne,  
CV35 9QG

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**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

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# February Skills & More Activity Camps!

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Calling all active 4 to 12 Year Olds!

Monday 12th to Thursday 15th February 2024!

9 am to 4pm each day!

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## 'Help! I'm Running a Library' Training course

This is a great opportunity to gain knowledge, skills and confidence in the day-to-day running of the library.

Date: Tuesday 23rd January 2024, 9.30am-1pm Venue: Warwickshire Schools Library Service

Price: WSLs Subscribers: £55/Non WSLs Subscribers: £85

Click [here](#) for more information or to sign-up.

## Primary Network Meeting (virtual): Graphic Novels

Thursday 25th January: 3.30pm-4.30pm: All schools are very welcome to attend this FREE event. A great opportunity for any school staff with responsibility for reading/the library. We share lots of useful resources/information regarding reading for pleasure, author events and training. We will have a particular focus on graphic novels. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Pupil Librarian Training

Pupil librarians are a great asset to a school library and the role can help your pupils develop important skills and improve their confidence. We can deliver a pupil librarian training course either in your school or at our premises in Warwick. Email: [schoolslibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:schoolslibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk) for more information. Subscribing schools receive a discount on the price.

## Coming soon from WSLs: Warwickshire Junior and Picture Book Awards

We will be inviting schools to sign up to our popular Junior book award towards the end of the Spring term. We will also be launching our new Picture Book Award aimed at your younger pupils. These will take place in the Summer term.

## Do you need new books/resources or help with your school library? We can help...

We can provide a range of subscription options to meet your curriculum and reading for pleasure needs. Subscriptions can start at any point in the school year. We also offer library support and can complete a range of tasks at your school, such as, weeding, auditing, organising. Email: [schoolslibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:schoolslibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk)

## Useful links/resources

- Children's Mental Health Week: 5th-11th Feb 2024. Lots of resources for schools and family [here](#). Also great book lists from the [Reading Agency](#) and [EmpathyLab](#) to explore, support and raise awareness of mental health with children.
- Help building your school library: [Stratford Literary Festival](#) are looking to support 5 schools to help them build-up the books in their library to increase reading for pleasure. You must apply by 29th Jan 2024, more information [here](#).
- Online calendar of events: Created by [The Literacy Hive](#) is invaluable as details a huge range of events that can be celebrated with books. You can search by month, event type, key stage, region etc.
- Holocaust Memorial Day: Free [Tom Palmer online event](#) on 26th Jan for upper KS2) and free books to 100 schools.
- Free online author events: Have a look at these events on offer from [ReadingZone](#) to engage and inspire your readers.

## New books to look out for...(need more recommendations? Get in touch and we can help)

The [Reader Teacher](#) has created a video with the Children's books they are most excited about in 2024. Here are

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Child £7.00

## On the door

Adult £15.00

Teenager/ Concession (over 65) £ 12.00

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**Brand new weekly netball sessions at Kenilworth School  
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Launching in January 2024, our weekly netball sessions on a  
Thursday evening are aimed at 4 to 11 year-olds.

Session 1 (Reception / Year 1/ Year 2 / Year 3) 6:00-6:45pm

Session 2 (Year 4 / Year 5 / Year 6) 6:00-7:00pm

**First session for free, sign up now!**



## What parents say about Kid Squad..

"My daughter is having an amazing time with Kid Squad Warwickshire. She loves her netball training. Can't speak highly enough of the coaches, they are empowering the kids for sure. Highly recommend for anyone looking to start a journey in netball."

"This is such a fantastic club. My daughter absolutely loves the training sessions and the league matches. Her knowledge, skills and confidence have improved significantly since joining and this is all down to the quality teaching and care from the wonderful coaches"

"Kid Squad is the netball club that every primary-aged kid needs in their life!"

"My daughter LOVES going to Kid Squad Warwickshire. Kid Squad is a fantastic introduction to netball for primary age school children - something that seemed to be lacking in typical girls team sports in the area. The sessions are run by coaches who are clearly passionate about netball and sport in general. A great opportunity for children to make friends, keep fit & agile, develop hand/eye coordination skills, learn drills & new skills and play together as a team."

"This has been a fantastic group for my daughter to join. Learning netball skills, gaining confidence and playing with girls from all different schools. The coaches are fab, always developing them and making them feel special."

[www.kidsquadwarwickshire.co.uk/Kenilworth](http://www.kidsquadwarwickshire.co.uk/Kenilworth)



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# WARWICKSHIRE

PARENT CARER VOICE

## JOIN YOUR LOCAL PARENT CARER FORUM

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person aged 0-25 with special educational needs and/or disability (SEND)?



### YOUR VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES MATTER

Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice is a **parent carer led organisation** working to ensure that every parent carer in Warwickshire feels that their views and experiences matter, and gets their voice heard to develop and improve services for children and young people with special educational needs and/or SEND.

We welcome any parent carer who lives (or uses services) in Warwickshire, with a child or young person (aged 0-25) regardless of their disabilities (no diagnosis necessary) to join us.

Tell us your experiences | Fill in our surveys | Join our meetings  
Spread the word | Join us as a Member

Visit our website: [www.warwickshireparentcarervoice.org](http://www.warwickshireparentcarervoice.org)  
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# WARWICKSHIRE

PARENT CARER VOICE

## WHAT IS A PARENT CARER FORUM?

A parent carer forum is a group of parents and carers of disabled children. Their aim is to make sure the services in their area meet the needs of disabled children and their families. Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice is the recognised forum for Warwickshire. We are completely independent of Warwickshire County Council and the local health services.

## WHAT DO PARENT CARER FORUMS DO?

We work with organisations that provide services for our families. We gather the views of local families and then work in partnership with local authorities, education settings, health providers and other providers to highlight where local services, processes and commissioners are working well, or challenge when changes or improvements need to be made.



Follow us on social media!  
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## GET INVOLVED - YOUR VOICE IS KEY TO OUR SUCCESS!

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or email [hello@warwickshireparentcarervoice.org](mailto:hello@warwickshireparentcarervoice.org) for more information





# Help to pay your household bills

**Are you, or is anyone you know, struggling to pay energy bills?**

If you or someone you know are struggling financially and unable to afford to pay their gas or electricity bill, please call the Local Welfare Scheme in confidence.

Call **0800 408 1448** between 4 and 22 April 2022.

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme)



The Household Support Fund can help households in need of support



# Do you need help to access food and manage your money?

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship)

## Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme helps the most vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help.

It also administers the Household Support Fund, which provides one-off financial support for people in need as the country continues its recovery from the pandemic. It can help families with children, other vulnerable households and individuals facing hardship this winter, to ensure that they have the support they need to afford food, energy, water bills and associated costs. To enquire or apply call the Local Welfare Scheme.

Visit: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme)  
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