



Newsletter

Term 1 Week 5: 4th Oct 2024

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Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful week this week at Warton – particularly our year 5 and year 6 children who went on their first school trip to The Open Centre in Derby. As part of the trip the children visited a Hindu Temple, a Mosque and a Gurdwara and they came back really excited about what they had seen and learnt! In two weeks time our Year 4 children go on their first trip of the year to Polesworth Abbey. A few parents have asked about whether we are doing the pantomime this year and we have decided to try something new and widen the children's horizons even further with music and theatre. Therefore we are going to visit the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in two separate trips (for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2) in the new year. More information will come out about this after Christmas.

As you will have seen in last week's newsletter, we are asking for harvest donations. The purple bin will be out in the playground from Monday for your tins, packets and dried food, all of which will be donated to a local food bank. We are all at church to celebrate harvest on Friday 11th October with Reverend Joanne, Beech, Elm and Rowan parents are welcome to join us there.

Also this week, Miss Kiffin has announced the beginning of a new Eco-Council. This is really important for Warton as historically we could have been much better at recycling and caring for our environment. This project is initially open to Elm, Rowan and Oak class applications so please do talk to your children at home about whether they wish to take part.

Finally, if any of our families have any children's chess boards, Top Trumps cards or similar that they would like to donate to school for our lunch time activities box, we would much appreciate it! We already have some outdoor table games but would like to expand the collection and replace some of the (inevitably) lost items! Thank you in advance!

Have a lovely weekend, Miss Friend



Living our Values

In collective worship this week we have been learning about Black History Month and why it is important. As part of our worship cycle, two of our Year 6 worship leaders write a weekly prayer and this week's is so important I would like to share it with you:

Dear God, thank you for the great week we have had. Thank you for all the people who fought for black people's lives. We thank you for making Black History Month a thing because all people deserve to be heard and treated respectfully. Thank you for loving us all equally. Amen.

Designated Safeguarding Leads - Are you worried about a child?

At Warton Nethersole we have a Safeguarding Team who work hard to keep you safe. Pupils, staff, parents or children can talk to us about any concerns they have, and we will find a way to help. As well as the staff below, Miss Baker (Wraparound) and Mrs Ellis are trained and available to talk to you too.



Miss Friend
DSL



Mrs Sage
Deputy DSL



Mrs Dormand
Deputy DSL

Warwickshire's Family Information Service is available 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday and can help with many worries, concerns or questions our families may have. Residents can phone FIS for free on 0800 408 1558, email fis@warwickshire.gov.uk, get in touch on Facebook or Twitter or visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies



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October

Friday 11th - Harvest Service at Church- Elm, Rowan and Beech parents invited at 9.10

Friday 11th - Nursery Tea Party- all nursery parents invited at 2.30

Wednesday 23rd - Maple Class Poetry and Pastries- parents invited from 8.50am

Friday 25th- Dress Down Day for St Giles Hospice March of the Elephants

November

Monday 4th / Tuesday 5th - INSET School closed to children

Wednesday 13th- Poet in school for the day!

Friday 15th – Dress down for Children in Need

Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th – Parent's Evening

December

Tuesday 10th – Nativity at 2pm

Wednesday 11th – Nativity at 2pm

Friday 13th – Christmas Fair

Friday 20th – Christmas Service at Warton Church

Reception 2025 Open Morning

We are holding an open morning on Friday 18th October at 10am for any parents whose children are due to start Reception in September 2025. Please do come along for a tour of the school and an opportunity to find out more about our school.

Rowan & Oak Trip to The Open Centre

Rowan and Elm had a great visit to The Open Centre in Derby today. They visited a Hindu Temple, a Mosque and Sikh Gurdwara. The children were taught lots about each place of worship and the religions linked to them.





Football Club

The children have been enjoying Football club with Mr Williams & Mrs Roberts. They have been practising their skills and learning to play as a team.



Governor Class Attendance Award

Each week the governors will be giving the class with the highest weekly attendance a trophy and awarding the winning class with an extra playtime.

This week's winning class is **Beech** Well done!

Registration Form	Class attendance
Willow	94.2%
Sycamore	97.9%
Beech	98.1%
Maple	97.5%
Elm	96.8%
Rowan	95.0%
Oak	95.7%

If your child is going to be absent from school/Nursery due to illness, you **must** phone or email the school office (01827 894182) before 9.30am on the first day of absence. Please do not send a message on Tapestry to inform us of any absences. Thank you.



HM Government

Head to the Education Hub to find out more.

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.





Over the summer holidays Harper-Lilly in Elm Class (Year 4) was told that 44 of her dance friends from SMDA (Sinitta Marie Dance Academy based in Belgrave, Tamworth) and herself had successfully auditioned to dance at

WALT DISNEY

World, Florida

SMDA auditioned and were up against 400 other dance schools, got through 8 audition rounds and was judged by one of the worlds most critical audition panel. They are now one of only a few elite dance schools in Europe that have secured 1 of the 10 spaces and have this opportunity to dance in Florida.

This achievement goes above and beyond their wildest of dreams!

But.. as you can imagine, this once in a lifetime trip is going to be expensive.

The girls have been fundraising since they found out about their success and life changing opportunity. A group from SMDA climbed Mount Snowdon in August 2024, with the youngest member of the team only being **6 years old!**

They attended car boots, Canwell show, school fayres & we are sure there will be more fundraising events the girls will attend throughout the next year to continue fundraising, but SMDA have also set up a GoFundMe, please see link/QR Code below:

All and any donations are greatly appreciated and will go towards getting these incredibly talented girls to the

Happiest place on Earth!

Thank you for reading,
xxx



Scan to donate



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Willow Phonics parties

Willow class will be running Phonics party sessions everyday W/B Monday 14th October 9am till 10am. These are now available to book on Arbor. There are 6 slots each day throughout the week. Please only book one session per child.

Beech, Elm & Rowan Harvest Service

We are looking forward to welcoming parents of children in Beech, Elm and Rowan to our harvest service at church on Friday. Please drop your child(ren) to school as normal and then walk to church where we will meet you when we have registered all pupils. Beech, Elm and Rowan pupils will be taking part in the service so it would be good to welcome you to support them.

Nursery Tea party

We are holding a family tea party for our Acorns children and their families on Friday 11th October. Parents and carers are welcome to join us from 2.30 for drinks and cakes in the Nursery building. If your child doesn't usually attend on Friday afternoons, you are welcome to bring them in for the tea party, but an adult must stay with them. The tea party is an opportunity for parents and carers to chat to Acorns staff about how your child has settled in and gives you a chance to explore the nursery and see the kinds of activities your child joins in with when they are with us. We do ask that a maximum of two adults per child attend due to our limited space.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday 11th October at 2.30.



INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards and we will donate ££s to schools.

HERE'S HOW:

- 1 Download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
- 2 Choose your primary school
- 3 Shop in-store across Asda & George, and scan your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.
- 4 Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5 We'll do the rest! We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.

With Parenikind

At Warton Nethersole's we want all of our pupils to participate in a wide range of experiences that encourage them to be **courageous, strong and loving**. Therefore, **our pledge** is that by the time our pupils leave us in Year 6 they will all have the opportunity to be involved in each of

The Warton 20:

- Perform on a stage
- Participate in outdoor pursuits
- Visit a place of worship, other than a church
- Learn a musical instrument
- Use public transport
- Visit a museum or gallery
- Visit a university
- Take part in a sports competition
- Meet a professional author
- Watch a show at the theatre
- Hear live music performed by professional musicians
- Explore a new city
- Take part in an extra-curricula club
- Find out about a range of careers
- Stay away from home
- Take an active role in Collective Worship
- Have a role of responsibility
- Take part in fundraising
- Represent our school
- Participate in a community event

WARTON CARNIVAL'S HALLOWEEN DISCO AT WARTON CLUB

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION FOR ALL AGES!
GAMES
UV DISCO
RAFFLE

BRING YOUR CARVED PUMPKIN FOR JUDGING

ADULTS £1.50
CHILDREN (0-11) ONLY 50P

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM TOP SHOP OR WARTON CLUB

SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER

(DOORS OPEN 6PM) 6:30-8:30PM

Wrap Around

We are still having some children turn up for Wrap Around sessions that are not booked in. Breakfast Club in particular, is becoming very busy. So please make sure your child is booked in to guarantee their space and avoid late booking charges.

Thank you!



Attendance Policy

Leave of Absence

- The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Expectations

- A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Permission for a Leave of Absence from a school may only be given by a person who the school's proprietor has authorised to do so (an authorised person).
- Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.
- Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.
- Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.
- When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify the parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.
- It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.
- The school can only consider applications for Leave of Absence which are made by the resident parent. i.e the parent with whom the child normally resides.
- Where applications for Leave of Absences are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an "unauthorised" absence. Where a leave of absence is requested but additional days take either prior to or after the request, they may be considered as part of the leave of absence.
- Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.
- All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.



- Where a Penalty Notice is not paid within the timeframe set out in that Notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2023-24

Penalty notices will be issued in accordance with the regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013):

- **It is important to note**, Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 each child if paid within 21 days).

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

The law relating to Penalty Notices is due to change with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence after this date will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).

- First Leave of Absence Offence: The amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.
- Second Leave of Absence Offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.
- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice). A Penalty Notice will not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.