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2024



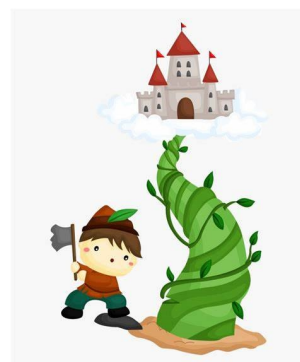
## Christmas Movie Night—13th December 2024

Payments and consent for our Christmas Movie Night need to be in school by next Friday, 29th November. This is a cash payment please. Thank you



## Pantomime—Jack and the Beanstalk 18th December 2024

Payments and consent for our whole school visit to Bedworth Civic Hall to see Jack and the Beanstalk need to be made on Parent Pay by next Friday, 29th November. Thank you



## Christmas Dinner—19th December 2024

Christmas dinners need to be ordered through Parent Pay by next Friday, 29th November. Thank you

### Christmas Lunch Menu

Roast Turkey

Served with a chipolata, stuffing, roast potatoes & seasonal vegetables

Or

Christmas Vegetable Wellington

Served with a chipolata, stuffing roast potatoes & seasonal vegetables

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Chocolate Frosted Christmas Cake

Or

Fruit Platter





Dates for  
the Diary:

25th November 2024 - MAT Christmas Concert at Coventry Cathedral

6th December 2024 - Dress Down Day

13th December 2024 - Christmas Jumper Day

13th December 2024 3.15-5.15pm—Christmas Movie Night

16th December 2024 - Years 3&4 Christmas Party

17th December 2024 - Years 5&6 Christmas Party

18th December 2024 - Jack & The Beanstalk at Bedworth Civic Hall

19th December 2024 - Christmas Dinner

19th December 2024 - I Sing Pop performances at St James Church

23rd December 2024 - 3rd January 2025 - Christmas Holiday

6th January 2025 - Teacher Training Day

13th January 2025 - Year 6 Trip to Coventry Cathedral

23rd January 2025 - Year 4 Roman Day

30th January 2025 - Young Voices Concert Resorts World Birmingham

10th February 2025 - Year 6 Heights and Weights

17th—21st February 2025 - Half Term

24th February 2025 - Teacher Training Day

18th March 2025 - Year 3 Trip to Kingsbury Water Park

14th - 25th April 2025 - Easter Holiday

5th May 2025 - Mayday

12th - 15th May 2025 - Year 6 SATs Week

20th May 2025 - Year 5 Trip to Blists Hill Victorian Town

21st May 2025 - Image Musical Theatre (Jungle Book)

26th - 30th May 2025 - Half Term

11th June 2025 - Year 4 Trip to Thinktank Birmingham

16th - 19th June 2025—Year 5 Bikeability

2nd July 2025 - Transition Day

18th July 2025 - Last Day of Term

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## Attendance - Target 97%

The whole school attendance from 4th to 15th November was **94.97%** which is below target.  
The highest attendance was achieved by Ash with 98.18%

**ATTENDANCE  
MATTERS**

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

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.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. 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 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 the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent [ie the parent with whom the child normally resides](#).

Where applications for leave of absence 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 taken either prior to or after the request 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, part 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.

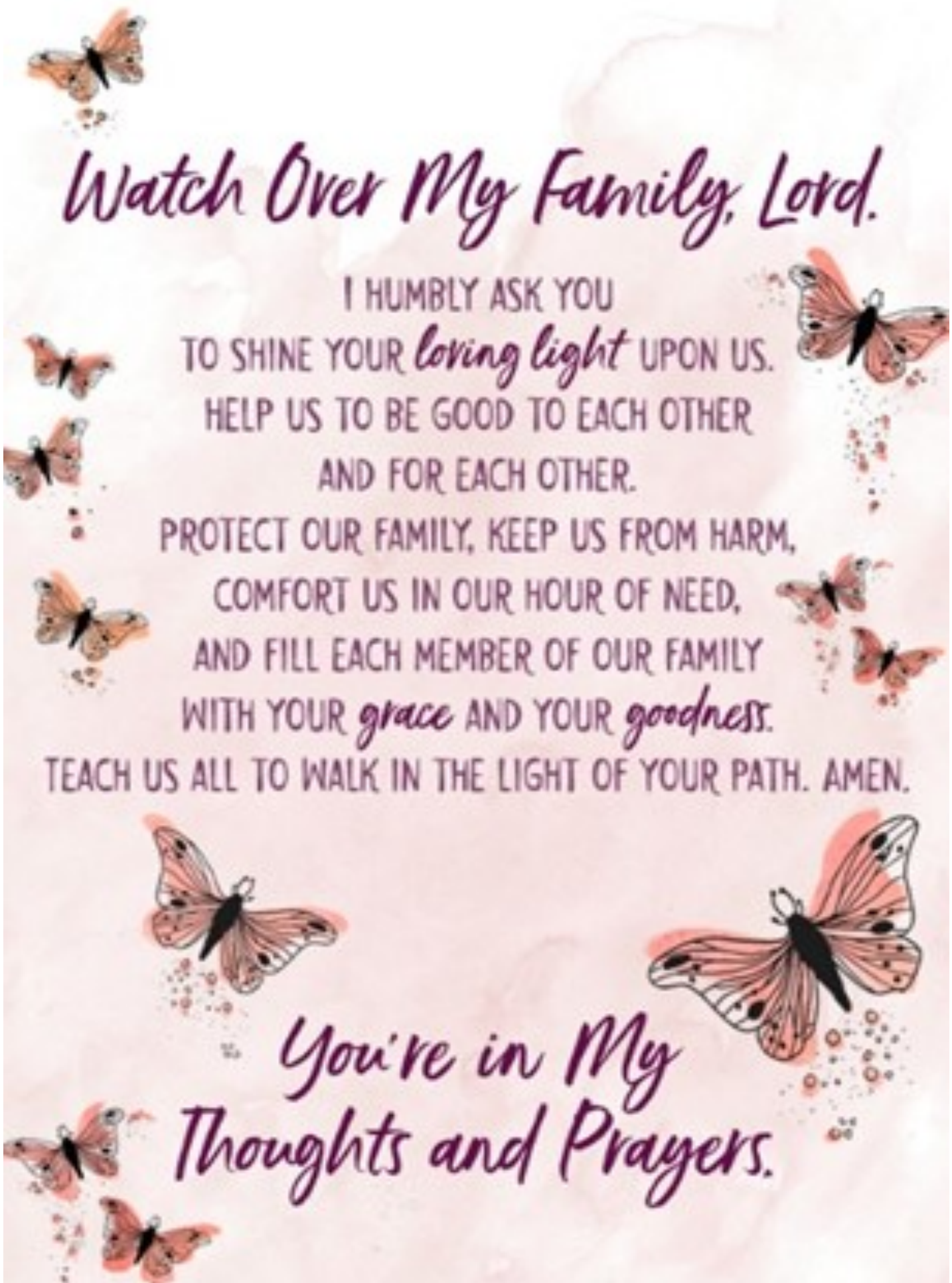
### Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

**The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 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 Penalty Notice 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.
- Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.
- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be 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.

**Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.**





# *Watch Over My Family, Lord.*

I HUMBLY ASK YOU  
TO SHINE YOUR *loving light* UPON US.  
HELP US TO BE GOOD TO EACH OTHER  
AND FOR EACH OTHER.

PROTECT OUR FAMILY, KEEP US FROM HARM,  
COMFORT US IN OUR HOUR OF NEED,  
AND FILL EACH MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY  
WITH YOUR *grace* AND YOUR *goodness*.

TEACH US ALL TO WALK IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR PATH. AMEN.

*You're in My  
Thoughts and Prayers.*