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Classdojo



Classdojo is the platform where we will be sharing regular news with you, if you haven't signed up yet, please contact the school office.

Communication from the MAT

The Directors of the Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust are currently determining proposed admission arrangements for admissions to its academies in September 2025. As determined by the School Admissions Code, we are required to consult on these arrangements at least once every 7 years or when significant changes are made, and are inviting comments on the proposed changes.

A copy of the covering letter and proposed admissions policy is available on our website at <https://www.covmat.org/multi-academy-trust-policies/> for your information. Alternatively if you require a hard copy of the policy please email info@covmat.org to request. Whilst this is a trust wide policy, the individual school admissions arrangements are included as Appendix 1.

If you wish to comment on the proposed admissions arrangements, please send your response in writing for the attention of Louise Beale, either by post to the address at the bottom of this email or by email to info@covmat.org. Comments should be received by no later than 9am on Wednesday 18th December 2024.

Thank you

Attendance - Target 97%

The whole school attendance from 7th to 18th October was **95.9%** which is below target. The highest attendance was achieved by Willow with 97.2%



Dates for
the Diary:

28th October - 1st November 2024 - Half Term

w/c 4th November 2024 - we will be selling poppy merchandise



15th November 2024 - Children in Need Day

21st November 2024 - Year 6 Trip to Botanical Gardens

22nd November 2024 - Teacher Training Day

25th November 2024 - MAT Christmas Concert at Coventry Cathedral

13th December 2024 - Christmas Jumper Day

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

17th—21st February 2025 - Half Term

24th February 2025 - Teacher Training Day

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

New Menu

Autumn Winter Menu 2024/2025		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
WEEK ONE		NEW Tomato & Vegetable Pasta 		Cottage Pie with Gravy 		CHICKEN SHACK BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Diced Seasoned Potatoes & Sweetcorn Salsa 		Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice 		Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
04/11/24 25/11/24 16/12/24 20/01/25 10/02/25 10/03/25 31/03/25		Fajitas with Rice  Vegetables of the Day  Blackberry and Apple Crumble with Custard 		NEW Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice  Vegetables of the Day  Melting Moment Biscuit		Vegetables of the Day Fruit Platter 		NEW Cheese and Broccoli Pasta with Garlic Bread Vegetables of the Day Carrot Cake		NEW Cheese & Beans Puff Pastry with Chips & Tomato Sauce  Vegetables of the Day Chocolate Orange Cookie 	
WEEK TWO		Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza  Or Rainbow Pizza With Potato Wedges  Vegetables of the Day Marble Sponge Cake with Custard		Beef Burger With Potato Wedges Veggie Burger With Potato Wedges  Vegetables of the Day Jelly with Mandarins 		Sausage and Mash with Gravy Vegan Sausage and Mash with Gravy  Vegetables of the Day Fruit Medley 		Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice  NEW Mild Chilli with Rice  Vegetables of the Day Peach Cake		Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips & Tomato Sauce  Vegetables of the Day Oaty Cookie 	
WEEK THREE		Macaroni Cheese Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice  Vegetables of the Day Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie		Hot Dog with Potato Wedges Veggie Hot Dog with Potato Wedges  Vegetables of the Day Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard 		Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy Vegan Cottage Pie with Gravy  Vegetables of the Day Fruit Salad 		Spaghetti Bolognese  NEW Hot Pot Baked Bean Casserole with Rice  Vegetables of the Day NEW Savoury Cheese Scone		Breaded Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce Cheese and Pepper Omelette with Chips & Tomato Sauce Vegetables of the Day Vanilla Shortbread 	
MENU KEY		 Added Plant Power  Wholemeal  Vegan									
Available Daily: Fresh Bread – Salad Selection – Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt											
											

Term and Holiday Dates

Calendar Grids (2019-2020):

- Aug-24:** M T W T F S S. Days 1-31.
- Sep-24:** M T W T F S S. Days 1-30.
- Oct-24:** M T W T F S S. Days 1-31.
- Nov-24:** M T W T F S S. Days 1-30.
- Dec-24:** M T W T F S S. Days 1-31.
- Jan-25:** M T W T F S S. Days 1-31.
- Feb-25:** M T W T F S S. Days 1-28.
- Mar-25:** M T W T F S S. Days 1-31.
- Apr-25:** M T W T F S S. Days 1-30.
- May-25:** M T W T F S S. Days 1-31.
- Jun-25:** M T W T F S S. Days 1-30.
- Jul-25:** M T W T F S S. Days 1-31.

Legend:

- School Holiday (Light Blue)
- Public Holiday (Light Red)
- Teacher Training Day (+3 to be set by school) (Light Yellow)
- Secondary School Induction Day (Light Green)

Term Days Summary:

Term	Total days
Autumn Term	75
Spring Term	65
Summer Term	55

School Car Park

The gates to the school car park are closed in the mornings and again at the end of the school day. **This is for the childrens safety.** Parents and carers should not be opening the gates to use the car park unless this has been arranged beforehand with Mrs Cook. Thank you

As the weather gets colder

No that the weather is getting colder, please ensure all children wear a coat to school, also hats and gloves if necessary. Playtimes are outside unless it is raining. Thank you

Water Bottles

More and more children are coming to school without a water bottle, and are then asking for a plastic cup for a drink. As a school we are trying to reduce our use of single use plastic—please ensure all children have a named water bottle. Thank you

Dinner Money

Just a polite reminder that all school dinners should be paid for in advance, an increasing amount of admin time is taken up chasing dinner money. Thank you

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Get your children involved in our
FREE musical opportunities!

North Warwickshire Music Centre
Higham Lane School, Shanklin Drive, Nuneaton, CV10 0BJ

Wednesdays 4:15-5:45pm

Enrol Today!



Which group is best for my child?

Our groups are designed to cater for all levels of ability and to compliment your child's instrumental lessons. As a rough guide, the playing standards are listed below but our experienced group directors will advise you if they feel that your child is better placed in an alternative group.

Playtastic - Beginner musicians who can play 5 notes on their instrument. These students will have their own instrument and will be having lessons either with our tutors or outside of school. All instruments welcome! Age 7+

Training Orchestra - Grade 1-2 standard

Area Orchestra - Grade 3-5 standard

Rock Band - Guitar, drums, keys and vocals. Age 8+

Singtastic - **NEW!** Join our music centre choir, suitable for all! Age 5+

Brasstastic - **NEW!** First access group for any child who want to learn a brass instrument. No previous experienced necessary. Instruments will be available for your child to play in the session. Age 7+

What times do each of these groups run?

Please see the table below for the North Warwickshire Area Music Centre timings. Your child is welcome to attend more than one group subject to space and suitability.



4:15pm - 5:00pm	5:00pm - 5:45pm
Area Orchestra	
Rock Band	Training Orchestra
Singtastic	Playtastic
Brasstastic	

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.

Prayer

Thank you God for all
Your blessings to me
and my family. For the
strength You give me
each day and for all
the people around me
who make life more
meaningful...

