





Science Club



This half term our lunchtime science club has been focused on the theme 'movement and music' The children have enjoyed learning about kinetic energy by making exploding stars, how air resistance and forces affect a flying object, they made water bugs to explore the surface tension of water, were challenged with moving a paper clip from a cup using magnets and created their own musical instruments using different water levels and cone shapes.





















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Phonics Progression

Floppy's Phonics

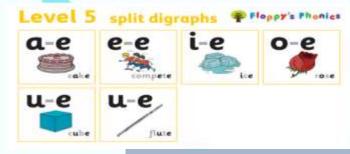












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Floppy's Phonics

Year 1 Phonics Screening



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In the Summer Term, all Year 1 children across the country will take part in the Phonics Screening Check. This is a short, one-to-one assessment with their teacher to see how well they can use their phonics skills to read. The check includes 40 words—some real and some made-up (called "alien words")—which children are asked to sound out and blend together.

You can support your child at home by making phonics practice part of your daily routine. Reading together regularly—especially books with simple, decodable words—helps build your child's confidence and fluency. Playing fun phonics games, spotting sounds in everyday words, or practising alien words together can also make learning feel enjoyable and relaxed.

Most importantly, keep it positive! Encouragement and praise go a long way in helping your child feel confident and ready for the check.

If you have any questions or would like some ideas for phonics games and activities, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher.





We are Sound Detectives!

We have been having lots of fun in our phonics lessons hunting down different sounds. We have all proved that we have fabulous detective skills, finding sounds in words written on fingerprints and also in words written in secret ink! Not only have we developed our ability to identify and find different sounds in words, supporting our reading, we have also improved our collaborative working. We worked so well as a team, sharing, taking turns and supporting one and other.















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PETS AS

Meet Tommy!

Tommy is a fully trained and insured Pets as Therapy dog who visits us at school each week.

Tommy comes with his owner, Carol, and each week they meet with carefully selected children as part of our programme of support.

Children participating in this support may be selected for any number of reasons; it may be that they need support in developing their confidence and self esteem, assistance to overcome anxieties or need to develop strategies to help them calm. Some children see Tommy because they require extra reading practise (Tommy is a great listener) or motivation— or many other reasons.

If you think that your child may benefit from this type of support then please speak to Mrs. Manley who wold be happy to add their name to our waiting list.









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Back by popular demand:

Break the Rules Day 2025

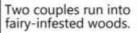
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What's that?

Wednesday 23rd April

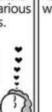
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A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM









Everyone falls in love with the wrong person.

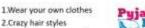


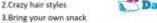


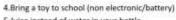
Who's this guy?

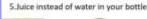


But what rules can I break?



















Choose any of the rules below to break on Wednesday 28th April 2025

You can break one rule for 50p or three for £1 or all 5 for £1.50. Please tick below which rules you would like to break and return with the cash to the school office by Monday 20th April 2025

Childs name: Clas

Rules:	Chosen:	
Wear your own clothes	N .	
Crazy hair styles		
Bring a toy to school (non-electronic only)		
Bring your own breaktime snack		
Juice instead of water in your bottle		

Funds raised go towards the school fund.

From your RSC Ambassadors – Imelda, Rafferty and Luke

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Invasion

Guided Reading

This week, we've had some thoughtful and

meaningful discussions in class, centred around empathy, anti-bullying, and the foundations of a healthy school community. Through reading, group discussion, and media exploration, the children deepened their understanding of important social themes and had the opportunity to reflect on the kind of culture we want to nurture within our school.

We continued reading our class text, pausing at key moments to explore how characters might be feeling and recording these insights using our Role on the Wall technique.

As we progressed through the story, we discussed the different forms of bullying and anti-social behaviour, using examples from the text to compare how characters acted and how their behaviour affected others. The children created Venn diagrams to analyse similarities and differences in their actions and reflected on the impact of these behaviours on a school environment.



Years 3 and 4



We watched a selection of BBC Newsround videos, which served as powerful conversation starters on issues such as kindness, inclusion, and mental health. The children discussed the tone, language and effectiveness of each video, identifying which phrases and styles best conveyed messages of positivity and reassurance.









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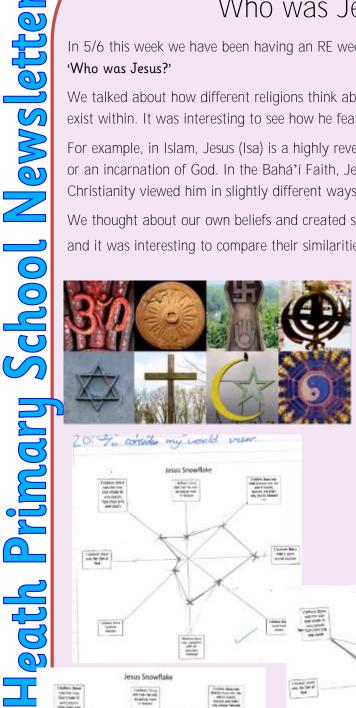
Who was Jesus?

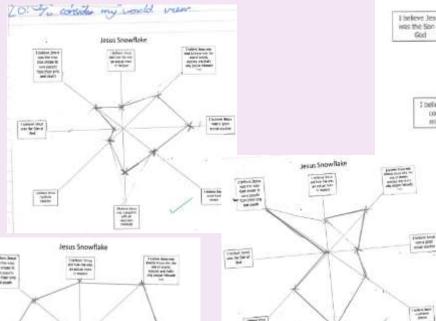
In 5/6 this week we have been having an RE week. We have been discussing the question 'Who was Jesus?'

We talked about how different religions think about Jesus, and which religions he does not exist within. It was interesting to see how he featured in many religions other than Christianity.

For example, in Islam, Jesus (Isa) is a highly revered prophet and the Messiah, but not considered the Son of God or an incarnation of God. In the Bahá'í Faith, Jesus is seen as a manifestation of God. Different branches of Christianity viewed him in slightly different ways, but all saw him as the son of God.

We thought about our own beliefs and created snowflakes to show what we believe. We shared our snowflakes and it was interesting to compare their similarities and differences.





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on octual man in believe Jesus was kind I believe Jesus was the may God chose to to those who the rest of society rejected and that's why people followed him save people I believe Jesus was a good moral teacher was the 5on of 1 believe Jesus could do could have Christian: Anglican

> It was interesting to see how our snowflakes differed, this shows that we have different World views.



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Emotional Wellbeing









Throughout our lives we are going to experience different challenges, both big and small. There will be times where these challenges are exciting and maybe other times where challenges could feel scary and uncertain. These different challenges will push us to try new things, build our resilience and teach us new things about ourselves and the world around us.

When taking on challenges, we learn that we can work towards goals, overcome any obstacles and be resilient even when something is difficult. A **growth mindset** can help us take on new challenges, it builds our confidence to have a go at things, increases our self-esteem and encourages us to keep trying, even if something doesn't work out the first time!

Our top tips for challenging ourselves:

- Set yourself some goals you would like to reach this time next year (long term goals).
 Perhaps these can be things you've always wanted to do but never tried before. Break your
 goals down into medium-term goals and short-term goals (goals you can set to work
 towards the long-term goal in a few weeks or months).
- Ask for help when needed. Challenging ourselves is not about getting through difficult times alone...sometimes we need a helping hand and that is okay!
- 3. Push yourself out of your comfort zone this week. You might want to try a new food, learn a new hobby, start a conversation with a different friend, or put your hand up in a lesson at school. Can you think of a SMART goal you would like to challenge yourself with this week? Follow the QR code to learn more about SMART goals: Bushes-sea
- 4. Read books with characters who overcome challenges. What strategies did the characters use to push through them? Follow the QR code to a list of books that help children face challenges: QR

#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSStars 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.

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.



Reading

Guide to Supporting Your Child's Reading

Questions to ask your child when reading fiction:

Predicting:

What do you think this book will be about based on the title and cover?

Have you read any books by this author before? What were they like?

What do you already know about this topic?

Understanding the Story:

What is happening in the story so far?

Who are the main characters? What do we know about them?

Where and when does the story take place?

Making Connections:

Does this story remind you of anything in your life? Have you read another book like this before? How do you think the character is feeling? Why? Vocabulary and Language:

What does this word mean? Can you use it in a sentence?

Are there any words that you don't understand?

How do the illustrations help to tell the story?

Encouraging Critical Thinking:

What do you think will happen next?

Why do you think the character made that choice? If you were in this situation, what would you do?

Summarising and Reflecting:

Can you tell me what happened in the story in your own words?

What was your favourite part? Why?

Did the book end the way you expected?

Extending the Story:

If you could ask the author one question, what would it be?

Can you think of a different ending to the story? What lesson did you learn from this book?

Filling in the reading record:

Primary School
Reading Diary
2024-25

When signing your child's reading record, please include the date that your child read, the title of the book (or the material that they read) and your initials.

You are welcome to include additional information about your child's engagement, comprehension and confidence or some praise if you would (and this is useful) but you don't have to.





REMEMBER...YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

- 1. Share a book with an adult at home at least 3 times each week (you can read your school reading book or any other reading material).
- 2. Ask the adult to sign your reading diary each time they share a book with you.
- 3. Make sure that your reading diary is in school each day. On Friday, bring this to the office and show the Learning Detectives. If your diary is signed 3 times or more for that week, you will receive a raffle ticket.
- 4. The raffle tickets will go to celebration assembly and prizes will be given each week for raffle tickets drawn.



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EASTER elebrations

Congratulations to the winners of our decorate an egg competition. It was a difficult decision but our Mental Health Ambassadors selected Nuvi, Eevee, Rafferty and Bella as

our winners.





A big thank you to children and families that donated and purchased cakes in our cake sale and joined in with our chocolate tombola this week. We raised a magnificent £130 and will use this to purchase a years subscription to First News so that the children can access important and interesting information from the media.



Thank you to families who attended our Easter bingo and to Mrs Thorneywork and colleagues who did a great job

of running this. This year, we raised a whopping £120.70 which the children will put towards playground games to enjoy this summer.







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Diary Dates





What a fabulous term we've had. As always, thank you to our wonderful children for making our school such a special place and to our families for your incredible support.

School is closed for the Easter Holidays between Monday 14th—Friday 25th April and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 28th April.

With best wishes from Mrs Westwood, Mrs Manley and all the staff at Lighthorne Heath Primary School.





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Co-operate

Persevere

Lighthorne Heath Learning Heroes

EYFS

Joshua is our Reception and Nursery class hero this week for listening carefully and joining in classroom games. Joshua was able to carefully say the next number higher or lower when we counted up to 10 and down in a circle. Well done Joshua!



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Years 1 and 2

Our Y 1 & 2 hero this week in Kyan. He has made some really good choices with his actions in the classroom and on the playground. This week in the classroom, Kyan has shown a great attitude towards his learning recently and has been a really supportive learning partner to others and has been able to share his knowledge and understanding to support his peers. Well done Kyan, keep up your hard work and great choices.



Concentrate

Be curious!

level of focus and determination in his work. Across all subjects, Mahfouz always provides them.

Well done!



Enjoy learning

Years 5 and 6

Mrs Cox's hero this week is Dee. After a rocky start to the week, they have shown determination and resilience, working hard and giving things a go. Keep it up, Dee.



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PRIMARY SCHOOL COMPETITION

Help us design the 2025 Soccer Aid for UNICEF Mascot T-shirt!

This is your chance to design a t-shirt that mascots will wear when they walk onto the pitch at Soccer Aid for UNICEF 2025 on Sunday 15th June!

The design needs to be imaginative, impactful, and meaningful, reflecting UNICEF's values and/or the rights of children. Keep the right sleeve free for the Soccer Aid for UNICEF logo and the rest is up to you!

Please note designs must not include offensive language, inappropriate content or any names or logos.

Entries must be submitted by midday on Thursday 24th April 2025 FRONT Keep sleeve free for Soccer Aid logo





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Attendance and Punctuality



GOOD ATTENDANCE

MEANS BEING IN SCHOOL AT LEAST 95% OF THE TIME... OR HAVING NO MORE THAN 8 DAYS OFF!





Name and Address of the Owner, where the Owner, which the



& GROW!

DAYS
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96% ATTENDANCE





LESS TIME IN SCHOOL MEANS LESS TIME TO BECOME THE VERY BEST YOU!









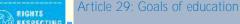






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Lighthorne Heath Skatepark



Enquiries email: Emma.Hills@trustgreen.com











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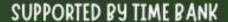
LET'S COME TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR VILLAGE A CLEANER,
GREENER PLACE! GRAB YOUR GLOVES AND HELP US PICK UP
LITTER, FOLLOWED BY A PICNIC IN THE SHOW ROOM
GARDENS IN UPPER LIGHTHORNE - EVERY HAND MAKES A
DIFFERENCE.

SATURDAY 12 APRIL

11AM - 1PM

MEET AT UPPER LIGHTHORNE ALLOTMENTS

LITTER PICKERS AND BIN BAGS WILL BE PROVIDED
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED AFTERWARDS, BUT PLEASE
BRING YOUR OWN FOOD FOR A PICNIC.







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CALLING ALL CREATIVE MINDS! 40

Are you passionate about protecting wildlife and the environment? This is your chance to MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Competition: Design a Poster for Our Litter Picking Campaign! **

We're looking for an eye-catching poster that highlights the importance of keeping our local area clean, protecting wildlife, and caring for our planet.

PRIZE: The winning design will be used in our local campaign in conjunction with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust AND receive a special prize!

Deadline: 1st May

Theme: Wildlife & Our Environment

Get Creative & Help Spread the Message!

Judged by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust 🙎

Submit your entries now and be part of the change.

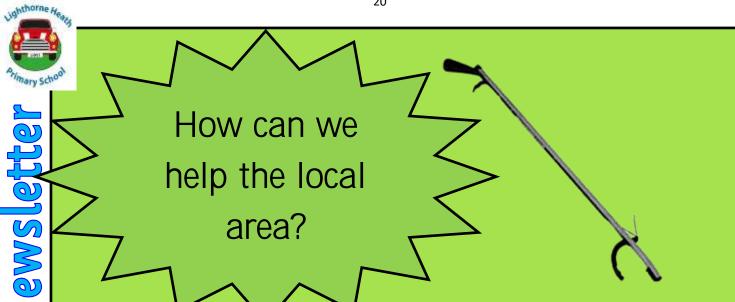
Together, we can protect nature! 🜿 🥾 🚓





For more details or to submit your entry, contact: Catherine Stacey - cathstacey@hotmail.com





At Lighthorne Heath Primary School our Eco Committee are working hard to raise the awareness of issues relating to the climate and environment. Last week we led an assembly talking about litter. The children knew lots about why litter is so bad for the environment and the animals that live locally.

You can borrow our litter picking equipment if you wish to do some litter picking in your local area. We would love to hear about how much you collect and see some photos!

Please speak to Mrs Hendriksen and Mrs Tencuse in the office if you would like to borrow some litter pickers. Please make sure you wear gloves and wash your hands after use!

Plastics on the floor break down and end up in the soil which can then put microplastics in our food.

Animals can get hurt by litter.

Animals might think the litter is food and try to eat it.

Litter looks horrible and ruins the look of our area.

Litter can be sharp and hurt people.



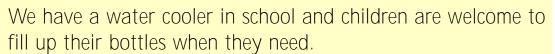


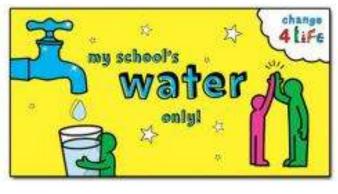
We want to provide the healthiest possible environment for all our children to thrive.

Please remember that we are a water only school and children are not permitted to bring juice or squash to drink during the day. This is in line with NHS advice.

We have a water cooler in school and children are welcome to fill up their bottles when they need.

The NHS states that the best drinks to give children are water and milk.









Children should avoid sugary fizzy drinks, squash and juice drinks completely. Children who drink a lot of sugary drinks are more likely to become overweight. The added sugar in these drinks can also damage teeth.







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Warwickshire County Council

Warwickshire Libraries have a new timetable for their new electric vehicles and visit Lighthorne Heath.

Each mobile library has:

- A selection of books, including large print
- Spoken word
- Books for young children

Contact the Mobile Library Service

Email: mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk

Telephone: 01926 851031



Mobile

The Mobile library will be here from 15:15 to 15:35

This route will operate on:

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22 April 2025

19 May 2025

16 June 2025

14 July 2025

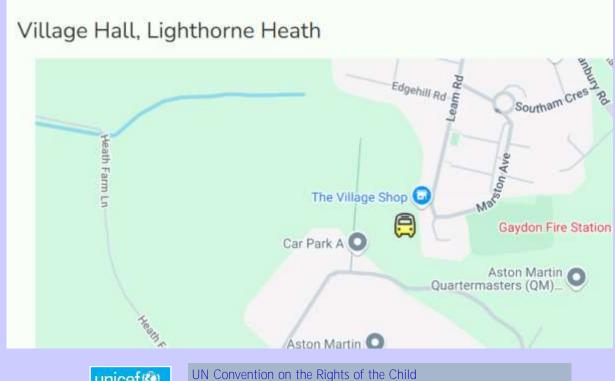
11 August 2025

8 September 2025

6 October 2025

3 November 2025

1 December 2025





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Week three

Warwickshire, Coventry: 28/04, 19/05, 16/06, 07/07, 01/09, 22/09, 13/10 Oxfordshire: 28/04, 19/05, 16/06, 07/07, 01/09, 22/09, 13/10

Choose a main meal...

(v) Cheese and Tomato Pizza Wedge served with Seasoned Potato Wedges (G.D)

Vegetarian Only

(v) Jacket Potato with Cheese (D)

Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), or (vg) Baked Beans

Choose a main meal...

(h) British Beef Bolognaise served with Garlic Bread (G/ chéese D)

Vegetarian Only

(h)(vg) Vegetarian Bolognaise with Garlic Bread (G.SB)

Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (vg) Baked Beans

Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST British Roast Pork Slice, Apple Sauce and Gravy

Vegetarian Only

(vg) Classic Quom Roast with Gravy (G) Crispy Roast Potatoes

Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (vg) Baked Beans

Choose a main meal..

Beef Burger in a Bun served with Crispy Diced Potatoes (G.SB.SU)

Vegetarian Only

(vg) Plant power burger in a Bun with Crispy Diced Potatoes (G)

Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (vg) Baked Beans

Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY (msc) Fish Fillet Fingers (G.F) served with Chipped Potatoes

Vegetarian Only

(vg) Breaded Vegetable Fingers with Chipped Potatoes (G)

Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (vg) Baked Beans

MONDAY

On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...

(v)(h) Crunch Cookie (G) Fresh Fruit

TUESDAY

On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...

(v)(h) Lemon / Orange Drizzle Cake (G.E.) Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY

On the side...

Fresh Salad Bar Vegetables of the Day

For dessert.

(v) Strawberry Whip with Fruit (D) Fresh Fruit

THURSDAY

On the side... Fresh Salad Bar

Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...

(v)(h) Chocolate Frosted Sponge (G.E.D)

Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Peas or Baked Beans For dessert...

(v) Ice Cream (D) Fresh Fruit

Educaterers' New

Menu

Next week we will be on Week 3 of the new Educaterers menu.

Free School Meals

If you think that you may be eligible for free school meals applications can be made online at https:// www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ education-learning/applyfree-school-meals



Mrs. Manley and Mrs
Hendriksen are happy to
help with FSM
applications, please ask if
you require assistance.





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Our healthy school meals are provided by Educaterers. A new menu has been launched and we will begin serving this after the Easter break.

Did you know that Educaterers has a website where you can find out more about their company values, the ingredients that are used in our school meals and about their menus? Educaterers also has a recipe book that you can download if you would like to have a go at creating delicious and healthy

treats at home.











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Thursday 8th May marks 80 years since V.E. Day. This is a very special day being

celebrated nationally and we would like to hold a special event in school to mark the occasion.

All parents are welcome to join us from 2.15pm on the school field for tea and cake. The children are preparing to sing a few songs, including the national anthem.

Please could children wear red, white and blue on the day. We'd appreciate donations of cake to help make the day a success.



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Family and Relationships Support







A guide to free support available to Warwickshire families











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Competition

TO NAME OUR FLEET CYCLES





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Stop norovirus spreading

Norovirus, also known as the 'winter vomiting bug', is the most common stomach bug in the UK. It can spread easily through close contact, or by contaminated surfaces, food or water.

The main symptoms of norovirus include a sudden onset of nausea, followed by projectile vomiting and diarrhoea, usually 1 to 2 days after becoming infected. Other common symptoms include a high fever, a headache and aching arms and legs.

Good hand hygiene is important to stop norovirus spreading.

To stop norovirus spreading, you should:

- wash your hands thoroughly using soap and warm water after using the toilet or contact with a sick individual and before preparing and eating food.
- stay off school or work until you have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least two days.
- not rely on alcohol gels instead of washing your hands, as these do not kill the virus
- wash any contaminated clothing or bedding using detergent at 60°C using disposable gloves to handle any items
- use bleach-based cleaners to disinfect surfaces

If you catch it, stay home for 48 hours after your symptoms clear



Most people will make a full recovery in 2-3 days without needing any medicine. It is important to keep hydrated – especially children and the elderly.

Try not to visit A&E or GP surgeries if you have symptoms of norovirus unless advised to do so by a healthcare professional, as this may spread the bug to others. Call ahead to a GP or ring NHS 111 if you are worried about your symptoms.

Further Information is available at NHS 111 or NHS.uk (https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/)



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family lives

A number of free online parenting courses are available to
Warwickshire families. These are a great way to get advice and
learn new skills in the comfort of your own home and at times to suit you. All of
the courses are filled with helpful techniques and ideas developed by our
experienced parenting professionals to help you become a confident and happy

experienced parenting professionals to help you become a confident and happy parent. Crucially, you can do our course whenever and wherever suits you and work through it at our own pace.

Follow the link via the QR code above or access these courses and other support via: https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses













Giving praise effectively 9 easy steps to give praise effectively



Steps for empathy 10 easy steps to show and develop your empathy



Time to calm down 10 steps for giving time to calm down



Choices and consequences 7 steps for giving choices and consequences



Active ignoring 8 steps for active ignoring unwanted behaviour



Problem solving 7 steps for problem solving





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SAFELINE'S PARENT WORKSHOP

HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE!

Online Safety Workshop Wednesday 9th of April 2025 5-6pm

This workshop provides key knowledge around how social media/apps can be used safely and the risks/dangers of the online world.

If you would like to attend please confirm by emailing ramandeepd@safeline.org.uk please include your child's school name

Please join by going into Zoom and putting in Meeting ID: 765 294 7590









WEEK ONE

Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th of April 25'

WEEK TWO

Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th & Friday 25th of April 25'

TIME - 9am to 3pm ADDRESS- Lighthorne Heath Village Hall, Valiant Close, CV33 9UF

AGES - Open to Children aged 5-13

Football

Multi Sports

- Games and Activities
- Themed Days Egg Hunt

£20 per day

£70 for a whole week

Book online at

www.upperlighthornefootballclub.co.uk/holidayclub or message us on 07466 169120



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School admissions





Warwickshire County Council

If you have a child who is due to start Reception or Year 7 next September, you need to apply for their school place. Applications can be made via the Warwickshire School Admissions Service. Visit their website for more information https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals.

Applying for a primary school place

1 November Application opens

15 January

Closing date for applications 1 February

Extended closing date for house moves 16 April

National offer day

2 June

Deadline for submitting appeals

Applying for a secondary school place

1 September Application opens

31 October

Closing date for applications 31 December

Extended closing date for house moves 3 March

National Offer Day

31 March

Deadline for submitting appeals