



Newsletter 37

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The national group of schools



Reception

On the Beach



To celebrate the end of the school year, Reception took part in a Beach Day at school. The children had great fun making sandcastles, searching for shells and rock pool creatures, playing with beach balls, splashing in the water, visiting a sweet shop, enjoying ice cream, and eating some delicious chips.

It was so lovely to see the children having such a fantastic time. We hope all of the children have a brilliant summer holiday!



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Exciting news from Lighthorne Heath Primary School

We are delighted to announce that, from September 2026, our Nursery will be expanding to offer 30 hours/wk. term time provision for eligible 3 and 4 year olds.

- ✓ Fully funded places available
- ✓ Welcoming, nurturing environment
- ✓ Experienced Early Years team

We are now taking enquiries for September starters and beyond. To find out more, please email admin2064@welearn365.com. Visits welcome.



Art – Take One Picture.

This half term, Year 1 and Year 2 have been taking part in the Take One Picture project, inspired by A Muse (Calliope). The project began with the children becoming art detectives! They were each given a different section of the painting and had to work together to work out how the pieces connected and what story the picture might be telling.

The children carefully placed the pieces onto a large sheet of paper, discussing clues they could see in the colours, shapes and characters. They thought deeply about how the different parts of the painting linked together and what was happening in the scene. It was wonderful to hear the imaginative stories and ideas that the children created as they explored the artwork.

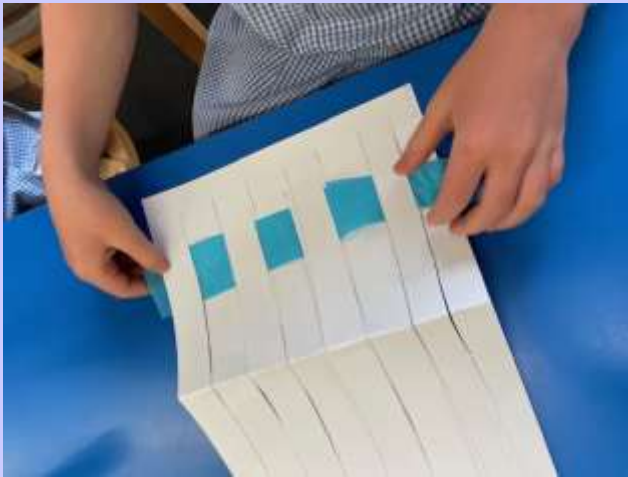
One character appeared in many of the children's stories – the sea dragon! The children were fascinated by this mysterious creature and were eager to learn more about it. Their curiosity led us to focus on the dragon in greater detail.

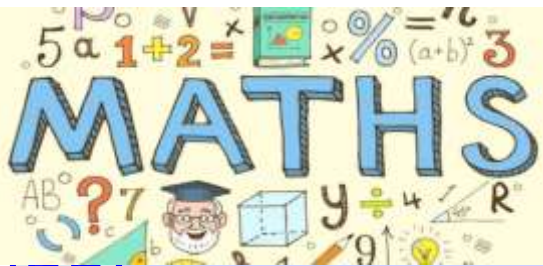
Next, the children were each given a section of the sea dragon and challenged to complete the missing parts using a range of pastel colours. They experimented with blending shades and creating different textures to bring the dragon to life. The finished pieces were vibrant, imaginative and full of personality.

Finally, the children used weaving techniques and knot tying to create their own 3D sea dragons using a range of recycled materials. They carefully threaded, tied and assembled different objects to build unique dragon sculptures. This activity encouraged creativity, problem solving and fine motor skills, while also helping the children think about how recycled materials can be reused in exciting and imaginative ways.



Looking at Learning



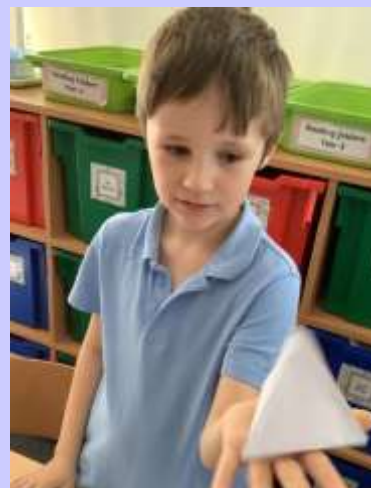


This week, Year 3 and 4 have been developing their understanding of 2D and 3D shapes through a range of practical and engaging mathematical activities.

The children explored the properties of a variety of shapes, learning to identify and describe them using accurate mathematical vocabulary. They investigated the number of sides, angles and vertices in 2D shapes, as well as the faces, edges and vertices of 3D shapes. They also compared and sorted shapes according to their properties, explaining their reasoning with confidence



One of the highlights of the unit was investigating nets of 3D shapes. Pupils carefully examined how flat 2D nets fold together to create three-dimensional objects before designing and constructing their own accurate nets. This hands-on approach helped deepen their understanding of the relationship between 2D and 3D shapes while developing their spatial reasoning and problem-solving skills.





Use 5-star rated, high-SPF sun cream



Drink plenty of water



Cover up with a hat and long sleeves



Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes



Stay in the shade between 11 to 3

As the hot weather continues and the summer holidays approach, we would like to remind all families of the importance of staying safe in the sunshine.

Please ensure that children come to school with sun cream applied and with a hat and filled water bottle (we have a water cooler in school for them to refill from). In school, staff employ a number of measures to keep the children safe and comfortable. This includes keeping classrooms well ventilated, the use of fans, use of shaded outdoor spaces and encouraging children to keep hydrated.

It is also important to continue to follow safety guidance at home. This includes supervising children around water including paddling pools at home. Follow the QR code for more tips on staying safe in and near water.



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CLASS OF 2026



As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, we bid a fond farewell to our fantastic Year 6 pupils, the Class of 2026. They have been an important part of our school community, showing kindness, resilience, determination and enthusiasm throughout their time with us. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved. As they take the next exciting step on their journey to secondary school, we wish each and every one of them every success, happiness and confidence for the future.



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Diary Dates



As we reach the end of another successful school year, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our parents and carers for your continued kindness, support and partnership throughout the year. Your encouragement and involvement make such a difference to our school community, and we are very grateful.

We hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing and safe summer break, filled with happy memories and time to enjoy with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Wednesday 2nd September**, ready for another exciting year of learning.



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



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Upcoming Changes & Expansion to Free School Meals (FSM)

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

We are writing to inform you about important national changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility that will come into effect from the start of the 2026/27 school year.

Please be aware this does not change the entitlement of everyone in Early Years and Key Stage One (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) to be entitled to Universal Free School Meal (UFSM). All pupils in these three years are entitled to a Free School Meal daily and you do not need to complete any forms to enable your child to access this.

The UK Government has confirmed that, from September 2026, all children in England whose households receive Universal Credit will be entitled to Free School Meals, regardless of their overall household income.

What is Changing?

Under current rules, families must earn below £7,400 per year (after tax and not including benefits) to qualify for free school meals. From September 2026, this earnings threshold will no longer apply — any family receiving Universal Credit will be eligible. This change is expected to support over half a million additional pupils across England.

What This Means for Your Family

- No income cap: If your household receives Universal Credit, your child will be eligible.
- Financial savings: Families could save up to £505 per child per year on school lunches.
- Support for wellbeing: Access to a nutritious daily meal has been shown to improve children's health, concentration, and learning outcomes.

When Will This Happen?

The new entitlement will begin at the start of the school year in September 2026. Schools nationwide are preparing now to accommodate the increased number of children who will receive meals. We, as your school's caterer, are fully prepared to support this fantastic new initiative and are keen to support even more pupils with access to our exciting and nutritionally balanced lunches each day. Remember this a free lunch every day of the school year.

Do Parents Need to Apply?

Yes. Although eligibility will cover all families on Universal Credit, parents, guardians and carers will still need to apply for free school meals so the school can process and confirm entitlement. Applications are expected to open before the start of the 2026 school year, typically requiring your National Insurance Number and Universal Credit Reference Number. The new rule also means that you will need to apply each year for free school meals as the once registered rollover will stop.

Monday



(v)(h) Mac 'n' Cheese (G.D)

or



(v) Cheese (D)

Tuesday



(h) Beef Lasagne (G.D)

or



(vg) Garden Vegetable Fingers (G)

Wednesday



Roast Chicken Fillet
Yorkshire Pudding (G.E.D)

or



(v) Plant Power Toad
in the Hole (G.E.D)

Thursday



Park Hot Dog (G.SU.SB)

or



(v)(h) Vegetable Curry

Friday



Salmon Fishcake (F.G)

or



(v) Cheese & Tomato Pizza Wed

Educaterers' New Menu

Our first week back at school will be week 3 Jacket potato and choice of fillings available daily

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/apply-free-school-meals>



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

Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health



10 Keys to Happier Living

Everyone's path to happiness is unique. However, the latest research suggests that there are 10 key factors that consistently contribute to a happier and more fulfilling life. To learn more about these evidence-based principles and discover practical ways to apply them in everyday life, visit [Action for Happiness](#).



Giving

Do kind things for others



Relating

Connect with people



Exercising

Take care of your body



Awareness

Live life mindfully



Trying Out

Keep learning new things



Direction

Have goals to look forward to



Resilience

Find ways to bounce back



Emotions

Look for what's good



Acceptance

Be comfortable with who you are



Meaning

Be part of something bigger

Lighthorne Heath Learning Heroes

Reception

Mrs Gill's Lighthorne Heath Heroes this week are all of the children in Reception. We are so proud of the fantastic progress they have made and of the wonderful first year at school they have had. It has been lovely to see them grow and develop throughout the year. Well done, Reception!



Co-

Years 1 & 2

This week we have chosen Tino as our hero for demonstrating perseverance, determination and a creative mind when completing his model 'sea dragon.' Tino showed great support to others, helping them to tie knots to create the tail for their model and with the paper weaving when they were struggling. What a great team player you are Tino!

Have a go



Concentrate

Years 3 & 4

Mrs Madahar has chosen Archie as this week's Year 3 and 4 Lighthorne Hero! Archie shows genuine kindness and politeness every single day. He always makes the right choices and is such a positive role model for everyone in the class. He has been a wonderful member of Year 4 this year, consistently demonstrating the learning characters and setting an excellent example for others. Well done, Archie!



Be curious!

Years 5 & 6

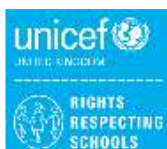
All of Year 6 have been heroes this week. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and wish them a future filled with happiness, success, and love.



Enjoy learning

Keep improving

Use your imagination



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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?

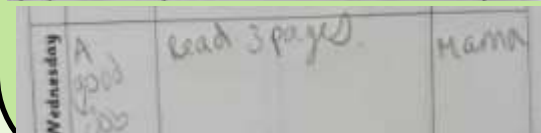
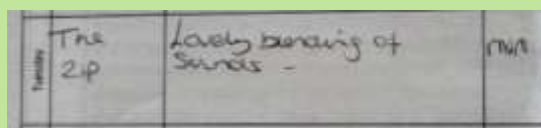
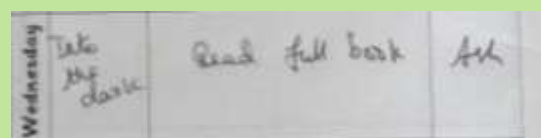
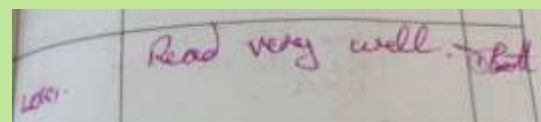
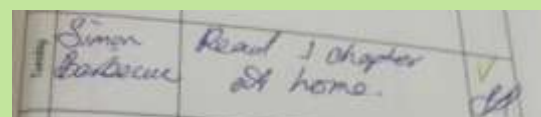
Encouraging Critical Thinking:

What do you think will happen next?

Filling in the reading record:

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.



Activities to help children move more every day

Children need 60 minutes of physical activity each day, with at least 30 minutes of that outside of school. You don't need to buy expensive equipment or find lots of extra time to make a difference. Every bit of movement adds up to support their health and wellbeing.

Need some inspiration? The NHS advice pages have lots of ideas to help! Whatever your family enjoys, there's a fun way to get moving together.



Not sure where to start? Take the sports and activities quiz!
Answer 3 quick questions to discover the perfect sports, activities and a Disney game tailored to your child's interests.



Indoor activities for kids
We have loads of fun ideas for staying at home games and activities to keep the kids active when they're inside.



10 Minute Shake Up games
Have you tried our Disney, Pixar and Marvel inspired games? Shake Up activities are fun for all the family – and a great way for kids to get active!



Accessible activities
Explore tips and activities designed to help kids with additional needs stay active in ways that work best for them.



Why being active matters

There are lots of good reasons for kids to be active! Research shows that physical activity helps school-age children in lots of ways.

Here are some of the benefits of staying active:



Improves behaviour, self-confidence and social skills



Improves attention levels and performance at school



Develops co-ordination



Strengthens muscles and bones



Improves health and fitness



Maintains healthy weight



Helps them sleep better



Improves mood and makes them feel good



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Early Support Team Family Support Drop in Sessions

Stratford Children's Centre Every **Thursday 12.30-3pm**

Alcester Children's Centre Every **Wednesday 1-3pm**

Lighthorne Heath Children's Centre Every **Wednesday 1-3pm**

We can offer Support with...

Health and wellbeing

Supporting your Child's Mental Health

Understanding your Child's Behaviour

Behaviour Management

Developing Routines and Boundaries

Parenting Advice

Guidance and Support

So Much More...

**Pop in for a Relaxed Chat, Cuppa and
Support or Call us on**

Early Support Duty Line 01926414144

Monday-Friday between 9am-4pm



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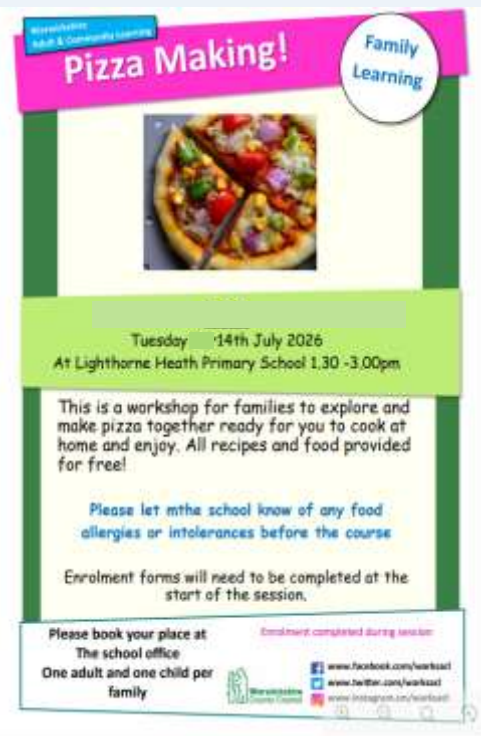
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Thank you to our children and families who joined our family pizza making session on Tuesday. It was wonderful to see everyone working together, getting creative with their toppings, and enjoying time together. We hope you enjoyed making and eating them!

Thank you for your enthusiasm and support, we look forward to welcoming you to our next family event



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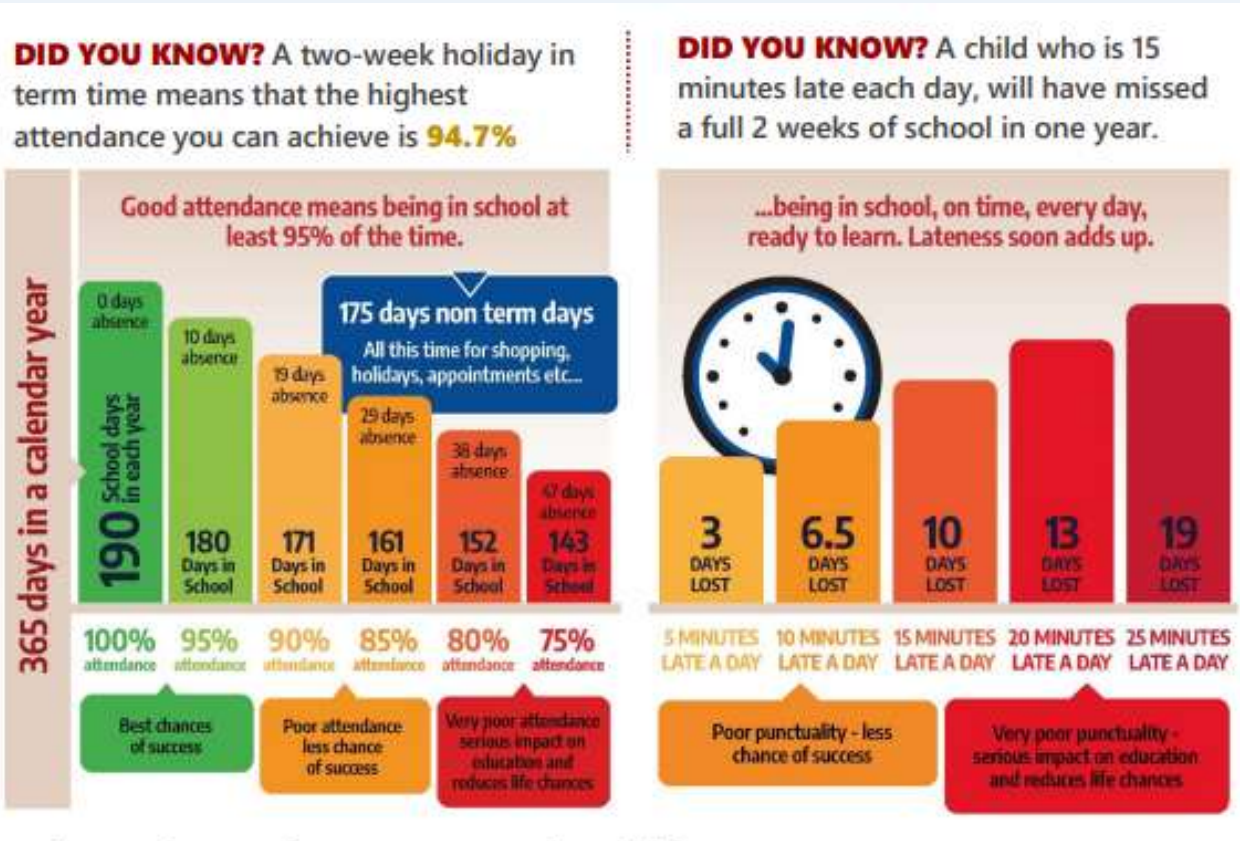
Attendance Matters

Regular school attendance is essential for every child's learning, wellbeing, and future success. At our school, we are committed to promoting good attendance and working proactively with families to ensure all pupils benefit from being in school every day they can.

Attendance is everyone's responsibility. Good attendance supports academic achievement, personal development, safeguarding, and welfare. The most effective schools consistently promote the benefits of attending school regularly and on time.

Parents and carers have a legal responsibility to ensure their child receives a suitable full-time education and attends school every day unless there is a valid reason for absence, such as illness, authorised leave in exceptional circumstances,. If your child is absent, please contact the school as early as possible on the first day to explain the reason.

Thank you for your continued support in helping every child make the most of their education.



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Active kids this Summer!



WAF

FREE
Holiday Club
for EVERY
Lighthorne Heath
Pupil!

Book early –
places are limited!



SPORTS



CREATIVE
ACTIVITIES



HEALTHY
MEALS



NEW
FRIENDS



OUTDOOR
FUN

LUNCH INCLUDED!
Nutritious meals every day



A fun, safe and welcoming holiday club
run by the Onside Coaching team.



TIMES
9.30am – 3.30pm



AT
Lighthorne Heath
Primary School



FOR CHILDREN
Reception
to Year 6

Reception to Year 6
(All LH pupils)

WEEK 3

Monday 3rd to
Thursday 6th August

WEEK 4

Monday 10th to
Thursday 13th August

WEEK 5

Monday 17th to
Thursday 20th August

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Online Safety Information

Be smart on the internet

S SAFE Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

M MEETING Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

A ACCEPTING Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

R RELIABLE Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

t TELL Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

THINK UK KNOW

www.kidsmart.org.uk

KidSMART Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.

Childnet International
www.childnet.com



Some useful information for parents and carers, including online webinars can be accessed via The National College (formerly National Online Safety). At school, we teach the children about safe online behaviours but it is important that these messages are reinforced at home at that parents and carers are aware of how to support their children if issues arise.

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

14 May

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

2 March

National Offer Day

27 March

Deadline for
submitting appeals



The Mental Health in Schools Team presents:

Calm: a worry workshop for families

We are hosting several '**worry**' focused workshops over the summer holidays for parents/carers to attend **with** their **primary school aged child(ren)**. These are activity based and expected to last between **90 mins to two hours**. Please note, simple refreshments are provided but please bring drinks/snacks as required – there will be breaks!

This workshop will help you and your child understand what worries and anxiety are, and how they show up in thoughts, feelings and the body. We will explore a range of practical tools you can try together, such as breathing, grounding and helpful thinking. The session is interactive, with opportunities to take part in ways that feel comfortable for you.

Lillington Children Family Centre

3 Mason Avenue, CV32 7QE

Friday 7th August – 9:30am

Friday 28th August – 9:30am

Stratford Childrens Family Centre

Drayton Avenue, CV37 9PB

Monday 10th August – 1:00pm

Stratford Childrens Family Centre

Drayton Avenue, CV37 9PB

Thursday 20th August – 1:00pm

If you would like to register for one of these dates, please scan the QR code which will provide you with an email to send to our team. Or email mhst@covwarkpt.nhs.uk





**Children and
Young People Services**
Mental Health

The Mental Health in Schools Team presents:

Five ways to wellbeing

Join our fun and interactive Five Ways to Wellbeing workshops designed for children and parents to explore simple activities that support positive mental health. Through games, movement, and creative tasks, families will learn practical ways to connect, stay active, build confidence, and manage emotions together.

Our sessions are inclusive, flexible, and supportive—ensuring every child can take part in a way that feels comfortable for them.

We are hosting several workshops over the summer holidays for parents/carers to attend **with** their **primary school aged child(ren)**. The workshops are activity based and we expect them to last around **2 - 3 hours**.

Please note, simple refreshments are provided but please bring drinks/snacks as required – there will be breaks!

Orchard House Family Room 1
83 Radford Road, CV31 1JQ

Tuesday 28th July – 10:30am

Monday 3rd August – 10:30am

Orchard House Family Room 1
83 Radford Road, CV31 1JQ

Tuesday 18th August – 9:30pm

Thursday 27th August 9:30am

Stratford Health Care Centre
Arden Street
Stratford-Upon-Avon
CV37 6NQ

**Wednesday 12th August –
10:00am**

If you would like to register for one of these dates, please scan the QR code which will provide you with an email to send to our team. Or email mhst@covwarkpt.nhs.uk





The Mental Health in Schools Team present:

Worried about moving up to secondary school? Transitions workshop

Starting secondary school is a big change for both children and families. This workshop brings children and parents/carers together to understand common worries and learn simple, practical strategies to manage them. It will help you feel more prepared, confident, and able to support your child through the transition.

We are hosting several 'transitions' focused workshops over the summer holidays for **parents/carers and their year 6, going into year 7** child(ren). These are activity based and expected to last 1 hour – 90 minutes. Please note, simple refreshments are provided but please bring drinks/snacks as required – there will be breaks!

Lillington Children Family Centre

3 Mason Avenue, CV32 7QE

Friday 31st July – 9:30am

Stratford Childrens Family Centre

Drayton Avenue, CV37 9PB

Thursday 6th August - 1:00pm

Monday 24th August – 1:00pm

Orchard House Family Room 1

83 Radford Road, CV31 1JQ

Thursday 13th August 9:30am

If you would like to register for one of these dates, please scan the QR code which will provide you with an email to send to our team. Or email mhst@covworkpt.nhs.uk





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Family Learning

What is Family Learning?

Family Learning takes place among family members including parents, grandparents and carers. Families learn together, in a relaxed atmosphere and parents and carers discover how their children learn and develop.

Family Learning includes courses for adults and children together as well as adult only courses, including adult-only qualifications.

Examples of courses are Family Food, Understanding your Child, Story and Number Explorers (REAL programme), Play and Learn, Film Club, Story Sacks, and more!

These types of Family Learning courses are always FREE. They help you to help your child with reading, maths, wellbeing and more!

Our qualification courses

Our qualifications for parents and carers who want to develop their knowledge and skills to help their own families and gain a qualification alongside! They also suit people who want to work with children and families and are looking for a way to do that that fits into family life.

Level 1 Moving On has topics around family life, like 'Family Cooking', 'Making and Using Story Sacks', 'Using Crafts with Children', 'Family Relationships' and more! This course is FREE.

Our Level 2 Supporting Teaching and Learning is a qualification for those working in support roles in education, or those who want to in the future. Topics include 'Understanding children's learning and development', 'Enabling Effective Learning Environments', 'Building Professional Relationships', 'Promoting Positive Behaviour' and more!

Flyers for our courses have been sent to your child's school. Ask for a copy of the parent flyer or qualification flyer, if you are interested.

Family Learning and University of Warwick

Did you know, if you complete a Family Learning qualification you get a **guaranteed interview** on one of these degree courses at the University of Warwick:

BA (Hons) Early Childhood

BA (Hons) Child and Family: Health and Wellbeing

Please see university website for fee information, terms and conditions about their courses. More information on the qualification flyers.

Those who complete a Family Learning qualification get a **guaranteed interview** at University of Warwick!

Express Interest in Level 1: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/7B6czA60Vp>

Express Interest in Level 2: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/j42Epxpnqc>

If you are interested in finding out more about Family Learning, please email FamilyLearningACL@warwickshire.gov.uk

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN UPPER LIGHTHORNE



→ Indoor Short Mat Bowls

Mondays 5:30 pm during term-time
Lighthorne Heath Primary School Stratford Road
£2 per week (first 2 weeks free).



→ Allotment Sessions

Tuesdays at 2 pm and Saturday at 10 am throughout the year
Allotment off Coppice Avenue
All are welcome.
Contact: allotments.upperlighthorne@gmail.com



→ Free Community Health Walk

2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month
11am meet at the Lighthorne Heath Village Hall
Free refreshments afterwards - all welcome.

→ Outdoor Community Pétanque

Wednesdays at 2 pm
Avon Valley Bowls Club Lighthorne Heath
£1 per week - all welcome



→ Free Chair Exercise

Thursdays at 1 pm at Lighthorne Heath Village Hall.

→ Indoor Bowls for Health Programme

Free six-week programme
Starts Thursday, March 13th 6:30 pm,
Avon Valley Bowls club in Lighthorne Heath.
New programmes run throughout the year.



→ Contact emma.hills@trustgreen.com or pop into our Time Bank Cafe at the Lighthorne Heath Village Hall on **Wednesdays** between 11 am - 1 pm or our Warm Hub coffee morning 11 am - 2 pm for more details of what's happening in Upper Lighthorne.

For more top tips on being active visit: www.thinkactive.org

Village Hall, Lighthorne Heath 3:15-3:45

2026:

5th Jan, 2nd Feb, 2nd March, 30th March,
27th April, 26th May, 22nd June, 20th
July, 17th August, 14th September, 12th
October, 9th November, 7th December



Each mobile library stocks:

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

For more information, call (01926) 851031 or visit our website at
warwickshire.gov.uk/mobilelibraries
To see our current routes, go to:
https://apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/MobileLibraries/library_routes