



Welcome to Our Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back! Lovely to see all children after the half term break. The children and teachers are eager to start learning again, and there have been a few WOW days already! Keep an eye on Twitter and our school website for photos of these.

We are aware of an incident in the holiday that took place in Newbold and are supporting those affected. If anyone would like some support, please do get in touch with the school.

As always, school staff endeavour to ensure children are safe and happy whilst attending Long Lawford. However, if you have any concerns regarding your child's time in school, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to help. If you are not satisfied with the response from your child's class teacher, please speak to the Deputy Head that oversees your child's key stage (Mrs. Hetherington for EYFS and KS1 and Mrs. Barton for KS2). Please do not discuss school business on social media (including facebook, instagram, twitter and WhatsApp etc.) as this may hinder the response the school is able to give you. The teaching team endeavours to resolve all concerns you have quickly, so that your child is happy in school.

Parking - Please be vigilant of children that may be making their way to school - there have been a couple of near misses recently which have been highlighted with the local traffic team.

LLCA - Come and visit the photos in the school office and vote for the ones you like best! These will be added to a permanent display in the village.

Aldi Cards - This has finished now. Thank you so much for helping us fill Two Sheets, these will be sent off and be entered into the competition to win £20,000. We have our fingers crossed that we win.

Staff news - Miss Mahoney got married during half term and is now Mrs Carter, and Mrs Jones had a beautiful baby boy. Congratulations to them all.

Front Doors - Please note that as from today the front doors to the school reception desk will be locked at all times. Parents and visitors requiring access to this area need to press the buzzer on the intercom outside the doors to be given access. Thank you.

Menu - The menu has not changed, an updated version is on the App and has the correct dates on.

Shoe boxes - A massive thank you to all families who have brought in a shoe box or an item for a shoe box. There is still time to send them in as a completed box or any items to go in a shoe box as the deadline has been extended till Monday. This is a wonderful charity that we have supported for many years; seeing the photos of children, who have so little, receiving these gifts makes all the effort worthwhile.

Margaret Patrick LLPS Governor and Shoe Box volunteer

I visited school a before half term to talk to the children about our annual appeal to collect Christmas Shoe boxes for children in countries such as Romania, Belarus and Bosnia. Leaflets have been sent home with further details on what the shoe boxes should contain. As I explained to the children, we are happy to receive completed boxes or donations towards them, whatever you can do to help. Last year we put together 2500 boxes and hope to match or exceed this number this year.

The children listened very well and were able to ask and answer challenging questions during the assembly.

Monday November 11th will be the extended deadline for returning boxes or donations to school. Thank you for your support.

Children Collection

Please can we remind parents and carers that we are unable to let children leave school or clubs unless an adult is there to collect them or they have walking home permission for years 5 and 6.

We do not allow children to be collected by anyone under the age of 16.



Please can we remind parents that we are a nut free school. Please do not bring nuts or nut products to school in lunchboxes, including Nutella and other nutty chocolate spreads.

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance for the last 2 weeks

Nursery	94.2%
Reception	92.7%
Year 1	94.2%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	94.7%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 5	97.3%
Year 6	94.5%

Children who do not attend school miss learning and have gaps that can affect their attainment. If they are not with us they cannot learn.

Attendance - Thank you to all the families who are showing such excellent attendance, we gave **56** 100% attendance prizes (vouchers to spend in The Works) at the end of the summer term. Amazingly, we have given out **196** 100% attendance badges this first half term. We want to give out

even more by Christmas so our children can collect our special badges across the year. We know that children do get ill, which is why we reset our 100% attendance every half term to enable every child to win one. We believe that excellent attendance is a life skill that we want to encourage in all our children from an early age.

Our whole school attendance target this year is 96% to reflect the national average for all Primary schools. As part of our attendance process, we will be sending letters out this week to families of children who have lower than 96% attendance during the first half term, if we can do anything to help or support any of these families with their child's attendance, please contact school.

Lates - Our school doors open at 8:40am to allow children to get into class ready for **8:50am** when the school day starts. The registers close at 8:55am and any children who arrive after that are late. When children are late they often get upset as they want to start their learning with their friends and worry about coming in when everyone else is already seated. A child who consistently arrives at 9:05 has missed over 9 hours of school already this year. Children who arrive over half an hour late miss their attendance mark for that morning. This is not a school choice, school registers are legal documents and we have to follow the guidelines set out by the government. Please try to make appointments for dentists and doctors after 3:00pm so that children do not miss any learning and develop gaps in their understanding. Although these appointments are an authorised absence, they are still classed as an absence.



A massive Thank You from Rugby Food bank for the generous donations that we gave as our Harvest collection.



Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 13th November— FOLLS Bag 2 School

Wednesday 13th November— 5H Sharing Assembly

Thursday 14th November—FOLLS Winter Market

Friday 15th November—Children In Need

Wednesday 27th November— 4C Sharing Assembly

Thursday 28th November—Nasal Flu vaccine for FS2 to Year 6

Wednesday 4th December — 3S Sharing Assembly

Wednesday 11th December — 2H Sharing Assembly

Thursday 12th December - FOLLS Christmas disco with Santa meet and greet.

Monday 16th December - Whole School Christmas Dinner (and Christmas Jumper Day)

Tuesday 17th December - EYFS Sing Along Assembly

Wednesday 18th December - KS1 Nativity Assembly

Thursday 19th December - KS2 Carols performance

Friday 20th December - Whole School Panto (children only). Last day at school before Christmas break.

Christmas Holidays – Monday 23rd December until Friday 3rd January 2020

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January – LLPS Set Training Day

Tuesday 7th January – Children return to school (8:40am start)

Thursday 13th February—FOLLS Disco

Friday 14th February – last day at school before half term

February Half term – Monday 17th February until Friday 21st February

Monday 24th February – children return to school (8:40am)

Wednesday 18th March until Friday 20th March – Y5 Kingswood residential

Wednesday 25th March – Parents Evening 2

Friday 3rd April – last day before Easter Holidays

Easter Holidays – Monday 6th April until Friday 17th April

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April – children return to school (8:40am start)

Friday 1st May - May Day Celebrations day.

Friday 8th May – May Day (School Closed to children)

Week beginning Monday 11th May – KS2 SATs Week (TBC)

Friday 22nd May – last day before Whitsun Half Term

Whitsun Half Term – Monday 25th May until Friday 29th May

Monday 1st June – Children return to school (8:40am start)

Thursday 4th June—FOLLS Summer Disco

Week beginning Monday 8th June – Year 1 Phonics testing week

Thursday 18th June – New to Foundation Stage Parent Meeting

Week beginning Monday 22nd June – Sports Days (timings TBC)

Wednesday 1st July – open evening

Thursday 9th July – Reports to parents

Friday 10th July – Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)

Week beginning Monday 13th July – Transition week (children move to their new classes)

Friday 17th July – Y6 Leavers assembly. Last day before summer holidays

Summer Holiday – Monday 20th July until Monday 31st August