



Message from Mrs Sheepy

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to our first newsletter of our brand new school. The children have settled very well and Miss Scholes and Miss Melles are delighted with their progress. Starting school is a daunting experience for any child and their family and we appreciate that it has been a little strange for the Myton Gardens children to start school in a building that isn't theirs!

We are grateful to the Oakley community for hosting us and we are very much operating as one Reception cohort with the two classes. There is equity in the provision that is offered and I know the children have already enjoyed some of the visitors and experiences in the last few weeks.

There are a range of items in the newsletter and I would ask that you take a few minutes to read it and put any key dates in your diaries.

Each month I am attending progress meetings about the new building with the next one taking place just after half term. You may have seen the press release on the school website about the sod-cutting ceremony and this was an exciting time as work has well and truly begun. I know many of you live very close to the Fusiliers Way site, so do check it out and see how things are progressing. There's also lots of diggers and machinery that, no doubt, will interest the children.

We look forward to seeing you at Parents' Evenings next week and there is more information later in the newsletter.

Please do send in any good news stories about the children—maybe they have moved up a level in swimming or have been awarded player of the week in their football team. I would love to share these more widely.

I would also like to thank you for your patience as the new systems have begun to fall into place. I know there have been some frustrations about booking wraparound care or getting on the My Child at School (MCaS) app but please just get in touch with the office if you need any support or assistance.

With very best wishes

Sarah Sheepy

Dates for your diaries

w/c 7th October – Taking Care Project begins. See letter on MCaS and school website (Curriculum- PSHE) for more information.

Wednesday 9th October – Individual School Photos

Monday 14th October – Harvest Collection Week. Reverend Jonathan visiting and donations for the Leamington Night Shelter. Please see letter on MCaS for more information.

Friday 25th October – Term ends 3:15pm

Monday 28th – Friday 1st November – Half term

Monday 4th November – Autumn 2 Half Term begins

Thursday 7th November – Phonics Meeting for Parents 6pm

Monday 2nd December—flu vaccinations



Flu vaccinations—Monday 2nd December

This is advance notice of the flu vaccinations that are being administered by the South Warwickshire Immunisation Team on Monday 2nd December. More information will follow and parents may choose for their child not to be immunised, however we encourage as many as possible to do so to prevent the spread of illness.

Safe and Active Schools

Our school has signed up to the Safe and Active Schools Programme 2024-2025. As part of the programme all children will be receiving age-appropriate road safety sessions, and we will also be participating in and promoting active travel. This year we are going to be working towards our bronze award. We recognise how important messaging is for our children. Your children copy your actions, and your behaviour serves as a powerful role model. We would like to ask all our families to model the safest behaviours near the road for children to copy and make good choices around travelling actively on the school run. We will be sharing messages and ideas from the Safe and Active Schools team and further information about the children's road safety learning in school throughout the year.

For further information about road safety and active travel you can follow or contact the road safety education team.

X (previously Twitter) - **@WCCSafe_Active**

Facebook - **@WCCSafeActiveTravel**

Email - roadsafetyeducation@warwickshire.gov.uk



Family Information Service

The latest edition of the Family Information Service newsletter is available to read at:

[FIS Newsletter](#)



Class Names

Myton Gardens Primary School class is named '**Daisies**' for this academic year whilst we are hosted by Oakley. The children have thoroughly enjoyed decorating their classroom door to represent their new class name and we hope this encourages a sense of belonging and unity. The Oakley children's class is called '**Buttercups**'

When we move to our new building, We will choose some new names for all the primary classes going forward.

Nut-free school

Please remember that we are a **nut-free school** and therefore **no nuts can be brought into school**. These are nuts in all forms whether they be whole nuts or ingredients in other food or anything that may contain traces of nut — please do check ingredients carefully when providing snacks or lunches for your child; children will not be allowed to eat any nuts or any products containing, or maybe containing, nuts.



Parents' Evening

Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th October 2024

Parents' Evenings have been arranged for this term and will be held in school on **Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th October 4.00-6.30pm**. The appointments will last **10 minutes** and will be a discussion about children's wellbeing, settling in and progress. We request that if you have an urgent query or wish to discuss something particular with your child's class teacher, that you arrange to see them at another time outside of the allotted 10-minute Parents' Evening appointment. Thank you for your understanding. The online appointment booking system is now live on the MCaS app. If you have any problems with booking an appointment, please speak to the school office.

School Health newsletter

Read your September health and wellbeing newsletter, delivered to you from Connect for Health, your School Nursing Service.

[Click here for Newsletter](#)

'Me in My World'

This half term's Learning Theme, 'Me in My World', has allowed children to develop their understanding of our brand-new school, its locality, people in the community who help us and share information about their families with peers. This has meant children have been developing their speaking and listening skills, PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development) and learning new geographical skills such as names of towns and countries. As part of learning about people in the community who help us, children enjoyed a visit from a local doctor who shared her work within the community, helped children understand how to keep themselves safe and what to do in a medical emergency and hopefully inspire some budding future doctors!

In the final few weeks of this half term, children will also enjoy visits from a local Police Officer, Paramedic and Vicar to continue in helping children understand people in our community that help us. We encourage children to ask questions to deepen their understanding of this work and hopefully continue to inspire future professions.

Early Reading and Library

Primary School Library

Early Reading is a huge priority, and we endeavour to inspire and support children on their journey to becoming competent and enthusiastic readers from the very beginning. We are in the process of developing our Primary School Library and are looking for **donations of high-quality and excellent condition books** to help fill our shelves. If you have any children's books that you would be happy to donate, please bring them to the Primary Office where we would gratefully take them from you.



Author Visit- Sophy Henn

On Friday 4th October we welcomed author and illustrator Sophy Henn to school for our very first Author Visit of the year. This was a wonderful event where Sophy engaged children in illustrating 'Brain the Fluffy Squirrel', 'Sparks the Dragon' and 'Shroomer the Fearless Funghi' – the stars of her new novel Happy Hills- Knick Knack Attacks! All children had lots of fun creating and hearing about the wonders of a 'real-life' author. Thank you to the many of you who also purchased a signed copy of her new book. We have a great partnership with the Stratford Literary Festival and encourage you to explore the wonderful events they have on over October Half term. *See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.*



Early Reading and Phonics Scheme: Little Wandle

'Once you learn to read, you will be forever free' – Frederick Douglass

We are extremely excited to announce that we have completed our staff training for our Early Reading and Phonics Scheme 'Little Wandle' and over the coming weeks children will begin to learn Phonics as part of their daily English curriculum. Phonics is a way of teaching children how to read and write. It helps children hear, identify and use different sounds that distinguish one word from another in the English language. Written language can be compared to a code, so knowing the sounds of individual letters and how those letters sound when they're combined will help children decode words as they read. (National Literacy Trust). Please click the link for further information



Outdoor Play Request

Time outdoors is a huge part of our curriculum in Reception and has significant impact on children's wellbeing, development and enjoyment at school. As we approach winter and the weather becomes colder and wetter, can we please stress the importance of children having their **coat (with a hood)** in school every day, along with additional items such as a hat and scarf as the weather changes. **Please ensure all items are named.**

Despite still awaiting the arrival of our Welly Rack, we request all children now bring in a pair of wellies to keep at school. **Please can all children bring in a pair of wellies by the end of the week**, if they haven't done so already.

Finally, you will have received our letter on MCaS app about our **Outdoor Play equipment**. We are still looking for further donations to enhance our outdoor play offer.

Items we would gratefully receive include:

- Large collections of plastic toys e.g. toy cars, duplo or plastic bricks, poly pockets and toy dinosaurs
- Musical instruments – any and all
- Tarpaulin or similar – anything that could be used to provide cover or create tent-style structures
- Rope and carabiners
- Plastic furniture
- Plastic pipes
- Wooden planks and blocks
- Milk crates, or similar plastic containers
- Pots, pans, cupcake trays and similar
- Wooden or plastic kitchen utensils



TERM DATES

Autumn term 2024

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November: Half Term Break
Friday 29th November: Teacher Training Day (children not in school)
Friday 20th December: Autumn Term Ends

Spring term 2025

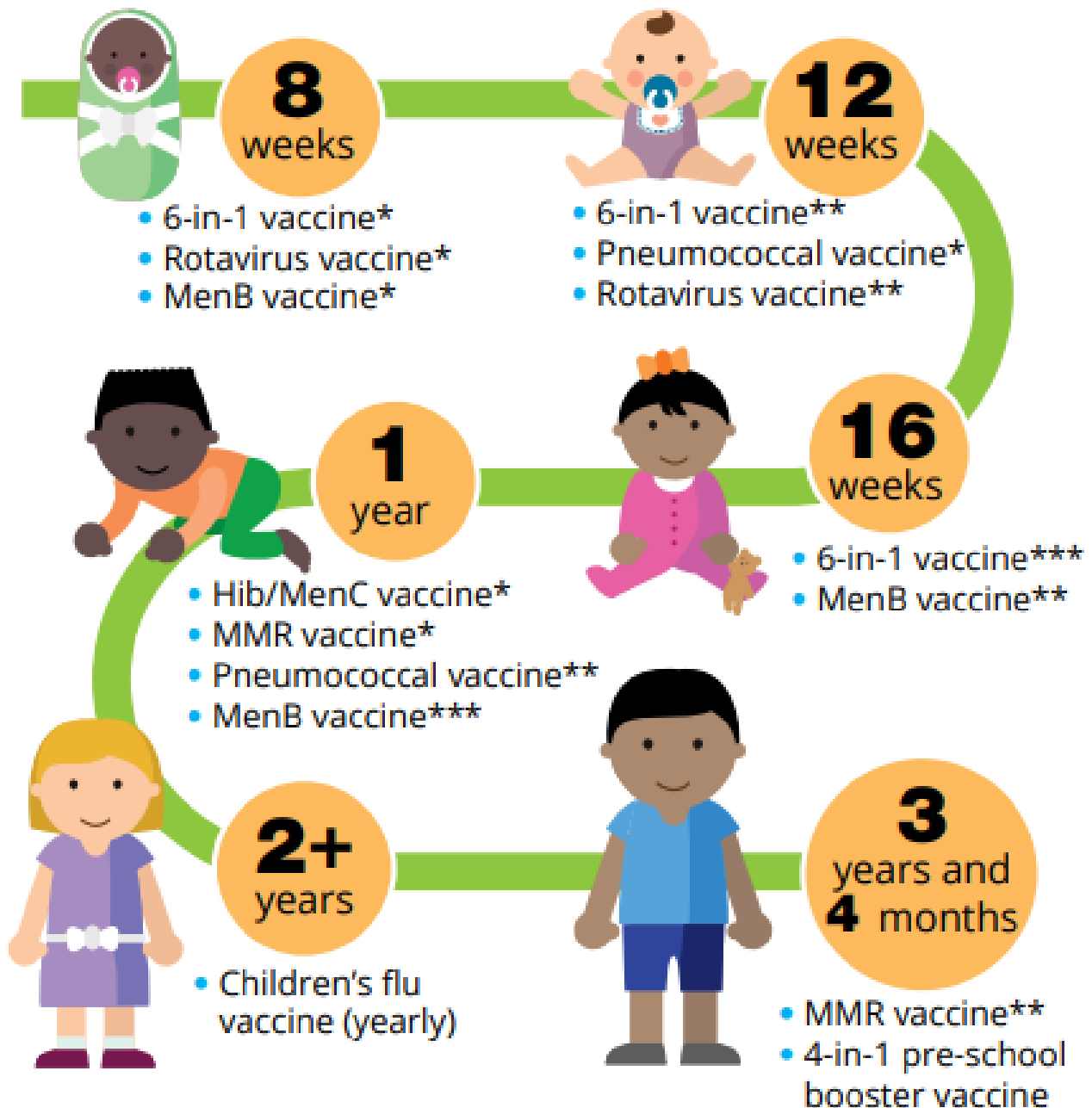
Monday 6th January: Teacher Training Day (children not in school)
Tuesday 7th January: Spring Term Starts
Monday 17th to Friday 21st February: Half Term Break
Friday 11th April: Spring Term Ends

Summer term 2025

Monday 28th April: Summer Term Starts
Monday 5th May: Bank Holiday
Monday 26th to 30th May: Half Term Break
Friday 27th June: Teacher Training Day (children not in school)
Friday 18th July: Summer Term Ends
Monday 21st July: Teacher Training Day (children not in school)



Your child's vaccine schedule



* first dose, **second dose, *** third dose

6-in-1 protects against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, Hib and hepatitis B

4-in-1 protects against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and polio

Follow your child's vaccine schedule to protect them against illnesses

Stick this timeline up as a useful reminder



- Childhood illnesses like measles and whooping cough are rising
- These illnesses can make children very sick, leading to hospital stays or lifelong problems
- If your child is not vaccinated, they are not protected
- It's important that vaccines are given on time for the best protection. Some need booster doses later too
- Check your child's red book or speak to your GP practice to see if they have missed any
- You can still catch up on most missed vaccines
- All the childhood vaccinations are free. As children grow up, they will be offered more vaccine appointments, right up until they are teenagers. Some vaccines are offered at school
- Vaccinations offered by the NHS are thoroughly tested to assess how safe and effective they are. All medicines can cause side effects, but vaccines are among the very safest.
- Research from around the world shows that immunisation is the safest way to protect our children's health

**Are your child's vaccines up to date?
Book now at their GP practice**



Information Sessions for Warwickshire Parents and Carers

Courses available online – via Zoom

Understanding and Supporting Children and Young People with Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Thursday 26th September 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding Emotion Regulation in School Aged Children

Thursday 10th October 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding and Supporting Children aged 3-11 Years with Anxiety

Thursday 24th October 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding and Supporting Children Aged 12+ Years Anxiety

Thursday 7th November 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding and Supporting School Aged Children Who Self-harm

Thursday 21st November 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding Sensory Needs in School Aged Children

Thursday 5th December 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding Low Mood in Children and Young People

Thursday 9th January 2025, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding Self-esteem in Children and Young People

Thursday 10th April 2025, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Places on our sessions are subject to availability. To book your place please email risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

Please note: the sessions are available for Warwickshire residents only.

FUN FOR FAMILIES



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Box Office: 0333 666 3366 or online at stratlitfest.co.uk

Sat 26th October

10am-11.15am

Crowne Plaza Hotel

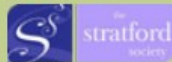
The Enchanted Cinema

£10 (adults £5) | Age 4+



Imagine going to the cinema and becoming part of a pop-up orchestra that creates every single sound effect and the musical score! Using your voice, hands and playing a range of unusual, delightful and ingenious instruments, you'll join in to create sound effects to excerpts from the enchanting animation, *My Neighbour Totoro*. A magical experience for children and parents alike.

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Sat 26th October

2pm

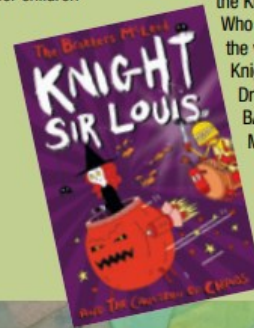
Crowne Plaza Hotel

The Brothers McLeod Knight Sir Louis and the Cauldron of Chaos

£8 (adults £5) | Age 8+



Get ready to laugh your socks off at the fifth Knight Sir Louis adventure! A powerful magical object has been rediscovered: the Cauldron of Chaos. A scheming witch finds the cursed pot and plans to make her fortune with it, even if it means the end of the Kingdom of Squirrel Helm. Who will rescue the land from the witch's dodgy deals? Knight Sir Louis, of course! Draw along with the BAFTA-winning Brothers McLeod, Greg and Myles.



Sun 27th October

9.30am

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Julie Tatchell and Amanda Middleditch Bartie Bristle and Other Stories

£8 (adults £5) | Age 3+



Step into the magical world of Bartie Bristle and friends in this stunning treasury written by the Teddy Bear Ladies, Julie Tatchell and Amanda Middleditch, best known as stars of the BBC's *The Repair Shop*. Set in a village in the heart of the Old Woods, enter the magical world of the teddy bear shop and the heart-warming stories of Bartie and his teddy bear friends. Bring a teddy from home for a fun, interactive event.



Sun 27th October

10.15am-11.15am

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Christopher Edge Black Hole Cinema Club

£8 (adults £5) | Age 8+



We welcome the award-winning author of *Escape Room* with another edge-of-your-seat adventure. When Lucas meets his friends at the local cinema - nicknamed 'The Black Hole' - they're excited about the movie marathon ahead. But as the lights go down, Lucas, Ash, Maya, Caitlin and Finn watch in disbelief as a jet-black tidal wave comes crashing out of the cinema screen and the five friends find themselves swept into an epic and perilous adventure. Can they save the day before the end credits roll? The fate of the world might just depend on it...



Sun 27th October

2pm - 4pm

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Halloween Craft with Becci Books

£8 (adults Free) | Age 4-7



It's time for spooktacular Halloween craft, with pumpkins and ghosties galore! Make flying bats and witches' hats, with pom poms, pipe cleaners and more... All materials and instructions provided. Book your slot between 2pm and 3pm, or 3pm and 4pm.



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which aids understanding and
enables better solutions.**

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Warwickshire's SEND Local Offer

Has lots of information and support for children and young people with SEND and their families.

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