



DIARY DATES

JANUARY

Sun 21st 10am

Family Service at St Andrew's

Mon 22nd

Pantomime Day

Wed 24th 8am

Warwks County Football

FEBRUARY

Fri 2nd 10am

Sports hall athletics AGS

Sun 4th 6.30pm

Evensong at St Andrew's

Fri 9th

PTA Disco

Sat 10th 11am

Cross Country Stratford

Rec Y3-6

Mon 12th 4pm

KS1 Gymnastics Kineton

High School

Mon 12th 5pm

Parents evening

Thurs 15th 5pm

Parents evening

Mon 19th - Fri 23rd

HALF TERM

Class 2 will be sharing

their learning in

Celebration assembly on

Friday 26th January at

2.45pm

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Panto Day



Monday is pantomime day – this year we will be enjoying a performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in their pantomime fancy dress. Children should come to school dressed in their costumes. Please make sure that the children have appropriate footwear and warm layers for outdoor play at break times.

A reminder that there will be no hot dinners on Monday; all children will need to bring a packed lunch.

Home Learning and Topic Webs

All children have been given their home learning grids and topic webs today, please check your child's book bag and let the office know if you haven't received one.



Term Time Absence



Please read through the information printed on the back of the newsletter which has been provided by Warwickshire on taking leave of absence during term time. We would ask that all families support us in our commitment to ensuring that all children enjoy high levels of attendance at TG.

Water Bottles

Many of the children have returned after the holidays with lovely new water bottles. Please make sure that they are all clearly labelled with your child's name. This will make reuniting stray bottles with their owners much easier.



Christian Value

The Christian value that we will be exploring this half term is truthfulness which we are linking to our Golden Rule 'We are honest – we don't cover up the truth'. We will be encouraging the children to think about how important it is to be honest not only in words but actions too. We will consider why it is wrong to tell lies, even if it is to avoid getting into trouble. Using stories from the Bible, we will think about how Jesus taught us to be honest.



♥Village Defibrillator♥

Our local community has recently benefited from the installation of a village defibrillator at the Graftons Village Hall.

We would very much like to raise awareness of the installation, it's availability to the community as well as the advice and training sessions that have kindly been offered free of charge, from Rob Underwood. Rob and his wife have set up a charity ; The Saving Hearts Foundation having sadly lost three children to the rare genetic Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome.

We would like to raise awareness by asking the children to bring spare coppers or coins to school on Wednesday 14th February, so that they can enjoy creating a giant copper heart. We would then like to donate the proceeds to Rob's charity as a thank you for all of his support to our community.





Temple Grafton

Church of England Primary School

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of Platt v Isle of Wight Council which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. 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.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required 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.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance will result in the absence being recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.

Star of The Week

Charlie Neill	Class 1
Archie Elliott	Class 2
Aaron Chapman	Class 3
Vinnie Marro	Class 4