



## School Newsletter Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025



Welcome back to the Spring term! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year with family and friends. We've had a great start to 2025 in school with lots of new topics being started and engaged in. We have started our work on Macbeth as part of our RSC Associate School status. This week, we were visited by an actor from the RSC who spent some time with the whole school leading a Q&A session and he then spent some time with year 4 and year 5 in some workshops to explore the relationship between Macbeth and Lady Macbeth. Year 4 and year 5 will also have a visit from a director from the RSC as part of their rehearsals for their performance of Macbeth at the Bridge House Theatre in Warwick later in the term.

Our Wellbeing Ambassadors from year 5 and year 6 took part in training activities on Tuesday morning which enables them to run activities with other children both in school and as part of Wellbeing Festivals outside of school. They have made a great start to this using their lunchtimes to set up and run games with different year groups in order to get more children active during lunchtimes.

Here is some of what our individual classes have been up to this week:

### Donaldson Class

In EYFS, we have started reading the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears which we have sequenced and done some drama as part of our PE lesson. We have also started learning about winter which has included a science investigation using water to see the change of state when freezing and melting. The children made predictions about what they thought would happen to the ice that was outside and inside. As part of this learning, we also went on a welly walk around the school which gave us the inspiration to make an amazing winter collage!

### Jemison Class

In year 1, we have started our new DT topic about fruit salads. We have read the book Handa's Surprise as part of this learning and discussed the different fruits that we saw and heard about. We will be tasting different fruits later in the term, analysing how they taste, look and feel and deciding what we would like to put in our own fruit salads at the end of the topic based on our analysis.

### Attenborough Class

In year 2, we have begun learning about the Great Fire of London as our history topic. We used primary sources such as maps from the time and part of Samuel Pepys' diary to work out where and how the fire started so that we have the base knowledge to begin our learning journey. Our new DT project is based on puppets so we have spent our lesson this week exploring different types of puppets and wondered about how they were made.

### Anning Class

Year 3's new science topic is on forces for this half-term. Our first lesson this week was about recognising that a force is a push or a pull. One of the forces that we looked at in particular was gravity and the exploration of this by Isaac Newton and then we used toy cars to investigate different forces ourselves. Our new book for our whole class reading lessons is 'My Name is Not Refugee' which links in with our values and PSHE curriculum and we're looking forward to finding out more about it.

### Adepatan Class

In Adepatan class, we have been discussing sandwich preferences and comparing a variety of premade sandwiches. Our market research has helped us to understand which sandwich options are available in shops and how popular they are. This will support us to design our own healthy snack sandwich later on in the term.

### Shakespeare Class

Shakespeare Class have been very excited this week to start their new RSC work as it is who they are named after! Many of them have fond memories of studying Julius Caesar last year and they are thrilled to have a new play to get

the stuck into. As well as the drama within the classroom to learn the story of the play, Shakespeare Class enjoyed spending time with Joe from the RSC as well as beginning to practice their scenes for the Bridge House Theatre production.

#### Benjamin Class

In Year 6, our new geography is South America. Our first lesson on this involved using atlases to locate the different countries that make up South America and their capital cities. We also looked at a range of definitions to do with geography such as population and density. In English, we have begun to learn the story of Macbeth through drama and we have discussed how Macbeth is motivated throughout the play and how his actions reflect this.

Diary dates for this half-term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Wb 10<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

**INSET DAY**

Spring Term Starts

NSPCC Number day

Grandparents afternoon tea (tbc by school association)

Parents' Evening (arrangements tbc)

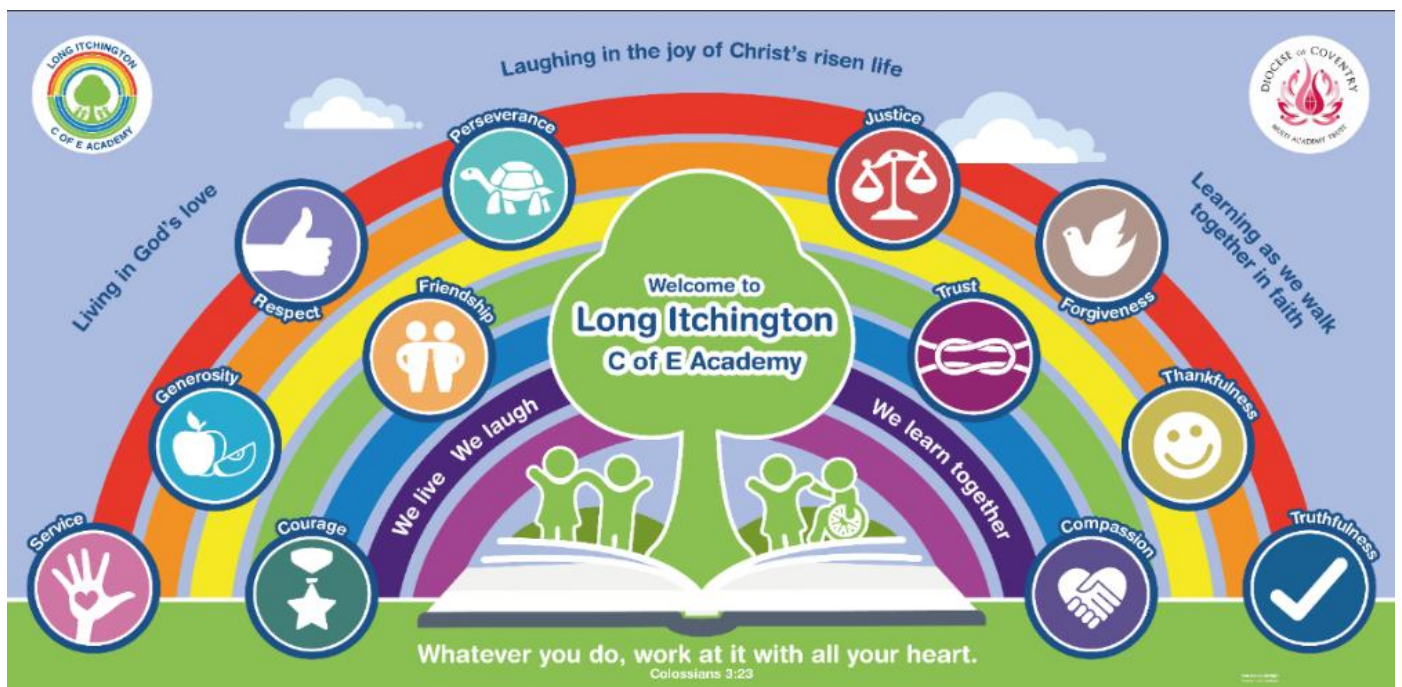
Safer Internet Day (activities in school)

Parents' Evening (arrangements tbc)

Y1 Class assembly (9-9.30am)

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

**Half Term**



Warwickshire Term Dates 2024/25

Teacher training days this year will be:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July

WCC School Term and Holiday Dates - 2024/25

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Term	Total days
Autumn Term	75
Spring Term	65
Summer Term	55

Half Term	Days
1	40
2	35
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5	19
6	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>

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- School Holiday
- Public Holiday
- Teacher Training Day (+3 to be set by school)



Secondary School Induction Day

The menu starts from week 2 from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b>	<b>NEW</b> Tomato & Vegetable Pasta Fajitas with Rice Vegetables of the Day Blackberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Cottage Pie with Gravy <b>NEW</b> Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice Vegetables of the Day Melting Moment Biscuit	<b>CHICKEN SHACK</b> Peri Peri or BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Diced Seasoned Potatoes & Sweetcorn Salsa Vegetables of the Day Fruit Platter	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice <b>NEW</b> Cheese and Broccoli Pasta with Garlic Bread Vegetables of the Day Carrot and Courgette Cake	Salmon Fishingers/ Fishingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce <b>NEW</b> Cheese & Beans Puff Pastry with Chips & Tomato Sauce Vegetables of the Day Chocolate Orange Cookie
<b>WEEK TWO</b>	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza Or Rainbow Pizza With Potato Wedges Vegetables of the Day Marble Sponge Cake with Custard	<b>NEW</b> Chicken Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread Vegetable Curry with Rice Vegetables of the Day Jelly with Mandarins	Sausage and Mash with Gravy Vegan Sausage and Mash with Gravy Vegetables of the Day Fruit Medley	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice <b>NEW</b> Mtd Chili with Rice Vegetables of the Day Peach Cake	<b>NEW</b> Tuna Pasta Bake or Fishingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips & Tomato Sauce Vegetables of the Day Oaty Cookie
<b>WEEK THREE</b>	Macaroni Cheese Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice Vegetables of the Day Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie	<b>NEW</b> Mtd Caribbean Chicken with Rice and Peas <b>NEW</b> Caribbean Butterbean Stew with Rice and Peas Vegetables of the Day Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy Vegan Cottage Pie with Gravy Vegetables of the Day Fruit Salad	Spaghetti Bolognese <b>NEW</b> Hot Pot Baked Bean Casserole with Rice Vegetables of the Day <b>NEW</b> Savoury Cheese Scone	Breaded Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce Cheese and Pepper Omelette with Chips & Tomato Sauce Vegetables of the Day Vanilla Shortbread
<b>MENU KEY</b>	Added Plant Power    Wholemeal    Vegan				
	<b>Available Daily:</b> Fresh Bread – Salad Selection – Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt				
	<b>ALLERGY INFORMATION:</b> If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.				