MacIntyre Academies Quest Academy

DECEMBER 2024 EDITION 1 NEWSLETTER



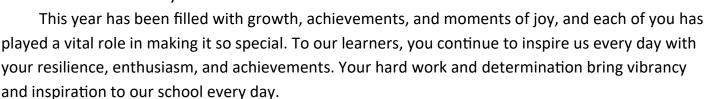
INSET Day (no learners on site)	Learners Start Back
Monday 6th January 2025	Tuesday 7th January 2025



"Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas." — Peg Bracken

DEAR PARENTS, CARERS, AND LEARNERS,

As the festive season approaches, I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on the year we've shared and extend my heartfelt gratitude to you all for being such an integral part of our school community.



To our parents and carers, thank you for your unwavering support, understanding, and partnership. Your dedication to your children's learning and well-being is what truly helps us create a nurturing environment where every learner can thrive.

As we look ahead to 2025, we're excited to continue building on our shared successes, working together to provide the best possible opportunities for every child in our care. Your feedback and engagement remain invaluable as we strive to grow and improve as a school.

For now, though, I hope this season brings you time to relax, celebrate, and make memories with loved ones. I hope this time allows you to rest and reflect, may your days be filled with peace, joy, and laughter.

On behalf of all the staff at Quest Academy, I wish you a wonderful festive season and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January,

refreshed and ready for another exciting term.

Warm regards,

Laura Thackaberry

We are successful because...

...the mother of one of our learners said that since joining Quest Academy, her daughter has made great progress with building confidence and making friendships, which she has extended into the community. She said that her daughter presents as happier, wants to be at school and her anxiety has reduced, which has positively impacted her sleep.

... the mother of one of our learners said that the team at Quest Academy has 'done an amazing job' with her son.

...the mother of one of our learners said that he has made a positive transition and is more settled at home, since joining Quest Academy.

> ... the mother of one of our learners described her son's support from the Quest Academy staff team as 'brilliant'.

A CHRISTMASSY DID YOU KNOW...

- Riga in Latvia was the home to the first decorated **Christmas tree** in 1510.
- The first use of lights on a Christmas tree was in 1882 by Edward H Johnson, a close friend of Thomas Edison (who first invented the incandescent bulb).
- The world's tallest Christmas tree was 221ft high and was displayed in a Washington shopping mall in 1950. The most lights lit at the same time on one

Christmas was 194,672 in Belgium in 2010.





Jook of the Week 🚺 💳

What the Ladybird Heard at Christmas: A bestselling **Christmas adventure**

Written by Julia Donaldson, Illustrated by Lydia Monks In a big old house, the ladybird is visiting her friend the spider for the festive season. But those two bad men, Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len, are up to no good again. They have a devious plan – to steal the children's Christmas presents from their stockings! It's a good thing that the clever

little ladybird has overheard their awful plotting, and she has a cunning plan to make sure they don't get away with it.

Daisy and the Trouble with Christmas

Written by Kes Gray, Illustrated by Garry Parsons and Nick Sharratt

Age 5 - 9 A brilliantly funny story of Christmas chaos starring the one and only Daisy, from the bestselling author behind the hilarious OI FROG series.

Daisy is SOOOOOOO excited about Christmas! She loves the carols, the crackers, and especially the chance to be in the school Christmas play. She's got SEVEN whole words to learn!

But when Daisy and her best friend Gabby decide the dolly their teacher has chosen to play the Baby Jesus is a bit . . . well, boring, Daisy comes up with a plan that will mean TROUBLE!

Virtually Christmas

Written by David Baddiel, Illustrated by Garry Parsons and Nick Sharratt

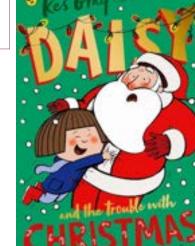
It used to be the most WONDERFUL time of the year, but for years Christmas has been taken over by Winterzone.

All the things that made Christmas special are gone: the human connection, the baubles passed down through generations, even the rubbish cracker jokes.

Instead, Christmas is run by robots, while 3D holograms of Santa Claus called Santavatars check if you've been naughty or nice – and on Christmas Eve, all of the presents are delivered by ZoneDrones instead of Santa's reindeer!

But when they stumble on a curious clue, eleven-year-old Etta and her

friend Monty find themselves thrown into a fight to bring back Christmas. Racing against time and against the might of Winterzone, they must find the real Santa – before the true meaning of the festive season is lost forever . . .









Age 8 - 12

Reading age

Age 3 – 5

QUESTMAS FAYRE CAKE

One of our lovely Year 4's created this incredible cake ahead of the Questmas Fayre, for the guess the weight of the cake stall.







QUESTMAS FAYRE 2024

























CHRISTMAS REMINDERS (AUTISM EDITION)



You don't have

to do what

everyone else

is doing



Take time out in a quiet space when needed



You are allowed to say no



Noise, lights, social stuff and change can be hard



It's okay to

stick with

your normal

safe foods



Be kind to

yourself



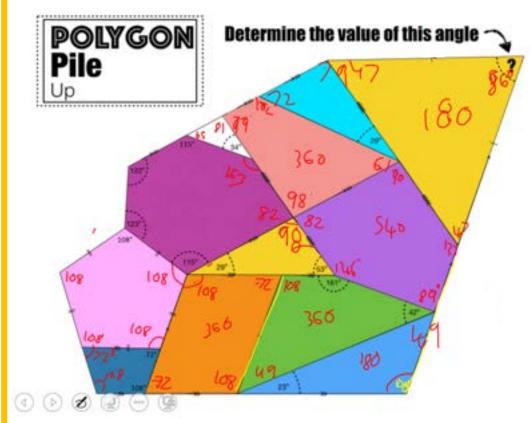
Good emotions can be overwhelming too



Routine and

Routine and normality will return soon

WINSTON CHURCHILL CLASS CHALLENGE!



CHALLENGE

Attempt to fill in all of the blanks to find the value of the angle in the triangle identified.

Use all the skills and formulas learnt in the lessons up to now to determine which interior angles can be filled in first

How far can you get?

CHOCOLATES AVAILABLE!!!

Winston Churchill class faced the challenge above. It was left up on the interactive whiteboard and they all worked together to complete, using all the formulas and skills learnt during the topic of angles and interior angles of shapes. What amazing team work!

INHALERS/ MEDICATION

Please can we remind all parents/ carers that if a learner is prescribed a new inhaler/ medication to let the school know, so support can be given correctly. Thank you.



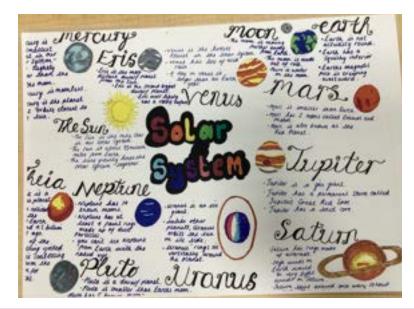
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE CLASS CHALLENGE!

Florence Nightingale class have been learning about the story of The Boy Who Cried Wolf. They wrote letters addressed to 'The Boy' from the point of view of the villagers. Their challenge was to use conjunctions in their work to write extended sentences.

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SOLAR SYSTEM

Some fabulous work by Troy and Megan, taking pride of place in the Science classroom!



RECEPTION WORK EXPERIENCE!



Honing those important skills.

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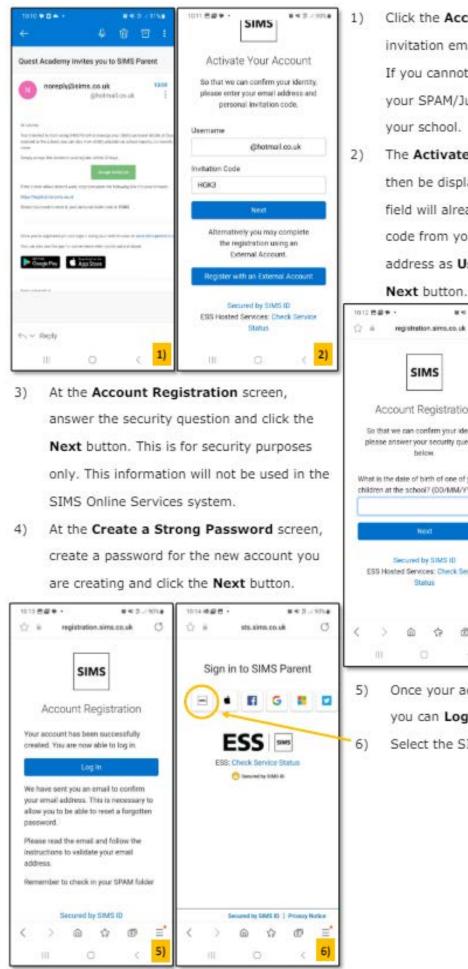


In the last few weeks Jack and Cole have helped in assisting different Perspective Learner Tours. They were absolutely amazing, demonstrating excellent ambassador skills!





DATA COLLECTION - SIMS PARENT



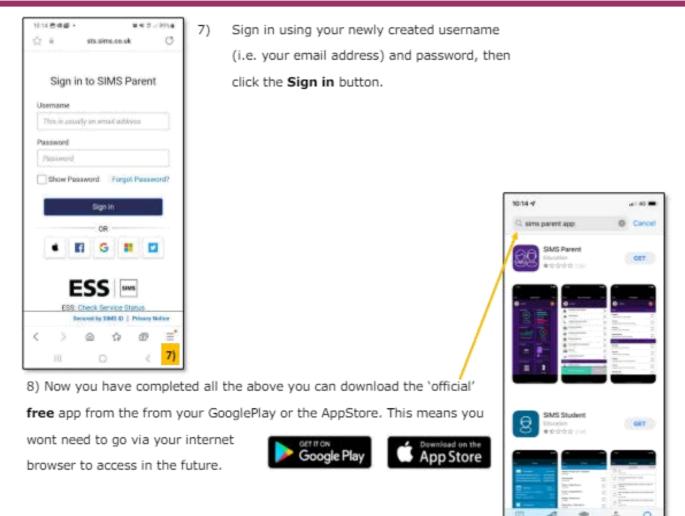
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- The Activate Your Account screen will then be displayed. The Invitation Code field will already be filled in with the unique code from your email. Enter your email address as Username and click the

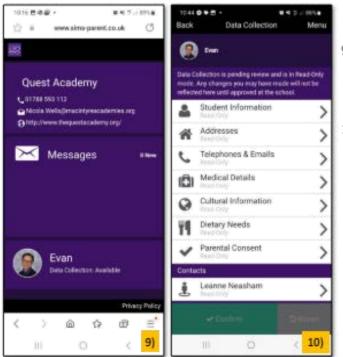
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Once your account has been registered,

you can Log in.

Select the SIMS tile.





 Once on the app click your learners name, this will take you through to the Data Collection homepage.

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 You can then navigate down these options and edit if required. Whilst your review is pending, you will not be able to make further changes.

We are working on resending details for the SIMS Parent App, so if you haven't been able to log in previously hopefully we can get things running a little more smoothly! Just let us know if you're still struggling and we will try to help!



IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

in school during Academic Year 2024/2025.

Year Group	Vaccines to be given	Date(s)
All Year 8	HPV	03/02/2025
All Year 9	Td/IPV & Men ACWY	15/05/2025





UNIFORM SUPPLIER You can order uniform directly from

Webb Ellis in Rugby.

Online: <u>http://www.webb-ellis.co.uk/schools/</u>

Telephone: 01788 567777

Email: sales@webb-ellis.co.uk

Address: Webb Ellis Ltd, 5&6 St. Matthew's Street, Rugby, CV21 3BY





SPECIALIST TRANSPORT

Pupil are transported to and from Quest Academy in taxis with an escort. You will need to apply to your local Specialist Transport.

- To apply for Home to School Travel Assistance for Pupil's with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) in Warwickshire please follow this link: <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/</u> <u>sendtransport</u>
- For Northamptonshire follow this link: https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-transport/Pages/special-educational-needs-travel-assistance.aspx
- For Coventry follow this link: <u>http://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/</u> <u>download/4332/send_travel_assistance_application_form</u>





Learners <u>do not</u> need to bring in their own balls, we have them available. If they do, they will have to be <u>handed in on arrival</u> like tech.





Warwickshire Family and Relationship Support

Solihull Approach Understanding Your

Child Parenting Programme

FREE 10 week Parenting Programme for parents and

carers at: Abbots Farm Junior School, Abbots Way, Rugby CV21 4AP

Date: 20th January 2025 - 31st March 2025

Day: Monday's

Time: 09:30 - 11:30

Would you like to know more about.....



- Your child's development Age and Stage
- Your child's behaviours Being angry, not getting on with siblings, management and strategies
- Your role as a main carer and how best you can support your child
- Meet other parents share own experiences



To book please scan the QR code. For further information please email: <u>ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.</u>

OFFICIAL

The **Understanding your Child** group offers parents and carers the opportunity to learn more about their parenting, how children develop and begin to understand their behaviour.

The programme is a great way to bring parents together in a supportive way so they can share, feel less isolated and learn from each other. Evaluation of previous groups has shown they have helped to reduce parental anxiety, enhance the parent/child relationship, and improve their child's behaviour

Here is the website if you wanted to have more of a read:

https://solihullapproachparenting.com/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K29jSSQs-xU



WINTER HAF

Winter HAF: Saturday 21st December 2024 - Sunday 5th January 2025

Your HAF code can be used to book a maximum of 4, funded sessions during Winter HAF. These can be with one provider, or across different providers. Book directly with your chosen provider - let them know if your child has any additional needs or resultements

Please ensure you cancel any booked sessions you can no longer attend directly with providers. This gives another child the opportunity attend.

Forgotten your HAF code? Email hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk with your child's full name and date of birth to receive a reminder.

Please disclose if your child has any SEND or an EHCP when booking activity sessions. This enables the provider to ensure they can meet your families needs, or suggest a suitable alternative if not.

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WHAT IS HAF? 💥 🕲 🙄 🚯

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is funded by the Department for Education (DRE) to pravide young people who are in full. time education (Reception to Year II) and eligible for benefits-reliated free school meals with access to enriching activities and meals, for free, during the three main school holidays: Winter, Spring and Summer.



If you want more information about non-HMF holiday provision and/or family support, visit the Children and Families webcases.

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FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) please apply via the online application form using this link www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Eligibility for benefits-related free school meals (FSM)

Families who receive the following are eligible for FSM

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

For learners currently on our FSM list you do not need to reapply. Any new learners joining Quest, will need to let Warwickshire Council know you have transferred.



ACADEMI	C YEAR 2024 - 2025			
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Term End	Friday 20th December 2024			
Christmas Holiday	Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025			
	SPRING TERM 2025			
INSET Day (no learners on site)	Monday 6th January 2025			
Start	Tuesday 7th January 2025			
End	Friday 14th February 2025			
Half Term	Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025			
Start	Monday 24th February 2025			
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Term End	Friday 11th April 2025			
Spring (Easter) Holiday	Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April 2025			
S	SUMMER TERM 2025			
INSET Day (no learners on site)	Monday 28th April 2025			
Start	Tuesday 29th April 2025			
Bank Holiday (no learners on site)	Monday 5th May 2025			
End	Friday 23rd May 2025			
Half Term	Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025			
Start	Monday 2nd June 2025			
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B/H H/T - Holidays INSET • •

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Attendance: At Quest Academy, we seek to ensure that all our learners receive a full time education which maximizes opportunities for each learner to reach his or her true potential: we feel that good attendance (95% or above) and good punctuality too are a vital part of this and we want all learners to strive towards this.

Government statistics have proven that children with poor attendance are 47% less likely to meet their potential examination results compared to learners with good attendance.

We have a desire to strive towards 100% attendance for all of our learners and expect all parents/ carers to actively support us in ensuring that their children are in school, safe, at all times. We also aim to hold all parents / carers that give low priority to good school attendance accountable.

Lateness: Pupils must attend registration on time to be given a present mark. Registration starts at 8.50am until 9am. Arrival after the start of morning registration will be given an 'L' code. After 9.30am a 'U' code (unauthorised absence) will be given.

Quest Contact Details:

Quest Academy Anderson Avenue Rugby Warwickshire CV22 5PE E: <u>quest.office@macintyreacademies.org</u>



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T: 01788 593 112

How to contact members of staff: Please contact Reception if you would like to speak with a member of staff. You will either be transferred or reception will email the member of staff to let them know that you have called.

Reporting pupil absence and lateness: Please can we remind parent/carers to call school on 01788 593 112, <u>before 9am</u> if your child may be late or is unwell. You will also need to contact the taxi company to let them know. If your child is absent for more than 7 days you will need to provide a doctors certificate. If we do not receive a doctors note and have not seen your child we will have no alternative but to refer the matter to the Safeguarding Board in line with our safeguarding procedures.

PRIVACY NOTICE

MacIntyre Academies collects and uses pupil information which complies with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This is Europe's framework for data protection laws – it replaces the previous 1995 data protection directive, which UK law has previously been based upon.

Please note that limited personal data is used and stored as per the MAT Retention Policy.

You can read the full details of our <u>Privacy Notice</u> in the policy. This includes more details of our legal basis for the use of specific information.





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