



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

OCTOBER 2024 EDITION 2 NEWSLETTER



Half Term: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November



Quote of
the week

"I believe that education is all about being excited about something. Seeing passion and enthusiasm helps push an educational message." — Steve Irwin

We are successful because...

...the mother of one of our learners said that the staff team at Quest Academy support him brilliantly and he has made fantastic progress with reading, writing and knowledge about the world.

...the father of one of our learners said that his son has built a trusted relationship with his class tutor. His parents appreciate the school support and close and timely communication home.

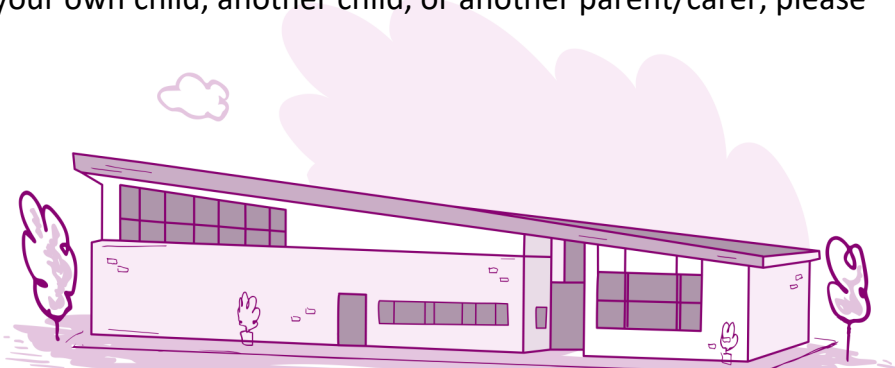
SAFE & RESPECTFUL CONDUCT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

We kindly remind all parents and carers who drop off and collect their children to adhere to the 5mph speed limit when driving on school grounds. Please remain vigilant as staff, learners, and other parents/carers may be crossing the car park. We all share the responsibility to ensure the safety of everyone on the school site.

Additionally, please be mindful of the conversations you are having, especially with learners around, and ensure that appropriate language is used at all times while on school premises. We kindly ask for your cooperation, as access to the school site may be reviewed for those unable to follow these guidelines.

If you have any concerns regarding your own child, another child, or another parent/carers, please speak to a member of staff.

Thank you for your understanding and support in maintaining a safe and respectful environment.



WELLBEING AWARD IN SCHOOLS

Quest is currently working to achieve the **Wellbeing Award in Schools**. In order to evaluate our current provision, we need your input. Your views are important in helping us understand what we are doing well and how we can do even better. Please follow the link below to complete the survey. It should only take a couple of minutes. All responses and suggestions will be carefully considered and

used to plan a range of improvements. If you have any queries about this survey, please contact us.

[Click here](https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/66ed95fada419) Or copy and paste the following
[https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/
user-survey/66ed95fada419](https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/66ed95fada419)



Evaluation submissions are valid until 22/11/2024.

♦ The Squirrels Who Squabbled

Written by Rachel Bright, Illustrated by Jim Field

Two greedy squirrels learn to share in the third hilarious rhyming adventure from the bestselling creators of THE LION INSIDE.

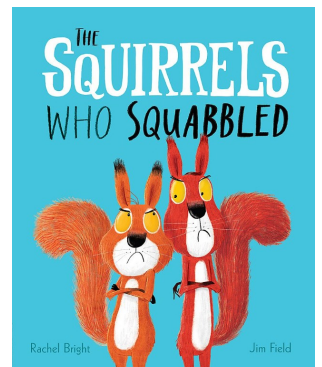
Greedy squirrels Cyril and Bruce both have their sights on a very special prize: THE VERY LAST NUT OF THE SEASON! As the nut bounces crazily through the forest, the squirrels race after it, between the trees, over boulders, down the river and - ARGH! - right to the edge of a waterfall! Working together might be the only way to save themselves now...

A laugh-out-loud tale about friendship and sharing, perfect for competitive friends and sibling rivals!

Reading age



Age 2 - 5



♦ Autumn Feast: Nature's Harvest

Written by Sean Taylor and Alex Morss, Illustrated by Cinyee Chiu

Discover the wonder of autumn and learn how wildlife prepares for the colder months ahead with this heart-warming non-fiction picture book.

The wind is blowing. Golden leaves are falling. Animals are busy gathering food to store away. It's time to celebrate nature during the cooler autumn months...

In this beautiful, blustery story, join two young children and their mums as they go on an autumnal adventure in their local park. They spot amazing plants and animals and are enchanted by the sights and sounds around them – crunchy leaves, vibrant colours, and a feast of nuts, berries and fruit.

They pass through several wildlife habitats and begin to see that nature is full of life. They notice the little things – seeds blowing in the wind, mushrooms on the ground and empty shells all around.

Reading age



Age 4 - 7



♦ How to be more Hedgehog

Written by Anne-Marie Conway

Lily has a stammer. The signal between her brain and her mouth is all messed up – and it's getting worse. When a video of her practicing her class presentation is uploaded onto YouTube - head thrust forward, eyelids fluttering, lips stretched wide - Lily's nightmare begins. Cyberbullying, kids at school whispering, even best friend Mia laughing behind her back. Lily's confidence takes a nose-dive and she can only see one way out: run away to Dad in Scotland and start all over again. But Lily quickly realises that running away isn't the answer - that her stammer will follow her wherever she goes... HOW TO BE MORE HEDGEHOG is about friendship and family and finding the courage to speak out.

Reading age



Age 9 - 12





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

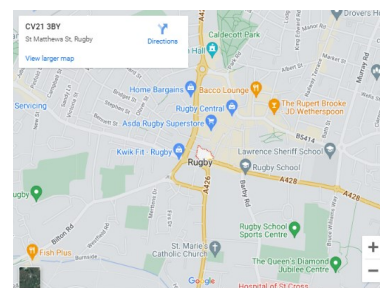
You can order uniform directly from
Webb Ellis in Rugby.

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

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: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/sendtransport>
- 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: http://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/4332/send_travel_assistance_application_form



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

FABULOUS FOOD TECH DELIGHTS

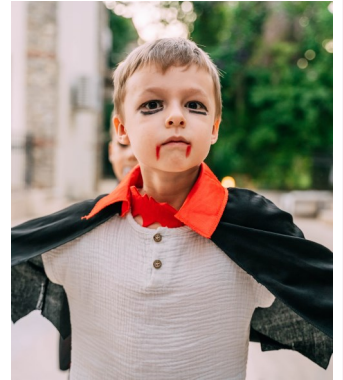


LAST-MINUTE HALLOWEEN COSTUME IDEAS



Witch: a good, old scary witch! Black clothes, witches hat, broom. Go back to basics with a fabulous witches outfit. Hand your kid the kitchen broom and you're good to go (might even be able to get some sweeping out of them beforehand).

Dracula: An acceptable moment for your mini-me to borrow some makeup! Red lipstick, brown eyeshadow, face powder and hair mousse should do the trick. Bin bag cape and you're sorted!



Zombie Anything: You can be a zombie anything, just need to add that spooky dark eye make-up, a bit of blood and some scary scars!

Mummy: Get out some old bandages, some toilet roll or tear an old sheet into strips, wrap them around your kid and there you have it: a mummy made by Mummy.



Ghost: It's a classic for a reason. Grab a white bed sheet, cut out two holes for eyes and you're ready for a night of trick-or-treating.

Jack Skellington: Pull out that suit they wore last year to your cousin's wedding, rub on some white face paint and give them some eyeliner stitches.



Skellington: You can ad-hoc this last-minute Halloween costume for kids with a simple monochrome outfit. Cut some strategic holes into an old black or white t-shirt and layer up!



Witches Black Cat: Black leggings and a black long sleeve shirt or maybe a black leotard with a tu-

tu, there are so many ways this could be built up!



How To Stay Safe on Bonfire Night



- Never touch fireworks
- Stand well back from the bonfire
- Never go near a firework after it has been lit
- Only one sparkler at a time
- Wear gloves when holding a sparkler
- Keep pets indoors



Tuesday 5th November

HALLOWEEN

Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31, and Halloween 2024 will occur on **Thursday 31st October** (which falls in our Half Term this year!).

STAY SAFE WHEN TRICK OR TREATING

1. Make sure a responsible adult/ guardian is with you - it could be older brother or sister if over 16
2. Plan your route before you leave and make sure someone else knows where you are going
3. Stay close to home and if possible only visit the houses of people you know. NEVER enter a stranger's home!
4. Stay on pavements and check carefully before crossing roads - especially if you're in a large group
5. Wear reflective or light-coloured clothing so you can be seen
6. Carry a torch to check what's around you and to avoid falling over
7. If you are wearing a mask, make sure you can still see clearly
8. Make sure your costume is warm - it is almost November!
9. Take water with you, you may get thirsty!
10. Throw away treats or sweets that have been opened/ unwrapped
11. *Don't argue with people or "trick" them* if they don't have more sweets or don't want to celebrate Halloween. There will be many more who want to engage in the fun!



Signifies a child with autism. This trick-or-treater might not say 'trick-or-treat' or 'thank you,' might not wear a mask and might be sensitive to sights and sounds. They also might take a little longer to select the perfect treat!



Signifies a child with a food allergy. This trick-or-treater might have a peanut or gluten allergy, or another allergy they're sensitive to. They might like a different 'treat,' like a sticker or glow stick!



WHEN DO THE CLOCKS CHANGE?

October 2024						
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As much as many of us may welcome an extra hour in bed and savour the idea of cosy nights in, comfort food and candlelight, the clocks going back can be a bit of a shock if you get caught out!

Sunday 27th Oct 2024

The clocks change twice a year, once in March when they go forward an hour, and once on the last Sunday of October, when they go back an hour (fall back). We will gain that hour at 2am on **Sunday 27th October 2024**. And although our smartphone and laptops will update automatically, don't forget your analogue clocks and other digital clocks, like car and oven clocks, will need to be changed!



Christmas Lunch is on **Wednesday 11th**

December this year (please see menu attached). Due to supply issues Educaterers have requested we submit the number of required meals ASAP.

Staff team will have discussed this with your learner, you may also wish to talk it through.

This is a charged meal (£2.95), except if the learner receives Free School Meals.

Please be aware there is no other food option this day, so if you are aware your learner may not want to partake please supply a packed lunch.

Christmas Lunch

Roast Turkey
Cocktail Sausage, Stuffing Ball with Gravy (G.SU)
 or
(vg) Roast Quorn Fillet, Veggie Sausage, Stuffing Ball with Gravy (G)
 Served with Crispy Roast Potatoes, Garden Peas, and Sliced Carrots

(vg.h) Christmas Cracknel (G.SU)
 or
(vg.h) Christmas Shortbread (G)

Seasons Greetings from The Nutrigang & everyone at Educaterers

Allergen Key
 V - Vegetarian
 VG - Vegan
 D - Dairy
 G - Gluten
 SB - Soya
 SU - Sulphites
 H - Homemade

EDUCATERERS MENU: SEPT 2024 - APRIL 2025

A vegan meal is available on request on days when (vg) is not shown as a choice on the menu.

All our fish is natural whole fillet and although great care has been taken to remove all bones, some may remain.

Weekly Menu

CHOICE / JKT
September 2024

Week one		Week two		Week three	
Warwickshire: 16/9, 7/10, 18/11, 5/12, 13/1/25, 3/2, 3/3, 24/3		Warwickshire: 2/9, 23/9, 14/10, 4/11, 25/11, 16/12, 20/1/25, 10/2, 10/3, 31/3		Warwickshire: 9/9, 30/9, 21/10, 11/11, 2/12, 6/1/25, 27/1, 24/2, 17/3, 7/4	
<p>Choose a main meal... Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Noodles (G,SB,SU,E)</p> <p>(vg) Breaded Vegetable Fingers with Herby Diced Potatoes (G)</p> <p>Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans</p>	MONDAY	<p>On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>For dessert... (vg) (h) Lemon Shortbread (G) (v) Cheese Crackers and Apple Wedge (G,D) Fresh Fruit</p>	MONDAY	<p>Choose a main meal... Southern Style Chicken Strips in a Wrap with Potato Wedges (G)</p> <p>(v)(h) Cheese and Baked Bean Pasty with Potato Wedges (G,D)</p> <p>Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans</p>	MONDAY
<p>Choose a main meal... (h) Chicken and Country Vegetable Pie with Potato Wedges (G)</p> <p>(v) Cheese and Tomato Pizza Wedge with Potato Wedges (G,D)</p> <p>Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans</p>	TUESDAY	<p>On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>For dessert... (vg) (h) Chocolate Cracknel (G) (v) Yoghurt (D) or Fresh Fruit</p>	TUESDAY	<p>Choose a main meal... Beef Burger in a High Fibre Bun with Crispy Diced Potatoes (G,SB,C)</p> <p>(h)(v) Cheesy Tomato Pasta Bake with Freshly Baked Wholegrain Baguette (D,G)</p> <p>Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans</p>	TUESDAY
<p>Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST British Roast Beef, with Traditional Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy (D,E,G)</p> <p>(vg) Quorn Roast in Gravy with (v) Yorkshire Pudding (D,E,G) Crispy Roast Potatoes</p> <p>Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans</p>	WEDNESDAY	<p>On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>For dessert... (v)(h) Syrup Sponge with Custard (D,G,E,SB) (v) Ice Cream (D) Fresh Fruit</p>	WEDNESDAY	<p>Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST British Roast Pork Loin, Apple Sauce and Gravy</p> <p>(vg) Quorn Roast with Gravy (G) Crispy Roast Potatoes</p> <p>Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans</p>	WEDNESDAY
<p>Choose a main meal... Chicken Fillet Wrap and Sweetcorn Salsa Dip with Diced Potatoes (G)</p> <p>(v)(h) Mac 'n' cheese with Freshly Baked Crusty Bread (D,G)</p> <p>Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans</p>	THURSDAY	<p>On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>For dessert... (vg) Toffee Apple Donut (G,D,E,SB) (v) Yoghurt (D) or Fresh Fruit</p>	THURSDAY	<p>Choose a main meal... (h) Mild and Creamy Chicken Korma with Wholegrain rice (D)</p> <p>(vg) Veggie Nuggets with Seasoned Wedges (G)</p> <p>Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans</p>	THURSDAY
<p>Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY (msc) Battered Fish Fillet (G,F) with Chipped Potatoes</p> <p>(vg) Vegetarian Hotdog with Chipped Potatoes (G)</p> <p>Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans</p>	FRIDAY	<p>On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Peas or Baked Beans</p> <p>For dessert... (vg) Jelly with Fruit (vg) (h) Crunch Cookie (G) (v) Yoghurt (D) or Fresh Fruit</p>	FRIDAY	<p>Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY (msc) Fish Fillet Fingers (G,F) with Chipped Potatoes</p> <p>(v) Plantball Melt with Chipped Potatoes panbuns in a finger roll topped with rustic tomato sauce and grated cheese (G,D)</p> <p>Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans</p>	FRIDAY

Fruit Cordial or Fruity Water from the Hydration Station, Semi Skimmed Milk & fresh Bread are also offered daily

Vegetable accompaniments change to reflect seasonal availability.

ALLERGEN KEY
Vg = Vegan
V = Vegetarian
G = Gluten / Wheat
C = Custody
S = Sesame

F = Fish
M = Mashed
SU = Substitutes
D = Dairy
E = Eggs
SB = Soy

Allergies
Please contact your school cook for information regarding the content of dishes and products on our menu.

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.



ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 - 2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

End	Friday 25th October 2024
Half Term	Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024
Start	Monday 4th November 2024
INSET Day (no learners on site)	Friday 29th November 2024
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
Trust INSET Day (no learners on site)	Friday 14th March 2025
Term End	Friday 11th April 2025
Spring (Easter) Holiday	Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April 2025

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
Term End	Friday 18th July 2025
INSET Day (no learners on site)	Monday 21st July 2025

August 2024						
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July 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.

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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**, before 9am 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 [Privacy Notice](#) in the policy. This includes more details of our legal basis for the use of specific information.