

# **SEPTEMBER 2025 EDITION NEWSLETTER**





End of Half Term	Half Term	Start of Autumn Term 2	INSET Day (No learners)
Fri 24th Oct	Mon 27th - Fri 31st Oct	Mon 3rd Nov	Fri 28th Nov

# WE ARE SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE...

...the parents of one of our learners said that the support from Quest Academy has been important in his development of regulation skills and confidence.

# PRINCIPAL MESSAGE



It has been a real pleasure welcoming everyone back to school for the new term. The start of the year is always a special time, and it's wonderful to see our school filled once again with energy, laughter, and a renewed sense of purpose. I hope the break gave you all a chance to rest, recharge, and spend time together.

Our learners have made an excellent start, approaching their lessons with positivity and determination. The focus and enthusiasm I have seen in classrooms over the last two weeks is a real credit to them, and it sets a strong foundation for the term ahead.

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to those learners who are joining Quest for the first time. We are delighted to have you with us and know that, with the support of our staff and your peers, you will quickly feel part of our community.

As always, we will continue working in partnership to ensure that every learner is given the opportunities, encouragement, and guidance they need to succeed. I look forward to seeing all that we will achieve together this term.

With best wishes,

cheering for more.

Laura Thackaberry

Principal



We Will Rock You is a high-octane, adrenaline-fueled musical featuring more than 20 iconic Queen hits, including "Bohemian Rhapsody", "We Are the Champions", "Somebody to Love", "Don't Stop Me Now" and, of course, "We Will Rock You."

Set in a post-apocalyptic future where individuality has been outlawed and music is controlled by algorithms, the story follows two young revolutionaries who dare to defy the system to save rock 'n' roll.

This fist-pumping, foot-stomping anthem to freedom and self-expression is a musical for our time — unapologetically bold and filled with the timeless power of Queen's legendary music. A global phenomenon, We Will Rock You has been performed in 28 countries and seen by more than 16 million people worldwide: this explosive, rockin' spectacle is a celebration of the power of music and individuality that will leave audiences



#### WHEN

25 September - 27 September

#### WHERE

The Benn Hall Newbold Road, Rugby, CV21 2LN

- COST

Concession £17.50 Standard £19.50 Booking Fee £2.00 per booking

BOX OFFICE 01788 533719



https://uk.patronbase.com/\_BennHall/Productions/312/Performances



# Reading age Age 3+

Reading age

Age 4 - 8

# The (RAYONS 90 BACK TO SCHOOL

DREW DAYWELL OLIVER TEFFERS

#### The Crayons Go Back to School

Written by Drew Daywalt

Illustrated by Oliver Jeffers

The hilarious crayons from the #1 New York Times bestseller The Day the Crayons Quit are ready to go back to school! A back-to-school story featuring everyone's favourite school supplies!

The crayons are getting ready to go back to school and each crayon has a subject they're looking forward to the most. They're also ready to meet new friends and let loose during their very favourite time of day . . . art class.

You can also check it read out on YouTube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dvcRfArHoLA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dvcRfArHoLA</a>

## Big Kids

Written by K. L. Going
Illustrated by Reggie Brown

A vibrant and relatable picture book about first-day-of-school nerves that encourages young readers to celebrate new experiences and the big buddies they're sure to make along the way.

It's the first day of school and everywhere our small hero looks there are big kids! Big kids are shouting, playing, and high-fiving each other. Big kids are crowding the halls and hanging out on the playground. It all feels a bit over-

By K. L. Going Brown

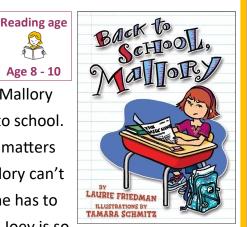
whelming. And since it's Buddy Day, the big kids are pairing off with little kids. But maybe having a big buddy won't be so bad—he shows him where to find his classroom and where to hang his coat. He even uses his big kid arms to reach the chocolate pudding! Maybe big kids aren't so scary after all? With K. L. Going's insightful text and Reggie Brown's energetic art, this perfect back-to-school read shines humor and empathy on that intimidating feeling every kid experiences starting at a new school!

## Back to School, Mallory

Written by Laurie Friedman

Illustrated by Tamara Schmitz

Summer is over and that can only mean one thing for eight-year-old Mallory McDonald (like the restaurant, but no relation)—she has to go back to school. But not just any school, a new school with all new kids in it. To make matters worse, her mom is going, too! She's the new music teacher, and Mallory can't think of anything that could possibly be worse—until her first day. She has to sit with Pamela, who always says the right thing and steals her ideas. Joey is so



busy with his old friends that he has no time for her, and to top it off, she's picked to be an eggplant in the Fall Festival her mom is putting on. It's not fair! What can Mallory do? Should she give Pamela, and her new school, another chance?

# **SPICY TOMATO SOUP**

# **Ingredients**

1 onion

1 carrot

1 potato

1 x can chopped tomatoes (400g)

500ml water

1 stock cube

1/2 x 5ml spoon dried chilli flakes

1 x 15ml spoon tomato puree

# **Equipment**

Chopping board, knife, vegetable peeler, saucepan, can opener, measuring spoons, wooden spoon, liquidiser/ blender, ladle.

#### Method

- 1. Prepare the vegetables:
  - peel and slice the onion;
  - top and tail, peel and slice the carrot;
  - peel and cut the potato into 8.
- 2. Put all the ingredients into a saucepan.
- 3. Stir everything together, bring to the boil and then simmer for 20 minutes.
- 4. Ladle the mixture into the liquidiser and blend until smooth.
- 5. Serve.

#### Top tips

- Place a cloth over the liquidiser to prevent any soup from splashing out.
- Use a range of different vegetables, e.g. leeks, peppers, mushrooms.
- Serve with wholegrain bread.
- Use different herbs and spices, e.g. basil, mixed herbs, paprika.

#### Skills used



MEASURE



PFFL



CUT, CHOP, SLICE, DICE & TRIM



MIX, STIR & COMBINE



MELT, SIMMER AND BOIL



BLITZ, PUREE AND BLEND

Complexity: Low - Medium



Time: 45 Mins



















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.

magic breakfast



# magic

# **Impact of a** magic breakfast





On average, this is the percentage of our partner schools who agree they have seen a positive impact in the following areas:







**TO LEARN** 

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

# **WHY BREAKFAST?**

- 4 million children live in households that experience food insecurity which means 1 in 4 children are at risk of hunger in the UK(1)
- 9 pupils in a classroom of 30 live in poverty in the UK(2)







Millions of children and young people are starting their day without the meal they need to tackle some of their most important lessons at school; they go without the fuel to focus, learn and thrive.

A hungry child cannot concentrate, so could miss out on half a day of learning every school day if not given anything nutritious to eat in the morning.

A magic breakfast can enhance your wrap-around childcare provision. Having a hunger-focused breakfast has been shown to improve punctuality, attendance and behaviour, improve wellbeing and ensure children and young people are settled and ready at the start of the school day.

Breakfast is a simple and powerful way to tackle poverty and inequality head-on.

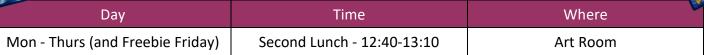
# Transforming lives one breakfast at a time

Magic Breakfast is a national charity. For over 20 years, we've provided nutritional breakfasts in schools - making sure every vulnerable child and young person feels included and ready to learn. Today, the demand for our services is higher than ever, so we have evolved. We continue to support those in need right now but we're also working to eliminate hunger in the classroom once and for all.

We focus on being part of the solution through our campaigning, research and advocacy work with politicians and decision-makers. We're sparking a broader conversation with governments and in the media for long-term systemic change.







**Purpose:** Keep trading fun, fair, and safe for everyone. Anyone may attend, but rules must be followed. If any learners are new to Pokémon, we have plenty of spare cards to help you get started.

# Stamp System (How it works)

**Earning stamps:** You earn 1 stamp for each club day you attend, Mon-Thurs (max. 4 stamps per week), they have no cash value. They are recorded on your personal Stamp Sheet, which is maintained by staff.

**Lost or damaged sheets**: If you lose/damage your sheet, tell staff immediately. We will verify and reissue from our records where possible.



**Non-tradable:** You cannot trade, sell, swap, or barter your stamps for cards. They only live on your own sheet. **Donations allowed** (limited): You may donate up to <u>4 stamps</u> per month to other members. Donations must be witnessed and recorded by staff. Once recorded, donations are final.

## **Club Shop**

You may spend stamps on listed items during shop time. Items are priced in stamps. Current range: 5 stamps (lowest) up to 25 stamps (highest). Prices and item availability may change; staff will announce any changes.

#### Trading Rules (Cards & Items)

**Kindness first:** Aggression or swearing isn't tolerated, 1 warning is given; if it continues, you'll

be asked to leave for the day. **No pressure trades**: All trades should be fair and friendly. No bullying, pestering, or rushing others. **Cooling off safety**: No trade is completely final within the same week. If someone becomes unhappy with a trade made that week, they may request to trade back by Thursday of that same week; staff will help facilitate. After that, trades are final. **Teacher discretion**: Your class teacher has the final say on whether you may attend that day, based on behaviour reports. **Where & when:** Trading happens during club time only, and not during lessons or in corridors.

#### Fair Play & Safeguarding

- Respect personal property. Ask before touching someone else's cards or binder.
- Keep rare items safe. Bring only what you're happy to trade.
- Report problems early. If anything feels unfair, tell staff straight away so we can help.

#### Freebie Friday (Weekly Prize Draw)

Every Friday: We draw 1 winner from members who attended at least once that week (Mon–Thu). Prizes may be a free pack, a free stamp, or a free card (staff's choice based on availability). You do not need to be present at the draw; winners can

collect at the next club day. Bear with us on a club for our first lunch!

Matthew Berry

Dalai Lama Tutor, NCFE Health & Fitness Teacher

# **DIVERSITY CLUB**

Day	Time	Where
Friday	Second Lunch - 12:40-13:10	Meeting Room



Diversity Club is a lunch time club for our learners targeted towards any LGBTQA+ learners and anyone else who wants a safe space to go. All are welcome as long as they are respectful of other people. The idea is to create a calm, relaxing place to be where learners are free to express themselves.



This half term we will be watching WICKED and discussing the diversity representation in the film. We will also have colouring, crafts and learners can bring their own laptops if they need.

Please let your learners know that this is happening and that they are more than welcome to come!





Day	Time	Where	
Tuesday and Thursday	Second Lunch - 12:40-13:10	Art Room	

#### What We Do:

Art club is a safe space where everyone is encouraged to explore their creative ideas, develop their skills and show off all the awesome artwork that they've done! It's run by George Mckeown (TA) and it's perfect for learners who love art and those who are just starting off. There's no required skill level and if learners don't feel like drawing/creating it's a great space to de-stress and talk about their days.

#### **Rules:**

Please remain respectful of all learners in this space, warnings for unsafe language/topics of conversation will only be issued once then you will be asked to leave for that session and are welcome to come back to the next one.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

# **MEDICATION REMINDER**

Any prescribed medication sent into school must be in original packaging, with pupil's name, date of birth and dosage clearly marked (and within date) and be given to the taxi escort and then directly to staff. Learners must not carry their own medication unless it is inhalers.

- We ask that you read the 'Supporting Learners with Medical Needs' Policy (available on the school website).
- We would like to reiterate that there is no legal duty requiring school staff to administer medication therefore it should be noted that this is a service that the school is not obliged to undertake.
- In order for the school to deliver medication you need to complete the 'Administration of Medication Consent Form' (available from reception).
- If your child vomits or spits out the medication given, the dose will not be repeated.
- Please notify the school of all changes in medication and/or any relevant information.



# **ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 - 2026**

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AUTUMN TERM 2025					
End	Friday 24th October 2025				
Half Term	Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025				
Start	Monday 3rd November 2025				
INSET Day (no learners on site)	Friday 28th November 2025				
Term End	Friday 19th December 2025				
Christmas Holiday	Monday 22nd December 2025 - Friday 2nd January 2026				
SPRING TERM 2026					
INSET Day (no learners on site)	Monday 5th January 2026				
Start	Tuesday 6th January 2026				
End	Friday 13th February 2026				
Half Term	Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026				
Start	Monday 23rd February 2026				
Trust INSET Day (no learners on site)	Friday 13th March 2026				
Term End	Friday 27th March 2026				
Spring (Easter) Holiday	Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April 2026				
SU	MMER TERM 2026				
INSET Day (no learners on site)	Monday 13th April 2026				
Start	Tuesday 14th April 2026				
Bank Holiday (no learners on site)	Monday 4th May 2026				
End	Friday 22nd May 2026				
Half Term	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026				
Start	Monday 1st June 2026				
Term End	Friday 17th July 2026				
INSET Day (no learners on site)	Monday 20th July 2026				

# **MEALS, SNACKS & DRINKS**

At Quest Academy we offer a free healthy breakfast and healthy snacks at break times and encourage learners to drink water from the water coolers installed into each of our classrooms.









- We have lunch delivered by a company called **Educaterers**, menus run on a three week revolving basis (if you would like these menus please contact the Office on 01788 593 112 or check out our website). If there is a day where your child does not like anything then they will need to bring in a packed lunch.
- Payment for hot lunches need to be made in advance via ParentPay. A school meal costs £3.10 per day (£15.50 per week). Your account needs to be in credit at all times. If you have not paid for a meal in advance your child will need to bring in a packed lunch. If you haven't currently got a ParentPay account please contact the Office
- 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 For learners currently on our FSM list you do not need to reapply — new learners will need to let Warwickshire Council know they have transferred).
- Fizzy drinks and sweets are not allowed in school. On special occasions Quest may buy sweets/ice-cream for the learners. Please also note we are a nut free school.



# **REWARDS FOR AUTUMN TERM 1**

	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond
Week 3 19.09.2025	W 1 C 1 L 1	Laptops	Football	Cinema (Lower Only)
	Work Catch-Up		Gaming	
	Board Games	Arts & Crafts	D&D	
			Forest Schools/	
			Cooking	
	Work Catch-Up	Laptops	Football	- Cinema - (Upper Only)
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Week 4 26.09.2025	Board Games	Arts & Crafts	D&D	
			Forest Schools/ Cooking	
	Mork Catch Un	Lantons	Football	
	Work Catch-Up	Laptops	Gaming	Laser Quest
Week 5 03.10.2025			D&D	(Lower Only)
	Board Games	Arts & Crafts	Forest Schools/ Cooking	(Meal included)
	Work Catch-Up	Laptops	Football	Laser Quest
			Gaming	
Week 6 10.10.2025			D&D	(Upper Only)
	Board Games	Arts & Crafts	Forest Schools/	(Meal included)
			Cooking	(wicai meiaaca)
Week 7 17.10.2025	Work Catch-Up	Laptops	Football	Bowling (Lower Only)
			Gaming	
	Board Games	Arts & Crafts	D&D	
			Forest Schools/	
			Cooking	
Week 8 24.10.2025	Work Catch-Up	Laptops	Football	
			Gaming	Bowling (Upper Only)
	Board Games	Arts & Crafts	D&D	
			Forest Schools/ Cooking	

# **SOFT PLAY EXPECTATIONS**



## Maximum of 3 learners at a time.

- No Fighting (Safe Hands and Feet)
- Take off shoes and any other loose items (e.g. watches, jewellery, lanyards)
- No removal of wall or floor pieces or den lid
- No stacking large soft play pieces on top of each other (i.e. the slide, stairs and den)
- 1 learner allowed in the den at a time
- Indoor Voice and Safe Language

Please leave soft play as tidy as possible.



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** 

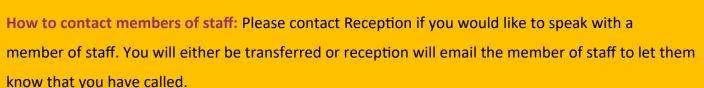
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Reporting pupil absence and lateness: Please can we remind parent/carers to call school on 01788 593 112, before 9am if your child may be late or is unwell. You will also need to contact the taxi company to let them know. If your child is absent for 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.

















