

NOVEMBER 2024 EDITION 1 NEWSLETTER





Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 12th November

World Kindness Day Wednesday 13th November



Children In Need Friday 15th November

We are successful because...

...one of our learners has shared that he loves being at Quest Academy. His mother said that she is pleased with her son's development of understanding around personal safety.



"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolour, summer an oil painting, and autumn a mosaic of them all."

— Stanley Horowitz

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/carer, 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.

<u>Click here</u> Or copy and paste the following <u>https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/66ed95fada419</u>

Evaluation submissions are valid until 22/11/2024.

DID YOU KNOW...

November: the name for this month derives from the Latin root *novem* meaning "nine," because the Roman calendar started in March, and there were only 10 months in the year, and November was indeed the ninth month.

When the Roman senate changed the calendar in 153 BCE, the new year started in January, then February, and November became the eleventh month.





Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter

Written by Kenard Pak

As leaves fall from their trees, animals huddle against the cold, and frost creeps across windows, everyone knows—winter is on its way!



Join a brother and sister as they explore nature and take a stroll through their twinkling town, greeting all the signs of the coming season. In a series of conversations with everything from the setting sun to curious deer, they say goodbye to autumn and welcome the glorious first snow of winter in Kenar Pak's *Goodbye Autumn*, *Hello Winter*.

Goodnight Mister Tom

Written By Michelle Magorian

Tom tucked a blanket round him, drew up a chair by the fire and watched Willie fall asleep. The tales he had heard about evacuees didn't seem to fit Willie. 'Ungrateful' and 'wild' were the adjectives he had heard used, or just plain 'homesick'. He was quite unprepared for this timid, sickly little specimen.

Britain, 1940. With World War Two raging all around, young children are being sent from their homes in the city to the countryside for safety. When eight-year-old Willie Beech first arrives on Tom Oakley's doorstep, neither are quite sure what to make of each another.



Brought up in terrible poverty, Willie is terribly shy, and totally unprepared for village life - but the gruff-but-gentle 'Mister Tom' quickly takes him under his wing. Neither he nor Willie could ever have predicted the journey they will go on together - nor the unbreakable bond that will be formed.

Winner of the *Guardian* Children's Fiction Award, and rightly hailed as a true classic of children's literature, *Goodnight Mister Tom* is a beautifully told, deeply moving story about the power of friendship, kindness, hope - and love.

A Poem for Every Autumn Day

Edited by Allie Esiri

A Poem for Every Autumn Day will transport you to vibrant autumnal scenes, from harvest festival to Remembrance Day.

Perfect for reading aloud and sharing with all the family, this book dazzles with an array of familiar favourites and remarkable new discoveries selected from Allie Esiri's bestselling poetry anthologies A Poem for Every Day of the Year and A Poem for Every Night of the Year. These seasonal poems — together with introductory paragraphs — have a link to the date on which they appear.

Includes poems by Robert Louis Stevenson, John Betjeman, Amy Lowell, Paul Laurence Dunbar, William Shakespeare and Christina Rossetti who sit alongside Seamus Heaney, John Agard, Simon Armitage, Patience Agbabi and Imtiaz Dharker. This soul-enhancing book will keep you company for every day of your life.



Reading age

Age 9 - 11



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/

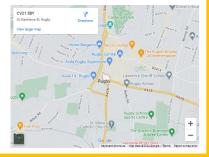
Telephone: 01788 567777

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 <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.

FROG FRIDAY

A nature filled Friday morning adventure, where we collected insects and found a lovely frog



which we released back into our pond area.









REMEMBRANCE DAY ART

This beautiful Remembrance Day Art has been created by Holly, using chalk and chalk pastels on a circular canvas.



ANTI BULLYING WEEK

Anti-Bullying Week 20234: Choose Respect: ABA (Anti-Bullying Alliance) are official organisers of Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Anti-Bullying Week 2024 will take place from **Monday 11th - Friday 15th November 2024**.



The theme of Choose Respect has come about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Following the success of the campaign in 2023 – when 80% of schools marked the week, reaching over 7.5 million children and young people – this year, we'll empower children and young people to choose respect.

Our call to action: From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones, this Anti-Bullying Week let's 'Choose Respect' and bring an end to bullying which negatively impacts millions of young lives. This year, we'll empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline. Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives — it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make. Join us this Anti-Bullying Week and commit to 'Choose Respect'. What will you choose?

Anti-Bullying Alliance patron, CBBC and CBeebies star Andy Day will lead celebrity support for the campaign, with his band Andy and the Odd Socks. The band will be releasing a video for their toe-tapping song, 'Choose Respect', to mark Odd Socks Day on the first day of Anti-Bullying Week. There's a serious message behind the fun: let's pull on odd socks to show we're ALL unique and different, and let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality. For older children, the buzz on social media is an important part of Anti-Bullying Week, and a great opportunity for

schools to share how they've embraced the anti-bullying message. It's easy to get involved via #AntiBullyingWeek and #ChooseRespect on Instagram, TikTok, LinkedIn, Facebook & Twitter.





WORLD KINDNESS DAY

Wednesday 13th November 2024

World Kindness Day will be celebrated around the on world

November 13th. First introduced in 1998 by the World Kindness

Movement, World Kindness Day offers an opportunity to highlight good deeds in the community and the common thread of kindness.

The theme for this year is "Kindness: A Global Movement." This theme highlights the collective power of kindness and encourages everyone to participate in spreading goodwill across the globe.

DID YOU KNOW?

Kindness releases feel-good chemicals in our bodies and helps us feel happier.

You will never have a completely bad day if you show kindness at least once.

Greg Henry Quinn

No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted.

Aesop

How to Participate in World Kindness Day 2024?

Participating in World Kindness Day is a simple yet impactful way to make a positive difference in the world. Here are ways to get involved:

- Perform Acts of Kindness: Throughout the day, consciously perform acts of kindness, such as helping a neighbour, complimenting a colleague, or donating to a charity.
- Spread Positivity: Share uplifting and positive messages on social media to inspire others to be kind and compassionate.
- Volunteer: Offer your time to volunteer for a local charity or non-profit organization that aligns with your values.
- Donate: Make a donation to a charitable cause that you believe in, whether it's for humanitarian aid, education, or healthcare.
- Teach Kindness: Educate children and young people about the importance of kindness and empathy through storytelling or classroom activities.
- Random Acts of Kindness: Surprise someone
 with a random act of kindness, such as buying a
 stranger's coffee or leaving an encouraging
 note for a friend.





SAFELINE'S ONLINE PARENT WORKSHOPS

HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE

Wednesday 27th of November 2024
Online Safety
5- 6pm
Wednesday 4th of December 2024
Mental health
5- 6pm
Wednesday 11th of December 2024
Bullying and Sexual Harassment
5-6pm

If you wish to attend please email ramandeepd@safeline.org.uk

Zoom meeting ID - 765 294 7590

This workshop provides key knowledge around keeping your child safe online, some of the risks of the online world, guidance around bullying and harassment and also tips and strategies of helping your child improve their mental health and self-esteem.







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CHILDREN IN NEED

Friday 15th November 2024

Learners are invited to attend school Friday 15th November wearing yellow and/or spots, or

Children In Need items. As this falls on a non-uniform day it is not compulsory.

If you would like to donate, please do so via the Children In Need Website:

https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/



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.



RUBGY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

Make sure you put Sunday 17th November, 12 Noon till 6pm, Rugby

Town Centre in the diary as that is the date for the big Rugby Christmas light switch-on! The festive family annual event, delivered by Rugby First on behalf of Rugby Borough Council, will take place between 12 noon and 6pm, with around 8000 people expected to enjoy the lights and Christmas celebrations. This year's lights will be switched on by local Olympians — Kimberley Woods, Chelsie Giles and Lauren Henry. As well as the switching on of the lights and a full programme of live music and dance, there will be a funfair, children's entertainment, street food and stalls. Activities will take place on North Street, Church Street, Market Place, Regent Street, Henry Street, Albert Street, Bank Street and other areas of the town centre to make sure you don't miss anything!





Linda Lowne, Rugby First Business Director, said: "The Christmas Light Switch-On is the biggest annual event in Rugby town centre. Thousands of people come into the town to enjoy the event and provide a much-welcomed boost to the town centre economy, through shopping, eating and drinking — a great way to support the local business community!" Linda continued: "The town centre is a great place to pick up your Christmas gifts, with a fantastic choice of national and independent stores offering a wide variety of interesting and unique gifts for friends and family. We also have some great food and drink offers from the many cafes, pubs, and restaurants in the town centre."



- Leamington Spa Light Switch On: Sunday 17th November, The Christmas Market along the Parade starts at 10am. The Myton Hospices Tree of Light will be switched on at 4pm, and the main lights will be switched on at 5.30pm on the stage outside the Town Hall.
- Bedworth Christmas light Switch on craft market: Saturday 23rd November, 4pm to 8pm, Mill
 Street, Bedworth, United Kingdom
- Warwick Victorian Evening and Christmas Lights switch on: Thursday 28th November, Victorian market from 3pm in the Market Square with themed rides and fun for all the family. Lights will be switched on at 7pm.
- Nuneaton Christmas Lights: Friday 29th November, 3pm 8pm, Queens Road, Nuneaton,
 Warwickshire, CV11 5JW
- Kenilworth Old Town, High St, Christmas Lights Switch On: Friday 29th November, Traditional lights switch on with entertainment, food and drink and children's rides. Event starts at 5pm, Christmas lights will be switched on at 6pm.
- Kenilworth, Warwick Road, Christmas Lights Switch On: Sunday 1st December, 1pm start with a Christmas market, fun fair rides available to keep the kids entertained. At 4pm the entertainment starts with performances on the main stage. Christmas lights switch on at 6pm.





MultiSports, Fun and Friendship!

ILEAP Charity and Fitt 4 Kids
have a new session, giving young people with Additional
Needs the chance to have fun, play sports and make
new friends!!

It's all about sporty themed Fun and Friendship.

We won't be too competitive, and we'll make sure you stay safe while getting some exercise. Qualified Coaches from our partners at Fitt 4 Kids will deliver the session alongside ILEAP staff.

Venue: Stratford Lesuire Centre Sports Hall
Day: Every Friday during term time
Autumn term dates: 8th November - 20th December

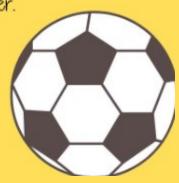
Time: 5.00pm - 6.00pm (6-13 years)

Please bring a drink and dress for the weather.

Cost: Just £2.50 per session



Join and book now at www.ileap.co.uk



ILEAP's new Footy and MultiSport session, starting this Friday and running every week during term-time at Stratford Leisure Centre's Sports Hall. Just £2.50 a session!

EDUCATERERS MENU: SEPT 2024 - APRIL 2025 ducaterers' Weekly Menu A FOOD STORY Week one Week two Week three Warwickshire: 2/9, 23/9, 14/10, 4/11, 25/11, 16/12, 20/1/25, 10/2, 10/3, 31/3 Warwickshire: 16/9, 7/10, 18/11, 9/12, 13/1/25, 3/2, 3/3, 24/3 Warwickshire: 9/9, 30/9, 21/10, 11/11, 2/12, 6/1/25, 27/1, 24/2, 17/3, 7/4 Choose a main meal... Southern Style Chicken Strips in a Wrap with Potato Wedges (G) Choose a main meal... Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Noodles (G.SB.SU.E) Choose a main meal... British Pork Sausages with Gravy & Mashed Potatoes (G.SÜ) MONDAY with Potato Wedges (G) (v)(h) Cheese and Baked Bean Pasty with Potato Wedges (G.D) On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Vegetables of the Day For dessert... (vg) (h) Lemon Shortbread (G) (v) Cheese Crackers and Apple Wedge (G.D) Fresh Fruit For dessert... (vg)(h) Flapjack (v) Yoghurt (D) or Fresh Fruit For dessert... (vg)(h) Chocolate Orange Cookie with Orange Wedges (G) (v) Yoghurt (D) or Fresh Fruit Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans Choose a main meal... Beef Burger in a High Fibre Bun with Crispy Diced Potatoes (G.SB.C) TUESDAY TUESDAY TUESDAY vg) Veggie Plant burger in a High fibre Bun with Crispy Diced (v) Cheese and Tomato Piz with Potato Wedges (G.D) For dessert... (v) Strawberry Whip with Fruit (D) (v) Cheese Crackers and Apple Wedge (G.D) Fresh Fruit For dessert... (vg) (h) Shortbread (G) (v) Cheese Crackers and Apple Wedge(G.D) Fresh Fruit Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D). Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST British Roast Beef, with Traditional Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy (D.E.G) Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAS British Roast Chicken Fillet, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy (G) Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST British Roast Pork Loin, Apple Sauce an (vg) Quorn Roast in Gravy with Sage and Onion Stuffing (G) Crispy Roast Potatoes Vegetables of the Day For dessert... (v)(h) Apple and Cinnamon Charlotte with Custard (G.SU.D) (v) Strawberry Swirl Mousse (D) Fresh Fruit (v)(h) Syrup Sponge with Custard (D.G.E.SB) (v) Ice Cream (D) Fresh Fruit Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D). Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans Choose a main meal... Chicken Fillet Wrap and Sweetcom Salsa Dip with Diced Potatoes (G) Choose a main meal... THURSDAY THURSDAY THURSDAY Fresh Salad Bar Vegetables of the Day Fresh Salad Bar Vegetables of the Day (v)(h) Mac 'n' cheese with Freshly Baked Crusty Bread (vg) Veggie Nuggets with Seasoned Wedges (G) (vg) Veggie Sausage with Herby Diced For dessert... (v) Pancakes with Fruit (G D E) (v) Yoghurt (D) or Fresh Fruit (vg)Toffee Apple Donut (G.D.E.SB) (v) Yoghurt (D) or Fresh Fruit Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY (msc) Salmon Fish Cake with Chipped Potatoes (G.F) On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Peas or Baked Beans For dessert... (vg)(h) Ginger Cookie (G) (vg) Jelly with Fruit On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Peas or Baked Beans For dessert. (v)(h) 'School Favourite' Sprinkles Sponge Cake (G.E.SB) (v) Yoghurt (D) Fresh Fruit On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Peas or Baked Beans For dessert... (vg) Jelly with Fruit (vg) (h) Crunch Cookie (G) (v) Yoghurt (D) or Fresh Fruit (v)(h) Rustic Pizza Wedg Chipped Potatoes (G.D) (v) Plantball Melt with Chipped Potatoes plantballs in a finger roll topped with rustic tomato, sauce and grated cheese (G.D) Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans (vg) Vegetarian Hotdog with Chipped Potatoes (G) (v) Yoghurt (D) or Fresh Fruit

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

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SU = Solphites SB = Soys

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

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

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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

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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								
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Term End	Friday 11th April 2025								
Spring (Easter) Holiday	Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April 2025								
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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								
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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.



















