



Newsletter

**May**

**the month of growth,  
new beginnings, and  
blooming potential —  
just like our students!**

**WELCOME!**

Dear Families,

As we step into the final half term of the year, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible efforts of our Year 6 team. Their hard work and dedication in preparing the children for their SATs was nothing short of exceptional. The pupils approached the week with such maturity, focus, and resilience — we're all extremely proud of them.

Now, as always, the summer term brings a packed calendar of exciting events. From Sports Day and the £5 Challenge to Transition Day and end-of-year celebrations, there's plenty to look forward to. It's a busy but wonderful time, filled with opportunities for our

children to shine in all sorts of ways beyond the classroom.

With so much happening, please do keep an eye on newsletters, emails and updates from school — we'll do our best to keep you well-informed, and your help in staying on top of communications will really help everything run smoothly.

As many of you know, our school will soon be converting from a Local Authority school to join Griffin Schools Trust. This move brings opportunities for greater collaboration, access to wider resources, and a strong network of support — all of which will benefit our students and staff.

We also want to acknowledge that this transition coincides with leadership

change. We are confident that the MAT has the capacity and expertise to support the school through this period of change. Leadership support will be in place to ensure continuity and stability for our children and families.

We understand that times of transition can bring questions, and we'll continue to share more updates with you in the coming weeks. For now, please be reassured that the focus remains firmly on the wellbeing, learning and success of everyone.

*Mr Mann*

## Supporting Your Child's Wellbeing Through Good Attendance

### Our School



#### Legend

- Persistently absent (10% or more sessions missed)
- Low attendance (90-96 %)
- Good attendance (96-100 %)

**Absence Patterns** - 48 pupils have been absent before or after a school holiday.

**DfE Penalty Notice Threshold** - (10+ unauthorised absences in 10 rolling school weeks)

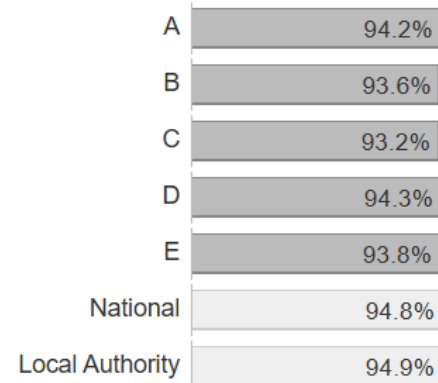
**4 pupils** currently meet the threshold

**11 pupils** previously met the threshold between 02/09/2024 and 29/05/2025

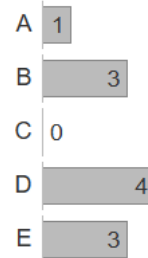
**19 pupils have recently improved from previous poor attendance.** 😊

## Our Classes Attendance

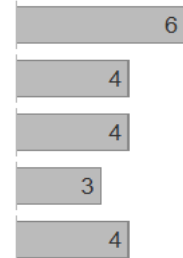
### Attendance percentage



### 15-18 days missed



### 19+ days missed



Late before register closed	Late after register closed
253	29

Every day in school really does count — not just for learning, but for building friendships, developing confidence, and staying part of the daily rhythm that helps children feel secure and successful. Good attendance and consistent routines have a big impact on children's wellbeing.

Frequent absenteeism can lead to feelings of isolation and disconnection from school and friends. Moreover, children may experience anxiety about falling behind or struggling to fit in when they return to school. This anxiety can be a significant barrier to their engagement and overall well-being.

We know mornings can be busy, and sometimes things don't go quite to plan, but sticking to regular routines — early bedtimes, organised school bags, and on-time drop-offs — makes a real difference.

If you are ever finding routines tricky, or need support, please don't hesitate to speak to us. We're here to help.

Let's keep working together to make sure every child gets the most out of these final weeks.

### **Academisation Consultation Update**

This is to acknowledge the closure of the consultation regarding the proposal for Exhall Junior School to convert to an academy within the Griffin Schools Trust.

Governors would like to thank the school community for their participation in the formal consultation held from 11th April to 2nd May, extended until 8th May to allow for face-to-face meetings with colleagues from the Griffin Schools Trust.

Governors are committed to working with parents, carers and the wider community and knew it was important for everyone to be able to ask questions, explore the proposal in more detail, and be involved in the consultation.

Details of the questions asked, and the responses have been uploaded to the school website: Exhall Junior School - Home

Following the consultation, governors are pleased to acknowledge that parents / carers support the proposal and therefore

governors will proceed with the conversion of Exhall Junior School to academy status and join the Griffin Schools Trust.

Deciding to become an academy is a significant step in the life of the school and one that has not be taken lightly. At all stages in the process governors' key concern has been what is in the best interests, both now and in the long term, of the pupils, families, staff and community of Exhall Junior School.

Joining the Griffin Schools Trust, an organisation that shares our values and ethos, means that our school will be in a supportive partnership which will benefit not only the teachers and support staff who work with your children on a day-to-day basis but also the organisation and administration of the school, making it ever more efficient and resilient.

Over the next few weeks, the processes and documentation necessary to finalise the conversion will be completed. We anticipate that this will all be in place for 1st September, and we will begin the new academic year as an academy within the Griffin Schools Trust.

In the meantime, we understand that this process may raise further questions or concerns, and we are committed to keeping you informed, so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any further questions.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support, shaping the future of our school.



### Wishing You All the Best!

As Mrs Edwards begins her maternity leave, we'd like to wish her all the very best for this exciting new chapter! We know she'll be missed by

children, parents and staff alike — but she's certainly left us in very good shape. We're pleased to say that cover arrangements are all in place. The children are already familiar with their new teachers, including Miss Shepherd who previously taught them back in Year 3 — so there are plenty of friendly faces and familiar routines.

In Mrs Edwards absence, we have been very fortunate to have staff covering her other school roles - Mrs Watts, our Inclusion Lead, will be the school's Acting Assistant Head Teacher, and Miss Wilkins will be leading on Maths. True to form, Mrs E has left nothing to chance. Her planning is so detailed and organised, even the Mr Mann knows exactly what to do (and when to do it!). Some staff say there are even colour-coded tabs, post-its, and backup plans for the backup plans We'll keep everything running smoothly in her absence and look forward to hearing her wonderful news soon! We will keep you updated.

### Year 4 Bushcraft Day

Our Year 4 took part in a Bushcraft experience focused on fire lighting and safety, an important step in building confidence and practical skills





present. The children have progressed so well since joining Exhall Juniors, especially with their independent skills, they are really Year 4 ready now thanks to the hard work the children, and the Year 3 team, have put it since September.



### A Place for Plastic

The Helping Hands children have been reading a book called A Place for Plastic which is about recycling, following a journey of a plastic bag as it travels all over the ocean and meets some sea creatures. They have worked hard making a penguin who is in the story.



### Year 3

Year 3 finished their geography topic with a bang, by carrying out research about a well-known volcano and then presenting the information to table groups. It was really impressive with how hard Year 3 worked on this volcano activity. They found information online sensibly, made notes about the key points then chose which parts to

## RED HOUSE TEAM DAY



A massive thank you to all those that donated and contributed to the Red sale. It was a massive success, the only items we had left at the end were apples! We raised £111 for our charity Young Carers. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

## Singing Event



Year 3 and 4 had a wonderful end to the day event as they performed some of the songs they have been learning with our singing teacher, Jeremy, to the rest of the school.

They worked hard to rehearse the songs, often splitting into two or even four-part harmonies. They then performed, listening to Jeremy's direction carefully and performing superb actions too!

If you feel inspired, well you can join in too, details are here –

JOIN US FOR

# BEDWORTH, A SINGING TOWN

**FREE ADMISSION**

**ON THE FOLLOWING FRIDAYS**  
 MARCH 21, APRIL 11  
 MAY 2, MAY 23  
 JUNE 13, JULY 4

12pm - 12:45pm

Presented by Jeremy Dibb

Jeremy and a few of the singers at our first singing workshop

**BEDWORTH HEATH COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
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# BEDWORTH, A SINGING TOWN

BEDWORTH - A SINGING TOWN, IS A UNIQUE, PHILANTHROPICALLY-FUNDED PROJECT TO PROMOTE SINGING AS PART OF THE ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL POST-PANDEMIC RENEWAL IN WARWICKSHIRE. THROUGH FREE, HIGH-QUALITY SINGING AND CHORAL OPPORTUNITIES IN SCHOOLS, SHARING INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL SINGING AND CHORAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL TOWN RESIDENTS, AND BESPOKE PARTNERSHIPS WITH GROUPS WHO MAY BENEFIT FROM THE THERAPEUTIC ASPECTS OF SINGING - OUR GOAL IS FOR SINGING TO BE BETTER UNDERSTOOD, PROMOTED, AND AVAILABLE TO ALL RESIDENTS.

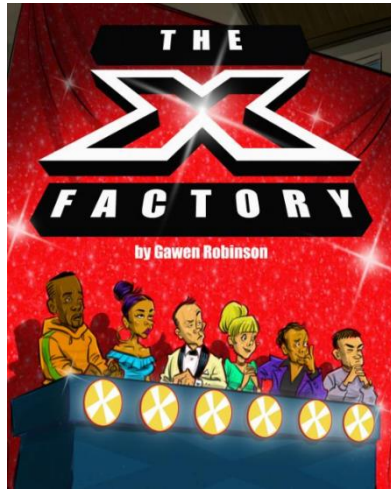
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## THIS YEAR'S Y6 PRODUCTION IS 'THE X FACTORY'

There was an air of excitement in Year 6, possible more than when the last SATs exam finished, as the details of the end of Year Y6 production were shared. A



massive well done to all students who participated in auditions - it takes a lot of confidence and everyone was superb.

Taking part in activities like this are such an important part of being in school. Taking part in an assembly, play or performance offers children so many valuable experiences that go far beyond the stage. From building confidence and teamwork to developing communication skills and resilience, children gain so much from the rehearsal and performance process. Whether they're taking on a main role, singing in the chorus, helping backstage, or supporting with props and sets, every child plays an important part in bringing the production to life.

For many children, a school production is a moment they'll remember for years to come — a chance to express themselves, work as a team, and feel proud of what they've achieved together.

It's a fantastic celebration of creativity, collaboration and school spirit.

## Thank You and Farewell to Mrs Inman — Plus Book Nook Fundraising News

We had a wonderful Tea/Coffee Morning recently to celebrate our love of reading and raise funds for our much-loved Book Nook, and to say goodbye to Mrs Inman.

We're delighted to share that thanks to your generosity — and a particularly generous donation from one of our parents — we've raised a fantastic amount to go towards purchasing new books.

We know the children will be thrilled to see even more exciting reads added to the shelves very soon!



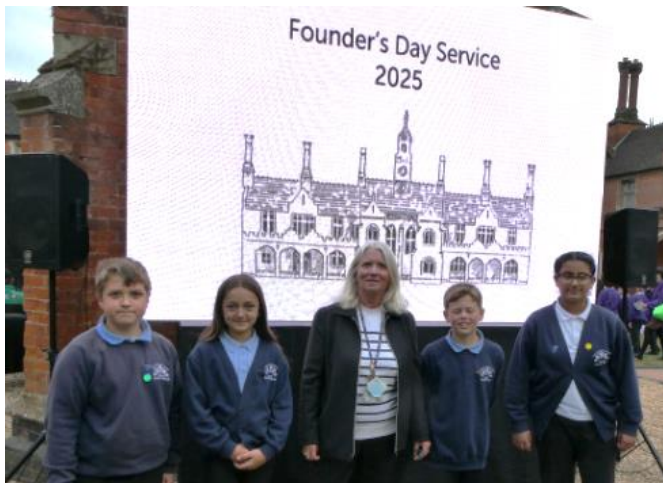
A special thank you must go to Mrs Inman, who has worked tirelessly to support children and families across many schools.

As many of you know, Mrs Inman is retiring, and we will certainly miss her dedication, warmth, and passion, we wish her well in her retirement

## Bun Day

This annual event is held in the Almshouses to mark the life of the town's most famous Rector and this year was well attended by pupils as well as guests, residents Governors and townsfolk. Exhall Junior School were represented by our Heads and Deputies, Mrs Randle, Mrs Robinson and Mr Mann.

After the service the children receive a sticky fruit bun and so, not surprisingly, the event has become affectionately known as "Bun Day", but it wasn't always like this. In the past, all the residents of the Almshouses and the school children were provided with a dinner by the charity to commemorate Founder's Day.



The children's meal was stopped during Victorian times when the numbers considerably increased, and a bun was given to each child instead.

The old residents enjoyed their Founder's Day dinner until the second world war, when severe rationing caused it to be discontinued. The tradition was revived in 2000 and once again the residents can

celebrate the vision of Nicholas Chamberlaine.



Due to a kind donation from the Nicholas Chamberlaine Trust, children in Exhall Juniors also received a book, as well as a buttered bun on the last day of half term.



The 11+ test is the normal route to assessing a child's suitability for a Warwickshire grammar school. Although it closely relates to the curriculum that children are taught in schools, the level of difficulty may go beyond the levels that children are expected to be achieving by the end of Key Stage 2.

You can find a Familiarisation Guide and other reference documents relating to the Warwickshire 11+ test in our School Admissions Document Library. [Link](#)

# Weekly Menu

A FOOD STORY

A vegan meal is available on request on days where (V) is not shown as a choice on the menu. All our food is natural whole food and although great care has been taken to remove all allergens, we are not responsible for any allergic reactions.

## Week one

WIMBORNE, COMBURY, 0505, 0206, 2305, 1407, 0805, 2205, 2019  
Oxfordshire, 0505, 0206, 2305, 1407, 0805, 2205, 2019

### MONDAY

**Choose a main meal...**  
(M) Meatless Pasta Bake with Cheese served with Crispy Bread (G, D)  
(V) Vegetable Enchiladas (V, D)  
For dessert...  
(V) 'School Favourite' Sprinkles Sponge Cake (G, E)  
(V) Yogurt (D, SB)  
Fresh Fruit

### TUESDAY

**Choose a main meal...**  
(V) Chicken Curry (mild spicy) served with Rice (D)  
(V) Cheese and Tomato Pizza Wedge served with Potato Wedges (G, D)  
For dessert...  
(V) Chocolate Cracking (G)  
(V) Yogurt (D, SB)  
Fresh Fruit

### WEDNESDAY

**Choose a main meal...**  
(M) Roast Beef with Traditional Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy (D, E, G)  
(V) Classic Quorn Roast in Gravy with (V) Yorkshire Pudding (D, E, G)  
For dessert...  
(V) Raspberry & Apple Sponge with Custard (D, G, E)  
(V) Yogurt (D, SB)  
Fresh Fruit

### THURSDAY

**Choose a main meal...**  
(M) Crispy Quorn Dippers in a Wrap with Tomato Sauce served with Crispy Diced Potatoes (G)  
(V) Cheese and Potato Pasty served with Crispy Diced Potatoes (G, D, E)  
For dessert...  
(V) Melting Moment Biscuit (G, D, E)  
(V) Yogurt (D, SB)  
Fresh Fruit

### FRIDAY

**Choose a main meal...**  
(M) Battered Fish Fillet (G, F) served with Chopped Potatoes  
(V) Tasty sausage & bean bake with baked beans served with Homemade Garlic Bread (G, D)  
For dessert...  
(M) Jelly with Fruit  
(V) Yogurt (D, SB)  
Fresh Fruit

## Week two

WIMBORNE, COMBURY, 1205, 0905, 3005, 1505, 0607  
Oxfordshire, 1205, 0905, 3005, 1505, 0607

### MONDAY

**Choose a main meal...**  
(M) Moroccan Chicken Pasta (mild spicy) served with Freshly Baked Puff Pastry (G)  
(V) Breaded Golden Vegetable Fingers served with Crispy Diced Potatoes (G)  
For dessert...  
(M) Flapjack (G)  
(V) Yogurt (D, SB)  
Fresh Fruit

### TUESDAY

**Choose a main meal...**  
(V) Rustic Pizza Wedge served with Crispy Diced Potatoes (G, D, SB)  
(V) Roasted Vegetable Zucchini Potatoes (D, E)  
For dessert...  
(M) Shortbread (G)  
(V) Yogurt (D, SB)  
Fresh Fruit

### WEDNESDAY

**Choose a main meal...**  
(M) Roast Chicken Fillet, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy (G)  
(V) Classic Quorn Roast in Gravy with Sage and Onion Stuffing (G)  
For dessert...  
(V) Ice Cream (D)  
(V) Yogurt (D, SB)  
Fresh Fruit

### THURSDAY

**Choose a main meal...**  
(M) Pork Sausages served with Mashed Potatoes (G, D, E, G)  
(V) Sweet 'n' sour Quorn served with Rice (E)  
For dessert...  
(V) Peach Melba Sponge (G, E)  
(V) Yogurt (D, SB)  
Fresh Fruit

### FRIDAY

**Choose a main meal...**  
(M) Salmon Fish Cake served with Chopped Potatoes (G, F)  
(V) Plant Power Burger in a Wrap served with Chopped Potatoes (G)  
For dessert...  
(M) Jelly with Fruit  
(V) Yogurt (D, SB)  
Fresh Fruit

## Week three

WIMBORNE, COMBURY, 1905, 0707, 0105, 2205, 1307  
Oxfordshire, 1905, 0707, 0105, 2205, 1307

### MONDAY

**Choose a main meal...**  
(V) Cheese and Tomato Pizza Wedge served with Seasoned Potato Wedges (G, D)  
(M) Quorn and Bean Tostada (V) Tostitos served with Seasoned Potato Wedges (G)  
For dessert...  
(V) Crunch Cookie (G)  
(V) Yogurt (D, SB)  
Fresh Fruit

### TUESDAY

**Choose a main meal...**  
(M) Beef Bolognaise served with Homemade Garlic Bread (G, Cheese D)  
(V) Plant Power Potatoes served with Herby Diced Potatoes (G)  
For dessert...  
(V) Lemon / Orange Drizzle Cake (G, E)  
(V) Yogurt (D, SB)  
Fresh Fruit

### WEDNESDAY

**Choose a main meal...**  
(M) Roast Pork Slice, Apple Sauce and Gravy  
(V) Classic Quorn Roast with Gravy (D)  
For dessert...  
(V) Strawberry Whip with Fruit (D)  
(V) Yogurt (D, SB)  
Fresh Fruit

### THURSDAY

**Choose a main meal...**  
(M) Burger in a Wrap served with Crispy Diced Potatoes (G, D, E, G)  
(V) Crispy Vegetable Curry served with Rice  
For dessert...  
(V) Chocolate Frosted Sponge (G, E, D)  
(V) Yogurt (D, SB)  
Fresh Fruit

### FRIDAY

**Choose a main meal...**  
(M) Fish Fingers (G, F) served with Chopped Potatoes  
(V) Tomato Pasta Bake served with Freshly Baked Bread (G, D)  
For dessert...  
(V) Ice Cream (D)  
(V) Yogurt (D, SB)  
Fresh Fruit

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



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A FOOD STORY

Full Control of every order from the hydration station. (V) Semi-skimmed milk & (M) Homemade fresh bread are also offered daily.



## Breakfast & After School Clubs

### Exhall Junior School

**Morning Club**  
7:30AM - 8:45AM

Monday: **Dodgeball**  
Tuesday: **Benchball**  
Wednesday: **Football**  
Thursday: **Spy Club**  
Friday: **Lego Construction**

£5.50 Per Day



**After School Club**  
3:15PM - 4:30PM

Monday: **Rounders**  
Tuesday: **Capture the flag**  
Wednesday: **Tennis/**  
**Badminton**  
Thursday: **Dodgeball/**  
**Benchball**  
Friday: **Football**

£5.50 Per Day

**Please visit:**  
[www.superstarsport.co.uk](http://www.superstarsport.co.uk)  
**to book your place**

we would appreciate your bookings as soon as possible so you don't miss out on a place.

If you would like to pay via tax free childcare then please let us know via text on 07963 324 799

Activities will run from 7:30AM to 8:45AM then SuperStars staff will look after your children from 3:15PM to 4:30PM

# Exhall Cedars Infant School



Exhall Cedars is a **small, nurturing Infant School**, in the **heart** of the Exhall community, serving Exhall, Bedworth, Hawkesbury Village, Brindley Edge and the Warwickshire/Coventry border.

Cedars provides an **excellent educational experience** for children aged 2-7 years.

## Ofsted March 2020:

*"Nurturing relationships exist between adults and children in the setting. Children get off to a good start." "Leaders have created a warm and welcoming environment for pupils and staff. Pupils like school and they feel safe."*



## Pre-school & Nursery

We provide sessional term time provision for 2-4yrs. We support 2Help and 3yr old NEF, including 30 hr provision for working parents.

Nursery 3-4yrs: am/pm or all day sessions

Pre-School 2-3yrs: Flexible to your needs.

Wraparound for 2-4yr olds is available, through school, at an additional cost

We accept Tax Free Childcare and Childcare Vouchers