



A message from our Headteachers



Our school vision is 'Limitless Opportunity, Endless Potential'. We are very proud to have established links with the University of Nottingham over the course of this academic year in line with this vision. We want pupils at Warren to understand that they can achieve any dream or goal they have in life, through providing them with opportunities to reach their potential.

So far this year, 3 classes have been able to visit the University to understand how they can aspire to attend themselves in the future. Year 5 had a fantastic day at the David Ross Sports Village, centred at the heart of the University on Tuesday. They were able to experience rock climbing, and explore the University campus through orienteering – learning new skills and discovering hidden talents!

Next week also marks the start of an important week for Year 6, as the children will be sitting their end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests. The children have worked incredibly hard this year to prepare for these tests, and we know that every one of them will do their very best. If your child is in Year 6, please support them with preparing as well as they can – they have lots of tools they can use to support revision over the weekend and next week. The children also need to ensure they are well rested and looking after their mental health and wellbeing as much as they can during this time.



We will be providing breakfast for everyone in Year 6 from 8.15am each day. Please come through the main office to come into school on these days.

A final reminder that the Academy will be closed on Monday for the King's Coronation Bank Holiday. We look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday morning.

Thank you,

Mrs Salam and Mr Middleton

Achievements this week!

Well done to the following children who have been given a certificate in our celebration assembly today!

- F1:** Elysee for becoming more confident in Nursery & Tyler for making the new starters feel welcome.
- F2:** Alfie for determination to catch-up with missed learning & Jaxon for striving to show good learning behaviour.
- Y1:** Destiny for working so hard with her Writing & Kole for using his Phonics to write a whole sentence on his own.
- Y2:** Kunal for maximum effort in Writing this week & Olly for always making good choices and listening.
- Y3:** Eliyyah for amazing presentation in his books & Winter for sharing super answers in our English books.
- Y4:** Jason for superb attitude to learning and engagement with Greeks topic & Julia for confident to take challenges out of her comfort zone.
- Y5:** Tymoteusz for being brave when rock climbing and for being a Rainforest expert & Zara for always trying her best and being super helpful.
- Y6:** All children for the final push towards their SATs.



Attendance

Our attendance target this year for each child to reach is 96%. It is important your child is coming to school every day to reach this target. Our whole school attendance for this week is 91.4%.

Mrs Neat, our family support worker, checks on pupil attendance daily. **We ask that you communicate every day with school to share reasons why your child is absent from school.**

Here is this week's attendance:

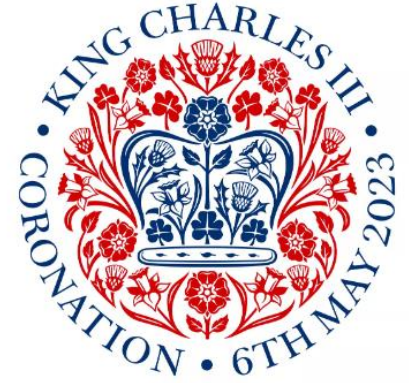
- F1: 62.2%
- F2: 85.2%
- Y1: 93.5%
- Y2: 95.5%
- Y3: 96.6%
- Y4: 88.4%
- Y5: 93.7%
- Y6: 98.3%



Well done to Year 6 who have the highest attendance this week!



How we celebrated the King's Coronation at Warren!





Key dates



Summer term 1



Date	Event
8.5.23	Bank Holiday for King's Coronation
9.5.23	Y6 SATs week
10.5.23	Y1 and Y3 class visits from the Mental Health Team
11.5.23	Y1 Phonics Screening Test Parent Workshop
15.5.23	Y2 SATs week
15.5.23	Autism Awareness Week in school
15.5.23	School Church running after school – please let us know if you are attending via the link on Classdojo .
18.5.23	Y2 Visit to University of Nottingham
24.5.23/25.5.23	Y6 Bikeability
26.5.23	End of half term
5.6.23	INSET day following half term break
6.6.23	Return to school

Warren Academy is now on Facebook!

Make sure to follow us to keep up with life at our school



Week 1 lunch menu

Day	Main	Vegetarian	Dessert	Jacket Potato
Monday	Tuna Sweetcorn Pasta Bake	Roasted Tomato and Basil Pasta	Pear Crumble	Baked Beans, Grated Cheese Fresh salad
Tuesday	Sausages	Quorn Sausages	Carrot Cake	Tuna Mayo & Sweetcorn Fresh Salad
Wednesday	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding	Quorn Roast	Raspberry Ripple Roll	Spaghetti Hoops Fresh Salad
Thursday	Chicken Curry	Vegetable Curry	Fresh Fruit Salad	Grated Cheese & Bacon
Friday	Cod in Batter	Quorn Sausages	Lemon Cheesecake	Cheese & Coleslaw



St Albans Parish Council

Free CPR and Defibrillator Training

18 May 2023

6.45pm to 8pm

Emmanuel Church Hall



NHS

East Midlands
Ambulance Service
NHS Trust



Would you know what to do in an emergency?

Over 50% of people have never had any training on how to do CPR or use a defibrillator.

Join us on this brief training session to learn the basics so you will feel more confident that you would know what to do in an emergency. The session is taught by a Community Trainer from East Midlands Ambulance Service

This is a FREE event but booking is essential as places are limited.

Book online here <https://FreeDefibTrg18May23.eventbrite.co.uk>

Or ring Cllr. Rachael Ellis on 0796 1124 592

10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police: location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *BBC Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and the *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.



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*Stonebridge
Coronation Party*

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6th

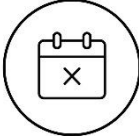





Please join us for

**Loads of games, crafts,
scavenger hunt and a
tea party!**

Starting at 10am





Warren expectations of attendance	
Expectation/actions	What you need to know
<p>Absence from school</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We understand your child may not be well enough to attend school. If this is the case, contact MUST be made with school to share why your child is off school. Communication must be made with school on every day of your child's absence. If we do not receive communication from you on each day of your child's absence, school will try all methods possible to ensure contact is made. If it is necessary, a home visit will be completed by members of the Warren team. This is to ensure we know your child is safe.
<p>Absence request forms</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other absence from school must be submitted to school via the absence request form. This can be provided for you by the office and it must be completed in a timely manner. School will review the request and decide whether this is classed as an authorised or unauthorised absence. Holidays during term time will not be authorised. Only requests for very exceptional circumstances will be authorised and this will be at the discretion of the Headteacher. The outcome of the request will be communicated with you.
<p>Punctuality and lateness</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The start of the school day is 8.50am. The school gates open daily at 8.30am, with the classroom doors opening from 8.40am. If your child arrives after 8.50am, they will be given a late ticket and they receive a late mark if they arrive after 8.50am. All children being on time for school is very important, as learning in the classroom begins from 8.40am. Our registers close at 9.10am. If your child arrives after this time and it is not for a medical reason, they will be marked with a 'U' code, which means they have an unauthorised absence for that session.
<p>Persistently absent pupils</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your child's attendance drops below 90%, they are classed as being a persistently absent pupil. You will be notified in writing if your child's attendance become below 90%. As a school, we have a duty to monitor attendance and we understand that your child's attendance may be lower due to illness. We will track and monitor this over a 4 week period, with the hope that this will improve. You may be asked to attend regular meetings with the school to implement an attendance action plan. If attendance does not improve, the school will refer to the Nottingham City Education Welfare Service. You may receive communication about a fine if attendance does not improve.
<p>Severely absent pupils</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A child is classed as severely absent if attendance is 50% or lower. This can be classed as educational neglect and a referral to social care can be made by the school. The Education Welfare team will be notified, a referral may be completed by the team due to concerns about your child's attendance, and you may be issued with a fine.
<p>Help and support for attendance</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We want to provide help and support to ensure all pupils can access their learning every day. If you are struggling with attendance, or would like further support with any issues around attending school or being on time, please speak to Mrs Salam, Mr Middleton or Mrs Neat, who will be more than happy to help.



Monday 8th May 2023



2pm-4pm

Emmanuel Church Hall

Join us for this free
community event to
celebrate the coronation
of King Charles III

Children's
crafts

Prosecco
toast

Bring your
bakes along to
be crowned our
STAR baker! 

Refreshments,
sandwiches,
cakes, scones..

St Albans activity and recreation society -
StARS, in partnership with Emmanuel Church



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