

Warren Academy Newsletter



A message from our Head of School



The first term of our academic year has flown by and we are truly proud of the progress the children have made in such a short space of time – from setting into their classes with new teachers and a new environment, to taking part in new learning experiences and topics that have captured their interest! We still have lots more happening across school before we break up for the Christmas holidays. A list of what is on in school next week can be found below, and we look forward to seeing you there!

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Tuesday 17 th Dec	Open morning for Early Years – open for any families who are interested in their child starting in F2 from Sept 2025
	EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance
	(evening) – children to return to school at 5.30pm for a 6pm show
Weds 18 th Dec	Stay and Play for any new F1 starters for January admission (morning)
	Y4 Learning Showcase – 1.30pm
	EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance (afternoon) – 2pm
Thursday 19 th Dec	EYFS Christmas Crafts with parents and carers – 9am
	KS2 Carol Concert at Emmanuel Church – 10.15am (please let us know if you can walk up with us!)
	KS1 Christmas Crafts with parents and carers – 2pm
Friday 20 th Dec	EYFS visit to Nottingham Playhouse to see The Ugly Duckling – am
	KS2 Christmas Crafts with parents and carers – 9am
	Christmas Parties in class during the afternoon (no party clothes required)
	School closes at 2pm

Thank you for your continued support.



The team at Warren are fundamental to the success of our children and the experiences they have, and therefore recognising their hard work is important to us. The National Teaching Awards are open for new nominations for this year and there is an opportunity for parents and carers to make their own nominations for the 'Unsung Hero Award'. Judged by an expert panel including BBC One's The One Show's Alex Jones, this award shines a light on unsung heroes. From brilliant office staff, friendly caretakers or playground helpers to stand-out teachers this is the only award open to nominations from parents/carers and pupils.

We would love for you to nominate someone to share how your unsung hero has made a difference to your child or family. Bring can also tell everyone about the brilliant things your nomination has done to have an impact on the school community.

You can make you're your nomination here: https://www.teachingawards.com/parents-page-the-unsung-hero-award/

A message from our Chair of Governors - Mrs Rogers

As we approach the end of term, myself and the governing body would like to thank all staff for their hard work and dedication to ensure that all children at Warren have limitless opportunities to reach their full potential. It is a whole team effort at Warren and we are very lucky to have a team of staff who have the wellbeing of our children at the heart of everything they do.

A special thank you to the PTA for putting on some lovely events this term for the children to enjoy.

Finally, thank you to all the parents, carers and families for your continued support of school. All that's left for me to say is Happy Holidays to all staff, children and families. I wish you all love, peace and joy at this time and may 2025 be a happy and healthy year for you all.







Attendance matters

A message from Mrs Neat – our attendance officer

Attendance is an area we are continuing to work on across the school for this academic year. We hope to continue to see the efforts that parents and carers are going to, to ensure that children are in school every day. Please continue to maintain this in the summer term, to ensure the best possible progress for your child at school.

If you need any help or support, please get in touch with us. We are here to help.

Weekly attendance target: 96%

Whole school attendance to date: 94.35%

Last week's overall attendance: 94.80%

F1: 83.30%

F2: 83.40%

Y1: 92.80%

Y2: 98.10%

Y3: 91.70%

Y4: 91.40%

Y5: 96.40%

Y6: 100%

This week's attendance: 92.81%

F1: 75.80%

F2: 87.00%

Y1: 89.40%

Y2: 97.40%

Y3: 90.30%

Y4: 97.30%

Y5: 92.10%

Y6: 93.60%

Attendance-opoly winners from this week:

1st place: Year 2 with 97.40 %— 2 sessions of extra break time

2nd place: Year 4 with 97.30% won 20 teamwork treasures

3rd Place: Year 6 with 93.60%



Attendance processes if your child is absent from school

• All parents and carers are expected to notify school if your child is unable to attend and give reason as to why they are absent.

If your child's attendance is above 90%

- If we do not receive communication from you, a text message will be sent to find out why your child is absent.
- If your child is well enough to attend in the afternoon, we encourage you to bring your child in, as they will receive an attendance mark for the afternoon session.
- We expect for you to continue to communicate with school on a daily basis if your child continues to be absent from school.
- If we do not receive communication from you, a house visit will be completed.

If your child's attendance is below 90% - persistently absent

- If we do not receive communication from you, school will phone you by 9.30am to find out why your child is absent.
- Medical evidence, if your child is absent from school as they are unwell, will be requested from you.
- If medical evidence is not provided to school for your child's absence, we will complete a house visit to discuss your child's absence with you.
- If 3 home visits are made in a term, school will need to consider whether a referral to social services is required due to educational neglect.

Lateness and unauthorised absence

- There has been a significant increase in the number of children that are arriving late to school.
- All children should arrive at school by 8.50am.
- If your child arrives past 9.30am, their attendance for the morning session will be classed as unauthorised, and this will negatively impact their attendance.
- You can receive a fine from the local authority for continued lateness past 9.30am, as this is considered to be unauthorised absence from school.

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance further, please speak to a member of our attendance team. We will provide support to families to ensure your child is able to attend school:

- Mrs Neat Attendance officer
- Mrs Salam Head of School
- Mrs Ford DSL and Inclusion Leader
- Mrs Curtis School Business Manager

Your child's class teacher will also be happy to discuss your child's attendance with you. We are here to help you!





Attendance matters

Statutory attendance updates for the DfE

From 19th August 2024, the Department for Education is implementing statutory guidance for school to implement in regards to attendance. A link to the guidance can be found here: <u>Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>

The guidance includes information on the following:

Term Time Holidays

We understand the frustration of holidays increasing in price during school holiday times. However, the impact of taking holidays during the term has a significant impact on the child's achievement and academic progress. It also undermines the school's rich curriculum as key knowledge is missed on their learning journey. From the start of the next academic year, Warren Academy will issue penalty notices for unauthorised term time holidays where appropriate to do so. Please take this into account before booking holidays during term time next academic year - there are 175 non-school days during the year in which to take holidays. As a result of the change in statutory guidance, penalty notices are now more severe and monitoring is over a 3-year basis. Further information about costs of fines is detailed below.

Unauthorised Absences

Schools must consider all unauthorised absences for a penalty notice. The new threshold is 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. A school day is divided in to two registration sessions, AM and PM. If these registrations are missed for unauthorised reasons, it may lead to penalty. Unauthorised absence can be:

- An unauthorised holiday, as explained above
- Reason has not been established as to why the child is absent
- The school is not satisfied that the reason given is one that can be recorded as authorised
- Being late after registers have closed (30 minutes after the start of the school day)

Fines

Whilst there are many changes, one of the most significant changes are around the penalty notices issued for unauthorised attendance. These fines are per parent, per child and have been increased.

First Offence – The first time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days

Second Offence (within 3 rolling years) – The second time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be:

£160 per parent per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 rolling years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court.









Attendance matters

A regular routine can be a powerful tool for reducing stress and anxiety.

Schools are equipped with resources and support systems to help young people develop coping strategies. If you notice your child is feeling overwhelmed, don't hesitate to reach out to their school. Together, you can create a plan to support their well-being within a structured learning environment.

Remember, your child's mental health is just as important as their physical health.

#mentalhealth #routine #schoolsupport



Schools can support you when you need it

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Our 10 days of Christmas attendance challenge continues next week!



The 10 Days of Christmas Attendance Challengel

Warren Academy

for the next 10 school days (9th-20thDecember) will go into a Christmas prize draw to win a Christmas Hamper full of prizes!

Please encourage your child/children to take part in the challenge. School

take part in the challenge. School attendance has such a huge impact on a pupil's social and mental welfare, as well as academic achievements.

We want to ensure we are working with you to enable each child to attend school every day.

Thank you



Winners of the hampers will be shared in our celebration assembly next Friday!

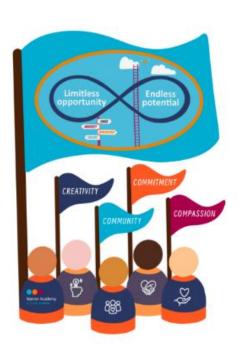




Other information this week...

Key dates

Autumn 1			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>		
17.12.24	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Evening		
	Performance – 6pm		
18.12.24	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Afternoon		
	Performance - 2pm		
	Y4 Learning Showcase – 1.30pm		
19.12.24	KS2 Carol Concert at Emmanuel		
	Church – 10.15am		
19.12.24	EYFS Christmas Crafts – 9am		
	KS1 Christmas Crafts – 2pm		
20.12.24	KS2 Christmas Crafts with parents		
	and carers – 9am		
	EVES visit to Nottingham		
	EYFS visit to Nottingham		
	Playhouse to see The Ugly		
	Duckling (am) with morning		
	children staying for lunch		
	Christmas parties with party food		
	lunch		
20.12.24	Last day of term – finish at 2pm		
Christmas Holidays			
Return to school on Tuesday 7 th January			



Achievements this week!

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

F1: Riley for his progress in counting & Joshua for his smile and positive attitude.

F2: Ayvah for her retelling of the Christmas story & Ethan for his confidence during nativity practice!

Y1: Cohen for being so brave when he had a little fall & Remi-mai for trying hard with her writing.

Y2: Charlie for working really hard in Phonics/Handwriting & Alfie for brilliant acting in the Nativity performances.

Y3: I'arla for being a ray of sunshine everyday & Shanay for super ideas and work in English.

Y4: Efe for always listening attentively and asking great questions in Science & Ella for being a great role model for others.

Y5: Ellie-Mae for always being her best self and helping others & Lokuthula for trying her best and putting 100% effort into work independently.

Y6: Gracie for asking great questions and having a strong growth mindset in improving her understanding in Maths & History & Beteal for making a strong effort to be the best with great body language and learning behaviours.

Best Seats in the House:



Mrs Salam chose:

Freddie in Y6 for being so compassionate to others and always being a role model around school.

Eldana in Y2 for also being kind and caring to others, displaying positive behaviour and setting the example to all.





Learning across our year groups this week









This week in F1 we are looking at Christmas, here on our investigation table we are working on our executive function skills of perseverance and resilience, working out how to melt the ice. What great team working skills too! Well done Zion and

This week in F2 we have been enjoying our outdoor learning in the Christmas cafe! We made hot chocolate practising our scooping and pouring skills! We invented our own Christmas drinks using marshmallows, cream and different spices.

In Year 1 this week, we became meteorologists presenting the weather. We used the widgets to help us remember our forecast and then recorded it on the iPad!

This week, Year 2 have been learning how to create a timeline by ordering the events of the Great Fire of London.









Year 3 have been busy learning about the Indus Valley Civilization in history and geography. We explored different elements of the city, and had a go at creating our own seals to trade, and trief to re-build the city out of Lego to understand its key features.

In year 4 in Science, we have been looking at food chains and how animals' different type of teeth link to their diets. This week, Year 5 we're lucky enough to spend time in an inflatable planetarium! We looked at different star constellations and also learnt the story of the Great Bear (Ursa Major).

This week, Class 6 combined all their Cricket skills from previous lessons in order to learn the fundamentals of playing a match.





Learning in the Burrow this week



This week in The Burrow, the children have been very busy and festive. They have been decorating gingerbread trees and making reindeer food for Santa's' reindeer.

They have also been practicing fine motor skills by doing threading activities and practicing maths by ordering numbers up to 20





Enrichment around school



Year I visited Rise Park café last week as a reward for working on their attendance. The children were challenged to improve their attendance to reach at least 92% by coming to school on time every day! They improved their overall attendance last week by 6%









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Year 4 visited Rushcliffe
Country Park to take part in a
workshop day about the
Romans!







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Children in KS2 had their final session with the Chance to Shine Cricket Programme this week. The children have completed 6 weeks of cricket sessions with a professional coach and have learnt many new cricket skills!





Safeguarding news



An update from Mrs Ford, Designated Safeguarding Lead

The holidays aren't easy for everyone and as a school we know many families and their children can miss the routine and support that school provides. In this newsletter, we have included some support agencies that are available to help over the holidays.

Free Fun and Food Programme

The Free Fun and Food programme also called the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) supports the wellbeing of children between 5 and 16 years of age, by providing a variety of activities and food during school holidays. HAF offer this to families in receipt of benefit-related free school meals during the Spring (Easter), Summer, Autumn (October) and Winter (Christmas) holidays across the city.

For more information and details on how to apply see: http://www.asklion.co.uk/funandfood

Warm, Welcoming Spaces

'Warm Welcome' spaces are free public places that anyone can use – for example a community space like a library. They're warm, welcoming and safe. Each space is different, but they may offer things like:

- Hot food and drink
- Activities and the chance to learn new things
- A place to meet people in your community
- Access to the internet

St Albans Community Kitchen

Tuesdays 3pm - 6pm

Free hot meal, tea and coffee. Crafts for children and table top games for adults.

Southglade Park Library

Mon, Wed & Thursdays: 9am – 6pm

Fri & Saturdays: 9am - 1pm

Free Wifi and computer access. Child friendly space.

Bulwell United Reformed Church

Wednesdays 10am - 1pm

A warm welcoming space alongside an established craft and chat group. All are welcomes to join in the activities. A lunch of soup is also provided.

Nottingham Women's Centre, NG1 5LP

Weekdays (Mon - Fri) 9am - 5pm

A free, women only, community space with hot drinks, a kitchen, library, shower, laundry facilities, activities and more. Children welcome.





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We wish you all a safe and happy time away from school and look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 7th January.





Our lunch menus

	Week 1					
Day	Main	Vegetarian	Dessert	Jacket Potato	Sandwiches	
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Mon	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges		Apple Muffins			
	and Baked Beans		Fresh Fruit Bar			
Tues	Mac N Cheese with Peas and Homemade		Ice Lollies	Choice of Beans,	Cheese or Jam	
	Bread		Fresh Fruit Bar	Cheese or Tuna	Sandwich	
Weds	Sausage, Mash and Quorn Sausages, Mash		Veggie Fruit Jelly	Mayo		
	Baked Beans	and Baked Beans	Fresh Fruit Bar		Served with	
Thurs	Pasta Bolognaise	Veggie Pasta	Flapjack		Tortilla Chips	
	with Peas and	Bolognaise with Peas	Fresh Fruit Bar			
	Homemade Bread	and Homemade Bread				
Fri	Chicken Nuggets,	Vegan Nuggets, Chips	Vanilla Ice Cream			
	Chips and Peas	and Peas	Fresh Fruit Bar			

			Week 2		
Day	Main	Vegetarian	Dessert	Jacket Potato	Sandwiches
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Mon	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges		Chocolate Muffins		
	and Baked Beans		Fresh Fruit Bar		
Tues	Sausage Pasta Bake	Tomato Pasta with	Jam Sponge	Choice of Beans,	Cheese or Jam
	with Peas	Peas	Fresh Fruit Bar	Cheese or Tuna	Sandwich
Weds	Sauasage Roll,	Cheese, Pepper and	Homemade	Mayo	
	Herby Diced	Onion Roll with Herby	Shortbread		Served with
	Potatoes and Beans	Diced Potatoes and	Fresh Fruit Bar		Tortilla Chips
		Beans			
Thurs	All Day Breakfast	Veggie All Day	Choc Ice		
		Breakfast	Fresh Fruit Bar		
Fri	Hot Dog, Chips and	Veggie Hot Dog, Chips	Vanilla Ice Cream		
	Peas	and Peas	Fresh Fruit Bar		

	Week 3				
Day	Main	Vegetarian	Dessert	Jacket Potato	Sandwiches
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Mon	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges		Vanilla Ice Cream		
	and Baked Beans		Fresh Fruit Bar	Choice of Beans, Cheese or Tuna	Cheese or Jam Sandwich
Tues	Chilli Con Carne	Veggie Chilli Con Carne	Oat Cookies		Served with
	with Rice	with Rice	Fresh Fruit Bar		Tortilla Chips
Weds	Baguette Day		Flapjack		No sandwich
	Baguettes with either Tuna Mayo, Ham or		Fresh Fruit Bar		option avaliable
	Cheese (veggie option)				
Thurs	Chicken Meatballs	Tomato Pasta	Melon		
	with Pasta		Fresh Fruit Bar		Cheese or Jam
Fri	Fish Fingers, Chips	Quorn Vegan Fishless	Iced Biscuit		Sandwich
	and Peas	Fingers, Chips and	Fresh Fruit Bar		Served with
		Peas			Tortilla Chips







Please, just follow school policy. They don't tell you not to record because they are miserable. They tell you this to protect vulnerable children.













Keeping well this winter

An information leaflet from your Children's Public Health 0-19 Nursing Service, December 2024



Holiday ?

To find out about activities in your area over the Christmas holidays go to Ask Lion:

website









If you feel that you need some mental health support, there are lots of websites and services that can help. You are NottAlone!



Ward to find treated information, advice and local

This website has local mental health advice and help for people in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, all in one place.

■ NottAlone

Worried about your child's mental health?

Do you know about the YoungMinds Parent Helpline and Webchat service?

If you have a child aged 25 and below, you can contact the Young Minds panent's helpfine, email or webchot service to discuss your concerns about your child's mental health with one of their trained advisors.



You can call the Parents Helpline on 0808 802 5544 Mon - Fri / 9:30am - 4:00pm

For webchat or email click here

■ Webpage

Click here for their parent's guide to looking after yourself while helping your child:

■ Web page

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Coming soon... height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6



Every year the height and weight of Reception and War & children is measured in all schools in England. This is called the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). It is important to know how children are growing so that we can provide the best support.

This will take place in Nottingham primary schools in Feturary and March 2025.

If you have a child in either of these years, we will write to you before your child is measured.

Click here to watch a video about the NCMP

NHS - sosy ways to eat well and move more

Children's Health and Wellbeing

web pages which offer you helpful symptoms to look out for

There became was you can treat you child at home.



Safety advice

buying safe toys for your children this Christmas

The Child Accident Prevention Trust has information about all aspects of keeping your child and family safe this winter.

Wetsite



The information is available in:

Click here for information about 8 dangerous gifts to avoid this Christmas.

Nottingham Early Help Partnership, the right help at the right time

Nottingham Early Help Partnership's vision is for every child to enjoy their childhood in a warm and supportive. environment, free from poverty and safe from harm;

where every child grows upto achieve their full potential

The website has lats of lots of information about local support for families in Nottingham.



is a website developed with the Royal Callege of Paediatrics and Child Health and has lots of helpful information.

child's health.

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Need some advice or support? **Healthier Together**

for parents, from pregnancy health to all aspects of your





Remember your Children's Public Health 0-19 Nursing Service is there for you during the school holidays as well as term time



For urgent healthcare needs please ring 111.

to attend our feeding support groups.



and ask for them to be rearranged, to book clinic appointments and book

Use 111

If you need urgent medical help. Call, go online or use the NHS App.







