

Warren Academy Newsletter



A message from our Head of School



School value: community

We have been blown away by the recognition of Warren Academy in the local community and wider Nottingham community in the last few weeks.

During 'When I Grow Up' week, many visitors came into school to talk about their jobs and careers to the children. All of the visitors commented on how polite and thoughtful the children were in each class. One visitor emailed after her visit to say:

I don't have children myself, so I was struggling to imagine year 6 and how interested they'd be in careers and the world of work, but I just have to say I was blown away by their enthusiasm, engagement, and excitement over it all.

I was so impressed with how many of them volunteered to put up their hand and share with me what they wanted to be when they grew up and answered my questions and so many of them also asked me incredibly thoughtful and mature questions about careers I am an Enterprise Adviser and have done quite a bit with secondary school students and they are nowhere near as engaged and switched on as your students were yesterday. They are honestly an asset to you and your community.

Feedback from the children about When I Grow Up Week was also extremely positive. They said:

"My favourite thing about the week was listening to all of the people who visited us and their different jobs. I learnt that if you choose one job, you don't have to stick with that job forever. We spoke to a freelance events manager and I liked this job because you can do lots of different things within the job." – Ava Y5

"I saw a man who taught us sign language – I liked this because he showed us how to sign different songs" – Kimberley Y1 Photos from When I Grow Up Week



"It was really fun to learn about different jobs and enjoyed listening to different visitors was interesting. The radio presenter who spoke to our class taught us about how to mix songs on the radio, which was really fascinating!"

The netball team also visited Nottingham Girls High School on Wednesday to take part in a local netball tournament. Not only did the children win the whole tournament, we received this email about the children that visited on the day:

I just wanted to send a note to say how proud I was of Warren Academy today. Not only did they win their section, but the team played with flair and excellent sportsmanship. They played with respectful attack and I was blown away by one girl in particular, who had everyone running for their money! They were the standout team for me across both the morning and afternoon teams. I got very emotional when the winners were being announced and couldn't help shedding a tear when I realised Warren got first place! Very well deserved! I hope they enjoy basking in their glory and sharing their success with the rest of their school.

We are extremely proud of all of the children who have been taking part in sporting events and the way they have represented our school. We would also like to extend thanks and gratitude to Mr Eddyshaw, as without his commitment to improving the sporting offer at Warren, we would not be able to attend these events. Well done everyone!

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Salam





Attendance matters



Why is attending school important?

Attendance is a critical factor in determining your child's long term success and future career/job prospects. It is also your child's right to have an education. Parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure your child is able to access a full-time education. Time in school allows your children to be safe and provides access to opportunities they may not be able to access – such as enrichment opportunities and extra-curricular clubs. Please remember that we are here to help, so please speak to a member of the team if you feel you need any support with your child's attendance.

Weekly attendance target: 96%

This week's overall attendance: 96.29%

Here is this week's attendance:

F1: 92.7%

F2: 94.3%

Y1: 91.5%

Y2: 94%

Y3: 97.2%

Y4: 97.14%

Y5: 97.14%

Y6: 98%

WELL

Attendance-opoly prizes for this week!

1st place – Year 6 with 97% and 20 minutes extra lunchtime

2nd place – Year 3 with 97.2% and have won an art afternoon.

<u>Joint 3rd place</u> – Year 4 with 97.14% and have won a free choice afternoon, and Year 5 with 97.14% and have won hot chocolate and cookies next week.

The Warren Attendance Team

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!

Whole school attendance this academic year: 92.99%

Overall whole school attendance Spring term:

F1: 92.7%

F2: 92%

Y1: 94.4%

Y2: 88.8%

Y3: 94.8%

Y4: 94.2%

Y5: 95.6%

Y6: 93.2%

Attendance incentives

Our attendance incentives will begin again for the Spring term. A reminder of what you or your child could win for their attendance:

A £200 shopping voucher for attendance over 96%

A £100 Smyths toy voucher for attendance over 96%

A £100 Smyths toy voucher for the most improved attendance over the term.

The class with the best attendance each half term will also receive a whole class prize!

Where to seek advice and support with your child's attendance

Nottinghamshire Early Help team (for county residents): https://shorturl.at/lrOY5

Nottingham City Attendance team: https://shorturl.at/ahnyH

Government attendance hub:

https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/03/improving-school-attendance/





Attendance matters

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.



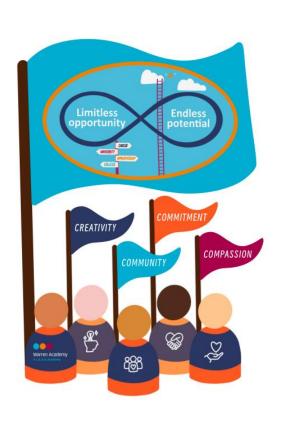






Other news this week...

Key dates		
	Spring 2	-
<u>Date</u>	Even	<u>t</u>
26.3.24	Easter themed d information at th newslet	ne end of the
27.3.24	Y1 visit to Nottin	gham Castle
27.3.24	Easter cake sale – 1 Warren's	_
28.3.24	Y4 visit to Wollaton Greece wo	
28.3.24	Easter Bonnet C	Competition
28.3.24	EYFS and KS1 visit to Emmanue Church – 10am	
28.3.24	End of Spring term – finish at 2	
29.3.24	Good Friday – Bank Holiday	
15.4.24	Return to school fo Packed lunches ava option for to	ailable as meal
16.4.24	Y5 visit to University Science	_
17.4.24	F2 visit to Twy	cross Zoo



Achievements this week!

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

- **F1:** Teddy for using maths knowledge of scales to number & Daisy for super independent play and for trying new fruits.
- **F2:** Jaxon for being determined to complete a challenge & Rafael for confidently sharing his ideas.
- **Y1:** Kimberley for being committed to her classroom job of locker monitor & Cohen for working confidently in Science testing the biscuits.
- **Y2:** Eden for having a calm and positive week & Keturah for settling in so well and for always having a smile on her face.
- **Y3:** Lilly for always being kind, helpful and hard working what a pleasure to have you in my class! Dylan for working so hard to focus and produce a beautiful clay model.
- **Y4:** Carson for his great attitude to learning & Amber for determination in our Me vs Me Sports Challenge.
- **Y5:** Ruby for being a sporting superstar & Jason for being super engaged in our reading.
- **Y6:** Keno for superb representation of Warren at the Netball tournament & Cece for amazing effort writing her letter to Phillipe Petit, including the subjunctive form.

The Best Seats in the House this week:

Mrs Salam chose Rufael in F2 and Enzo in Y2 for their compassion that they show every single day, and for demonstrating their manners with all adults they speak to.

<u>Learning showcases – Spring 2</u>

We have a number of learning showcases taking place over the next two weeks, which parents and carers are invited to join us in school for. These are an opportunity for the children to share their learning from the last term. Please join us on the dates below:

Year 1	Monday 25 th at 2pm	
Year 2	Outcomes will be shared with parents online	
Year 3	Thursday 28 th at 1pm	
Year 4	Wednesday 27 th at 2.30pm	
Year 5	Thursday 28 th at 1pm	
Year 6	Wednesday 27 th at 2pm	





Curriculum news

Read about what we've been up to in our learning this week!









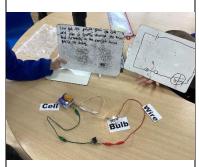
F1 have been learning about how Muslims observe the holy month of Ramadan. The children learnt how Muslims fast for one month, not eating or drinking during daylight hours. They also learnt that Muslims open their fast at sunset with a date. We all had a taste of a date.

To enhance our learning about animals, F2 are excited to have eggs arrive which will hatch into baby chicks. The children will learn how to care for them and also experience holding them, if they wish to.

In Year 1, the children have been thinking about "Who cares for our world?" They discussed whether animals know the difference between right and wrong. We shared our differing ideas and listened carefully to one another. We decided that animals did not know and that is why Christians believe God created humans last - to take care of our world.

Y2 have been developing our gymnastic skills inspired by local gymnast Ellie Downie. We have been practicing balancing and jumping using a range of apparatus. We are preparing to create our own routines!









Year 3 have been working scientifically in Science lessons this week, to test the permeability and hardness of rocks like slate, sandstone, marble and chalk.

In year 4, we have been learning all about electricity in Science. The children created a series circuit, named the components and explained that electricity has to run through a circuit.

Year 5 have been working hard on creating their own databases. They chose an area of interest to them, and learnt how to set up a record of information within their database.

Year 6 enjoyed a trip to the University of Nottingham, developing their understanding of the civil rights movement in America & learnt about different American





Curriculum news

Learning in The Burrow this week

This week in The Burrow, we have been to visit the chicks down in Foundation which was brilliant! We have also been exploring playing games,
Jidenna really enjoyed playing post-box colour match. Ezriyah has been practising his fine motor skills during a stacking activity.





Science week - Science, books and breakfast



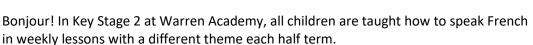
A huge thank you to all parents and carers who took time to join us on Wednesday morning for our celebration of Science week! It was great to see so many children enjoying their breakfast along with completing science experiments and reading some science themed books!





Spotlight on... French

Update from Miss Miller, French Leader

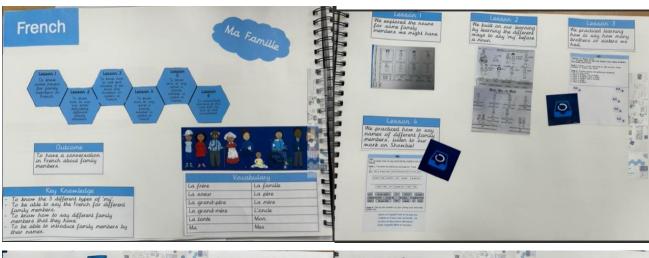


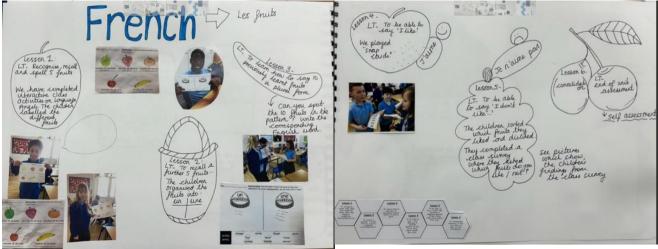
Using 'Language Angels' teaching resources to support us with the delivery of our French curriculum, children are able to develop their ability to communicate, including key skills of speaking and listening, and extend their knowledge of how language works. It provides excitement, enjoyment and challenge for children, helping to create enthusiastic learners and to develop positive attitudes to language learning throughout life.

Children are first taught basic French phonics which will help them with reading and speaking. Children are taught a range of units, one unit each half term. We also learn about French culture and celebrations, each year group has been assigned a French festival to learn about throughout the year.

We record our French work in our floor books, here are two examples. This can be a mixture of photographs, worksheets and QR codes which will show videos or spoken tasks.

The Duolingo app, which can be downloaded for free onto devices, is great for children to practice and explore more of the French language too. It starts with a small assessment of the language so children can continue with their learning rather than starting from the beginning again.









Spotlight on... Art

Update from Mrs Ford, Art Leader



At Warren Primary Academy our art curriculum aims to inspire in pupils a curiosity and fascination of art that will remain with them for the rest of their lives. It is vital that our children have the opportunity to learn and enjoy art, know about great artists and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms.

Our curriculum ensures that children become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques by building upon a progression of knowledge, skills and understanding and enables children to gain a wide range of vocabulary from EYFS to the end of Key Stage 2.

Here is an insight into what your children will be learning about in the Summer term:

Year Group	Summer 1	Summer 2		
EYFS	In the EYFS expressive arts covers: music, singing & dancing, art, stories & rhymes, imaginative plan modelling and using technology creatively. The EYFS breakdown divides this area of learning into two main aspects: Exploring and using media and materials. Children with have the ability to explore these areas within the continuous provision as well as through focused interventions.			
Year 1	Painting	Drawing		
	Artist: Orla Kiely	Artist: Natalie McIntyre		
	Skill: Rubbings and printing using everyday objects	Skill: Tone and gradient		
Year 2	Painting	Printing		
	Artist: Mark Rothko	Artist: Not applicable		
	Skill: Tints and tones	Skill: Mono/ Relief printing		
Year 3		Printing		
		Artist: David Hockney		
		Skill: Colour washes		
Year 4	Drawing			
	Artist: Geordio Moandi			
	Skill: Shading techniques			
Year 5	Sculpture	Painting		
	Artist: Derek Kinzeti	Artist: Frida Khalo		
	Skill: Structured sculptures	Skill: Expression of emotion through colour		
Year 6	Printing and Painting			
	Exploration of interest			
	Skill: Using mixed media			





Sporting news!

The U11s Girls Football team went to Derby County last week to play in the national Premier League Premier Stars football tournament. The children were incredible in their commitment to exceptional football and came 4th out of 11 teams nationally. What an incredible achievement!



Children in Year 4 and 5 took part in the second round of the Me Vs Me School Sports Challenge this week. The children were challenged to beat their scores from last time, and received wristbands and medals for their improvements!





Children in Year 1 and Year 2 visited
Nottingham Trent University on
Monday to take part in a Nottingham
School Sports Infant Agility Festival!
The children competed against many
other schools from across
Nottingham and took part in
different games.









Children in Year 5 and Year 6
represented the academy at a
Netball tournament on Wednesday
at Nottingham Girls High School. The
children's dedication and
sportsmanship was outstanding and
they were the overall winners of the
tournament! We are so proud!





Safeguarding news

An update from Mrs Ford, Designated Safeguarding Lead



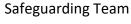


Last week, we sent out a parental questionnaire asking for your feedback on our safeguarding practises. We are pleased to share that the vast majority of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child feels safe at school and that school teaches their child how to keep themselves safe.

Going forward, we aim to tailor our safeguarding newsletter to focus on the information parents and carers have requested more information on. This includes:

Bullying

Safeguarding curriculum
Safeguarding in the EYFS
Safeguarding SEND









Learning to understand and manage conflict is an important part of growing up. Bullying is not simply a 'falling out' with friends. Research shows the experiencing bullying can have a significant impact on a child's life well into adulthood.

To ensure we are able to prevent bullying, or act quickly if it takes place and avoid misidentifying bullying, it is vital that we have a shared definition of bullying.

At Warren Primary Academy, we define bullying as "*The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group,*" We use the STOP acronym (Several Times on Purpose).





Safeguarding news



Bullying is therefore:

- Deliberately hurtful.
- Repeated, often over a period of time.
- Difficult to defend against.

If you are concerned about bullying please speak to your child's class teacher, in the first instance.

For more information, and about the systems in place for bullying please see the anti-bullying policy which can be found on the school website.







The Safeguarding Team

Every school has a 'Designated Safeguarding Lead,' whom you can speak to regarding any safeguarding concerns you may have. At Warren Academy these are:

Mrs Ford Leader of

Inclusion and Welfare





Mrs Salam
Head of School

We have two Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) who take lead responsibility for safeguarding children and child protection. The DSL is a senior member of the school leadership team, and their responsibilities are explicit in their job description.

Our DSLs ensure there is a structured procedure within the school, which will be followed by all the members of the school community in cases of suspected abuse. Our DSL team will be aware of all pupils who have a social worker and will help to promote educational outcomes by sharing the information about the welfare, safeguarding and child protection issues with teachers and school and college leadership staff.

Safeguarding, however is not just about protecting children from deliberate harm. It also relates to the broader aspects of care and education including:

- Pupils' health, safety and emotional well-being, mental and physical health.
- Meeting the needs of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).
- Meeting the needs of children with medical conditions.
- Educational visits and off-site education.
- On-line safety and associated issues including filtering and monitoring.
- Appropriate arrangements to ensure school security, taking into account the local context.
- Keeping children safe from risks, harm, exploitation and sexual violence and sexual harassment between children: KCSiE 2023 Annex A.

Who can help?

Every school has a 'Designated Safeguarding Lead,' whom you can speak to regarding any safeguarding concerns you may have.

At Warren Academy these are:

Mrs Ford

Mrs Salam

Mr Middleton

Useful phone numbers

City Social Care: 0115 8764800

County Social Care: 0300 500 8080

Nottingham Prevent Team: Call 101 ext. 8002963/2965

or ask to speak to the Prevent Team.

NSPCC Whistle Blowing Help Line: 0800 028 0285

FGM helpline: 0800 028 3550

Samaritans: 0115 941 1111





Safeguarding news



Keeping children safe online

A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying







Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941







Lunch for the next two weeks

	Week 2 lunch menu – week beginning 18.3.24				
Day	<u>Main</u>	<u>Vegetarian</u>	<u>Dessert</u>	Jacket Potato	Combo option
Mon	Creamy Cajun	Creamy Cajun Quorn	Pineapple Upside-	Baked Beans,	Cheese Wrap
	Chicken Pasta	Pasta	down Pudding	Grated Cheese	
Tues	Homemade Pizza		Fresh Fruit Salad	Coleslaw	Tomato & Basil
					Pasta
Weds	Sausage	Quorn Sausage	Strawberry & Ice-	Baked Beans	Ham Salad
			cream Waffles		Sandwich
Thurs	Beef Curry	Vegetable Curry	Fruit Jelly	Grated Cheese	Cheese Wrap
Fri	Fish Fingers	Quorn Vegan Fishless	Chocolate Orange	Tuna &	Tomato & Basil
		Fingers	Cheesecake	Sweetcorn	Pasta

Week 3 lunch menu – week beginning 25.3.24					
Day	<u>Main</u>	<u>Vegetarian</u>	<u>Dessert</u>	Jacket Potato	Combo option
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Mon	Chicken Tikka Masala	Quorn Tikka Masala	Chocolate Mousse	Baked Beans, Grated Cheese	Cheese Wrap
Tues	Big Be	eans Chilli	Mandarin Cheesecake	Coleslaw	Tomato & Basil Pasta
Weds	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie	Quorn Pie	Summer Fruit Strawberry Jelly	Tuna Mayo	Ham Salad Sandwich
Thurs	Roast Gammon	Quorn Roast	Fresh Fruit Salad	Grated Cheese	Cheese Wrap
Fri	Cheese Burger	Southern Style Quorn Burger	Tutti Fruity Sponge	Baked Beans	Tomato & Basil Pasta





Current Vacancy

Community Governor

Warren Academy

Do you want to make a difference in your community, and develop your own professional skills? By volunteering as a school governor, you can do both.

Please contact the Academy directly for an Expression of Interest form



Current Vacancy

Parent Governor

Warren Academy

Do you want to make a difference in your community, and develop your own professional skills? By volunteering as a school governor, you can do both.

Please contact the Academy directly for an Expression of Interest form

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Closing Date: Wednesday 27 March 2024

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Free places for children in receipt of benefits related free school meals

FREE Easter Holiday Clubs

Free places, including lunch, for all children in Reception to Year 6 receiving benefits related free school meals.

Paid places available at all sites except Radford Academy for £20 including lunch

Radford Academy

Stanstead Flying High Academy, Rise Park South Wilford Primary School, Wilford Claremont Primary School, Sherwood Firbeck Academy, Wollaton Bulwell Hall Healthy Living Centre St Augustine's Academy, Mapperley Westglade Primary School, Top Valley

To book a free place please visit www.holidayactivities.com

To book a paid please visit www.rattleandrollperformance.com













Warren PTA

Easter Disco - Tuesday 26th



Fl to Year 2 - 3.15pm til 4pm

Year 3 to Year 6 - 4.15pm til 5.15pm

£3 a ticket including snack and drink.

Please complete the letter your child will bring home to secure a ticket. Payment must be in cash.

Thank you.





Warren Primary Parliament

Easter Bake Off

To raise funds for the PTA

We are running an Easter bake off competition to raise funds for school. To enter:

- Choose an Easter cake design you would like to make
- Make the cake at home before Weds 27th March
- Bring the cake in on Weds 27th March
- Cakes will be judged by children in Primary Parliament
- Prizes for Ist, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded to the chosen winners
- All cakes will be sold to raise money at the end of the day!





Warren PTA Movie evening Thursday 25th April



Save the date!

More information to follow soon!





