

Weekly Update



Friday 20th September

Each year I am summoned to the Central Region School Trust's main offices to share the outcomes of the previous academic year and priorities for 2024-25. I meet with two School Improvement advisors (both OFSTED inspectors), two executive heads and the chair of Governors and present our school. This year there was a real sense of celebration as children continue to achieve well, with pupil outcomes 2023-24 continue to be above national in all areas. This year we aim to maintain these high standards through ensuring consistency throughout the school whilst remembering to have fun!

In addition to teaching and learning there is a big focus on attendance. Government guidance states that *'Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school.'* If you wish to read more about pupil attendance and the new 'guidance' please follow this link. [Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\) \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/guidance/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)

AWARDS

	Star of the week	Valued Valley Values
Mice	Arlo	Mia
Squirrels	Rosalea	Isaac
Badgers	Florence	Piper-Lily
Foxes	Maddison	Marnie
Owls	Lena	Rhys
Robins	Maisie	Finley

PARENTING AGREEMENT

Please take a moment to read through our unsigned, between parent, carer and visitor, Arrow Valley First School code of conduct agreement.

<https://www.arrowvalleyschool.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=209&type=pdf>

We are lucky to work with a wonderful community, however, we understand that everyday misunderstandings can cause frustrations and have a negative impact on our relationships.

SCHOOL NURSE ONE NUMBER

The school nurses offer a service where you can ring one number to get in touch with their team and they will either help or signpost you to a team that can. Sleep, health, wetting and trouble with GP services- ring this number.

01905 520032

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you are on benefits and meet the criteria, it is worth applying online for children this age, If eligible, you can receive food vouchers during the school holidays, get discounted school trips and your child can attend the Ready Steady Worcestershire School Holiday clubs.

Who can get free school meals?

If your child attends a state school, and you get one or more of the following you can get free school meals:

- Universal Credit, and your annual household income is £7,400 per annum (£616 per month) or less after tax, and not including any benefits
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual income is less than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

[Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

DATES FOR DIARY

Parents evening 16th and 17th of October.
We will send you a letter in advance to
share with you an appointment time.

Y1-Y4 Harvest Festival Assembly 18th
October at 8.45

Monday 21st October Open Evening 5-6.30pm

School closed to children on
Friday 25th October

Half term
Monday 28th to Friday 1st November

Back to school
Monday 4th November



Arrow Valley First School
Open Evening
Monday 21st October
5pm- 6.30pm
or contact school to arrange a visit
01527 528 111

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Have a wonderful weekend and see you on Monday!