



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

MARCH 2025 EDITION 2 NEWSLETTER



Clocks Change/ Mothers Day

Sunday 30th March

'Coffee and Chat' morning

Thursday 3rd April

End of Term

Friday 11th April

Quote of
the week

“There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning.”

— Jiddu Krishnamurti

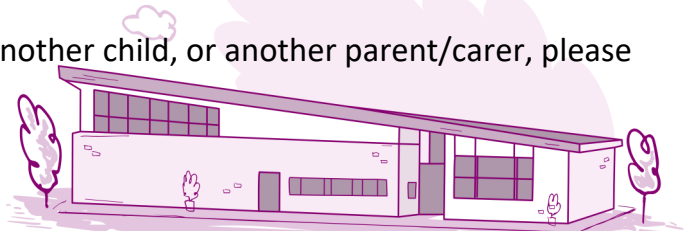
SAFE & RESPECTFUL CONDUCT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

We kindly remind all parents and carers who drop off and collect their children to adhere to the 5mph speed limit when driving on school grounds. Please remain vigilant as staff, learners, and other parents/carers may be crossing the car park. We all share the responsibility to ensure the safety of everyone on the school site.

Additionally, please be mindful of the conversations you are having, especially with learners around, and ensure that appropriate language is used at all times while on school premises. We kindly ask for your cooperation, as access to the school site may be reviewed for those unable to follow these guidelines.

If you have any concerns regarding your own child, another child, or another parent/carers, please speak to a member of staff.

Thank you for your understanding and support in maintaining a safe and respectful environment.



WE ARE SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE...

...the mother of one of our learners said that the support at Quest Academy positively accommodates her son's needs.

...the mother of one of our learners said that school support for her daughter is working, and that her daughter is very motivated to attend, is developing understanding of relationships and shares her successes at home.

FRONT COVER ART

Learners in Winston Churchill class have been working through a variety of Landscapes, Seascapes and Cityscapes in Art, exploring warm and cool colours, and the psychology/emotions behind colours. After his lesson this week an inspired Riley, supported by George, went on to create further amazing art work, well done both!



- **Sam Plants a Sunflower**

Written by Kate Petty, Illustrated by Axel Scheffler

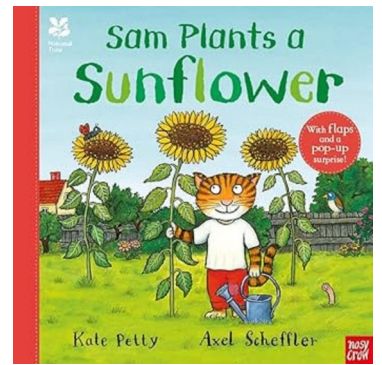
Sam loves big, yellow sunflowers, so when his friends Worm and Ladybird suggest he grows his own, he soon plants some seeds in his garden.

Join Sam as he watches them grow, with fun flaps to lift to see what's happening underground and a big sunflower pop-up surprise. With a gentle story and simple facts to explain how plants grow, children will be inspired to get outside and follow the helpful tips to plant their very own sunflowers.

Reading age



Age 2 - 5



- **Springtime Stories: 30 classic tales**

Written by Enid Blyton

Delight in this collection of 30 short stories, full of the buzz and excitement of spring! Enid Blyton remains one of Britain's favourite children's authors and her bumper short story collections are perfect for introducing her to the latest generation of readers.

Head off on a sparkling springtime adventure with the world's best-loved storyteller. From the little boy who helps a lamb in trouble to the fairies hidden inside Easter Eggs, excitement and magic are never far away in this collection of stories to read and share. These fun, entertaining tales are ideal for newly confident readers and are the perfect length for reading aloud at bedtime or in the classroom.

Reading age



Age 6 - 11



- **Seed**

Written by Caryl Lewis, Illustrated by George Ermos

'Some books are about magic. Some books ARE magic. *Seed* will cast a spell on you' – Frank Cottrell-Boyce

Seed is a funny, big-hearted story by award-winner Caryl Lewis about the power of hope and imagination when you believe in the impossible.

Illustrated in black and white throughout by George Ermos.

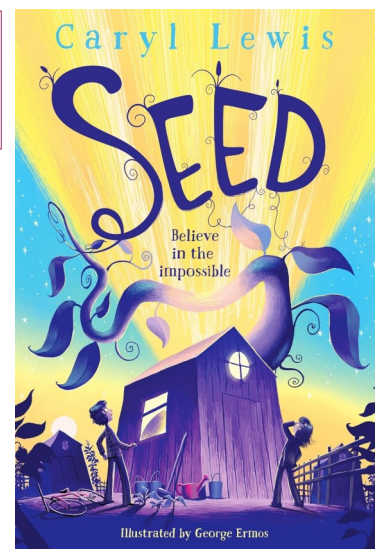
Marty doesn't have much. Unlike his mum, who has billions of things: newspapers, holey shoes, rusty lawnmowers, broken picture frames – she keeps EVERYTHING! It's hard to leave the house. Marty wonders if anything will ever change.

But on Marty's birthday, Grandad, with a glint in his eye, gifts Marty a very special seed. Grandad hasn't been this excited since he invented the bum scratcher 2000 or thought he'd brewed wonder fuel from rhubarb leaves! The seed grows bigger and bigger, and launches Grandad, Marty and his best friend Gracie on an impossible, wondrous plan fuelled by love, hopes and dreams.

Reading age



Age 8 - 12



EXAM DATES 2025

Date	Exam Board/ Subject	Time	Duration
Tues 6th May	AQA Art , Craft and Design	0900	3 hours and 20 minutes
Weds 7th May	AQA Art , Craft and Design	0900	3 hours and 20 minutes
Thurs 8th May	AQA Art , Craft and Design	0900	3 hours and 20 minutes
Mon 12th May	AQA Maths Functional Skills Paper 1 (Non Calculator)	0900	30 minutes
Mon 12th May	AQA Maths Functional Skills Paper 2 (Calculator)	1300	1 hour and 30 minutes
Tues 13th May	AQA GCSE Biology Paper 1	0900	1 hour and 45 minutes
Thurs 15th May	AQA GCSE Maths Paper 1 (Non Calculator)	0900	1 hour and 30 minutes
Mon 19th May	AQA Chemistry Paper 1	0900	1 hour and 45 minutes
Tues 20th May	NCFE Health & Fitness	1300	1 hour and 30 minutes
Thurs 22nd May	AQA GCSE Physics Paper 1	0900	1 hour and 45 minutes
Fri 23rd May	AQA GCSE English Language Paper 1	0900	1 hour and 45 minutes
Half Term Monday 26th — Friday 30th May			
Weds 4th June	AQA GCSE Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)	0900	1 hours and 30 minutes
Fri 6th June	AQA GCSE English Language Paper 2	0900	1 hour and 45 minutes
Mon 9th June	AQA GCSE Biology Paper 2	0900	1 hour and 45 minutes
Mon 9th June	OCR Creative iMedia	1300	1 hour and 30 minutes
Tues 10th June	AQA GCSE Maths Paper 3 (Calculator)	0900	1 hour and 30 minutes
Tues 10th June	AQA GCSE Chemistry Paper 2	1300	1 hour and 45 minutes
Weds 11th June	AQA GCSE Physics Paper 2	0900	1 hours and 45 minutes

Exam contingency dates are:

- Weds 11th June - Contingency afternoon session in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the UK.
- Weds 25th June - Contingency day in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the UK



7 STEPS TO HELP SUPPORT YOUR CHILD IN THINKING ABOUT THEIR FUTURE

- 1) Sit down and discuss interests and likes (that can be in or out of school!)
- 2) Encourage exploring different job sectors and roles based on their interests
- 3) Encourage your child to think about their values and strengths e.g. what is important to them.
- 4) Explore different routes into jobs and skills e.g. apprenticeships, colleges routes and Universities. Consider more than one path or option.
- 5) Speak to trusted adults at home or at school (e.g. Family Footings Team/ Tutor/ Teacher)
- 6) Think about what next steps might look like – e.g. course providers and qualifications
- 7) Support your child to gain experience (this could be through work experience or volunteering)





HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF)

Amazing news for the future of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The HAF team is delighted to confirm that HAF has been extended for a further year **and will now run until March 2026**, meaning Warwickshire will be running HAF activities during Spring 25, Summer 25 and Winter 25. As a reminder, HAF does not currently run during half term holidays, meaning the next HAF delivery period will be over the Easter holidays. The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is funded by the Department for Education (DfE) to provide young people who are in full-time education (Reception to Year 11) and eligible for benefits-related free school meals with access to enriching activities and meals, for free, during the three main school holidays - Winter, Spring and Summer:



PRICE PER DAY

Standard Day: 8:40am - 4:15pm
(Registration between 8:40am and 9:15am)
£26

HOW TO BOOK:

[HTTPS://EEQU.ORG/CLUBSZONE HOLIDAYCLUBS](https://eequ.org/clubszone/holidayclubs)

CLICK THE LINK TO BOOK!



EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB!

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 5(YEAR 1) - 13
PADDOX PRIMARY SCHOOL, FAREHAM AVENUE, RUGBY, CV22 5HS

TIME:
8:40am - 4:15pm

DATES:
14/4/2025 - 17/4/2025

**FUN & CREATIVE
INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

- ✓ **CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED!**
- ✓ **HAF PROVIDER!**
- ✓ **TEENAGE COACHING PROGRAMME!**

•Football•Dance•Tennis•Arts and Crafts•Rounders•Basketball•Cricket•Uni-Hock•Tag Rugby•Multi Sports•Team Games•Gymnastics•Dodgeball•Badminton•Netball•Athletics•Archery•Fencing
•Drama•Quad Ball•Volleyball•Table Tennis•Laser Tag & More!

BOOK NOW



HAF FUNDED PLACES

Is your child eligible for **Benefitted Free School Meals?**
Get in touch now to book your funded place!

HOW TO BOOK:

[HTTPS://EEQU.ORG/BOOK/PADDOX-PRIMARY-SCHOOL-HAF-ONLY-WITH-CLUBSZONE-CZ-LIMITED-12689](https://eequ.org/book/paddock-primary-school-haf-only-with-clubszone-cz-limited-12689)

CLICK THE LINK TO BOOK!

DAILY TIMETABLE

TIME	GROUP 1 (5-7)	GROUP 2 (8-10)	GROUP 3 (11-13)	COACHING (14-17)
8:40am - 9:15am	REGISTRATION	REGISTRATION	REGISTRATION	REGISTRATION
9:15am - 10:00am	FOOTBALL	NETBALL	NETBALL	NETBALL
10:00am - 10:45am	NETBALL	FOOTBALL	NETBALL	NETBALL
10:45am - 11:30am	NETBALL	FOOTBALL	NETBALL	NETBALL
11:30am - 12:15pm	NETBALL	FOOTBALL	NETBALL	NETBALL
12:15pm - 12:45pm	NETBALL	FOOTBALL	NETBALL	NETBALL
12:45pm - 1:30pm	NETBALL	FOOTBALL	NETBALL	NETBALL
1:30pm - 2:15pm	NETBALL	FOOTBALL	NETBALL	NETBALL
2:15pm - 3:00pm	NETBALL	FOOTBALL	NETBALL	NETBALL
3:00pm - 3:45pm	NETBALL	FOOTBALL	NETBALL	NETBALL
3:45pm - 4:15pm	NETBALL	FOOTBALL	NETBALL	NETBALL

Our timetable will be amended to suit the children on each camp.

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

We are able to accept multiple tax-free childcare vouchers for children up to the age of 11.

This can be processed by our booking system.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Call: 07305270565

Email: info@clubszone.co.uk

Website: www.clubszone.co.uk

SAFELINE'S PARENT WORKSHOP

HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE!

Online Safety Workshop
Wednesday 9th of April 2025
5-6pm

This workshop provides key knowledge around how social media/apps can be used safely and the risks/dangers of the online world.

If you would like to attend please confirm by emailing ramandeepd@safeline.org.uk please include your child's school name

Please join by going into Zoom and putting in Meeting ID: 765 294 7590



CAREERS/ JOBS FAIRS

[Discover Job Fair Events & Activities in Warwickshire, United Kingdom | Eventbrite](#)

The key dates for Warwickshire are:

- **Wednesday 2nd April - 9:00-3:00 - Rugby Hill Street Youth and Community Centre**
- **Thursday 10th April - 9:00-3:00 - Nuneaton & Bedworth The Bermuda Phoenix**

The Midlands Business Network, in collaboration with Warwickshire County Council and North Warwickshire Borough Council, is thrilled to launch a programme of themed careers events specifically designed to bring local businesses and young people leaving education together to explore what the world of work has to offer!

This dynamic event is designed to connect local employers with a vibrant talent pool of young people wanting to explore their future careers locally, whilst also providing an opportunity for local employers to showcase their roles, how to access them and the key skills required.

EASTER FAIR 2025

Friday 4th April

We are collecting prizes for our annual Easter Fair (for example, Spring Produce, Easter Eggs) and would absolutely love some donations for the reuse stall!

Our parents/carers are welcome to visit our Easter Fair, from 2 - 3pm on Friday 4th April.

Unfortunately we cannot accommodate learners staying on site between the end of the school day and the fair beginning.



UNIFORM SUPPLIER

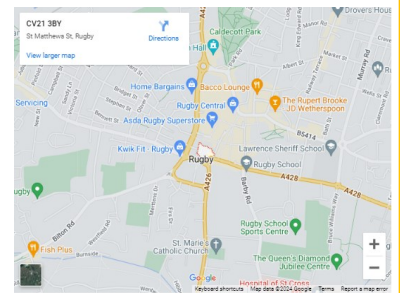
You can order uniform directly from Webb Ellis in Rugby.

Online: <http://www.webb-ellis.co.uk/schools/>

Telephone: 01788 567777

Email: sales@webb-ellis.co.uk

Address: Webb Ellis Ltd, 5&6 St. Matthew's Street, Rugby, CV21 3BY



SPECIALIST TRANSPORT

Pupil are transported to and from Quest Academy in taxis with an escort. You will need to apply to your local Specialist Transport.



- To apply for Home to School Travel Assistance for Pupil's with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) in **Warwickshire** please follow this link: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/sendtransport>
- For **Northamptonshire** follow this link: <https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-transport/Pages/special-educational-needs-travel-assistance.aspx>
- For **Coventry** follow this link: http://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/4332/send_travel_assistance_application_form



Learners do not need to bring in their own balls, we have them available. If they do, they will have to be handed in on arrival like tech.



EDUCATERERS MEAL PRICE INCREASE

To allow Educaterers to maintain their quality and standards in the face of cost pressures School's meal prices will rise by **20 pence per meal** from

Tuesday 1st April 2025.

This takes **daily charge** to **£3.10 (£15.50 per week)**.



ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 - 2025

SPRING TERM 2025

Term End	Friday 11th April 2025
Spring (Easter) Holiday	Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

INSET Day (no learners on site)	Monday 28th April 2025
Start	Tuesday 29th April 2025
Bank Holiday (no learners on site)	Monday 5th May 2025
End	Friday 23rd May 2025
Half Term	Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025
Start	Monday 2nd June 2025
Term End	Friday 18th July 2025
INSET Day (no learners on site)	Monday 21st July 2025

December 2024							
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January 2025							
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February 2025							
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March 2025							
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April 2025							
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May 2025							
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June 2025							
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27	30						

July 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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- B/H
- H/T - Holidays
- INSET

INHALERS/ MEDICATION

Please can we remind all parents/ carers that if a learner is prescribed a new inhaler/ medication to let the school know, so support can be given correctly.

Thank you.



CLOCK CHANGE

In 2025 the clocks go forward on **Sunday 30th March** at **1am**.

In the UK the clocks go forward 1 hour at 1am on the last Sunday in March, and back 1 hour at 2am on the last Sunday in October.

Will I lose or gain an hour in bed when the clocks go forward?

Unfortunately, the clocks moving forward means that we lose an hour in bed. An easy way to remember which way the clocks change at which time of year is to remember that the clocks 'spring forward' in spring, and 'fall back' in autumn.



MOTHERS DAY



Mother's Day is celebrated on different days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March or May, for us in the UK this year it is **Sunday 30th March**.



IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

in school during Academic Year 2024/2025.

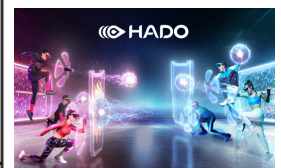
Year Group	Vaccines to be given	Date(s)
All Year 9	Td/IPV & Men ACWY	15/05/2025



REWARDS FOR SPRING TERM 2

Week 5 28.03.2025	Work Catch-Up	Laptops	Football Gaming D&D	HADO (Lower Only) (RP, HK, AE, WS, AF, FN)
	Board Games	Arts & Crafts	Forest Schools/Cooking	
Week 6 04.04.2025	Work Catch-Up	Laptops	Football Gaming D&D	Easter Fair
	Board Games	Arts & Crafts	Forest Schools/Cooking	
Week 7 11.04.2025	Work Catch-Up	Laptops	Football Gaming D&D	HADO (Upper Only) (DL, LH, GE, MG, AT, WC)
	Board Games	Arts & Crafts	Forest Schools/Cooking	

Here is a link to HADO: <https://hado-official.com/en/>



magic breakfast fuel for learning



We are now registered with Magic Breakfast, which will enable us to offer Breakfast Club. Our Magic Breakfast Club offering will launch after Easter, on **Tuesday 29th April**.



'COFFEE AND CHAT' MORNING

The next parent 'Coffee and chat' morning first Thursday in April, 3rd.

INDEPENDENT TRAVEL TRAINING

Do you know a young person (11-25) with SEND and an EHCP who is eager and enthusiastic, who might benefit from **FREE** Independent Travel Training?

Independent travel training offers one to one, tailored, practical support to help young people with SEND learn to travel independently their school/college/work placement/training provider by using public transport within Warwickshire.

Training is tailored to the individual needs and will offer:

- 1:1 personalised travel trainer support
- Road and personal safety skills
- Journey planning
- Emergency strategies around travel

These skills can then be transferred into their everyday lives and future enabling them to access more opportunities such as going out with friends, transitioning to college, work placements etc. It can also benefit parents and carers, giving them peace of mind that their child or young person is able to travel safely on their own.

The young person must be a Warwickshire resident, have an Education, Health and Care Plan and be between the ages of 11-25. You can [find the full criteria and application form online here](#).

This only takes a couple of minutes to complete. Once a referral is submitted one of our team will be in touch to discuss the next steps.

Journeys must be from the young person's home to their school/college/work placement/training provider by using public transport within Warwickshire. Before a referral can be made, prior consent must be given by the individual, or the parent/carer if the individual is under 16 years old.

If you would like any further information, please get in touch at tt@warwickshire.gov.uk

FAMILY SUPPORT HELPLINE AND FACE TO FACE CONSULTATIONS

Family support workers are available across Warwickshire to listen, support and offer advice and guidance to families and professionals. To speak to a family support worker over the telephone, call 01926 412412, Monday to Friday between 9am - 4pm.

If you would like to book a face-to-face consultation with a family support worker at one of the sessions shown below, please telephone the family support line on 01926 412412, Monday to Friday, between 9am-4pm.

Nuneaton and Bedworth

Centre	Day	Time	Starting date
St Michael's Children & Family Centre	Tuesdays	10am - 12pm	Current
Camp Hill Children & Family Centre	Thursdays	1.15pm - 3.15pm	Current
Stockingford Children & Family Centre	Mondays	12pm - 2pm	Current
Riversley Park Children & Family Centre	Fridays	12pm - 2pm	Current

North Warwickshire

Centre	Day	Time	Starting date
Atherstone Children and Family Centre	Wednesdays	1pm - 4pm	Current

Rugby

Centre	Day	Time	Starting date
Boughton Leigh Children & Family Centre	Thursdays	9.30am - 11.30am	Current
Long Lawford Children & Family Centre	Tuesdays	1.30pm - 3.30pm	Current
Claremont Children & Family Centre	Wednesdays	2.15pm - 4.15pm	Current

Stratford

Centre	Day	Time	Starting date
Lighthorne Heath Children & Family Centre	Wednesdays	1pm - 3pm	Current
Alcester Children & Family Centre	Wednesdays	1pm - 3pm	Current
Stratford Children & Family Centre	Thursdays	12.30pm - 3.30pm	Current

Warwick

Centre	Day	Time	Starting date
Lillington Children & Family Centre	Fridays	9.30am to 11.30am	Current
Kingsway Children & Family Centre	Tuesdays	1.15pm to 3pm	Current
Kenilworth Library	Mondays	9.30am to 11.30am	Current
Westgate Children & Family Centre	Wednesdays	2pm to 4.30pm	Current
SEND Help at the Gap Community Centre	First Wednesday of the month	10am to 12noon	Current

If you would prefer to send an email, you can get in touch via earlysupport@warwickshire.gov.uk.

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Attendance: At Quest Academy, we seek to ensure that all our learners receive a full time education which maximizes opportunities for each learner to reach his or her true potential: we feel that good attendance (95% or above) and good punctuality too are a vital part of this and we want all learners to strive towards this.

Government statistics have proven that children with poor attendance are 47% less likely to meet their potential examination results compared to learners with good attendance.

We have a desire to strive towards 100% attendance for all of our learners and expect all parents/ carers to actively support us in ensuring that their children are in school, safe, at all times. We also aim to hold all parents / carers that give low priority to good school attendance accountable.

Lateness: Pupils must attend registration on time to be given a present mark. Registration starts at 8.50am until 9am. Arrival after the start of morning registration will be given an 'L' code. After 9.30am a 'U' code (unauthorised absence) will be given.

Quest Contact Details:

Quest Academy
Anderson Avenue
Rugby
Warwickshire
CV22 5PE

E: quest.office@macintyreacademies.org

T: 01788 593 112



How to contact members of staff: Please contact Reception if you would like to speak with a member of staff. You will either be transferred or reception will email the member of staff to let them know that you have called.

Reporting pupil absence and lateness: Please can we remind parent/carers to call school on **01788 593 112**, before 9am if your child may be late or is unwell. You will also need to contact the taxi company to let them know. If your child is absent for more than 7 days you will need to provide a doctors certificate. If we do not receive a doctors note and have not seen your child we will have no alternative but to refer the matter to the Safeguarding Board in line with our safeguarding procedures.

PRIVACY NOTICE

MacIntyre Academies collects and uses pupil information which complies with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This is Europe's framework for data protection laws – it replaces the previous 1995 data protection directive, which UK law has previously been based upon.

Please note that limited personal data is used and stored as per the MAT Retention Policy.

You can read the full details of our [Privacy Notice](#) in the policy. This includes more details of our legal basis for the use of specific information.

