



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

APRIL 2025 EDITION 1 NEWSLETTER



End of Term

Friday 11th April

Teacher Training Day

Monday 28th April

Term Starts

Tuesday 29th April

Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May



“Quote of the week”

“As long as you're alive, you always have the chance to start again.”

— Voltaire

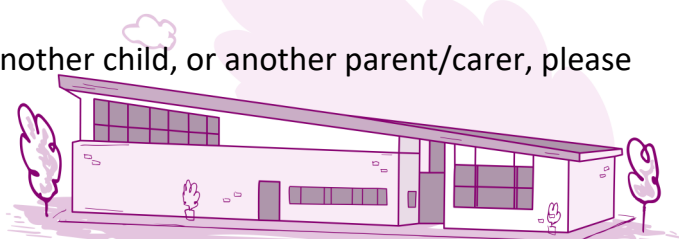
SAFE & RESPECTFUL CONDUCT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

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.



NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR, 2025 - 2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025	
INSET Day (no learners on site)	Monday 1st September 2025
Start	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
End	Friday 24th October 2025
Half Term	Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025
Start	Monday 3rd November 2025
INSET Day (no learners on site)	Friday 28th November 2025
Term End	Friday 19th December 2025
Christmas Holiday	Monday 22nd December 2025 - Friday 2nd January 2026
SPRING TERM 2026	
INSET Day (no learners on site)	Monday 5th January 2026
Start	Tuesday 6th January 2026
End	Friday 13th February 2026
Half Term	Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026
Start	Monday 23rd February 2026
Trust INSET Day (no learners on site)	Friday 13th March 2026
Term End	Friday 27th March 2026
Spring (Easter) Holiday	Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April 2026
SUMMER TERM 2026	
INSET Day (no learners on site)	Monday 13th April 2026
Start	Tuesday 14th April 2026
Bank Holiday (no learners on site)	Monday 4th May 2026
End	Friday 22nd May 2026
Half Term	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026
Start	Monday 1st June 2026
Term End	Friday 17th July 2026
INSET Day (no learners on site)	Monday 20th July 2026

• Easter EGGstravaganza

Written by Roald Dahl, **Illustrated by** Quentin Blake

Easter Eggs are scrumptious!

Every chiddler knows that's true.

But have you ever heard

That you can eat them all year through...?

Discover the delumptious fun to be had with your chocolate eggs in this licky, sticky celebration of Easter! Inspired by the wonderful world of Roald Dahl, this rhyming board book has flaps and shiny eggs inside!

• Warning! This Book May Contain Rabbits!

Written by Tim Warnes

Uh-oh! Mole and the Lumpy Bumpy thing have found a top hat with the label "Warning: Do Not Touch!" Out of the hat hops a bunny. And another.

And another! Holy moly! Surely bunnies aren't dangerous. Are they?

Warning! is the funny and entertaining sequel to the hugely popular

Dangerous! (nominated for the Kate Greenaway Award and shortlisted for Evening Standard's Oscar's First Book Prize). Jam-packed with labels to help improve your kid's vocabulary, it's the perfect picture book for a young child just starting to read independently.

• The Curse of the School Rabbit

Written by Judith Kerr

The laugh-out-loud story of a boy who needs a new bike for Christmas, the rabbit who might help him get it, and a lot of bad luck...

From the one and only Judith Kerr, creator of *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* and *Mog the Forgetful Cat*!

It all started with the school rabbit...

Snowflake is the school rabbit, and Snowflake is TROUBLE.

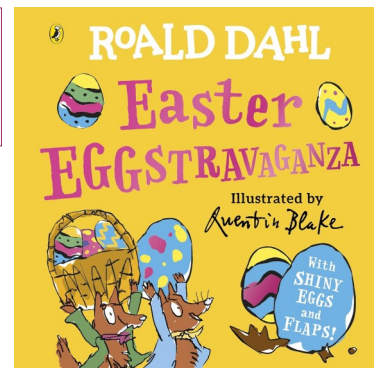
At least that's what Tommy thinks. And when Snowflake unexpectedly comes to stay just before Christmas and EVERYTHING starts to go wrong, it looks like Tommy might be right. Even if he is getting more pocket money for feeding it and might be able to get that new bike after all...

With a sick sister left in bed, a snobby actor left with suspiciously damp trousers, and no rabbit anywhere to be seen, Tommy can see his hopes of a new bike for Christmas disappearing as fast as Snowflake. Will Snowflake turn up, and turn out to be more good luck than bad? Or are Tommy and his family DOOMED by the curse of the school rabbit?

Reading age



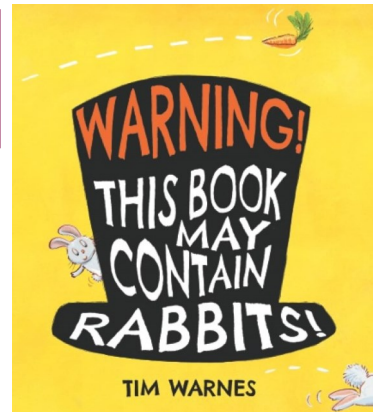
Age 2 - 5



Reading age



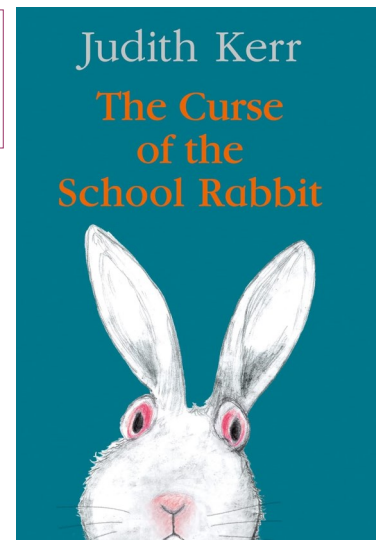
Age 3 - 6



Reading age



Age 5 - 8



MEDICATION REMINDER

Any medication sent into school must be in original packaging with pupil's name, date of birth and dosage clearly marked and be given to the taxi escort and then directly to staff.

Learners must not carry their own medication unless it is inhalers.

- We ask that you read the 'Supporting Learners with Medical Needs' Policy (available on the school website).
- We would like to reiterate that there is no legal duty requiring school staff to administer medication therefore it should be noted that this is a service that the school is not obliged to undertake.
- In order for the school to deliver medication you need to complete the 'Administration of Prescription Medication' section in the Compulsory Information Pamphlet.
- Medication supplied must be suitable for use and within date.
- If your child vomits or spits out the medication given, the dose will not be repeated.
- Please notify the school of all changes in medication and/or any relevant information.



IMMUNISATION SESSIONS

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



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

April 2025						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
14		1	2	3	4	5
15	7	8	9	10	11	12
16	14	15	16	17	18	19
17	21	22	23	24	25	26
18	28	29	30			

May 2025						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
18				1	2	3
19	5	6	7	8	9	10
20	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	19	20	21	22	23	24
22	26	27	28	29	30	31

June 2025						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
22						1
23	2	3	4	5	6	7
24	9	10	11	12	13	14
25	16	17	18	19	20	21
26	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	30					

July 2025						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
27		1	2	3	4	5
28	7	8	9	10	11	12
29	14	15	16	17	18	19
30	21	22	23	24	25	26
31	28	29	30	31		

• B/H • H/T - Holidays • INSET

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.



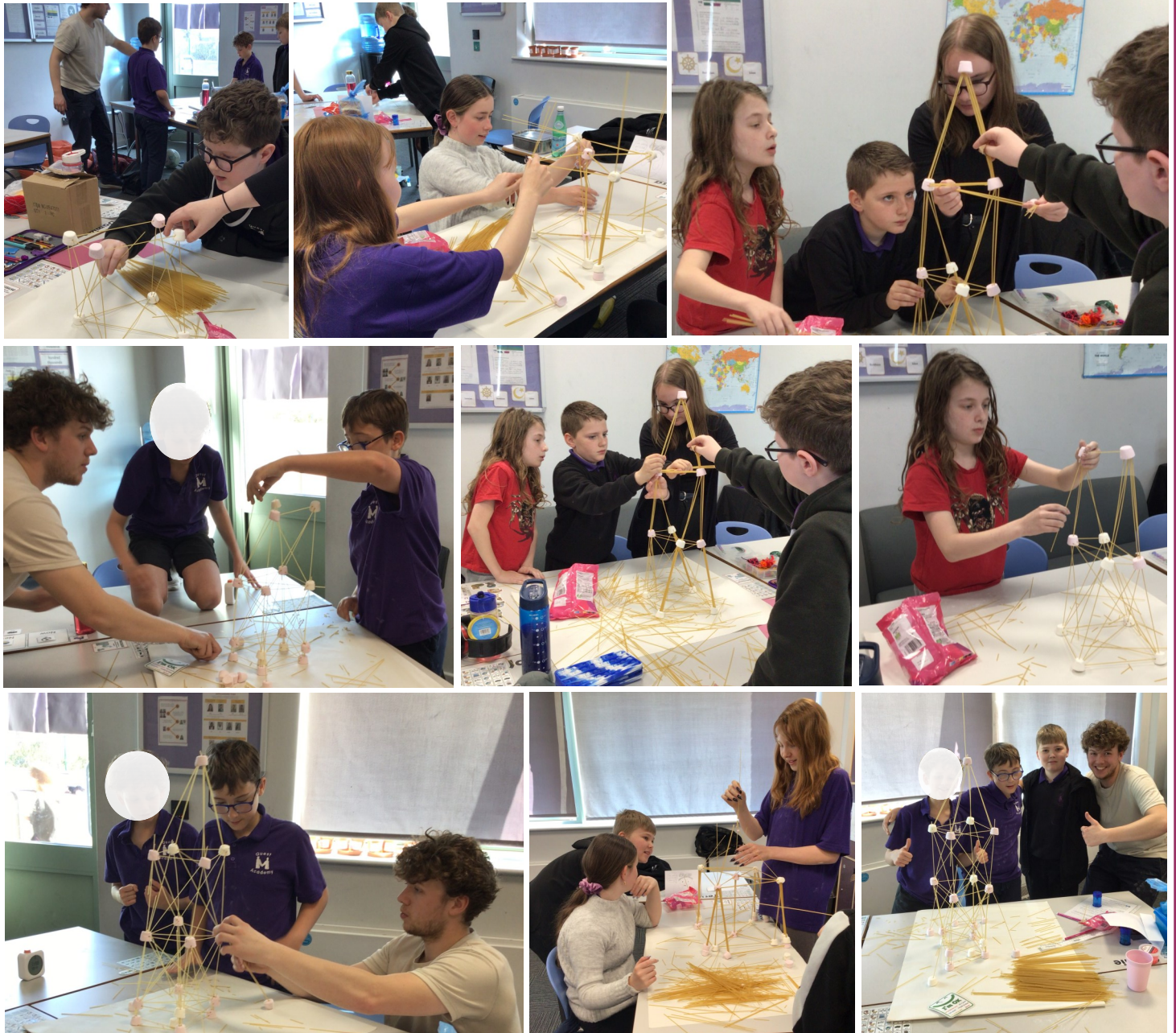
YEAR 11 LAST
DAY & the PROM

Friday 27th June 2025

ROSA PARKS CLASS

In Rosa Parks Personalised Learning session, learners were set the challenge to build the tallest marshmallow tower in their groups.

The winners were the boys' team (Kal, James, Charlie and William) with a height of 90cm!



WE ARE SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE...

...the mother of one of our learners said that the support for her son and their family from Quest Academy is 'amazing'. She said that this has positively impacted family life, and she and her son know that he is safe at school.

...the parents of one of our learners said that their son is happy at school, thriving and making great progress at Quest Academy.

...the mother of one of our learners said that her son engages positively with his network of trusted adults at school, and his support is 'brilliant'.



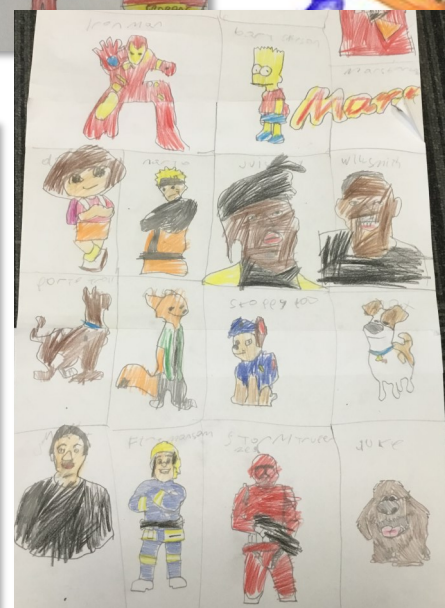
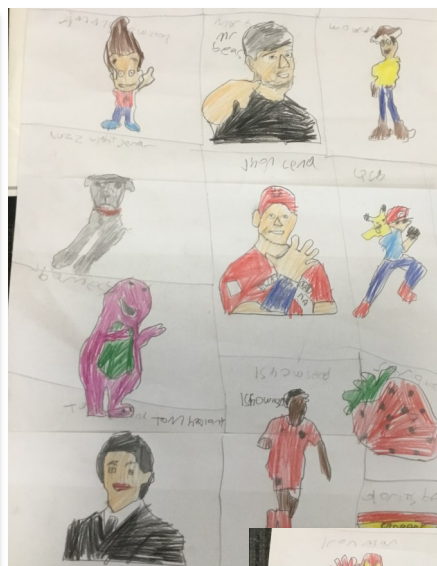
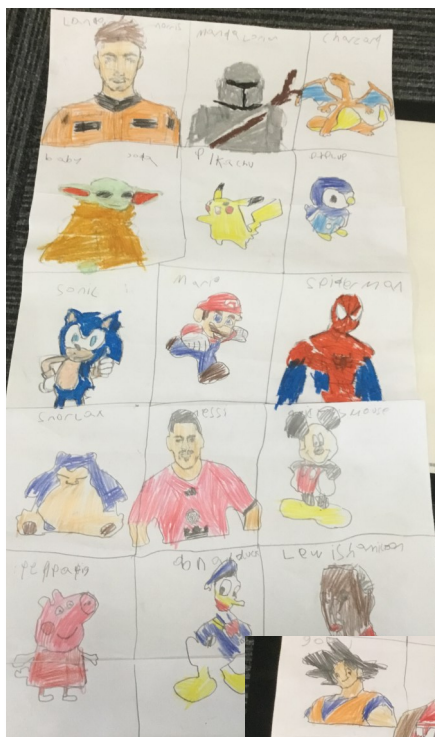
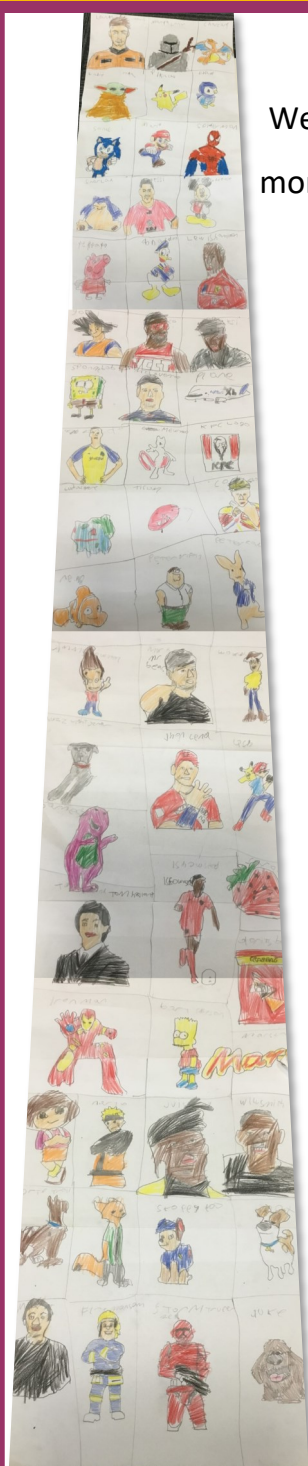
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF)

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:

MASSIVE ART WORK!

Well done to Riley and TA, George, who have created yet another
monumentous piece of art work, using a combination of materials!





PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.



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Work began back in 2022 to gain the recognition of our collective ambition, to support the wellbeing of all stakeholders. It is as a result of our dedication, your support and participation that we have passed the Wellbeing Award in Schools.

EASTER FAIR 2025

Friday 4th April

Winners of the 'Guess the Name of the Teddy'



The winner of the 'lost bunny' was Joseph J!

Our fabulous Easter Fair performers



Fun at the Fair



EXPLORING SHAKESPEARE: A TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

On Friday 21st March, colleagues from the English and Drama departments across Quest Academy, Discovery, and Venture academies embarked on an inspiring professional development journey at the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) in Stratford-upon-Avon. The '**Making Shakespeare Accessible in SEND Settings**' training day was a remarkable opportunity to reimagine how we can bring Shakespeare's timeless works to life for learners with complex needs. Through a combination of practical workshops and insightful seminars, our team delved into innovative pedagogical approaches that will revolutionise how we introduce and explore Shakespearean texts in our classrooms.

The training was more than just a professional development day – it was a commitment to inclusivity and creative learning. We are incredibly excited to implement the strategies we've learned, which will enable our students to engage with Shakespeare in ways that are meaningful, accessible, and truly transformative. The RSC's approach focuses on breaking down barriers and making classic literature a vibrant, interactive experience for all learners, regardless of their individual challenges. Our team is particularly enthusiastic about developing new teaching methods that will help our students connect with the rich language, complex characters, and timeless themes of Shakespeare's works. We look forward to sharing these innovative approaches across our curriculum, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to experience the magic of theatre and literature in a way that speaks directly to their unique learning needs.



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.

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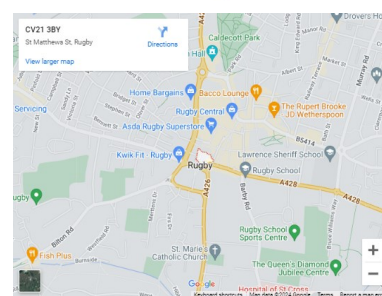
You can order uniform directly from
Webb Ellis in Rugby.

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





DRUMMING WORKSHOP



Tuesday 18th March

We had a really good turnout for the drumming workshop and the learners really enjoyed the experience.



magic breakfast fuel for learning



We are now registered with Magic Breakfast, which will enable us to offer Breakfast Club (this is not prior to our school day starting). Our Magic Breakfast Club offering will launch after Easter, on **Tuesday 29th April**.



We are proud to be a
**Magic Breakfast
School**

The right fuel for learning, every day



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breakfast

WELCOME TO THE RECOVERY AND WELLBEING ACADEMY



Recovery & Wellbeing
ACADEMY

We all have mental health and wellbeing

The Academy offers a wide range of trauma informed courses and workshops designed to empower your mental health and wellbeing, provided by a number of Partner organisations working together. Courses are delivered face to face and via online group sessions and are completely **FREE OF CHARGE**.

The courses are open to **anyone over the age of 18 living in Coventry and Warwickshire** who wants to better manage or understand their health and wellbeing.

[Find out about the Academy](#)

Can't decide which course you want to do?

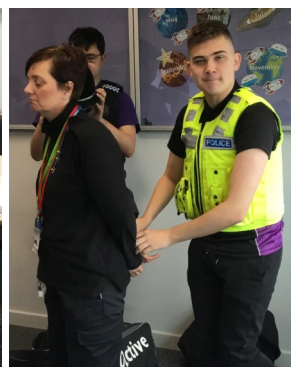
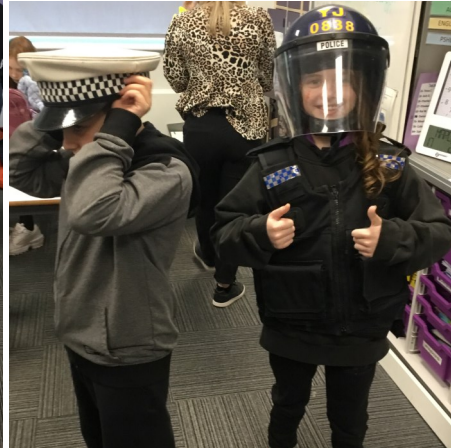
If you are feeling overwhelmed by the amount of courses on offer, you can send us a message through our contact form to request guidance.

[Contact us](#)



POLICE VISIT

Monday 17th March



HOT CROSS BUNS

Ingredients

- 50g butter or soft baking spread
- 150ml semi-skimmed milk
- 400g strong flour
- 1 x 5ml spoon salt
- 1 x 5ml spoon mixed spice
- ½ x 5ml spoon cinnamon
- ½ x 5ml spoon nutmeg
- 2 x 5ml spoon fast action yeast (or 1 sachet)
- 75g golden caster sugar
- 150g currants
- 100g mixed peel
- 2 eggs



Glaze

- 1 x 15ml spoon granulated sugar
- 2 x 15ml spoons water

Equipment

Weighing scales, measuring jug, measuring spoons, saucepan, wooden spoon, sieve, large mixing bowl, baking tray, pastry brush, cooling rack.

Method

- 1) Mix the fat and milk in a saucepan and warm until the fat has melted.
- 2) Sift the flour, salt and spices into a bowl.
- 3) Add the yeast.
- 4) Add the currants and peel and stir to ensure they are well coated; then add the sugar.
- 5) Beat the eggs.
- 6) Stir in the liquid and beaten eggs to the dry ingredients to form a soft dough.
- 7) Turn onto a well-floured surface and knead for 6-8 minutes until smooth and no longer sticky.
- 8) Divide the dough into 12 and shape into buns.
- 9) Place the buns well apart on greased baking tray.
- 10) To make crosses, slash the buns with a sharp knife or use thin strips of pastry or pipe on crosses using a paste made from 2 x 15ml spoons each of plain flour and water.
- 11) Cover the buns and leave to rise in a warm place until double in size - about 1 hour.
- 12) Bake in a hot oven, 200C/gas 6 for 15-20 minutes until golden brown.
- 13) Whilst the buns are baking, gently melt the sugar and water in a saucepan until the sugar has dissolved and the mixture has become syrupy.
- 14) Turn out onto a cooling rack and brush the buns with a sugar/water syrup.

Top tips

Add dried cranberries and orange zest instead of currants and mixed peel.

Food skills

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|-------------------|----------|---------|-----------|
| • Weigh. | • Melt. | • Stir. | • Knead. |
| • Measure. | • Sift. | • Beat. | • Divide. |
| • Shape and form. | • Prove. | • Bake. | • Glaze. |

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.

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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.

