

Tune in on Tuesday

Wheelwright Lane Primary School Newsletter

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www.wheelwrightlane.warwickshire.sch.uk

Diary Dates

Diary dates for the Summer Term are shown below and will be included and updated on every newsletter.

20.07.2022 <i>Change of date</i>	6.00 Year 6 Play for parents/carers (tea/coffee/cakes for afterwards)
21.07.2022	School finishes for Summer 2.15 (no wraparound Thursday evening)
Wednesday 7th September	Children return to school

2021/22-Extra Bank Holiday Friday 22nd July - School finishes Thursday 21st July at 2.15.

2022/23 INSET days: Monday 5th September
Tuesday 6th September
Friday 7th October
Tuesday 3rd January 2023
(1 more day to be set)

Extra-curricular activities

Final week of extra sports w.c. 11th July

Monday			
Tuesday	Tag Rugby	Y5 & Y6	12.30 - 1.00
	Multiskills	Y4 & Y5 & Y6	3.15 - 4.15
Wednesday	Football	Y3 & Y4	12.30 - 1.00
	Multi-skills	Y1 & Y2 & Y3	3.15 - 4.15
Friday	Dance	Y1 and Y2	3.15-4.15

Sports Day

We were lucky to have lovely weather for our sports day, after three years of interruptions. The children had a wonderful time and showed

great sporting qualities and fairness throughout.

It was good to see so many families back in school joining in the fun - thank you for coming along and sharing with us.

Our overall winners were Diamond House with 1178 points.



Thank you to the volunteers that helped on the day - we couldn't have done it without you. Please see the school website for photographs taken on the day.

School results

We are again very pleased with our school results this year. We are in line or above the national levels in all subjects.

Thanks to the children who have worked very hard to achieve their success and thank you parents for your support.

Also a huge thanks to the staff for their continuous drive for improvement and their hard work - we are very lucky to have such dedicated staff.

Well done everyone.

Summer Play scheme

The NB Leisure Trust will be running a playscheme during the Summer holidays. Please see the attached information for more details.

Correspondence

Please direct all correspondence to the office at admin2021@welearn365.com.

Mrs Turner will ensure that your correspondence goes to the correct adult in school.

Please do not email teachers directly.

Applying for a secondary school place

Applying for a secondary school place can be a difficult task for parents. You may have set your heart on a particular school but unable to access the school place due to the specific admissions code that the secondary school apply. W.C.C. have produced a leaflet for parents to help when choosing and applying for a school place (attached).

Please also see the youtube information at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7yVvgN9tAs>

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest free reading for pleasure programme for children. The Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to keep reading during the summer holidays. At the heart of the Summer Reading Challenge is a child's ability to shape their reading journey. Please see the attached leaflet for further details.

Coventry Rocks

Coventry Rocks is a website made especially for families to find things to do in the local area. Local events, places to visit, day trip ideas, children's classes, kids parties, holiday clubs, and outdoor spaces - it's a one stop shop for things to do in the local area!

Visit the website and see for yourself!
See the leaflet attached.

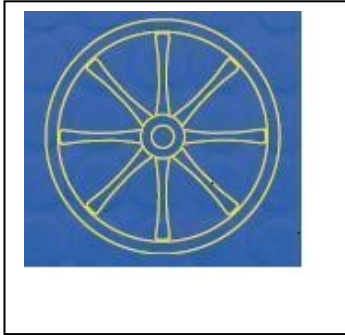
A Final Farewell

Thank you to everyone for your kind wishes and messages - I have loved every minute of working here. Please see the attached letter as a final farewell.

The staff and I hope you have a lovely summer with your children and look forward to seeing you back in September.

Mrs Browne





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20th July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kindness, support and generosity you have given me over my years at Wheelwright Lane. It has been a great pleasure to teach many of your children and some of you as parents and I thank you for your faith in me.

It has been a great pleasure to teach in our school and to lead the school as DHT and HT for nearly twenty years. The school has come a long way since I joined. I want to thank all of the staff, past and present, for their loyalty and dedication to the school - it has always been a team effort at Wheelwright Lane and will continue to be.

The school community make this a very special place to work in - all who work and have worked here; all who have had their children attend (past and present) comment on how friendly, caring and supportive the staff and families are here. Our school's ethos and values are lived every day in the school by all who attend - we put kindness and fairness at the heart of all that we do. This makes it a very popular school where families come back generation after generation.

I am very much looking forward to my retirement and will always hold the school and the community close to my heart. Thank you to everyone who has sent in kind wishes and gifts - you are very generous.

Many thanks

Christine Browne

Headteacher: Mrs C Browne

Office Manager: Mrs A Turner

Chair of Governors: Mr D. Grove

Learning for Life



Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGETEERS

Presented by The Reading Agency.
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KEY INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

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**SUMMER
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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Where?

The Summer Reading Challenge runs in 95% of UK **public libraries** and online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

When?

The Challenge runs throughout the **summer holidays** across the UK.

The Challenge begins in Scotland and Northern Ireland on **Saturday 25th June**, and in England and Wales on **Saturday 9th July**. Variations apply in some areas, so please check start dates with your local library service.

What are the benefits for your pupils and your school?

The Summer Reading Challenge can:

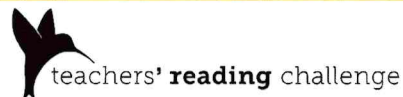
- Help to prevent the summer reading 'dip' for pupils
- Ensure your pupils are ready for their return to school in the autumn
- Support the transition between year groups and key stages
- Improve language skills, especially for those for whom English is a second language¹

Next steps for teachers

- **In your classroom** Talk to your pupils about the Challenge and help them engage with this year's theme. Let pupils know how they can sign up for the Challenge.
- **Talk to parents** Engage parents around the Challenge through newsletters.
- **Get in touch with your library** Contact your local library service to find out about what they're offering this summer.
- **Get involved in the Challenge yourself!** Read alongside your pupils and colleagues by taking part in the Teachers' Reading Challenge.

See page 3 for more information.

Teachers can take part, too!



Teachers, School Librarians, and other education staff can also take part in their own Reading Challenge over the summer. The Teachers' Reading Challenge will help expand your knowledge of children's books as well as deepening your understanding of reading for pleasure pedagogy. Set your own reading goal, share your reviews with others, access resources and put what you've learnt into practice with your class in the new term. This year's Teachers' Reading Challenge runs from **27th June – 29th October 2022**.

¹ Renaisi (2022), Summer Reading Challenge Cross-Authority Pilot 2021: Evaluation Summary Report, The Reading Agency



The benefits to your pupils

- The Summer Reading Challenge can contribute to the achievement of all your pupils.
- It keeps your pupils reading over the summer, maintaining their reading engagement and confidence ready for their return to school in the autumn.
- It supports the successful transition between year groups and key stages. The Challenge encourages children to become more independent in their reading, boosting their confidence and self-esteem.
- Children who take part in the Challenge are more enthusiastic about reading. The Challenge helps to bring together families and communities.
- An independent evaluation found statistically significant increases in reading frequency, reading enjoyment and reading confidence amongst children who participated in the 2021 Challenge versus those who did not.¹

“ Before the Summer Reading Challenge I had never stepped into a library. Once I entered the Challenge, once I entered the library I wanted to inspire myself by taking all the books. ”

- Year 4 participant, Summer Reading Challenge 2021

For children who participated in 2021...²

72%
read more over the
summer holidays

74%
improved their
reading skills



¹ Renaisi (2022), Summer Reading Challenge Cross-Authority Pilot 2021: Evaluation Summary Report, The Reading Agency

² The Reading Agency, Summer Reading Challenge 2021: Annual Report



How can children take part in the Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge is a flexible programme that is designed for all levels of ability.

At the library

1. A child will visit their local library and sign up to the Challenge for free. They receive their Gadgeteers core pack poster.
2. They set a personal reading goal for the summer (we recommend six books).
3. Borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks of their choice.

They can read anything they like: fiction, fact books, poetry, joke books, picture books, graphic novels, audiobooks...

4. Collect special incentives from the library each time they finish a book.
5. Receive a certificate and/or medal for taking part, or for reaching their Challenge goal.

In addition, libraries offer a wide variety of events and activities for families to enjoy throughout the summer.

Online

Alternatively, children can participate in the Challenge online.

1. Sign up at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
2. Set a personal reading goal for the summer.

Receive book recommendations and tips for accessing books for free at home.

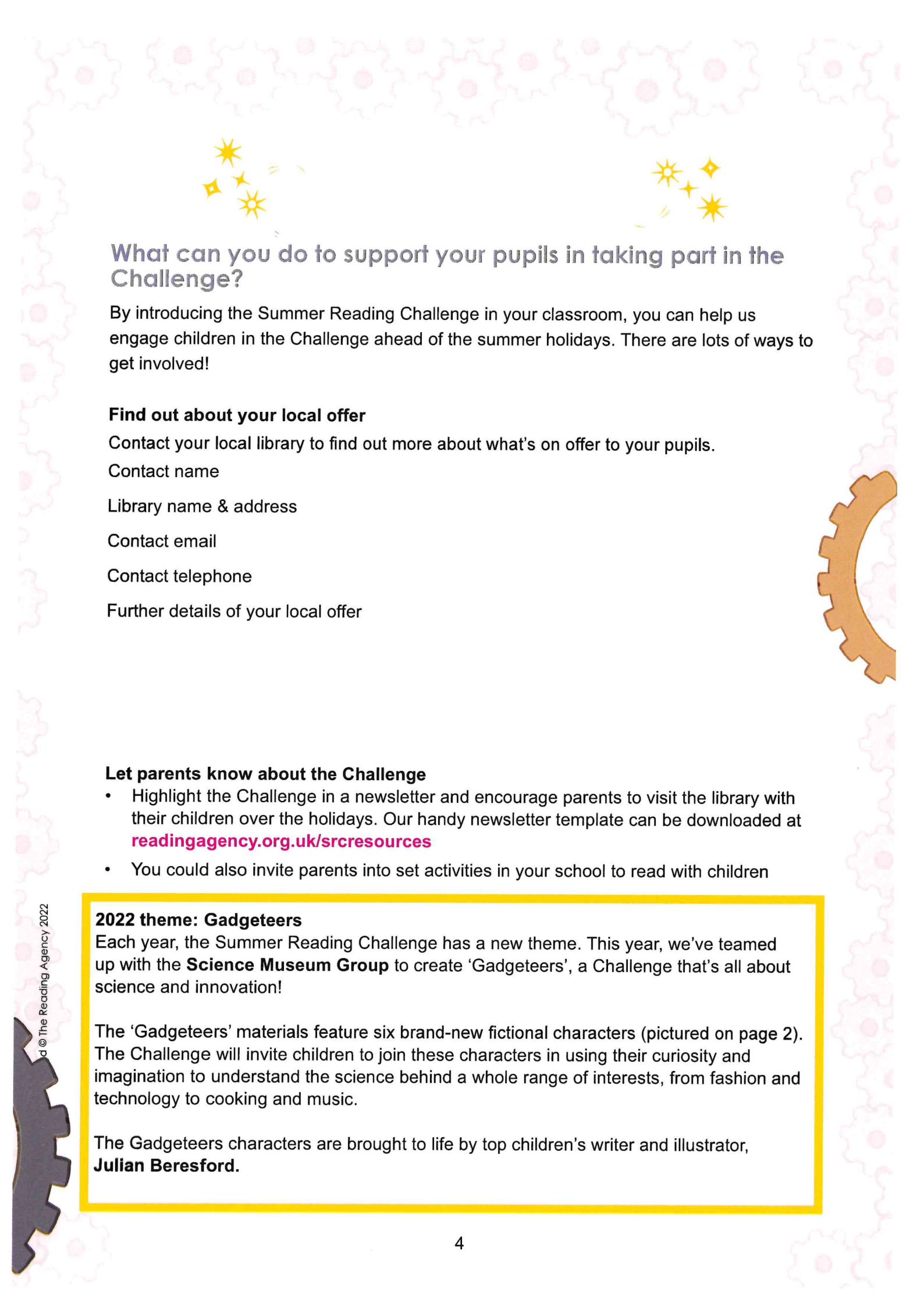
3. Each time they finish a book, the child adds it to their online profile and leaves a review. They unlock digital badges and online rewards along the way.
4. Unlock a certificate for reaching their Challenge goal.

Children can also play games, enter competitions, share book recommendations and more on our free, safe, moderated platform.

The Summer Reading Challenge is **open to all** primary school-aged children.

The 2022 Challenge launches on Saturday 25th June in Scotland and Northern Ireland, and on Saturday 9th July in England and Wales.*

*Regional variations may apply, so check with your local library to find out when Summer Reading Challenge activity will start and end in your local area.



What can you do to support your pupils in taking part in the Challenge?

By introducing the Summer Reading Challenge in your classroom, you can help us engage children in the Challenge ahead of the summer holidays. There are lots of ways to get involved!

Find out about your local offer

Contact your local library to find out more about what's on offer to your pupils.

Contact name

Library name & address

Contact email

Contact telephone

Further details of your local offer

Let parents know about the Challenge

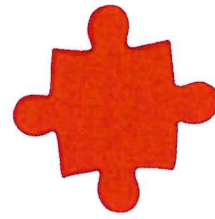
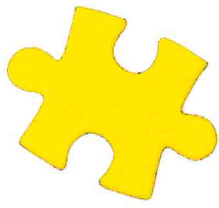
- Highlight the Challenge in a newsletter and encourage parents to visit the library with their children over the holidays. Our handy newsletter template can be downloaded at readingagency.org.uk/srcresources
- You could also invite parents into set activities in your school to read with children

2022 theme: Gadgeteers

Each year, the Summer Reading Challenge has a new theme. This year, we've teamed up with the **Science Museum Group** to create 'Gadgeteers', a Challenge that's all about science and innovation!

The 'Gadgeteers' materials feature six brand-new fictional characters (pictured on page 2). The Challenge will invite children to join these characters in using their curiosity and imagination to understand the science behind a whole range of interests, from fashion and technology to cooking and music.

The Gadgeteers characters are brought to life by top children's writer and illustrator, **Julian Beresford**.



Introduce the theme into your classroom

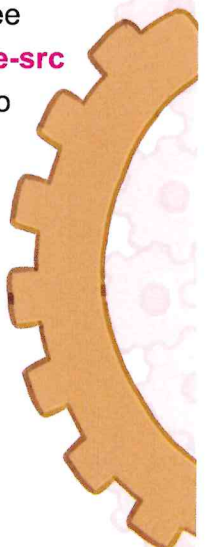
The theme of this year's Challenge is science and innovation. We want to spark children's curiosity and encourage them to see the science and innovation in everyday objects.

- Engage pupils with the theme through **science and innovation-related activities** in the classroom. You'll find Gadgeteers-themed resources, along with links to resources from the Science Museum Group, at readingagency.org.uk/srcresources
- Choose books from the Gadgeteers **book collection** to share with your class. You can view the book list at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/gadgeteers-bc-landing
- Put up **posters!** You can download A3 and A4 posters from readingagency.org.uk/srcresources

Celebrate your pupils' reading

- Talk to your pupils about the Challenge and let them know about the certificates and **incentives** on offer!
- After the summer, encourage children to bring in their **certificates**, hold a special assembly, or congratulate completers in your school newsletter.
- **Challenge your school** to beat last year's total number of completers. Many library authorities offer trophies and prizes for the schools with the highest Challenge participation numbers!

To help you engage your pupils around reading and the Challenge, there are lots of free resources available on our website at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/school-zone-src. You can download posters, view book lists, access activity sheets and more. You'll also find the latest offers from The Reading Agency's publisher partners.



Further information

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every summer holiday throughout the UK. Run by national charity The Reading Agency, and delivered with the support of the UK public library network, it is the UK's biggest free reading promotion for primary school aged children. The Challenge regularly reaches over 700,000 children each year, motivating children to keep reading during the summer holidays and helping them to maintain their reading skills and confidence.

Visit [readingagency.org.uk/children/quick-guides/summer-reading-challenge](https://www.readingagency.org.uk/children/quick-guides/summer-reading-challenge) for more information about the Summer Reading Challenge programme and this year's theme.

Visit [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk), our official children's website for book recommendations, competitions, videos and games all year round!

Contact:

Clare Williams, Programme Manager – clare.williams@readingagency.org.uk

Olwen Lynch, Programme Officer – olwen.lynch@readingagency.org.uk

Teachers' Reading Challenge

The Teachers' Reading Challenge is an opportunity for school and library staff to enhance their knowledge of children's literature, share reviews and access free resources, while deepening their understanding of reading for pleasure pedagogy.

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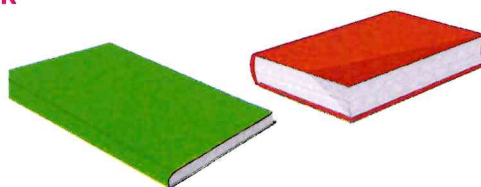
The Reading Agency is a national charity working with people of all ages to tackle life's big challenges through the proven power of reading.

Find out more about our work at [readingagency.org.uk](https://www.readingagency.org.uk)

Contact: info@readingagency.org.uk

School Library Association

To continue your partnership with your local public library and your Schools Library Service, visit [sla.org.uk](https://www.sla.org.uk)



More programmes from The Reading Agency

Chatterbooks

Chatterbooks reading clubs help children build a lifelong reading habit. Every month, brand new activities created by leading children's book publishers are available to download for free from readingagency.org.uk/resources/?programme=chat. You'll find great suggestions for books to explore and activities suitable for enjoying at school, home or the library. You can see the most recent opportunities for all schools and libraries including display packs, reading group sets of books and author visits here: readingagency.org.uk/resources/5354/.

Visit chatterbooks.org.uk for more information.

Reading Well

Reading Well for children provides quality-assured information, stories and advice to support children's mental health and wellbeing. Books have been chosen and recommended by leading health professionals and co-produced with children and families. The booklist is targeted at children in Key Stage 2 (aged 7-11)

Visit reading-well.org.uk to find out more about the scheme.

Stay in touch!



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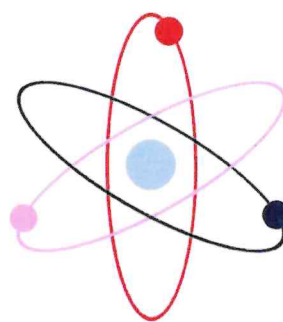


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Helping your child to get a place at school

A Guide for Parents and Carers

School is one of the most important parts of your child's life, and there is a lot to consider when deciding which school you'd like them to go to. As well as giving them a place to learn, school helps them to grow and prepare for adult life, and provides a safe place for them to spend time with friends under the supervision of trusted adults.

This guide will help you think about what matters most to you and your child when deciding where you'd like them to go to school.

You must apply by:

Secondary
Apply by:

OCTOBER
31

Reception
and Junior
Apply by:

JANUARY
15



Top 4 things to consider:

- 1 Which schools are in your local area?
- 2 What do you know about these schools? For example, their academic results, pastoral care, facilities or admissions criteria?
- 3 How would your child travel to and from your local schools? Please remember getting your child to school is your responsibility.
- 4 How might each school meet your child's needs?



There is a lot to think about, but there is support available to help you with your thinking and decisions:

Who can help me?

- Your circumstances will be different to other families. Talking to your child and their teacher/nursery/preschool could help you determine what matters most to you.
- If you are worried that your child has specific needs, get in touch with the school(s) directly, as they will be able to talk through your concerns.
- Think about how your child will get to school. If they might need public transport, check whether you are eligible for school transport and if you live on a bus route for your preferred schools.
- Talking to other parents might help you too, but remember that their opinions are their own point of view and what suits one child and family could be very different for another.
- Our friendly team are on hand to discuss any questions about applying for a school place and can help you to complete the application form too.

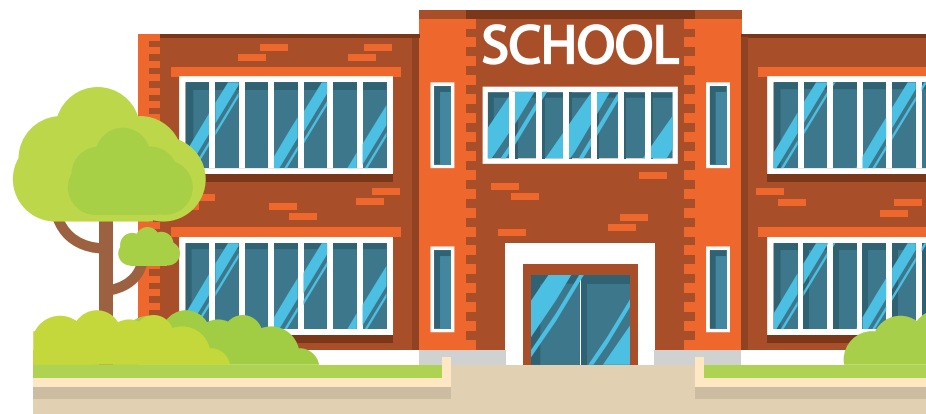
You can request a call back here:
warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolplacehelp

And here are some helpful tools and tips...

- To avoid disappointment on offer day, our top tip is that you make realistic preferences, which most likely means including your most local schools on your application form. You have up to 6 preferences and we recommend you use at least 3.
- Try our 'Find a school' tool to learn about your local schools and get links to further information about each.
- Go to an open day or visit the school. This is the best way to get a sense of how the school will meet your needs. You can find the details of their open days on their websites.

Find a school tool:

apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/findaschool



Make realistic preferences.

You can choose up to six schools to include on your application. This tells us which schools are your 'preferences'. There's no guarantee that those schools will be able to offer your child a place, because each school has its own admissions policy, against which your application will be assessed.

So, whilst you don't have to use all six preferences, we recommend that you include at least three schools on your application. You should also always include your priority (catchment) school, because this is the school that is most likely to be able to offer your child a place.

Each school's admissions policy can be found on the 'Find a school' website. Look closely at the over subscription criteria to understand how your application will be assessed.

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MYTH BUSTER

If I live in a priority area, does that guarantee my child a place at that school?

No - living in the priority area for a school does not guarantee a place. This is because schools have a limited number of places and there may be more children that live closer or meet other higher priority oversubscription criteria than your child.

MYTH BUSTER

If I only put one school down on the application form, does that guarantee my child a place at that school?

No, and by doing this, you are increasing the risk of your child not having a place at a local school at all. So, use at least three preferences, including your priority school. If there is no place available at the schools you selected, you will be offered a place at the next nearest school which has capacity. This might be a school you don't know much about, it could be some distance away, and you might feel it does not meet your family's needs.

Visit our website to find out more about how school places are allocated.
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals/school-places-allocated/1



Making an application

- You will need to complete your application on the parent portal. Instructions on how to do this can be found on our website.
- Apply online for Secondary schools by 31 October.
- Apply online for Reception and Junior applications by 15 January.
- If you apply late you are unlikely to get your preferred school, because you will be allocated a place after everyone who applied on time.
- You must have evidence that proves your child normally lives at the address you've used on your application.
- We will get in touch with your current school to let them know if we have received an application from you.
- Please remember you will not be able to contact schools during school holidays, so make sure to plan ahead for visits or discussions.

If you need any help with applying for a school place, please use this form to request a call back from a member of the team:

warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolplacehelp



Where to find more information:

School transport:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/school-transport

School bus routes:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/directory/22/school-bus-timetables/category/161

Warwickshire County Council's 'Find a school' search tool: apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/findaschool

How school places are allocated:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals/school-places-allocated/1

Free school meals:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals/2

School admissions arrangements:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/directory/47/school-admissions-arrangements

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) – Admissions to specialist settings:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/sendspecialistsettings

Grammar Schools and the 11+ test:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grammar-schools-11-test

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FIND AWESOME FAMILY DAYS OUT

Looking for new and different days out with the family? Then check out our **Places to Visit** collection! From children's farms and zoos, to water parks, museums, soft play, and so much more! We are adding to the website every day, so it's worth checking out if you're planning family days out!

Browse the collection here.

FOLLOW US AND JOIN THE COMMUNITY!

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www.coventryrocks.co.uk



WHAT'S GOING ON THIS SUMMER?

**FIND
SUMMER
HOLIDAY
FUN**

**AT THE TOUCH
OF A BUTTON!**



There are tonnes of events and activities happening locally this summer! We have gathered together our favourites - hit the "**Summer Fun**" button on the website to browse!

Funtopia is coming to War Memorial Park on 26th July and 9th August! This awesome day out is perfect for kids up to age 10 (and their adults!)

Herbert Art Gallery & Museum is hosting some brilliant craft sessions and art masterclasses for kids of all ages this summer.

There is a free **Dino Trail** at West Orchards Shopping Centre from 23rd July till 31st August.

If you're looking to plan **fun days out** with the kids, there are tonnes to choose from! We love Go Ape at Coombe Abbey, Red Kangaroo Trampoline Park, The Wave, Ballroom Climbing Wall, The Reel Store, Midland Air Museum, Trentham Monkey Forest, Cliff Lakes, and Ash End Children's Farm. **Just head to the website to find your fun!**



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ENJOY THE OUTDOORS THIS SUMMER



Did you know there are over 70 local parks, walks, nature reserves and woodlands on Coventry Rocks? There is a dedicated collection on the website, so you can browse at your leisure and find somewhere new to explore. Here's some of our favourites!

Warwickshire Lavender Farm is open until Mid August and is a gorgeous day out for all ages.



Brandon Marsh Nature Reserve is one of our favourites, and perfect for a walk with the kids. We love the mud kitchen!

Caludon Castle Park has two ancient monuments and a fantastic medieval play area.



The **Secret Quarry Gardens** at Russell's Garden Centre are beautiful and there's lots of wildlife and painted rocks to discover!

Coundon Hall Park is a firm favourite of ours. The play area is brilliant for all ages, and we love to walk around the **Peace Orchard**.

Victoria Park in Leamington Spa has a brand new play area, with sandpit and paddling pool! Definitely worth a visit! [Browse here!](#)

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KIDS CLASSES AND GROUPS

Did you know Coventry Rocks has over 180 fantastic **Groups and Classes** for kids of all ages? It's the perfect tool if you're looking for new and different activities for your kids. Swimming lessons, dancing, gymnastics, sports teams, drama classes, music groups, kids yoga, and so much more!

Browse the directory here.



A ONE STOP SHOP FOR KIDS PARTIES



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If there's a birthday coming up in your family, then check out our **Kids Party Directory!** It's a one stop shop of everything you need to plan the perfect party at home - all supplied by local businesses. From balloons and cakes, to bouncy castles, party packages, and more!

Browse the directory here.

HOLIDAY CLUBS?



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If you're working this summer, you may be thinking about activities to keep your kids entertained whilst you're at work. We have gathered up some brilliant holiday clubs in Coventry which offer fun and educational activities for children, whatever the weather!

Read our article here.

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