

# Stockingford Nursery School

## Newsletter March 2025



### Headteachers Letter



The children have recently been physically active to develop their gross motor skills. During the sponsored dance children experimented with moving their bodies in a range of different ways to various music genres. The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) and 30 Hours pupils in our Big nursery enjoyed accessing a 'Superhero' themed sports session with a sports coach. The children used their imagination as they became superhero's and developed their powers. This helped children to develop their listening and attention skills and to begin to increase their spatial awareness.

If you think your child may be eligible to access EYPP please speak to our school office for more details or click on this link: <https://schools.warwickshire.gov.uk/early-years-childcare-providers/early-education-funding-entitlements>

*Katherine King - Headteacher*

### Academic Year 2024-2025

#### Spring Term 2025

Term ends: Thursday 10th April 2025  
Teacher Training Day Friday 11th April 2025

#### Summer Term 2025

Term starts: Monday 28th April 2025  
May Day: Monday 5th May 2025  
Teacher Training Day Tuesday 6th May 2025  
Half term: Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025  
Induction Day: Wednesday 2nd July 2025  
Term ends: Monday 21st July 2025



**PRESCRIBED MEDICATION** - All children with prescribed medication for asthma/ breathing difficulties, anaphylaxis, diabetes or other medical conditions are required to have their medication provided at all times when their child is at Nursery. Failure to provide required medication will result in your child been unable to access their Nursery class.

### Easter Holidays

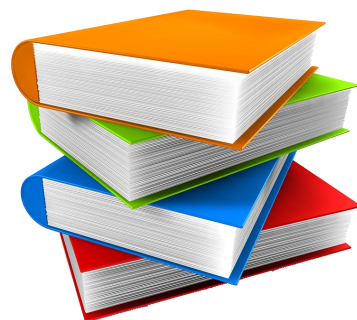
Nursery closes for Easter on Thursday 10th April, Friday 11th April is a Teacher Training Day. The Nursery will re-open on Monday 28th April.



## Book Sale

We would like to say a big thank you to all who helped raise money for our Nursery School. We raised **£162.70** from the book sale and we will be using the money raised for outdoor literacy resources such as books.

We also hope to repeat this again in the summer term as it was so successful.



## Sponsored Dance

We would like to congratulate the children who completed their 10 dances for the sponsor dance event on Friday 21st March.

The children thoroughly enjoyed dancing.

We welcome any sponsor money that will also be used to provide resources for outdoor play.



## Stop norovirus spreading

Norovirus, also known as the 'winter vomiting bug', is the most common stomach bug in the UK. It can spread easily through close contact, or by contaminated surfaces, food or water.

The main symptoms of norovirus include a sudden onset of nausea, followed by projectile vomiting and diarrhoea, usually 1 to 2 days after becoming infected. Other common symptoms include a high fever, a headache and aching arms and legs.

Good hand hygiene is important to stop norovirus spreading.

### To stop norovirus spreading, you should:

- wash your hands thoroughly using soap and warm water after using the toilet or contact with a sick individual and before preparing and eating food.
- stay off school or work until you have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least two days
- not rely on alcohol gels instead of washing your hands, as these do not kill the virus
- wash any contaminated clothing or bedding using detergent at 60°C using disposable gloves to handle any items
- use bleach-based cleaners to disinfect surfaces

### If you catch it, stay home for 48 hours after your symptoms clear

#### DO

Wash clothes and bedding at 60°C



Wash hands with soap, clean surfaces with bleach-based disinfectants



#### DON'T

Go to work or school, visit care homes or hospitals



Prepare food for others



Most people will make a full recovery in 2-3 days without needing any medicine. It is important to keep hydrated – especially children and the elderly.

Try not to visit A&E or GP surgeries if you have symptoms of norovirus unless advised to do so by a healthcare professional, as this may spread the bug to others. Call ahead to a GP or ring NHS 111 if you are worried about your symptoms.

Further information is available at NHS 111 or NHS.uk (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/>)

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### Fire and Rescue

Community Fire Prevention  
Nuneaton Fire Station  
Newtown Road  
Nuneaton  
CV11 4HR

Tel: 02476 314376

Email: [cfs@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:cfs@warwickshire.gov.uk)

Dear Householder

### DO YOU HAVE WORKING SMOKE ALARMS WITHIN YOUR PROPERTY?

As part of the Fire Server strategy to reduce death and injury due to fire in the home, we are carrying out home fire safety visits in your area.

We can visit your property and carry out a FREE home fire safety visit.

Our home fire safety visits included valuable fire safety information to help keep your and your family safe. If you have smoke alarms, we will check they are working and sited correctly. If not, we will fit smoke detectors where required FREE OF CHARGE.

We have already fitted free smoke detectors and given advice to many people in your area. If you or someone you know would like a home fire safety visit, please call WCC customer service on

01926 466282

We will then arrange a suitable time to visit and you, all officers will attend in uniform, in a fire service vehicle and carry ID. Please do not be afraid to ask to see their ID badge.



OFFICIAL

# ATTENDANCE

## NHS Guide for Parents on Illnesses and School Attendance

If you are unsure of your child's condition – you can use this handy NHS guide:



<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please can Parents contact the Nursery every day their child is absent to let us know the reason why their child is not attending Nursery.

## CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

The role of Attendance Champions is to monitor and support families to improve attendance. Regular and punctual attendance is very important and we know from many studies that children who attend well do better in school.

In Big Nursery Tina Shepherd and Katherine King are our Attendance Champions.

In Little Nursery Jo Stubbs (Room Lead) and Katherine King (Headteacher and Lead DSL) are our Attendance Champions.

Big Nursery  
Attendance Champions.



Katherine King



Tina Shepherd

Little Nursery  
Attendance Champions.



Katherine King



Jo Stubbs

## NURSERY - CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

We aim for **85%** attendance

Big Nursery children was **81%**

Little Nursery children was **82.5%**.



**Our Attendance Champions will be robustly monitoring any individual children whose attendance is below 85%.** By selecting our Local Authority Nursery School we are asking for your support to ensure that you support us with high expectations for establishing a good routine and regular attendance.

Research evidence has identified:

'Students with higher attendance rates consistently exhibited better grades and achieved greater levels of attainment'.

## If your child is absent from Nursery

Regular attendance in Nursery is important to support your child's learning and sets up a good routine ready for starting school - however if your child is unwell then **please remember to let the Nursery know either:**



**Myschoolapp**  
**Telephone**  
**Email**

**02476 383708**  
**admin1041@welearn365.com**

(please ensure you put your child's full name and the reason for their absence in the text)



They should be at home until you feel they are well enough to come back to school. In the case of **sickness and diarrhoea** please make sure your child is symptom free for at least **48 hours** before returning to Nursery.

Please could you make sure all your phone numbers are up to date if not please let the office know of any changes.

If you are going on holiday please fill in a holiday form at the Reception desk.



## Health Visiting Service Delivery



Well Baby clinics continue within the community for accessible and convenient contact with the Health Visiting Service. This is a walk-in service available on the days and times documented within the Linktree. Alternatively, parents can access our self-weigh facilities aimed at non - walking children under the age of 18 months with no health concerns. Again, all information can be found using the QR code above. For any queries from parents, carers, or professionals, there are designated advice lines available across the County: South County Advice Line: 01926 567143 North County Advice Line: 024 7632 2056 Rugby Advice Line: 01788 555146 or 01788 555147 Please feel free to reach out to the relevant line for support.

### Warwickshire Health Visiting Contact Details

*Health Visiting Warwickshire, supporting children age 0-5 and their families, every step of the way.*



Follow us on Facebook at 'Warwickshire Health Visiting'

Instagram 'WarwickshireHealthVisiting'

South County Advice Line – 01926 567143

**North County Advice Line – 024 7632 2056**

Rugby Advice Line – 01788 555146 or 01788 555147

ChatHealth text messaging service – 07520 615293

[www.healthforunder5s.co.uk](http://www.healthforunder5s.co.uk) – choose 'Warwickshire'

## Multi vitamin recommendations

The government recommends that all children from six months to five years old take a daily multivitamin supplement.

Please remind parents/carers if eligible to apply for the Healthy Start scheme for support with multivitamin supplements, milk, fruit and vegetables.



For more information  
[www.healthystart.nhs.uk/](http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/)



# Promoting inclusion and supporting newly arrived EAL parents/carers

Moving to a new country and facing challenges in understanding a new educational system can be emotionally taxing and very confusing for parents/ carers. Especially if the child has special educational needs and English as an additional language. To support parents/carers in addressing this unique set of challenges, the Ethnic Minority & Traveller Achievement Service [EMTAS] has created guidance and information on the WCC website pages, translatable into all languages.

Please see information below ↓

## Special Education and English as an Additional Language



<https://ow.ly/gkIx50UXxsc>

Scan the QR code or view the link to find support for families who speak different languages, including information about special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).



Click the icon on the webpage to translate the pages into multiple languages.



We're supporting

## World Autism Acceptance Month

April 2025



World Autism Awareness Month is an opportunity for everyone to come together and raise awareness, foster acceptance, and create a society where autistic people are supported, understood, and empowered.

Within Warwickshire additional support, information and resources can be found via the one page overview:



### How to Find Support for Neurodivergent People in Coventry and Warwickshire



#### Information for neurodivergent people and their families ebooklet

Bringing together the different information and support offers across Coventry and Warwickshire.



Introduction	Support	Information
What is neurodiversity? Sharing links to some of the current understanding.	Local authority, education, work and health services. Community and peer support.	Frequently asked questions and useful information to help answer those questions.

[www.happyhealthylives.uk/neurodiversity-autism](http://www.happyhealthylives.uk/neurodiversity-autism)



#### Community Autism Support Service

Autism support for children, young people and adults across Coventry and Warwickshire.



Navigation	Community Outreach	Peer Mentoring	Training
Timely provision of information, advice and signposting. ☎ 024 7601 2333	Accessible group and one-to-one support.	Offering role modelling and guidance in the community.	Giving you confidence and understanding. For family members and professionals.

The webpage includes education and family resources, training toolboxes and pre-recorded webinars [casspartnership.org.uk](http://casspartnership.org.uk)



#### Dimensions of Health and Wellbeing

A free, accessible online tool providing self-care information to support adults, children and young people in Coventry and Warwickshire.



Personal Profile	Signposting	Resources
Highlights a person's areas of strength and areas where they may benefit from support.	Trusted information about local services, national support and resources for the public and professionals.	Podcasts, videos, apps, and books that have been recommended and are clinically verified.

[dimensions.covwarkpt.nhs.uk](http://dimensions.covwarkpt.nhs.uk)



#### Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care System Neurodiversity and Autism Webpages

A collaborative webpage created for those with an interest in the Coventry and Warwickshire strategy for autistic people.



Strategy	Resources	News and Events
A webpage to outline the Coventry and Warwickshire all-age autism strategy 2021-2026.	Promote resources and available support – locally, regionally, and nationally.	Links to news and events in Coventry and Warwickshire to support autistic people.

[www.happyhealthylives.uk/neurodiversity-autism](http://www.happyhealthylives.uk/neurodiversity-autism)

Additional information and resources can be found through the SEND branch of the Warwickshire Health Visiting Service via the Linktree:

<https://linktr.ee/WarwickshireHealthVisitingInfo>.

# Nursery Notices

## Big Nursery sessions are:

- ☞ 9.00am - 11.30am for the morning session.
- ☞ 12.40pm - 3.10pm for the afternoon session.
- ☞ 9.00am - 3.00pm for the 30 hour children



## Little Nursery sessions are:

- ☞ AM Session 8.45am - 11.45am
- ☞ PM Session 12.30pm - 3.30pm

Please can you make sure you pick your child up on time, Nursery Staff need to clean between sessions and children can become a little upset if they are collected later. Thank you.



## String bags

If children choose to use drawstring bags, they can be hung on your child's coat peg. If they choose to use a small backpack in Big Nursery they can be placed at the bottom of the coat trolley beneath their child's coat.

**Please can you ensure that your child brings a full change of clothes including socks (and nappy changing items and wipes if required).**

**Make sure all coats and clothing is named.**

A colorful advertisement for 'Fitt4Kids Easter Holiday Camps' by Raring2go. The ad features the Raring2go logo, a '2 go!' tagline, and a 'COMPETITIONS' section. It lists the dates for two weeks of camps: Week 1 (Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April 2025) and Week 2 (Tuesday 22nd - Friday 25th April 2025). The price is £18 per day. It also lists venues in Tile Hill, Warwick, Whitnash, Wellesbourne, Kenilworth, and Leamington Spa. The ad includes a QR code and a website link: www.fitt4kids.org.uk/holiday-clubs/. It also mentions 'HAF' (Holiday Activity and Food) and 'THE GO-TO GUIDE FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD'.

## Raring to Go

Please click on the link to access the Spring raring2go magazine:

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/coventryandnuneaton/spring2025/>



## Family Learning: 'Moving On'

Certificate

**NEW Family Learning Qualification for 2024-25!**

Venue: Stockingford Nursery, CFC & Library, Nuneaton  
Thursdays from September 2024

Our unique programme is designed specifically for parents and carers to gain a Level 1 and 2 qualification\* in a family-friendly, flexible way.

**FREE!**

### Why do this course?

- You can help your children
- Brush up your own skills and get back into learning
- Progression route into employment or further education

Applications taken throughout the academic year.

Find out more: [FamilyLearningACL@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:FamilyLearningACL@warwickshire.gov.uk)  
Visit our website: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ad](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ad)



### Book an enrolment session here:

This link will take you to a Microsoft form where you can request an enrolment session. Alternatively, you can email us.



### This FREE course offers:

- Fast-track options, with online and in person opportunities, to allow you to choose your learning pace and fit around your family life
- Support and guidance from experienced and qualified teachers
- Modules that are meaningful to family life



### Example modules:

- Family Cooking Skills
- Supporting Children's Literacy and Numeracy Development
- Family Relationships
- Using Craft Activities with Children and Young People
- Understanding the Importance of Play



Opportunity to learn in your own time with some self-access modules

Please speak to a member of the Family Learning team for more information.

\* Level 1 is running 2024-25, and Level 2 is running 2025-26.

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### Booking a place:

- Apply for a place by:  
Using the booking link below or  
Emailing [FamilyLearningACL@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:FamilyLearningACL@warwickshire.gov.uk) or  
Using the enquiry button on the website
- We will contact you to arrange an enrolment session.  
In this session you will:  
Complete the enrolment and eligibility form and the initial assessment  
Chat about learning on the course and your commitment
- You will need to bring Photo ID with you and details about qualifications you currently hold.
- Following your induction, you can start at the next available start date (September, January, April)

Applications taken throughout the academic year.

Find out more: [FamilyLearningACL@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:FamilyLearningACL@warwickshire.gov.uk)  
Visit our website: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ad](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ad)



### ACL and University of Warwick Partnership Information

Warwickshire Adult and Community Learning and University of Warwick are delighted to announce a brand new collaboration between them which reflects their joined-up commitment to areas of national, regional and local priority in relation to adult education, family learning

From Spring 2025, learners who complete Level 1 and Level 2\* Family Learning provision will be offered a **guaranteed interview** for a **Degree at the University of Warwick\*\*** from the list below:

- BA (Hons) Early Childhood or
- BA (Hons) Child and Family: Mental Health or
- BA (Hons) Child and Family: Health and Wellbeing

\*\*University terms and conditions apply to accessing the degree courses, please see their website for further information:

Child & Family:  
Mental Health



<https://tinyurl.com/2p8k2vbm>

Child & Family:  
Health and Wellbeing



<https://tinyurl.com/3r3hj929>

Early Childhood



<https://tinyurl.com/yby5t4jc>



### Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL's)

At Stockingford nursery School, our Designated Safeguarding Leads can also provide support and signpost to services.

Here are the team that can support you:

- Katherine King, , Headteacher - Designated safeguard Lead
- Sally Phillips, Teacher - Deputy Safeguarding Lead
- Tina Shepherd, Senior Early Years Educator - Named Designated Safeguard Lead.
- Jo Stubbs, Senior Early Years Educator - Named Designated Safeguard Lead



Katherine King



Sally Phillips



Tina Shepherd



Jo Stubbs

If you have concerns that a child is suffering any form of abuse, neglect or cruelty contact the **Warwickshire Children and Families Family Connect** immediately by calling **01926 414144**. Lines are open Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 5.30pm, Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm.

If you need to get in touch **out of usual office hours**, please contact the **Emergency Duty Team** immediately by calling **01926 886922**.

If you think that **a child is at immediate risk**, contact the Police immediately by calling **999**.

## Well being corner

Welcome to our wellbeing corner which aims to provide support and ideas for keeping you and your child emotionally and mentally well. Each month this newsletter will offer tips, information and support for you and your child, so read through and have a go- you never know. Sometimes a small change can make a big difference! We are lucky in our Centre to have Mental Health First Aid staff who can offer a listening ear and if need be, guide you to finding the right support and services. Please ask if you would like any further information about Mental Health and Wellbeing. Never be afraid, worried or scared to ask for support! We are always here to offer a helping hand.

### Mental Health First Aiders



Sally Phillips



Sara Ward

### Looking after your own mental health

The NHS Every Mind Matters website have some useful information for anyone who feels they may need a little support or advice.

Parenting or caring for a child or young person can be tough. It's important to make sure you look after your own mental wellbeing, as this will help you support yourself and those you care about. Try to recognise and acknowledge when you're feeling low or overwhelmed. Struggling with something or experiencing your own mental health problems does not make you a bad parent or carer.

It's completely normal to be worried, scared or helpless during difficult times, and feeling this way is nothing to be ashamed of. Is there a friend, fellow parent or carer you trust enough to tell how you're feeling? Maybe there's family, friends or a colleague who could support you or allow you a break? There's plenty of help out there. You should never feel like you have to cope on your own. Young Minds has lots of support for parents, including a helpline and guidance around parenting with a mental illness. Mind has information and suggestions on how to manage parenting with a mental health problem.

Scope has advice on managing stress when caring for a disabled child.

[https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health/?WT.src=search&WT.mc\\_id=EMMParentsSearch&gclid=EAlaIqObChMirbLH8sjc6wIVw7HtCh07jQjWEAAYASAAEgIJTvD\\_BwE](https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health/?WT.src=search&WT.mc_id=EMMParentsSearch&gclid=EAlaIqObChMirbLH8sjc6wIVw7HtCh07jQjWEAAYASAAEgIJTvD_BwE)

# Well being corner

## THE EMOTIONAL CUP

Imagine that every child has a cup that needs to be filled with affection, love, security and attention. Some seem to have a full cup most the time, or they find good ways to get a refill. It's only natural for children to get nervous from time to time when their cup get near to empty, we just have to be there to support them.

### THE EMOTIONAL CUP

Some ways that children deal with having an empty cup:

- Steal from other people's cups
- Misbehave to get your attention and show that they need a refill
- Seem to have bottomless cups, or need constant 'topping off'
- Can't sit still for refills or actively refuse them
- Bounce off the walls when they approach 'empty'
- Think they have to fight or compete for every refill

What fills a child's cup:

- Play
- Friendship
- One-on-one time
- Love and affection
- Connection
- Succeeding
- Doing what they love



What empties a child's cup:

- Stress and strain
- Rejection by peers
- Loneliness and isolation
- Yelling and punishment
- Failing
- Fatigue
- Doing what they hate

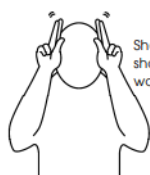


# Makaton signs of the Month March

We will be helping children to communicate through Makaton signs and spoken language.



We are proud to say we are a  
Makaton accredited School

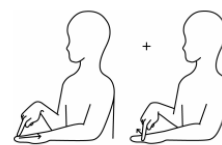


Shoulders hunched to  
show baby rabbit plus  
waggle fingers slightly

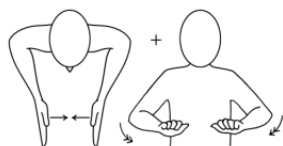
**Rabbit**



**Flower**



**Easter**



**Chick**



**Easter Egg**



**Tree**

## British Values - Rule of Law

Rule of Law is linked to Managing Feelings and Behaviour in the Early Years Foundation Stage, which is part of Personal Social and Emotional Development. We need to support children in understanding their own behaviour and how it can impact upon others. At Stockingford Maintained Nursery School, we follow expectations, policies, procedures and routines. Children are supported to understand and adhere to the expectations and boundaries in our Nursery. Some of our expectations include 'kind hands', 'listening ears' and 'tidy up time'. We also support children to develop skills of sharing and turn taking. We reinforce this through Makaton, Communication in print symbols and through modelling. Children are supported to begin to understand their own & others' behaviour and to think about consequences and learn to distinguish right from wrong. Teaching staff are keen to encourage children to make positive choices, so their setting is a happy and safe place for them to learn and thrive.





# What's happening at Stockingford Library



## EASTER HOLIDAYS AT STOCKINGFORD LIBRARY

THURSDAY 17TH AND 24TH APRIL 2025

Crafts 10-11am

Rhyme Time 11-11.30am

Lego Club 3:30 - 4:30pm

All ages welcome



## Stockingford Library **FREE** Lego Club

Are you bored after school on a  
Thursday?

Why not come to Lego club!

Lots of bricks and a new theme every  
week.

3.30 - 4.30pm

## Learn, Build and Play

For children aged 4 and above with their grown-ups.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

(This activity is not suitable for younger children due to  
small Lego parts)

St. Pauls Road Nuneaton CV10 8HW



## Rhyme Time!



For 0-2 year olds  
**FREE!** and their carers

Join us for rhymes for 0-2 year olds  
Come and join in with rhymes suitable for  
a child from birth to toddler.

**THURSDAYS**  
**11am - 11:30am**

You are warmly invited to choose some books  
before you leave. We are so happy to welcome  
you into our Library and we hope you will have  
lots of fun with us.



# Advice

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# Support



Drop in for support and advice  
for all families in Warwickshire.  
**Monday - 12:00pm - 2:00pm**  
Stockingford Children and Family Centre

Family Support Worker  
Duty Line Telephone  
Number

For families, children  
and young people 0-19  
years old, or 0-25  
years with additional  
needs

**01926 412412**  
9am - 4pm  
Monday - Friday



The Early Help and  
Targeted Support Team

## The Early Help and Targeted Support Team

**Family Support Drop In for advice for all families in Warwickshire**

For families, children and young people 0-19 years old, or 0-25 years with additional needs

**Duty Line 01926 412412 - 9am – 4pm Monday – Friday**

**Drop In  
Sessions**

**Free and  
every  
week**

**Monday 12.00-2.00pm**

**Stockingford Children and Family Centre**  
St Pauls Road, Nuneaton CV10 8HW

**Tuesday 10.00am-12.00pm**

**St Michaels Children and Family Centre**  
Hazel Grove, Bedworth CV12 9DA

**Thursday 1.15-3.15pm**

**Camp Hill Children and Family Centre**  
Hollystitches Road, Nuneaton CV10 9QA

**Friday 12.00-2.00pm**

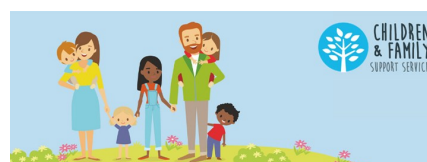
**Riversley Park Children and Family Centre**  
Coton Road, Nuneaton CV11 5TY

Please note that times and dates may change during school holidays.

## Family Information Service (FIS)

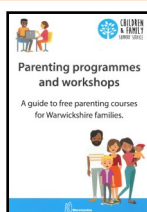
We provide information, advice and one-to-one support for families with children and young people aged 0 to 25 across Warwickshire on issues including:

- family relationships
- finance
- housing
- parenting support
- special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- childcare health and wellbeing



Phone: 01926 742274

Website: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>



## Parenting Information

**Parenting Programmes and 2 Hour Workshops**

Please visit the link below:

<http://childrenandfamilies.eventbrite.com>

