

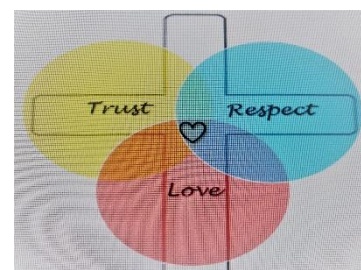
Ettington Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 5

22nd December 2023

Learning for the Fullness of Life (John 10:10)

Our Christian Value for this half term is **THANKFULNESS**
'Every time I think of you I give thanks to my God' (Philippians 1:3)
Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day. (Alice Morse Earle)



Dear parents, carers and the wider community,

Well, what a whirlwind of a half term it has been, and I cannot be prouder of all of our achievements.

Stars of the Week

| Week ending 1.12.23 | Week ending 8.12.23 | Week ending 15.12.23 |
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| Reception: Chloe E Year 1: William M Year 2: Esme A Year 3: Harry R Year 4: Ben S Year 5: Barnaby W Year 6: Ayla B Star writer: Oscar C | Reception: Hattie O Year 1: Isobel B Year 2: Joshua C Year 3: Sophia S Year 4: Dexter S Year 5: Annabella W Year 6: Erin T Star writer: Ariella S and Elsie J | Reception: Izzy S Year 1: Finely D Year 2: Roisin T Year 3: Zaria J Year 4: Teddy M Year 5: Bobby T Year 6: Camilla C Star writer: Class 4! |

Many congratulations also to our end of term award winners...

Astera J – Literacy; Florence D – Numeracy; Austin C – Science; Roisin T – Creative Arts; William J – Creative Curriculum; Harper B – Sport; Alessia P – Learning Habits; (KS1) Tom S and (KS2) Tilly C – Role Models; Tabitha A – Christian Values; Ben M – Computing; Erin T – Courageous Advocacy

Events

Many thanks to all of you who attended the various school nativity plays and Christmas Carol Services this month, your children, as always, shone like the stars that they are. Your support, both behind the scenes making costumes and helping to learn lines and your support on the day do not go unnoticed and are very much appreciated. It has been fantastic to welcome the whole community. The children were wonderful – happy, confident and flourishing - capturing the true meaning of Christmas, reminding me what '*Learning for the Fullness of Life*' means for us at Ettington. Just, WOW!



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As you will also know, the school received it's SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection this half term. The report has yet to be released, however, we were delighted with the outcomes and inspection findings. Thank you to those who took time to speak with the inspector. As soon as the report is released we will publish accordingly.

FoES at Christmas

Very many thanks to FoES for organising our Christmas events this year, and thank you to you all for coming along and supporting one of the biggest fundraisers of our calendar year, especially at this expensive time of the year. Profit for December FoES events as follows:

Christmas Fayre - £1144.74
 Raffle - £979.00
 Tea Towels - £530.00
 TOTAL: £2653.74

School Uniform Reminder

At Ettington, we believe that the wearing of uniform encourages children to have a sense of belonging and of being part of a community. It is an outward expression of the school's identity and promotes a feeling of pride, equality and aspiration.

Please see below a reminder of our school uniform requirements and see the school website for full details:

Please do not feel obliged to buy 'Ettington badged' jumpers, t-shirts etc. Similar items can also be purchased from your local supermarket.

| Either | Or |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey long trousers • Knee length grey shorts in the summer • 'Dark royal blue round neck sweatshirt / royal blue jumper* • 'Dark royal blue' V-neck sweatshirt / royal blue knitted jumper* • White polo shirt* • Plain white cotton shirt | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey long trousers • Knee length grey shorts in the summer • Grey skirt • Grey pinafore dress / Blue and white gingham dress in summer - optional • 'Dark royal blue' round neck sweatshirt / royal blue jumper* • 'Dark royal blue' V-neck sweatshirt cardigan / royal blue knitted cardigan* • White polo shirt* • Plain white cotton shirt/blouse |
| Sport | Sport |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Royal blue' or white T-shirt* • Navy blue shorts (not fitted) • Navy blue hoodie (zipped or pouches) – optional • Navy blue tracksuit bottoms – optional • Pumps / trainers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Royal blue' or white T-shirt* • Dark blue skort. • Dark blue hoodie (zipped or pouches) - optional • Dark blue tracksuit bottoms – optional • Pumps / trainers |

In addition, please note the following:

- We require – white, grey or black socks or grey, navy or black tights
- No open-toed sandals or boots, black or navy enclosed shoes only
- Navy-blue scrunchies/bobbles to tie all shoulder-length hair back



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- Plain alic bands
- No jewellery except for a watch and plain stud earrings
- Make-up is not permitted at school
- Nail varnish is not permitted at school

Reasonable Adjustments:

We understand that reasonable adjustments may need to be made for school uniform, especially if your child has sensory needs linked to SEND. If this is the case, please feel free to contact either myself or Mrs Brown to discuss requirements.

As from January, we would like the children to have all year-round access to the field. Please ensure your child has labelled wellies that can stay in school.

Warwickshire County Council Admission Arrangements

Warwickshire County Council is consulting on its Admission Arrangements, Coordinated Scheme and In Year Admissions Process for 2025-2026.

In accordance with the School Admissions Code, the local authority must consult on their admission arrangements when changes are proposed, and at least once every seven years.

The proposed changes being consulted on for the 2025 year of entry are:

- the reduction of the published admission number at three local authority maintained primary schools;
- changes to deferred and delayed entry information following updated DfE guidance; and
- minor changes in the coordinated scheme regarding offering places from waiting lists after National Offer Day.

I have been asked to share the details of this via the link below.

https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/schools/schooladmissionarrangements2025/consult_via_w/

Measles cases

You may already be aware that there have been confirmed measles cases in Birmingham, Solihull and Coventry.

Currently Warwickshire has no confirmed cases, however we wanted to make you aware of the available resources:

The following link takes you to the main NHS page which talks about the signs, symptoms and what to do if someone is symptomatic <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>



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HAF SEND Family Experience

Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) SEND Family Experience application form for the Winter school holiday is now LIVE!

Featuring a variety of funded family experiences, these are specifically aimed at supporting families where at least one young person has an EHCP and is eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

For more information about HAF, please [visit the HAF website](#).

To apply for a SEND Family Experience, please [complete the online form](#).

If you have any questions or need any additional support completing the form above, please email hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk or call the Family Information Service on **0800 408 1558**



Warwickshire County Council is offering free Independent Travel Training for young people with SEND

Warwickshire County Council is proud to raise awareness of their initiative aimed at empowering young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) to lead happy and independent lives.

The County Council is providing free Independent Travel Training (ITT) to eligible young people with an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) who qualify for home to school transport assistance.

Traveling independently can be a significant milestone for young people with SEND, and the ITT program is designed to help them achieve just that. By mastering the skills necessary to navigate public transportation within Warwickshire, these young people can gain greater independence and broaden their horizons.

The ITT program is tailored to each individual, ensuring that it meets their specific needs and abilities. Typically, the program consists of one-to-one training sessions that occur once a week for a duration of 9 to 12 weeks, however this can be adapted to suit the needs of the young person. The duration may be extended to ensure the young person has the confidence and skills to travel independently. Throughout the program, specialised Travel Trainers continually assess the progress and make necessary adjustments.



[SEND independent travel training](#)

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Primary (Reception) Application Deadline

Just a reminder that the deadline for parents and carers to submit their application for a Reception School place in September 2024 is 15 January 2024. If you need to get in touch with the admissions team, please use the email address schoolsadmissions@welearn365.com, which has been set up specifically for Warwickshire schools to use. Alternatively, you can call them on 01926 414111.

Book choices

Explore some of our favourite book choices this half term...

Book Trust Book ideas

Read our reviews for all of the books, split up into age range.



Best Books for 0-5 years

Take a look at our pick of the best books for 0-5 year olds from the last 100 years.



Best Books for 6-8 year olds

Take a look at our pick of the best books for 6-8 year olds from the last 100 years.



Best books for 9-11 year olds

Take a look at our pick of the best books for 9-11 year olds from the last 100 years.



Best books for 12-14 year olds

Take a look at our pick of the best books for 12-14 year olds from the last 100 years.

Attendance reminder

School starts promptly at 8.55am. School gates will be opened at 8.45am, the bell rings at 8.50am and the register is taken at 8.55am. If a child arrives at school after 8.55am without prior arrangements having been agreed, they will be deemed late. Registers close at 9.15am and arrival at school after this time, without prior approval or extenuating circumstances, will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Attendance below 96% requires improvement and below 90% is defined by the Department for Education as 'persistent absenteeism', which could lead to intervention from the Warwickshire Attendance Service. Good attendance is vital for the academic, social and emotional success of pupils.

Only 7 days off school from September until the Christmas holiday will make your child's attendance under 90%.

Our whole school attendance levels so far this year are 96%

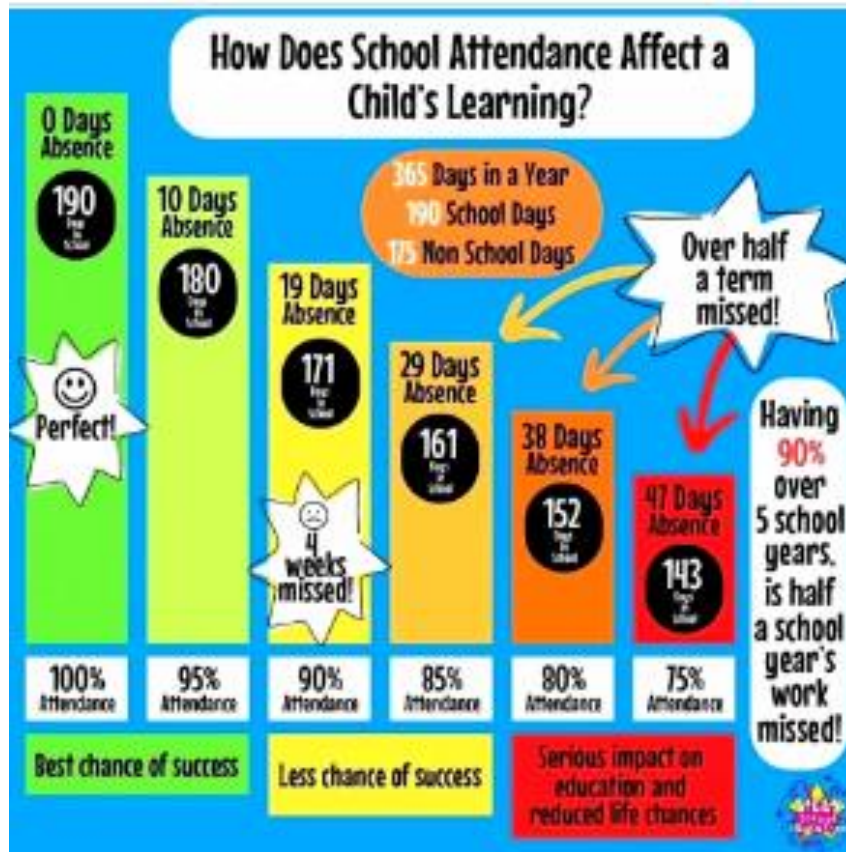
Thank you so much for your support.



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Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for their continued hard work and support to ensure that your children continue to receive an excellent education – providing all with the opportunities to use and develop the gifts and talents that they have been blessed with.

I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas with your loved ones.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Michelle Crowe

Head Teacher



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Dates for your calendar and diary

Spring 1

Monday 8th January
INSET day

Tuesday 9th January
Children return to school

Thursday 11th January 9.30-10.30am
New Reception 2024 Tour of the school

Wednesday 17th January 5.30pm
Governor Training

Thursday 18th January 9.15-10.15am
Reception Inspire Workshop – Reading

Monday 29th January 5.30pm
Full Governing Body Meeting

Tuesday 30th January 9.15-10.15am
FIS (Family Information Service) workshop
See flyer

Monday 5th February
Children's Mental Health Week

Wednesday 7th February 9am
Governors Resources Committee Meeting

Thursday 8th February 9.15-10.15am
Anxiety in Children with MHIS team
Coffee morning for parents and carers

Friday 9th February
Last day before half term

Spring 2

Monday 19th February
Children return to school

Monday 4th March (all week)
Bike-Ability Years 5 and 6

Friday 22nd March
End of Term

Monday 8th April
Children return to school



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