

# Ettington Church of England Primary School

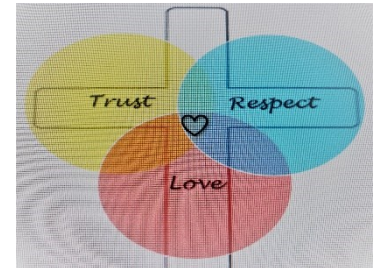
## Newsletter 2 Summer Term 2024

24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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

Our Christian Value for this half term is **LOVE**.

***"Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves." Romans 12:10***



Dear parents, carers and the wider community,

...and after the beautiful sunshine of last week where the sun shone down on us and the staff and children used every opportunity to take learning outside, came the rain. Let's hope the half term break is more settled.

### Stars of the Week

Week ending 3.5.2024	Week ending 10.5.2024	Week ending 17.5.2024	Week ending 24.5.2024
Reception: Poppy Year 1: Amelia Year 2: Annie Year 3: Freddie Year 4: Maisie Year 5: Elyssa Year 6: Bella Star writer: deferred	Reception: Layla Year 1: Beatrice Year 2: Niamh Year 3: Hannah Year 4: Martha Year 5: Charlie T Year 6: Tahlia Star writer: Elina	Reception: Year 1: Margot Year 2: Lottie Year 3: Eva Year 4: Jensen Year 5: Lillian Year 6: Owen Star writer: Maeve	Reception: Phoebe Year 1: Charlie T Year 2: Darcey-Mae Year 3: Tilly Year 4: Ned Year 5: Jessica Year 6: Ashton Star writer: Ophelia

Congratulations to our stars!

### Congratulations

A huge well done to Hattie in Year 2, who raised over £180.00 at her cake sale last Friday raising money for Oscar's Brain Tumour Charity for kids. What a huge achievement Hattie.

### Thank you

An ENORMOUS thank you to all those who were able to support our DIY day! We managed to get through so much and have gone a long way towards giving the outside areas of our school a new lease of life! What a great example of what can be achieved when we all pull together, and it was so lovely to see children and adults alike all mucking in. We're so grateful for everyone's time, skills, materials and financial donations. Thank you, Steph, for organising the event. We plan to do another morning either later on this



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term or at the start of the autumn term to tackle a few other things that we didn't quite get to complete.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Lewis-Jordan who will be leaving us today after 7 years working with children in the school. As the Year 6 children get ready to move on, she has secured a new job working at a Specialist School. We wish you every success for your new ventures, Mrs Jordan. Your new school is very lucky to have you. We will all miss you.

### Sport

Many thanks to Rebecca, who gave up her time to speak with the children in Reception about Water Safety. Please find below the link to the **Swim Works** blog, where you can read interesting articles on child development, explore the world of baby swimming, follow news and updates, and more.



<https://swimworks.co.uk/news/teach-water-safety-to-your-child-in-5-simple-steps>

### School news



As a singing school, nothing excites us more than the opportunity to weave learning and singing together, therefore, when we were given the opportunity to spend the day with iSingPOP's project leader Emma Kenyon to help us celebrate Pentecost with a musical workshop day, we jumped at it. Children and teachers had a great day working with Emma and then coming together as a whole school choir to celebrate Pentecost together. Thank you Emma and Mrs Maile for a fantastic, uplifting day – we will be singing the songs for many weeks to come.



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This half term, several of the classes have enhanced their learning through trips. Reception had an amazing trip to Compton Verney, where, apart from the excitement of the coach journey (which was the highlight) they spent the day observing sculpture and then creating their own models. Back in the classroom, this then provided the perfect stimulus for writing. Well done, Reception.

Year 1 have visited All Things Wild as part of their creative curriculum learning linked to Dinosaurs, where they spent the day exploring the different periods that the dinosaurs lived in and deepening their Scientific Knowledge of herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.

This week has also been a week full of Art opportunities, where we have been joined by local artist, Charlie, who has worked with children across the school to recreate the Understanding Christianity Big Frieze to decorate our school hall. Each class piece of work has been inspired by famous artists...

Reception have been inspired by the contemporary artist Edgar Artis where they have created a stunning depiction of the Nativity scene using the medium of collage to create 'Incarnation'. Some beautiful sparkly sheep are to be seen!

Year 1's Art learning has been inspired by Picasso. The Spanish Cubist painter created numerous works portraying Cubist faces of bright colours. Year 1's colourful montage portrays 'The People of God' enjoying their worship.

Using the Japanese artist Yoyoi Kasama as an inspiration, Year 2 have created an interpretation of 'Salvation' using dark and light dots. Kasama is famous for her use of bright colours and multiple dots in her work.

'The Creation' has been explored by Year 3 and art inspired by Quentin Blake's quick sketching style.

Year 4 will be working in the style of Jenny Holzer and her use of text in neon colours to create 'The Kingdom of God' after half term as will Year 5, who will be using quotes from the Bible to express the Gospel of God to create 'The Gospel' in the style of Ed Ruscha.

Year 6 took inspiration from Van Gogh's 'Starry Night' to create their interpretation of 'The Fall'. It shows Eve reaching for the forbidden fruit. In creating their art Year 6 focussed on creating texture and movement in their work.

We are so grateful to Charlie for giving up her time to work with the children in such an inspiring way – thank you!



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## Friends of Ettington School (FoES) News

FoES Race Night at Ettington Community Centre on Friday 28th June.

Please support FoES Race Night on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. This event has been organised in great detail and plans to be a really exciting and fun evening for all; whilst raising much needed funds for school enrichment. Bring your family and friends and support the school and the fundraising team.

Plans are coming together to hold a colour run towards the end of the summer term. This will be a sponsored event to help raise some much-needed funds for school.

So far this term, your continued support of FoES has enabled school to purchase much needed books to supplement our phonics scheme and all of the resources for our Art enrichment. FoES have also subsidised the Year 6 leavers hoodies and given each class £150.00 towards trips. Thank you!

## Calling all artists...

### **Our Home, Our Art: Youth art competition for Refugee Week in Warwickshire**

**Children and young people in the county are being invited to express their creativity and empathy through artwork as part of an art competition to honour and celebrate Refugee Week 2024.**

The theme for this year's *Refugee Week* is "Our Home" and invites Warwickshire residents to reflect on the meaning of home, from our local communities to our shared global environment. The youth art competition is asking children and young people to create a piece of artwork that reflects where they live, contributing to discussions on how we make the county more inclusive and inviting to families seeking refuge and making Warwickshire their home.

The competition is open to any young person aged from **4 through to 21 (and up to 25 years old young people with SEND)** who is in full-time education and lives, or goes to school, within the region. **Participants can submit their artwork in any form, including drawing, painting, photography, or written responses of up to 300 words, reflecting their interpretation of the theme.**



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The top thirty entries will be displayed in libraries across Warwickshire, providing participants with the opportunity to showcase their work to the wider community and winning prizes including a family ticket for Warwick Castle, a family ticket for Playbox Theatre and more!

The deadline for submissions is 11:59 pm **on 26 May 2024**. Participants can submit their entries by emailing [migration@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:migration@warwickshire.gov.uk) with their name, age, school's name, and school address.

For more information about the "Our Home, Our Art" Youth Art Competition, including entry guidelines and terms and conditions, please visit: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/migration-services/refugee-week-warwickshire-2024-arts-competition>

**OUR HOME, OUR ART**  
**YOUTH COMPETITION**

Calling all young artists!  
Show us what 'home'  
means to you through your  
artwork!

Submit a piece of writing, a  
drawing, a sculpture or a  
photograph by email to  
[migration@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:migration@warwickshire.gov.uk)  
Closing date: **26 May**

#RefugeeWeek #SimpleActs #OurHome

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### Mental Health Awareness Week 2024: Movement

It's Mental Health Awareness Week and the theme this year is 'movement'. Being physically active has been shown to be beneficial for our wellbeing in many ways so we're encouraging everyone to get moving for mental health. 36% of UK adults find it challenging to find the time for physical activity. The good news is that getting even a little bit active has big potential benefits: it can lift our mood, calm our minds, distract us from worries, help our sleep and give us opportunities to connect with others. That's quite a package! Please use the link below to access resources.

<https://www.charliewaller.org/mental-health-awareness-week>

### Church events

Rev Nicki is excited to announce the start of Lego Café on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June.



# LEGO Café

**Saturday 8th June  
at Ettington church  
2 - 4pm**

Use your imagination to create and build with thousands of bricks, mini figures and accessories in this freestyle LEGO session.

Make new friends.

Enjoy delicious Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate and CAKE from our Pop-up Café while others build and you chat.

**Fun for all ages!**

**Adult accompanied children please!**



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## **11+ Registration Information**

Registration for the 11 plus entrance exam, for grammar school places in September 2025, opened on 7th May and closes at midnight on 30th June. A reminder that pupils eligible for pupil premium (whether via free school meals, service premium, looked after or previously looked after) are prioritised in grammar school admission policies. Four of the grammar schools admit places to pupils eligible for pupil premium with scores up to 20 marks below the automatic qualifying score.

Pupil premium pupils who register to sit the 11 plus will be provided with 10 hours of free online materials to help familiarise them with the style of questions in the tests.

More information is available here: [Grammar schools and the 11+ test – Warwickshire County Council](#)

## **Warwickshire SEND Autism Courses**

As part of Warwickshire County Council's Local Offer for SEND they are running some online courses to help parents understand and support people with autism in the next few weeks. All courses are free and accessed via Zoom. The following courses are available in May:

### **Understanding Autism – Tuesday 21st May 2024 – 7pm-9pm**

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/london-midlands-autism-hub-understanding-autism-tickets-880164243947%C2%A0%C2%A0>

### **Understanding Overwhelm, Meltdowns and Shutdowns – Thursday 23rd May 2024 – 10am-12pm**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/london-midlands-autism-hub-understanding-overwhelm-personal-assistants-tickets-880266559977>

All Autism Hub Midlands workshops are facilitated by people with lived experience. Their Peer Educators are autistic and/or a parent, carer, or siblings of autistic people.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send>



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## Foodbank donations

Thank you to the many families who continue to donate to local food banks. There is a weekly trip to Shipston Food Bank via the Church. Items can be left at the Church for distribution.

## Online Safety



Ofcom's Media Use and Attitudes Report for 2024 summary guide is below 

The UK's regulator for communications publishes a comprehensive annual compendium of the results of several surveys they've conducted regarding the activities and experiences of children when interacting with entertainment: from TV to video games to social media platforms.

Contained in the report are numerous statistics relevant to children's online safety, with data covering a wide array of topics - such as young people experiencing harassment, their habits in online games and parents' most common concerns.



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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com).

# What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom - the UK's regulatory body for communications - produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, 'Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024' has just been published, and we've plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.

### ONLINE LIVES

- 99%** of 8-17s had regular access to the internet
- 65%** of 13-17s prefer short videos to films and TV
- 34%** experienced harassment or bullying online
- 11-18s** felt more confident communicating online (77%) than in person (53%)
- 87%** of 8-17s felt pressure to be popular on social media

### SCREEN TIME

By children's age group, the percentage of parents who felt less able to manage their child's screentime were ...

Age Group	Percentage
3-4	34%
5-7	32%
8-11	37%
12-15	46%
16-17	49%

### POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by children ...

Platform	Under-12s	Over-12s
YouTube	89%	88%
WhatsApp	37%	82%
TikTok	35%	78%
Snapchat	27%	73%
Instagram	22%	69%

### ONLINE GAMING

- 68%** of children played video games online
- 74%** played with someone they know
- 32%** played with strangers

Who did these children most commonly play with?

### PARENTAL CONCERNS

The things that most commonly worry parents and carers about their child being online include ...

- 77%** seeing age-inappropriate content
- 70%** being harassed or bullied
- 68%** seeing pro-self-harm content
- 62%** having their data gathered by companies
- 59%** being influenced by extreme views
- 55%** having their reputation damaged
- 51%** being pressured to spend money

### ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

- 93%** 8-17s had at least one lesson about online safety
- 93%** of children are aware of at least one thing they can do to stay safe online
- 91%** children found these lessons useful
- 78%** of 8-17s were aware of age restrictions for apps
- 40%** admitted to faking their age to bypass these limits

### DEVICES MOST USED TO GO ONLINE

Age Group	Percentage
3-4s	67%
5-7s	77%
8-10s	73%
11-15s	95%
15-17s	97%

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## Free child car seat and vehicle advice events

Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Road Safety Partners are hosting free child car seat check and vehicle advice events throughout Warwickshire this half-term, 28 May – 1 June.

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership invites you to attend free child car seat and vehicle advice events being held throughout Warwickshire this half-term, 28th May – 1st June.

Delivered by Child Seat Safety, experts in the field of car seat safety and IOSH accredited in car seat training, these free to attend events are open to everyone. From previous years, we know that around 80% of child car seats in Warwickshire do not fit the car, are incompatible with the child, or need adjustment such as re-routing of seatbelt or adjustment of head restraint.

With over 40 years of child seat knowledge Child Seat Safety will be available to check and adjust seats and answer any questions relating to car seat safety that you may have.

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service will also be in attendance supporting drivers to undertake essential vehicle checks.

Events will be held between 10am and 3pm on the following dates:

- Tuesday 28th May: Elliott's Field Retail Park, Rugby
- Wednesday 29th May: Asda, Nuneaton
- Thursday 30th May: Asda, Leamington Spa
- Friday 31st May: The Maybird Retail Park, Stratford upon Avon
- Saturday 1st June: Dobbies Garden Centre, Mancetter, Atherstone

If you have any questions about these planned events, please email:

[roadsafetymeducation@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafetymeducation@warwickshire.gov.uk)

## Attendance



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## **Safeguarding Reminder**

### **Parking**

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who continue to park safely around our school. Can I please remind you, not to drive down and park in Churchill Close wherever possible? Can I also ask that you park with courtesy on the Banbury Road, it is imperative that driveways are not blocked or that visibility from driveways are not obscured? This is unsafe for both drivers and for people walking on the footpath.

**Please also ensure that you do not park on the corners of the road, this is not only dangerous, but illegal.**

**Parking is available at the Community Centre.**

### **Well done**

Finally, a huge well done to all of our Year 6 children who completed their SATs tests last week.

A big milestone in their Primary School life has been ticked off and they now will be able to focus on their end of term events and celebrating their time with us and preparing to move on to the next phase in their school life. Huge thanks to our parents for helping the children throughout what is always a nervous week for many children and a massive thank you to all of our staff and Governors who have helped to administer the tests in a way that has ensured that the children had as calm a week as possible.

With very best wishes for a happy, safe and sunny half term break.

We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 8.45am.

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## Dates for your calendar and diary

### Summer Term 2

**Monday 27th to Friday 31st May**  
**May Half Term**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**  
Teacher Training Day  
School closed to children

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 4 Tables Check Window

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2.30pm**  
Year 6 KOOTH workshop

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2.30pm**  
Boys Football v Hampton Lucy  
(Away at Hampton Lucy)

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm**  
Lego Café – Church  
All welcome

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 6 Residential

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 1 Phonics Screen Week

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 6pm**  
New Reception September 2024  
Parent Meeting

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 3 trip  
Lord Leycester Hospital

### Summer Term 2

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 9.30am**  
Sports Day (Weather dependent,  
information to follow)

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**  
CORAM Mental Health Workshops

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June (date change)**  
Year 6 Retreat Day

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**  
FoES Race Night

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**  
Whole School Transition Day  
Year 6 Transition Day

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am**  
Back up Sports Day (weather dependent)

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am**  
Year 6 Leavers Service  
Whole school Church Service  
All welcome

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**  
**10.00am – 11.00am**  
New Reception 'Stay and Play'  
invitations sent

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July**  
Full Governors Meeting

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**  
Last day of term



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	<p><b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b> Summer Holidays <b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b></p> <p>Teacher Training Days (school closed to pupils)</p>
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