

Ettington Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 5 Spring Term 2025

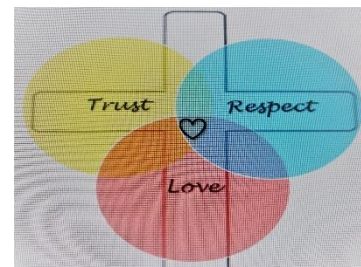
17th January 2025

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

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

'Do to others as you would have them do to you.'

Matthew 7.12



Dear parents, carers and the wider community,

Happy New Year! I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well, and that you enjoyed a peaceful and joyful Christmas break. It has been wonderful to welcome our children back to school and to hear their excited stories of Christmas adventures as they've caught up with their friends.

The children returned to us on a rather wet and challenging start to the new year, with many of our families and staff grappling with the effects of local flooding. We know it's been a difficult time for many, and our thoughts remain with those affected. As we navigated the recent cold blast, we're thankful to have a warm and welcoming school environment where the children have settled back into their routines and are already embracing the new term of learning.

Stars of the Week

**Week ending
17.1.25**

Rec: Angelica B
Year 1: Kimi O
Year 2: Lucas H
Year 3: Sophie L
Year 4: Elina W
Year 5: Ned W
Year 6: Darcey C
Star Writer: Ellie S

A huge congratulations to all of our stars!



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School news

NEWS FROM THE WORLD CHANGERS



Last term, the World Changers team enjoyed a workshop run by Ruth Payne from the Waste Management team from Warwickshire County Council. The children were very engaged and full of questions. You may be unaware that school pays on average between £200 - £250 a month to have their waste collected which amounts to a rather large yearly amount. These charges will be increasing in line with the council changes so we need to think very carefully about what we are throwing away. The workshop gave the children some ideas with how they can encourage everyone to reduce their waste, some of which you will be hearing about in the near future. Initially, the World Changers team will be carrying out a waste audit next week and we will keep you posted on their findings.

The World Changers ran a stall at the Christmas Fayre and raised £24 which we have used to buy some fat balls for our birds. The children keep them topped up and the birds are devouring them at a phenomenal speed! **If anyone is able to donate any fat balls so we can continue to feed our resident bird population we would be very grateful.**



We intend to carry out the RSPB Great School Bird Watch over the next couple of weeks. You can also carry out your own Bird Watch on the weekend of 24th/26th January and participate in one of the world's largest citizen science surveys. Check the RSPB website for all the information you need. www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch

Year 6 have a regular visit from a friendly Robin which they have called Reggie and to great excitement he has been joined by his partner Rebecca! They keep Joe the Pigeon company in the Ivy bush along with the Blue Tits and a flock of Long-tailed Tits. A huge thanks to Mrs Cooke who leads our Eco School drive and supports the World Changers.

Please remember we are a nut aware school. We have children in school who have severe nut allergies, therefore we ask that you remain vigilant and remember to check that the contents of lunch boxes and snacks are nut free and that any bird food is also nut free.
Thank you



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Family Learning

Ettington has been given the opportunity to run Family Learning workshops, run by qualified teachers to support parents in family learning. The workshops are for parents, carers and important adults in a child's life.

Family Learning is all about making the most of real life, family activities to promote learning at home. They provide activities for you to do with your family, and opportunities for you to learn in a relaxed way! **To ensure courses are viable, school would need to recruit 8-12 parents for a course to run. If you are interested in any of the workshops below, please let the school office know so that we can plan support.**

As well as the offers stated below, we can develop tailor-made courses to meet the needs of settings and their families.

- All courses are free. All resources are provided. In return, all adult participants must complete an enrolment with Adult and Community Learning.
- Courses are typically 4-6 weeks, 1.5 - 2 hours per session.
- One-off workshops are typically 1-2 hours.
- We can work face-to-face or online.
- Workshops and courses can be for parents only, or with parents and children together.



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One-off Workshops

Multiply

Maths Workshops



GRIT Street Art



50 Things to do before you are 5

Story in a Box

Seasonal Workshops



Various Themed Workshops
(e.g. awareness themes, books, topics)

Family Learning Courses

For all parents and carers:

- Family Money Matters
- Family Budgeting
- Family Food
- Food Explorers
- Understanding your Child (10 weeks)
- Story Sacks

For parents and carers with children under 5 years old:

- Story Explorers
- Number Explorers
- Play and Learn
- Together into School

For parents and carers with school-aged children:

- Family Reading (Primary)
- Family English (Primary)
- Film Club
- Phonics
- Family Maths (Primary)
- Art Explorers
- Soothing Sacks

Family Money Matters

Through a mixture of adult learning and fun family activities, this course helps parents to:

- reflect on money habits
- develop confidence to have family conversations about money
- develop skills for promoting positive attitudes, behaviours and skills around family finance.

Family Food

Food education based on Public Health guidance, families make and prepare recipes while learning about family health and nutrition.



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Food Explorers

Food education for the family, based on the Sapere method. Families make and prepare recipes and explore food through the senses in fun activities.

Food Workshops

We run one-off food workshops, too, that can be linked to particular themes or topics, including Multiply, maths focused workshops.

Story Sacks

Supporting children to develop a love of reading, families develop a deeper understanding of a story to make puppets and props. Different versions for KS1 and KS2.

Story Explorers – Early Years Literacy

A focus on the Home Learning Environment, supporting parents to get their children ready for school. Parents and their children aged 2-5 years. Based on the Raising Early Achievement in Literacy programme.

Film Club

Supporting children from Y2-Y6 to develop comprehension and writing skills, families examine film texts and make their own film.

Primary Literacy / English

Explaining the curriculum for parents, with activities for parents and children to illustrate and demonstrate. We can focus on specific elements of literacy, e.g. EAL, reading, SPaG etc.

Family Reading

Explaining reading development for parents, discovering ways to enjoy reading together, with activities for parents and children to try at home.

Phonics

Explaining phonics for parents, with activities for parents and children to illustrate and demonstrate.

Number Explorers Early Years Maths

A focus on the Home Learning Environment, supporting parents to get their children ready for school. Parents and their children aged 2-5 years. Based on the Raising Early Achievement in Maths programme.

Primary Numeracy / Maths

Explaining the curriculum for parents, with activities for parents and children.



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Multiply Workshops

Multiply funded workshops support families to engage in maths through family activities.

Art Explorers

Families explore their creativity, with an emphasis on process and experimentation to solve problems and build confidence.

Play and Learn

Parents and carers create play opportunities for their children, while learning about how play promotes child development. This is usually a parent only course, with activities to try at home.

Together into School

Explaining 'school readiness' and what to expect in their child's key stage (Early Years, Key Stage One, Key Stage Two) for parents and carers, with activity ideas to try at home.

Attendance

Punctuality

Punctuality to school is crucial. Lateness causes disruption to the individual child's learning and that of other pupils in the class, they miss out on instructions and information about the day ahead and can feel embarrassed. Therefore, it is paramount that all pupils arrive at school on time.

Always on time!	No hours missed!	No learning lost!
5 minutes late each day	15 hours missed	3 days learning missed
10 minutes late every day	32 hours missed	6.5 days learning missed
20 minutes late each day	65 hours missed	13 days learning missed
30 minutes late each day	95 hours missed	19 days learning missed



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Leave of absence

Leave of absence for the purpose of a family holiday

Generally, the DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance.

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (*Platt v Isle of Wright 2017*). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent i.e. the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.



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Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

The law relating to Penalty Notices is due to change with effect from 1 September 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absences taken after this date will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).

First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 for each child if paid within 21 days.

Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3-year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.

Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28-day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.

Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3-year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notice will not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.



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Internet Safety

Tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online -

As a parent or carer, you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online.

You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child stay safe online. The link below will provide advice and resources to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.

[Tips and guides for INTERNET SAFETY](#)

Have a conversation

It is really important to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online. Not sure where to begin? These conversation starter suggestions can help.

Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online. What games do you and your friends like to play online? Can you show me the websites you visit the most? Shall we play your favourite game online together?

Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

Ask them if they know where to go for help. Where can they go to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use?

Think about how you each use the internet. What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?

Very best wishes,

Mrs Michelle Crowe

Head Teacher



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Sunday 19th January 2025 12 noon - 3.00pm



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Useful contacts



Connect4Health



Text ChatHealth (11-19 years): 07507 331 525

Text ParentLine: 07520 619 376

Call us: 03300 245 204

Email us: connectforhealth@compass-uk.org



Child Friendly Warwickshire

The Family Information Service (FIS) supports families across Warwickshire with information and signposting. You can get in touch with the team by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk, calling 0800 408 1558 or finding support at [Warwickshire Family Information Support](#)

If you would like to know more about FIS and where to find information and support on the FIS and SEND Local Offer webpages, book a place on an [online FIS discovery session](#).

Safeguarding

Please remember...



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Warwickshire
Safeguarding

CHILD ABUSE HAPPENS IN WARWICKSHIRE



NOTICE THINGS!

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

If you have concerns that a child is suffering any form of abuse, neglect or cruelty contact the Warwickshire Children and Families Front Door 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



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Dates for your calendar and diary

Spring Term 1 2025	Spring Term 2 2025
Monday 6 January 2025 (Teacher Training Day)	Monday 24 February (School reopens to pupils)
Tuesday 7 January 2025 (School reopens to pupils)	Thursday 6 March World Book Day
Thursday 9 January 9.30am Final Reception 2025 Parent Open Morning	Monday 10 March CO2 workshops (Year 2 and Year 5)
Wednesday 15 January Full Governing Board Meeting	Tuesday 18 March World Recycling Day
w.c. Monday 3 February Children's Mental Health Week	Monday 24 March Shakespeare Week
Tuesday 11 February Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 25 March Rec / Year 6 Connect 4 Health needs assessments
Tuesday 11 February 4.00pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations (Date change) Years 1 - Year 6	Monday 31 March Autism Awareness Week
Wednesday 12 February 3.45pm-6.15pm Parent Consultations Reception only	Monday 31 March iSing POP whole school musical workshops and assembly
Thursday 13 February 3.45pm-6.15pm Parent Consultations (Date change) Years Reception -Year 6	Tuesday 8 April 9.30am-10.30am Easter Service at Church ALL WELCOME TO JOIN US Please let your child's class teacher know if you can help us walk to and from Church
Monday 17 February Half Term	Last day of term: Friday 11 April Easter Holidays
	Monday 28 April (School reopens to pupils)



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