

Ettington Church of England Primary School

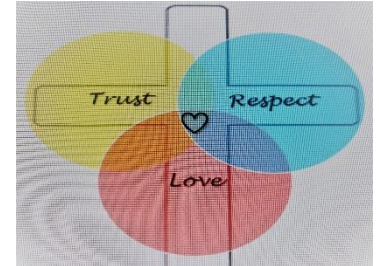
Newsletter 1 Autumn Term 2024

20th September 2024

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

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

'Two people are better than one... If one person falls, the other can reach out to help.' Ecclesiastes 4.9-10



Dear parents, carers and the wider community,

Welcome back to a brand-new academic year—I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are getting back to normality following our return to school! The children have returned rested, enthusiastic and excited to begin the new school year, with children moving to different classrooms, meeting their new teachers and working with different friends. We have had lots of new families join us this term and we welcome them warmly to the school community. It's lovely to see the school growing and evolving.

On Monday and Tuesday of the first week back, staff and Governors completed a full day of Trauma training, and a full day of safeguarding training. It was a busy two days of essential learning, but we are confident that the school's safeguarding processes remain rigorous. We were very excited to welcome the children back on the Wednesday and have enjoyed finding out about their summer holidays and exciting stories!

Our new Reception children have settled in beautifully — they have quickly made new friends and can navigate the classroom, outdoor area and new surroundings, confidently supported by their new Year 6 buddies. We have been very impressed by their resilience and are really enjoying getting to know each one of them.

Stars of the Week

Week ending 13.9.2024

Year 1: Maisie H
Year 2: George R
Year 3: Maeve G
Year 4: Elodie-Rose S
Year 5: Oscar B
Year 6: Ariella S



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School news

It was lovely to welcome so many of you into school this week to 'Meet the Teacher' and find out about life in your child's new class and to hear the expectations from the teacher's. Thank you for your support. The presentations will be made available on Google Classroom for you to refer to at leisure. Additionally, the school website offers a wealth of knowledge for you to access further information. The 'Remote Learning' tab will provide you with further details on how to access Tapestry (Reception) and Google Classroom (Years 1-6), should you encounter a problem. Failing that, please do speak to your child's teacher who will be more than happy to help.

Author visit

The children had a wonderful time this afternoon when author Rowan Foxwood visited for the afternoon. After her inspiring audience with the children she completed her afternoon with a creative writing workshop with Year 6. We hope this has helped to support and foster the love of reading that we hold dear at Ettington and motivated the children to consider the power of writing.



Reception Baseline Assessment



We are required to complete a baseline assessment within the first 6 weeks of your child starting primary school. Parents and carers of our new Reception cohort can access information on the Statutory Government baseline assessment following the link below.

[Reception Baseline Assessment Information for Parents](#)



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Safeguarding

Please remember...



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**

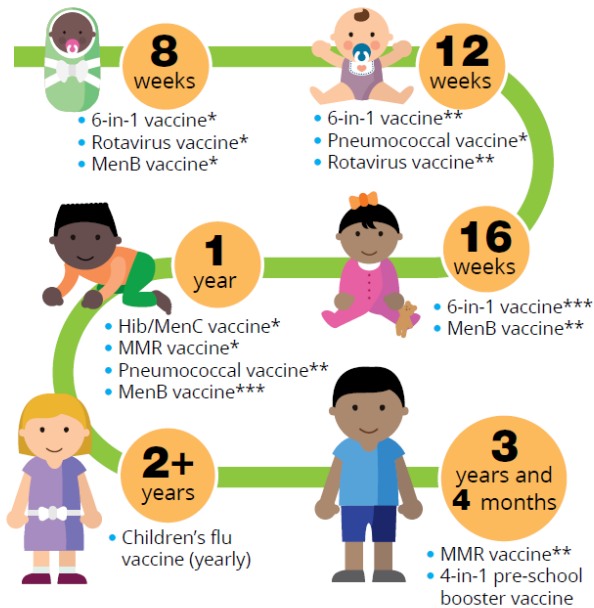
If you think that a child is at immediate risk, contact the Police immediately by calling **999**



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Your child's vaccine schedule



* first dose, **second dose, *** third dose

6-in-1 protects against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, Hib and hepatitis B

4-in-1 protects against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and polio

Follow your child's vaccine schedule to protect them against illnesses

Stick this timeline up as a useful reminder



- Childhood illnesses like measles and whooping cough are rising
- These illnesses can make children very sick, leading to hospital stays or lifelong problems
- If your child is not vaccinated, they are not protected
- It's important that vaccines are given on time for the best protection. Some need booster doses later too
- Check your child's red book or speak to your GP practice to see if they have missed any
- You can still catch up on most missed vaccines
- All the childhood vaccinations are free. As children grow up, they will be offered more vaccine appointments, right up until they are teenagers. Some vaccines are offered at school
- Vaccinations offered by the NHS are thoroughly tested to assess how safe and effective they are. All medicines can cause side effects, but vaccines are among the very safest.
- Research from around the world shows that immunisation is the safest way to protect our children's health

Are your child's vaccines up to date?

Book now at their GP practice



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Parking

Thank you to all the parents and carers who continue to park safely around our school. You are super role models for your children. 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. We have already been made aware of questionable parking near Chestnut Close. **Please use the Community Centre for drop off and pickup.**



Our school has signed up to the Safe and Active Schools Programme 2024-2025. As part of the programme all children will be receiving age-appropriate road safety sessions, and we will also be participating in and promoting active travel.

We recognise how important messaging is for our children. Your children copy your actions, and your behaviour serves as a powerful role model. We would like to ask all our families to model the safest behaviours near the road for children to copy and make good choices around travelling actively on the school run.

We will be sharing messages and ideas from the Safe and Active Schools team and further information about the children's road safety learning in school throughout the year. For further information about road safety and active travel you can follow or contact the road safety education team.

X (previously Twitter) - **@WCCSafe_Active**

Facebook - **@WCCSafeActiveTravel**

Email - **roadsafetyeducation@warwickshire.gov.uk**

Attendance

Many thanks for your support in ensuring that your children arrive at the earlier time of 8.40am, this helps to ensure that the children are in line and ready for school when the bell rings to mark the start of the school day at 8.45am.

I am required to remind you of the statutory changes made during the summer holidays.

Wishing you all a happy and safe weekend.

Best wishes,

Michelle Crowe
Head Teacher



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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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 the parents' 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 ie 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. 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.



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Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 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.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.



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Mental Health and wellbeing

As part of continued work with RISE and the active promotion of positive mental health and wellbeing, please find below a list of online workshops that you can access for support. Weekly top tips to promote positive mental health and wellbeing will be emailed home weekly and are always available on the school website.



Information Sessions for Warwickshire Parents and Carers

Courses available online – via Zoom
Understanding and Supporting Children and Young People with Emotionally Based School Avoidance Thursday 26th September 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Understanding Emotion Regulation in School Aged Children Thursday 10th October 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Understanding and Supporting Children aged 3-11 Years with Anxiety Thursday 24th October 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Understanding and Supporting Children Aged 12+ Years Anxiety Thursday 7th November 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Understanding and Supporting School Aged Children Who Self-harm Thursday 21st November 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Understanding Sensory Needs in School Aged Children Thursday 5th December 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Understanding Low Mood in Children and Young People Thursday 9th January 2025, 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Understanding Self-esteem in Children and Young People Thursday 10th April 2025, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Places on our sessions are subject to availability. To book your place please email risecommunityoffer@covworkpt.nhs.uk

Please note: the sessions are available for Warwickshire residents only.



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SEND Information Advice and Support Service

SERVICE UPDATE

Over the last 12 months, we have helped over 1,600 families through our Helpline. When parents, carers, or young people needed more help, our skilled Caseworkers were there to offer continued support.

Earlier this year, two new Caseworkers joined the team. This has reduced our wait times; it now takes 3-5 working days to speak to an Advisor.

Both new Caseworkers work all year round to support families.



NEW!

DROP IN SESSIONS

Parents, carers, and young people can talk to our trained advisors about SEND queries. This includes things like SEND processes, exclusions, appeals, and complaints. Our help is free, private, and fair.

To find out when and where we are, check the timetable over the page or visit our website.



NEW!

LOGO

SENDIAS and Barnardo's have new logos. You can use these to update websites and school SEND Reports.



WWW.WARWICKSHIRESENDIASS.CO.UK



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'Drop-in' service for Warwickshire families



No appointment necessary!

We offer free, impartial SEND information, advice and support for young people or parents/ carers of children who have or may have special educational needs and disabilities.

SENDIAS Advisors are now available to see you at your local Children and Family Centres on the dates and times below.



HELPLINE FEEDBACK



"They pointed me in the right direction when I didn't know where to turn"

"I wouldn't have known where to start without the help I got"

"They gave me the information I needed that I couldn't find anywhere else"

"SENDIAS advice helped me to look at my options"

Bedworth	St Michael's Children & Family Centre 17th Sep - 10am-2pm 12th Nov - 10am-2pm
North Warwickshire	Atherstone Children & Family Centre 9th Sep - 10am-1pm 4th Nov - 10am-2pm
Nuneaton	Camphill Children & Family Centre 10th Oct - 9.30am-12.30pm 5th Dec - 9.30am-12.30pm
Rugby	Boughton Leigh Children & Family Centre 15th Oct - 9.30am-1.30pm 10th Dec - 9.30am-1.30pm
Stratford	Stratford Children & Family Centre 23rd Sep - 9.30am-12.30pm 18th Nov - 9.30am-12.30pm
Warwick	Westgate Children & Family Centre 30th Sep - 12.30pm-3.30pm 25th Nov - 12.30pm-3.30pm



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Dates for your calendar and diary

Autumn Term 1 2024	Autumn Term 2 2024
Monday 2 September (Teacher Training Day)	Monday 4 November (School reopens to pupils)
Tuesday 3 September (Teacher Training Day)	Friday 8 November 3.15pm FoES Reception and Year 1 Cake Sale
Wednesday 4 September (School reopens to pupils)	w.c. Monday 11 November Anti Bullying Week
Tuesday 17 September Meet the Teacher 3.30pm-4.30pm	Thursday 21 November 9.30am 2025 Reception Parents Open Morning
Friday 20 September Meet the Author with Rowan Foxwood	Monday 9 December 6.00pm Community Musical Ensemble Community Centre
Friday 27 September 3.15pm Year 5 Charity Cake sale after school	Friday 13 December 2.00pm – 3.00pm Curriculum Open Afternoon
Tuesday 1 October 6.00pm-7.30pm Reception and Year 1 Phonics and Early Reading Information Evening	Tuesday 17 December 9.30am-10.30am Christmas 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
Thursday 3 October Year 3/4 Football Match	Last day of term: Friday 20 December
Saturday 5 October Community Big Breakfast	Christmas holiday: Monday 23 December 2024 to Friday 3 January 2025
Monday 7 October – Friday 11 October Book Fair	Monday 6 January 2025 (Teacher Training Day)
Thursday 10 October World Mental Health Day	Tuesday 7 January 2025 (School reopens to pupils)
Tuesday 15 October 3.45pm-6.45pm Parent Consultations	



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Thursday 17 October 9.30am
2025 Reception Parents Open Morning

Friday 18 October 3.30pm-5.00pm
FoES School Disco

Tuesday 22 October 9.30am-10.30am
Harvest Festival 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

Thursday 24 October
Year 1 Trip to Kenilworth Castle

Thursday 24 October 3.45pm-7.00pm
Parent Consultations

Friday 25 October
Last Day of Half Term

Half term: Monday 28 October 2024 to
Friday 1 November 2024



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