

Ettington Church of England Primary School

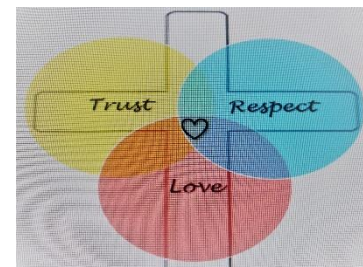
Newsletter 11 Summer Term 2025

18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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

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

**Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1:9**



Dear parents, carers and the wider community,

Wow! What a year. As this academic year draws to a close, I would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your children continue to grow and flourish, both socially, emotionally and academically.

We have certainly had an incredibly busy year with our OFSTED inspection early on in the year, which resulted in an inspection report anyone would have been proud of. There were many inspiring quotes, but my favourites from the report describes '**what is it like to attend this school**'...

*This is a school that puts pupils at the heart of all it does. The three values of trust, respect and love are the central themes that run through every aspect of its work. Relationships are based on these. Pupils forge strong and purposeful relationships with adults. They also form meaningful relationships with their peers. Pupils intuitively look out for each other at social times. All of this helps pupils to feel safe in school.*

*The school is determined that all pupils reach their full potential. This ambition is realised, and pupils achieve very well. This is demonstrated in how well they succeed with their education, but it extends beyond that. The school is also resolute in its ambition that each pupil leaves knowing they can play a positive part in society. Pupils already demonstrate ways in which they are active citizens who want to make a difference, and they do so.*

*Pupils' behaviour is exceptional. They are polite and courteous at all times. The genuine respect and care pupils have for each other is inspiring. As well as this, they have excellent attitudes in lessons. They want to learn and engage well with the learning opportunities provided.*

Why? Because it celebrates the success of us all – a community that has come together, with one purpose - to make a difference to the children in our school. To provide them with the opportunities to 'Learn for the Fullness of Life'.



I have watched with pride how the newest members of our school have grown, in every sense of the word and I watch with enormous pride the Year 6 children, who, after seven years with us are leaving (still smiling), taller, stronger and filled to the

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brim with love, life and learning. They have done themselves, their families and the school proud. Not just for their academic successes, but more importantly for infusing the school with Trust, Love and Respect and for being kind and caring role models. Remember, kindness costs nothing – it is what people will remember you for. Congratulations, Year 6, you did it and on behalf of us all – THANK YOU and GOOD LUCK! Aim high, you'll smash it!

### **Stars of the Week**

<b>Week ending 5.7.2025</b>	<b>Week ending 18.7.2025</b>
Reception: Renesmee	Reception: Raul
Year 1: Toby	Henry
Year 2: Robin	Year 2: Eliza
Year 3: Otilie	Theo
Joe	Year 3: Hattie
Year 4: Hannah	Year 4: Ember
Year 5: Mason	Leo
Year 6: Chace	Year 5: Ned
Star writer: Aurelia	Year 6: Jess

Many congratulations also to Darcy Clee the winner of the Year 6 Sports Cup for this year and to William Biddle the winner of the Year 6 Values Prize for the year.

Congratulations to our stars!

### **Sport**

P.E at Ettington this academic year has continued to flourish. Under the guidance of Mr Higgitt, the planned curriculum carried out by the staff and the Premier Education team of staff who deliver P.E. sessions weekly has resulted in significant success both on the field and via our half termly WOW active assessments with overall school improvement of 23%! The overall improvement for KS1 was a massive 38% and huge congratulations to Olivia in Year 1 whose fitness levels improved by 57%! Again, Ettington children have shone during these assessments with some of the highest fitness scores across the Warwickshire schools who partake in similar assessments.

Outside of the main curriculum, children have also had the opportunity to partake in a range of sports when experienced coaches have been brought in to deliver special provision and events. These have included a golf day for all children, a tennis day for year 1, a whole school meet a GB athlete and take part in circuit training. Year 5 have taken part in hockey and netball tournaments at Kings High school. The hockey proving very successful with a 1st place finish out of 30 schools! In addition to these events, Year 6 have competed in football tournaments, (boys, girls and mixed), football matches, rounders tournaments, boccia and curling events (both in which they won) and athletics events. Year 4 also took part in rounders and football events with a 2nd place finish in the



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football. An exceptionally busy yet fulfilling year for all children. Thank you, Mr Higgitt, for going above and beyond.

### **Thank you**

Thank you to FoES for their continued support this year. Particular thanks to Steph Sneath-Chair; Harriet Martin-Treasurer; Anna Lea-Secretary and Leanne Owen. The most significant events this year have included the Christmas Fayre, the Family Quiz night, the Rainbow Run and the ground work completed for our new PE sheds and what will be the Sensory Garden. After several years as Chair and Treasurer, Steph and Harriet are stepping back to make way for a new Chair and Treasurer and will take less high-profile roles within the team from September. FoES give their time in abundance and their hard work and support makes a significant difference to the enrichment opportunities that we are able to offer your children – thank you!

A final FoES thank you to Emilie Harris for seamlessly arranging the Rainbow Run last week. I think it's safe to say that very many happy memories were made, despite the heat!



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## **School news**

Congratulations to Mrs Maile who has completed her (National Professional Qualification) NPQ in Leading Teaching and Learning and Mrs Smith who has completed her NPQ in Leading Behaviour and Culture. A year of behind-the-scenes late night learning to enrich the experiences of your children. Very well done to you both.

Thank you to those of you who gave up your afternoon on Monday to visit the school as part of our Curriculum Open Afternoon. I hope you enjoyed sharing learning with your children as much as they did!

We were thrilled to welcome back past pupils, Eve and Edie, who, as part of their Secondary School Work Experience, joined us for a week to see whether their future may lie in education. Thank you for all you did whilst you were with us. The children loved having you both in school.

Thank you to all who supported the school walking to and from school to join us for the Year 6 Leavers service. The service led by the children was an incredible testament of how far they have come since they joined the school. There was laughter, there were tears and my, there was singing.

Thank you to the staff at Ettington Pre- School and BASE for their continued support, we hope that during the next academic year the school will complete the merger between the services.

## **Goodbyes**

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Cooke today as a Teaching Assistant at the school. Mrs Cooke has made such a huge difference to the lives of the children she has supported over the last 15 years at Ettington, both in the classroom; giving her time as a member of FoES; as our ECO school lead; running gardening club and teaching mosaics. Mrs Cooke, we will miss you in school enormously – you are truly amazing and we are so thankful for ALL that you have done. We are thrilled that Mrs Cooke is staying on as a school governor and to support in BASE until her relocation.



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## Get Ready for the Ettington Village Summer Party & Crown the First Ettington Champion 2025!

We would love to let you know that we've got something truly special planned for the last Saturday of the Summer Holiday! Get ready for our fantastic **Village Summer Party**, and this year, we're kicking off an exciting new tradition: crowning our very first **Ettington Champion!**

Mark your calendars:

**Saturday, 30th August, Ettington Community Centre from 14:00 to 18:00**

### What's All the Buzz About?

An afternoon packed with friendly competition and a chance to become a village legend! We're introducing the **Ettington Champion 2025** title, and it's all about fun and games. Throughout the day, you'll earn points by taking part in a series of awesome challenges, including:

- 🎯 **Darts Competition**
- 🎱 **Snooker Competition**
- 🪓 **Axe Throwing** (Don't worry, it's safe fun!)
- 🥥 **Coconut Shy**
- 🦆 **Hook-a-Duck**
- ⛳ **Golf**
- 🎲 **Skittles**
- And so many more thrilling games!

The person with the highest total score at the end of the day will be crowned the one and only **Ettington Champion 2025!** You'll set the bar high for years to come, and your name and photo will be proudly displayed in the Community Centre for all to see! Plus, we'll have individual champions for each game, so lots of chances to shine!

### Don't Forget Your Furry Friends! 🐕

Our four-legged companions are a huge part of our community, and they're invited to the party too! We're hosting a special **dog show** with various competitions, so bring your lovely pooches along to strut their stuff. Our canine champions will also get their moment in the spotlight, with their pictures displayed in the hall!

### Entertainment, Food & Fun for Everyone! 🎭🍔🍰

Beyond the games, prepare to be entertained! A local dance group will be performing their amazing routines, and you'll even have the chance to learn some moves from them.

We are organising a tractor ride around parts of our village, also a Teddy bear tombola, and more to keep you busy.



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Feeling hungry or thirsty? We've got you covered! Enjoy delicious **coffee and cakes**, grab a bite from our **BBQ**, and our **bar will be open** to keep the refreshments flowing.

This is the perfect opportunity to bring your family, enjoy some friendly competition, and celebrate the end of summer with a wonderful community gathering.

### **Making a Difference Together!** ♡

The best part? All profits from this event will be equally divided between our local school, pre-school, church, scouts, and the Ettington Community Centre. By joining us, you're not just having a great time; you're supporting vital parts of our village!

We can't wait to see you there for an afternoon of laughter, cheers, and community spirit!

## **Events**

### **Summer fun for families across Warwickshire**



Warwickshire families can look forward to a summer packed with fun, creativity, and adventure, thanks to a wide range of activities supported by Warwickshire County Council. Whether it's outdoor exploration, creative workshops, exciting holiday clubs or support for families, there's something for every child and young person to enjoy this summer.

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is back this summer from Monday 21 July to Friday 29 August, offering eligible children from Reception to

Year 11 access to free holiday clubs with healthy meals and a variety of activities – from sports and music to drama, animal care, and cooking.

Sessions are also tailored for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), ensuring activities are inclusive and accessible.

Families receiving benefits-related free school meals should have received a HAF booking code via email or text.

Those who believe they are eligible but have not received a code are encouraged to contact [hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk) or call 01926 742274.

To find out more and book, visit: [searchout.warwickshire.gov.uk/holidays-activities-food-haf](https://searchout.warwickshire.gov.uk/holidays-activities-food-haf)



Libraries and Museums

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Warwickshire Libraries are hosting a summer full of book-themed activities, creative challenges, and reading adventures for children of all ages.

Young readers can take part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge, themed "Story Garden", and join the weekly Story Garden Club—a fun and engaging space for children aged 4–11 to enjoy themed activities, share book reviews, and discover new favourite stories. For more information visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-library-information-service-71495569053#collections>



**TAKE PART IN THE  
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**



**Story Garden**

**Starts on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July**  
Read books, share what you have been reading and collect your medal & certificate at the end at your local Warwickshire Library.



**Find events**



**How it works**

- Find fantastic reads in the library
- Download eBooks or listen to audio books with BorrowBox
- Discuss your reading with your new classmates in Sept



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The Heritage and Culture Warwickshire team is offering a fantastic range of free and low-cost activities to keep children, and young people entertained this summer. With artists and history experts on hand, there are plenty of opportunities to explore local history, get creative, and have fun. Families can enjoy a free fossil trail, interactive exhibits, and a variety of themed events throughout the summer — from Stone Age demonstrations and messy play for little ones, to hands-on creative sessions like building a giant Jurassic Sea monster sculpture.

Explore more museum events at: <https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/>

Warwickshire's [country parks and greenways](#) are an excellent choice for families looking for affordable days out in nature. With play areas, miniature railways, bike hires, scenic walking routes, and a variety of food and drink options, there's plenty to explore and discover.

Families can also get involved in ranger-led activities including pond dipping, den building, minibeast hunting, and a variety of arts and crafts. [Book tickets here.](#)

### **Drowning Prevention Week 2025 - Equipping young people and enhancing water safety**



New data from Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service has revealed that July sees the highest number of water-related incidents in Warwickshire.

As Drowning Prevention Week 2025 begins, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS) is intensifying its educational efforts and highlighting vital safety measures to help prevent incidents and keep residents safe.

A cornerstone of WFRS's prevention strategy is its comprehensive water safety education programme. This vital initiative is being delivered directly to young people across Warwickshire

through various community groups, including Scout groups. The interactive programme equips young people with essential knowledge on how to stay safe around water, recognise dangers, and what to do in an emergency.

*"Education is our most powerful tool in preventing these tragic incidents," says Matthew Turvey, Crew Commander for Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service - who created and is delivering the programme to young people across the county. "By engaging with young people directly in community groups, we are empowering them with the knowledge and skills to make safe choices around water, ultimately saving lives."*



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WFRS is proud that its water safety education resources are also readily available for other emergency services to use on the StayWise Website. This invaluable online platform provides educators, parents, and community leaders with free access to engaging materials, enabling them to deliver crucial water safety lessons within their own settings.

Follow WFRS' drowning prevention top tips:

Educate your young people around the risks of open water.

Cold water shock can kill, walking into the water rather than jumping in can help reduce the risk.

Always supervise children closely around water.

Never swim alone, especially in open water.

Learn to swim properly and only swim in designated areas.

Be aware of cold-water shock.

If you see someone in trouble, don't enter the water yourself. Call 999 immediately and ask for the fire service and ambulance, encourage the casualty to try and float on their back and if there is rescue equipment nearby throw it to them.

For more water safety advice and free water safety resources, to give children the skills to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water visit: [www.rlss.org.uk/DPW](http://www.rlss.org.uk/DPW)

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service has more information on water safety on their website <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fire-safety-home/water-safety/2>

**The Big Picture Film Festival** is back for another summer of fantastic film events!

This year, the festival will take place from **28th August - 31st August 2025** at

The Bear Pit Theatre, Rother St, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6LU and other participating venues across Stratford-upon-Avon and surrounding villages (TBC).

This year, the festival's theme is "Connection and Disruption" so expect our programme to reflect this via a dynamic variety of world class films, filmmaker Q&As and thoughtful collaborations with organisations in the town, including Stratford Net Zero, Stratford Amnesty Group, Stratford Youth Collective, River Hope and Stratford Welcome Here.

The festival operates on a Pay-As-You-Feel box office, so there is no financial barrier to attend.



Please check out the full programme below and for tickets and information, visit [www.ticketsource.co.uk/livelocaltix](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/livelocaltix)

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WELCOME TO THE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE NEWSLETTER



[Family Information Service Newsletter](#)

[FIS View the list here](#)

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](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk), calling [0800 408 1558](tel:08004081558) or finding support at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies).

### Are you looking for a holiday club or activities for your child this summer?

FIS have put a list together that features a range of activities and clubs for children of all ages including multi-sports, performing arts, water sports, arts, crafts and more.

The list is categorised by district/borough, and it has a section for SEND specific activities.

Please contact the providers directly with queries.

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](#).



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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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## Online Safety



## Attendance



## Parking

Thank you to all of 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.

**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.**

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**And finally...**

As the year draws to a close, may I take this opportunity to thank **all** of the staff and Governors in school who work tirelessly to ensure that your children continue to receive an excellent education. It is their exceptional expertise and enthusiasm both in the classroom, the offices, the grounds and beyond, that ensures the successes that we have and most importantly ensure that your children are provided with opportunities to flourish. They have all earned a very well-deserved Summer holiday.  
Hopefully, I will see many of you at the Summer Fayre.

I hope that you all have a restful and safe holiday filled with laughter and sunshine and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 8.40am.**

Best wishes,

Mrs Michelle Crowe

Head Teacher



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## Dates for your calendar and diary

Autumn Term 1 2025	Autumn Term 2 2025
Monday 1 September (Teacher Training Day)	<b>Monday 3 November</b> (School reopens to pupils)
<b>Tuesday 2 September</b> (School reopens to pupils)	<b>Last day of term:</b> Friday 19 December
Wednesday 3 September Welcome! Reception 2025 start	<b>Christmas holiday:</b> Monday 22 December 2025 to Friday 2 January 2026
<b>Half term:</b> Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025	Monday 5 January 2026 (Teacher Training Day)
	<b>Tuesday 6 January 2026</b> (School reopens to pupils)



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