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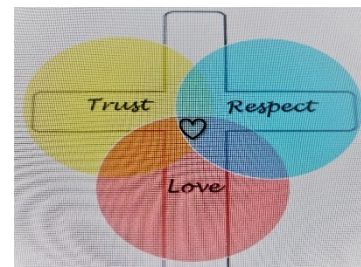
Newsletter 8 Spring Term 2025

11th April 2025

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

Our Christian Value for this half term is **RESPONSIBILITY and FRIENDSHIP**

'Encourage one another and build each other up'
Thessalonians 5.11



Dear parents, carers and the wider community,

Stars of the Week

Week ending 28.3.25	Week ending 4.4.25
Rec: Bertie H Year 1: Hattie O Year 2: Edward H Year 3: Esme A Year 4: Diana S Year 5: Alfie M Year 6: Matilda Q	Rec: Arlo C Year 1: Chloe E Year 2: Charlie T Year 3: Georgio H A Year 3: Amber L Year 4: Florence D Year 5: Arlo F Year 6: Ethan T

A huge congratulations to all of our stars!

Congratulations to the Yellow House Team on winning this term's House Party.

World Book Day

Congratulations to our 'Caught Reading' competition winners –

Reception – George A

KS1 – Jaxon G

KS2 – Luca F



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School news

Over the last few weeks, we have continued to celebrate our love of all things literary, using Shakespeare Week as the perfect opportunity to delve into the works of William Shakespeare.

KS1 explored the comedy play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', writing character descriptions for the mischievous fairy Puck, using their five senses to describe the enchanted forest where the story takes place. Children also created their own love potions, sang a song about the main characters, made magic fairy wands and enjoyed playing 'Fairy Footsteps' on the grass.

In KS2, Year 3 looked at the Witches Spell from Macbeth. They worked in groups to perform the spell and then created their own poems, using some of the language used by Shakespeare and identifying their own objects to add to their potions.

Year 4 visited Stratford as part of Shakespeare Week celebrations, where the children were lucky enough to take part in a variety of activities provided by the RSC allowing the children to fully immerse themselves in their literacy learning linked to Twelfth Night. Activities included taking part in a guided tour of the RSC front of house and the Tower as well as visiting Shakespeare's New Place and Birthplace followed by a visit to The Guildhall and Shakespeare's schoolroom. A jam-packed day including Shakespearean school role-play, learning how to write with a quill and dressing up in Elizabethan costumes.

Year 5 have been studying 'The Tempest' enjoying role-playing dialogue in a drama lesson, and writing diary entries, in role, as characters from the play.

We were thrilled to welcome Emma from iSingPOP back into school last week to share another day of uplifting music and song. Each class had a session where they learnt about the Easter story and Emma taught them songs (with lots of actions) linked to the story. We then performed all of the songs together in a special collective worship at the end of the day.



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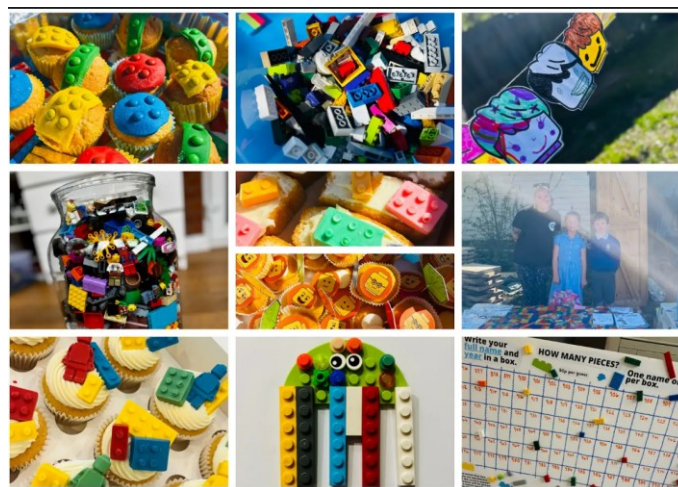
Thank you to all of the parents who joined us in Church to celebrate Easter with us – always the highlight of the school term, the opportunity to join us in prayer and song. A huge thanks to those parents who walked to and from church with us and helped to keep us all safe.

We are also delighted to welcome Mr Vause back with us for his final placement before embarking on life as a fully qualified teacher. I'm sure you will make him feel very welcome as you see him around the school. Ettington is a teaching school - not only for the children in our care, but also for future teachers and for our current staff who are constantly exploring enhanced practice, guided by evidence-based research. Every day provides us all with the opportunity to learn something new.

Thank you to those who joined us for our Curriculum Open Afternoon yesterday. The children love nothing more than to share their learning with you. I'm sure you will agree, their books are a delight to look through and the knowledge, skills, pride and respect that the children show is palpable.

Thank you also to The Lego Club who held a cake sale yesterday to raise much needed funds. They raised **£231.61**.

Thanks to the Lego Club staff; to Jaxon in Year 1 who donated a huge amount of his own personal Lego for the raffle, to Florrie and Ernie in Year 3 who helped run the event, take money, man the stalls and tidy up.



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Courageous Advocates

On Saturday 5th April Georgina in Year 3 organised a cake sale for the charity CoppaFeel and raised £266.

CoppaFeel raises awareness for men and woman of all ages, but especially younger people, on the importance of and how to check yourself for the signs of breast cancer. 'It is important to check yourself so early signs can be detected to give a better chance of a cure.'

There is lots of useful information including videos on their website [CoppaFeel! | Check Your Chest | Breast Cancer Awareness Charity](#)

Georgina chose to support CoppaFeel because three of her mum's friends had breast cancer; two of them were under 40 and the other one under 50. She chose to support CoppaFeel to highlight the importance of screening and awareness 'so more people can be diagnosed earlier.'



We are very proud of you Georgina! Well done!



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Eat Well, Move More campaign

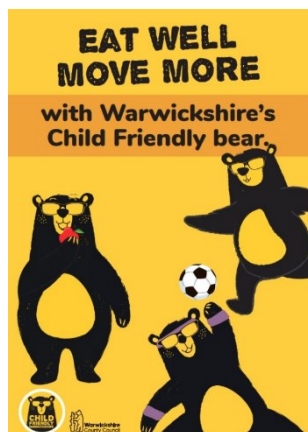
As part of the [Eat Well, Move More](#) campaign, we are excited to share a new resource with you.

Warwickshire County Council have created an activity book designed for children, which is packed with fun activities that encourage children to make healthier food choices and incorporate more physical activity into their daily routines.

The activity book is part of our broader effort to provide support, tips, and to help everyone bring healthier choices into their daily lives.

Download the activity book here:

[Activity Book](#)



FoES

Please don't forget that FoES are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could please take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and is quick and easy to do. You can find our easyfundraising page by clicking below. Thank you so much!

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CASS Sessions by Community Autism Support Service (CASS)

Please click here for the latest [CASS Newsletter - March 2025](#).

Upcoming FREE workshops and training

CASS offers a variety of training and education options for residents of Coventry and Warwickshire, focusing on autism awareness and support. They provide workshops, including insight and professional sessions, as well as toolbox series for parents, carers, and professionals. Sessions are available in both long and short formats and are led by experts with lived experience. Click the options below to book:

- [CASP: four-week programme for parents/carers of autistic children](#)
- [Adult education: information sessions for autistic adults](#)
- [Connections: full-day workshop for professionals](#)
- [Tuesday evening Toolbox: short 1hr topical session for parents/carers](#)
- [TASP: four-week programme for parents/carers of autistic teenagers](#)
- [Insight: 2.5hr workshops for parents/carers](#)
- [Dads' drop in: information and peer support for dads](#)
- [Thursday afternoon Toolbox: short 1hr topical session for parents/carers](#)



Bookings now open for the Easter Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Eligible families across Warwickshire can now book Easter holiday activities offered through the HAF Programme. Please contact the HAF providers directly to book a place. Visit the [HAF Spring Activities webpage](#) to view frequently asked questions including HAF codes, activity listings and booking queries.



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Sport

Another busy few weeks at Ettington on the sporting front and some more outstanding sports results to celebrate. Firstly, a team of Year 6 girls took part in a Boccia tournament and were delighted to finish first place in the competition, winning every match apart from one, which was a draw. Brilliant team work on display and lots of fun also. Additionally, a mixed year 5 and 6 football team took part in a match versus Hampton Lucy which we won 5-0 with some brilliant goals and also outstanding goalkeeping on display. Well done to all involved for representing the school so marvellously.

Year 1 were fortunate to take part in a tennis workshop in school, learning some great tennis skills and inspiring them for future sporting successes. The coaches who carried out the sessions were very impressed and the children thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity.

Finally, Year 5 children took part in Bike Ability in school and learnt how to ride their bikes safely on the roads. These are great skills which will benefit them in the future and also help keep the planet healthier.

With the lighter nights and brighter weather, it is much easier now to be outside and be active; put the games consoles away and have a great Easter being active.

School Ready

Starting school is such an exciting time for young children and their families but we acknowledge it can be daunting too. We aim to make the process as smooth as possible to ensure children are prepared and ready for school. Children who join Ettington School will be involved in our carefully planned transition process.

Parents of on-time applications – you will receive your child's school offer on National Offer Day, 16 April 2025. On this day, Warwickshire Admissions will send you the name of the school that your child has been offered for September 2025. You do not need to let the school or Warwickshire Admissions know if you plan to accept this offer. Look out for any updates from the school and visit our website for information on term dates, uniform and any transition arrangements. Your offer letter will tell you how you can refuse the offer. If you do not refuse the offer, Admissions' records will show that the offer has been accepted.

Parents will be invited to a welcome meeting at school in the summer term on Wednesday 18th June at 6pm. At this meeting the parents will receive a starting school pack and be given a brief induction to the Early Years curriculum and school staff and expectations.

All new children and parents are invited to join us for Sports Day on the afternoon of Friday 20th June.



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This will be followed by stay and play sessions during the week of 30th June where the children come to school with a parent/carer for a play session in their new classroom with their prospective teacher.

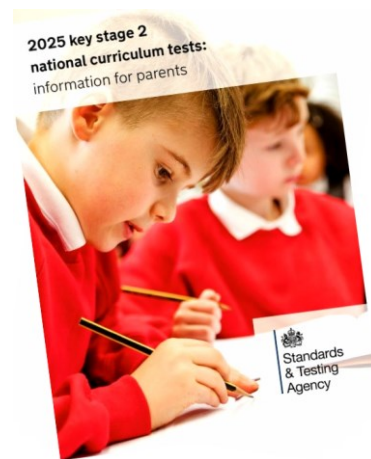
There will be a curriculum evening at the school early in the Autumn term for the parent/s to meet the teacher personally. This is a chance for parents to ask any questions they might have and for the teacher to gather information unique to your child to ensure a smooth transition.

There are key skills that schools expect children to be learning before their first day. Practising these will make your child's journey to Reception as positive as possible. If your child is already at nursery, in pre-school, or with a childminder, those professionals will work with you and your child to help get them ready. There's lots you can do at home to build your child's confidence and independence, helping them feel emotionally and practically prepared to start school.

A large group of external organisations including academy trusts, nurseries, ParentKind, Early Years Alliance and Big Education have written a 'Starting Reception' definition.

Some people/organisations refer to this as 'school readiness'. You can read the full definition here - [Starting Reception](#)

Curriculum Information



[STA Phonics Screening Information for Parents](#)

[STA Multiplication Information for Parents](#)

[STA KS2 SATs Information](#)



Free School Meals

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Just a reminder that all pupils from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free Meals. Year 3-6 may be entitled to a free school lunch – you can check on Warwickshire County Council's website.

Meals are booked through ParentPay, but if you require any assistance or would like to discuss your child's dietary needs further, please contact the school office.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS WARWICKSHIRE

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

School meals are free for lots of families, check if you are eligible to apply!

So much more than lunch...

A free school meal:

- creates healthy eating habits
- improves learning and behaviour
- saves money and time
- helps schools get extra funding

Did you know that claiming free school meals means that your child will get access to free school holiday activities and food?

To find out more and for help to apply for free school meals, please contact: freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk or call 01926 359189

Can I apply?

Your child could be eligible for free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from National Asylum Support Service (NASS)
- Guarantee Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You should still apply if your child is aged 4-7 and receives a universal free school meal

Find out more and apply at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm

Internet Safety



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How can we help?

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](tel:08004081558) or finding support at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies. 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](#).



You can read the latest newsletter and book onto free courses here:

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1219204-96fqcdqgps-8828656?e=71573c36f0>

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Working Together to Improve School Attendance

New research published by the Department for Education last week clearly shows just how vital regular school attendance is for our children's success, both now and in the future. The study looked at attendance during the 2022-2023 academic year and found a strong link between being in school and achieving their best.

For our Year 6 pupils, the findings are particularly significant as they prepare for the next stage of their education. The research shows that pupils who attend school nearly every day (95-100% attendance) are 1.3 times more likely to achieve the expected standard in reading, writing, and maths compared to those who attend just 90-95% of the time. This means that missing just 10 days of Year 6 can reduce their chance of reaching the expected standard by around 25%! Furthermore, those attending almost every day are 1.8 times more likely to succeed than pupils with 85-90% attendance.

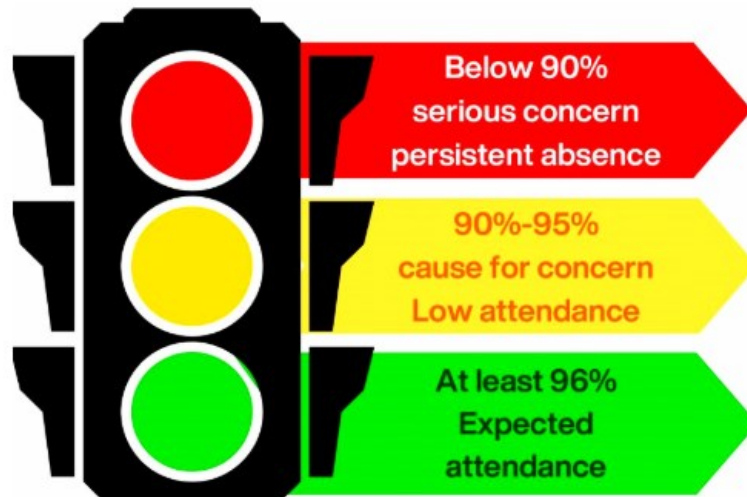
This strong link continues into secondary school. At GCSE level, Year 11 pupils with 95-100% attendance are 1.9 times more likely to achieve a Grade 5 in English and Maths compared to those with 90-95% attendance, and a staggering 3 times more likely than those with 85-90% attendance. Missing just 10 days in Year 11 can reduce their likelihood of achieving a Grade 5 in these crucial subjects by around 50%.



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Even moving up just one attendance band (e.g., from 90-95% to 95-100%) by attending 2 extra weeks of school a year is linked to a significantly increased chance of success.

By ensuring your child attends school regularly, you are giving them the best possible chance to reach their full potential, both academically and in their future lives.



[Should I Keep my Child off School Poster](#)

Finally...

As the end of a very busy term draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the unwavering support that you showed to us during our recent Ofsted Inspection. The staff at Ettington work tirelessly to provide the excellent education that your children deserve and we believe that this was seen during the inspection.

Unsurprisingly, your children demonstrated their truly amazing attitudes to behaviour and learning and talked with clarity and conviction - with courage and honesty; demonstrating our core Christian Values of Trust, Love and Respect throughout. We will be able to share the final report with you when it is published.

Finally, I would like to take this final moment to thank Ms. Gold for the last 11 years of unwavering love and care that she has shown to your children. She has touched many hearts and left a lasting legacy on those she has taught. We all send our thanks, love and best wishes for her future successes. Ms. Gold, never be a stranger. The kettle is always on!

Wishing you all a very happy and safe Easter break. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 28th April at 8.40am.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Michelle Crowe

Head Teacher

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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

Connect4Health Monthly Newsletter



Child Friendly Warwickshire

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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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Dates for your calendar and diary

Summer Term 1 2025	Summer Term 2 2025
Monday 28 April (School reopens to pupils)	Monday 2 June (School reopens to pupils)
Wednesday 30 April Whole School Golf Day	Monday 2 June Athlete Visit
Friday 2 May School Photos	w.c. Monday 2 June Government Year 4 Multiplication Check
Monday 5 May Bank Holiday Monday SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday 9 June Year 6 Residential Trip Culmington Manor
w.c. Monday 12 May Government Year 6 SATs Testing	w.c. Monday 9 June Government Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Tuesday 13 May Year 2 Trip to Ryton Pools	w.c Monday 16 June STEM Week
Monday 19 May Culmington Manor Information for Parents Evening 3.20pm	Tuesday 17 June Year 6 Race Day
Thursday 22 May Break the Rules Day FoES and School Council Information to follow	Wednesday 18 June 6pm New Reception 2025 Welcome Evening
Thursday 22 May Severn Trent Water Assembly	Friday 20 June Sports Day PM Weather Dependent
Last day of term: Thursday 22 May Half Term	Friday 27 June 'Back Up' Sports Day PM Weather Dependent
Friday 23 May Teacher Training Day (School open to staff only)	



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	<p>Saturday 28 June FoES Family Quiz Night Information to follow Mrs Crowe as Quiz Master!</p> <p>w.c Monday 30 June Reception 2025-26 Stay and Play (Groups and information to follow at the welcome evening)</p> <p>Wednesday 2 July WCC Year 6 Induction Day</p> <p>Thursday 3 July Dogs Trust Workshops</p> <p>Friday 11 July Colour Run 3.30pm</p> <p>Last day of term: Friday 18 July</p> <p>Monday 21 July Teacher Training Day (School open to staff only)</p>
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