

Ettington Church of England Primary School

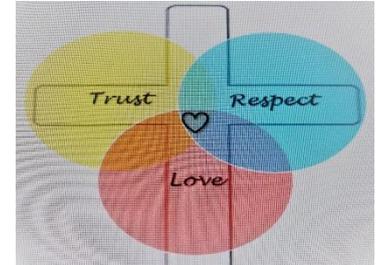
Newsletter 2

Autumn Term 2025

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,

What an incredibly busy and quick first half term we have had, I can't quite believe we have achieved eight weeks in school. The children and staff are absolutely ready for a week break.

Congratulations

A huge congratulations to our Star of the Week!

Week ending 12 th September 2025	Week ending 19 th September 2025	Week ending 26 th September 2025	Week ending 3 rd October 2025	Week ending 10 th October 2025	Week ending 17 th October 2025
Year 1: Daisy Year 2: Toby Year 3: Sara Year 4: Samuel Year 5: Harper Year 6: William	Year 1: Elouise Year 2: Pola Year 3: Amelia Year 4: Rosie Year 5: Beau Year 6: Ellie Star Writer: Austin (Y6)	Year 1: Sami Year 2: Chloe Year 3: George Year 4: Tom Year 5: Beatie Year 6: Oscar Star Writer: Charlotte (Y5)	Year 1: Tommy Year 2: Abel Year 3: Alessia Year 4: Sophie Year 5: Alfie Year 6: Luca Star Writer: Tom (Y4)	Year 1: Eleanor Year 2: Leo Year 3: Ako Year 4: Amber Year 5: Isla Year 6: Alfie Star Writer: William (Y3)	Year 1: Arlo Year 2: Eddie Year 3: Eliza Year 4: Georgina Year 5: Year 6: Pippa Star Writer: Izzy (Y2)



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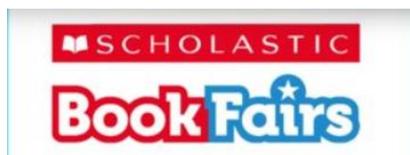
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School news

It was wonderful to welcome our new Reception Parents to our Phonics Workshop earlier this month. We spent a fun and informative evening learning the value of phonics and how it supports early reading and writing – thank you parents for giving up your evening to work with us at school and to Mrs Marcroft for leading the evening.

Scholastic Book Fair



Thank you for valuing the importance of books and reading – and supporting the school with this year's Book Fair.

Thank you to all who supported the school by visiting and purchasing books from the recent Book Fair. School is given 50% of the total taken to purchase books for the school. In total we now have £600.00 to spend on books from the commission made. These books will provide vital additions to the school library.



As a school, we cannot stress enough the importance of both hearing your child read and reading to them daily. Please see our school website for top tips in supporting reading at home. Thank you, Miss Hunter, for organising!

It has been lovely to see so many of you at our Parent Consultations over the last two weeks. We are delighted with the way the children have settled into their new classes and adapted to new routines. Thank you for taking the time to share in your child's achievements and for continuing to work in partnership with us at school.

Thanks to Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service who visited Year 1 and Year 5 to teach Fire Awareness and Safety. A great afternoon was had by all!

It was wonderful to see the sea of YELLOW last week, as we celebrated World Mental Health Day. Please see our school website for information on Mental Health if you have any concerns or book an appointment with either Mrs Brown, Mrs Smith (our Senior Mental Health Lead) or myself if you think we can help.

[Children's Mental Health Support](#)



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A huge well done and thanks to Martha, Emily, Austin, Mason and Jude for planning and running last week's cake sale. With your support, they raised an amazing £300 which was matched by The Big Give Women and Girls Match Fund, therefore £600 was raised for Elayos! Amazing! [ELAYOS](#)



Harvest Festival

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who supported the children in Church on Tuesday to celebrate Harvest Festival with us. Always uplifting, the children surpassed themselves with their art, poetry, prayers, drama and of course singing to help us celebrate. All food donations will be going to the Shipston Food Bank.

Sports News

There have been lots of recent sporting activities for Ettington- with lots of success. Firstly, our Year 6 football team won a match 15-0 against Quinton and then in the same week won a tournament involving teams from the local area. Our team was unbeaten during the tournament and didn't concede a goal leading to glory and a magnificent trophy for all to see.

The Year 4 football team also took part in a tournament and were unlucky to come 2nd on goal difference with 5 undefeated games being played and some brilliant team work. Year 5 have also been busy, taking part in a hockey tournament and workshop which they thoroughly enjoyed and despite never playing before they won one match and drew another of the 5 they took part in.

Back in school, all classes have taken part in the first fitness assessments of the year and all with smiles and determination. Well done all who have taken part in these recent events. Mr Higgitt.



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Free School Meals

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.

[APPLY FOR FREE SHOOOL MEALS](#)



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?

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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







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Half Term Holiday Sports Camp.

There is still time to sign up for next week's Sports Camp –



OCTOBER HALF TERM AT ETTINGTON

PREMIER EDUCATION ARE DELIGHTED TO BE BACK THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM!

HOLIDAY CAMP DETAILS:
 9AM - 4PM 5-11 YEAR OLDS £24
 9AM - 1PM 4 YEAR OLDS £14
 TUESDAY 28TH - THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER

PLENTY OF FUN ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED EACH DAY! ALL YOU NEED IS A PACKED LUNCH, WATER BOTTLE AND PLENTY OF ENERGY!



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 5 stars
 Premier Education

ETTINGTON HOLIDAY CLUB ACTIVITY TIMETABLE



TIME	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
ICE-BREAKERS	Zombie Tag	Spider Web Tag	Haunted Graveyard
ACTIVITY 1	Frightening Fencing	Ghostly Gymnastics	Glow in the Dark dodgeball
ACTIVITY 2	Invasion Games	Capture the Spooky Flag	Halloween Quiz
ACTIVITY 3	Halloween Arts and Crafts	Archery	Invasion Games
ACTIVITY 4	Hide and Seek Tag	Structured Play and Sports	Halloween Party!!
CELEBRATION	Certificates and Stickers	Certificates and Stickers	Certificates and Stickers

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BOOK NOW!




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FoES

Thank you for supporting FoES in our first school disco of the year – it really was a fun (if not noisy) evening of dance, laughter and fundraising.

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.**

Please DO NOT park across the designated Disabled Parking space outside of school unless absolutely necessary. Thank you.



BE BRIGHT BE SEEN THIS HALLOWEEN

If you're planning on trick or treating, or just going out and about this Halloween, please consider taking a torch or glow sticks, or adding something reflective to your outfits; anything to make it easier for others to see you.



When out and about, please be aware of your surroundings. If you can, stay on well-lit paths, and if there is no pedestrian crossing nearby, cross the road near a streetlight so that traffic can see you more easily.



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Have a safe halloween



- 👤 Adults should always accompany children when trick or treating. Young people should never go trick or treating alone.
- 👤 Do not knock on the doors of strangers - only go to people you know. Never go into a stranger's house.
- 👤 Always keep to well-lit areas. Wear bright clothing and always carry a torch. Remember road safety.
- 👤 Unless pre-arranged, do not visit elderly members of the community. Be careful not to frighten vulnerable people.
- 👤 Keep your tricks within the law - anything that results in damage is an offence and will be dealt with as such.

Sorry, NO trick or treat



Please do not knock on doors where there is a 'No trick or treat sign'



www.warwickshire.police.uk [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/warwickshrepolice) [twitter](https://twitter.com/warkspolice) [instagram](https://www.instagram.com/warwickshrepolice)



LEGO CAFÉ

Ettington Church

2 - 4pm

THIS SATURDAY

Create and build with thousands of bricks, mini figures and accessories.

Enjoy delicious DRINKS and CAKE from our Pop-up Café



Fun for all ages!



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Attendance

At Ettington CE Primary School, we know how important it is for children to attend school, we also know how complicated it can be to support a child, in certain cases, to have high attendance.

Our aim is to support children and families to overcome these barriers by working with parents to enable children to be at school as much as possible.

What we find helps parents is being kept up to date with their child's attendance and, as well as using percentages, to explain absence in 'days missed'.

At termly parent consultations and in the end-of-year report, we will be informing parents of their child's level of attendance.

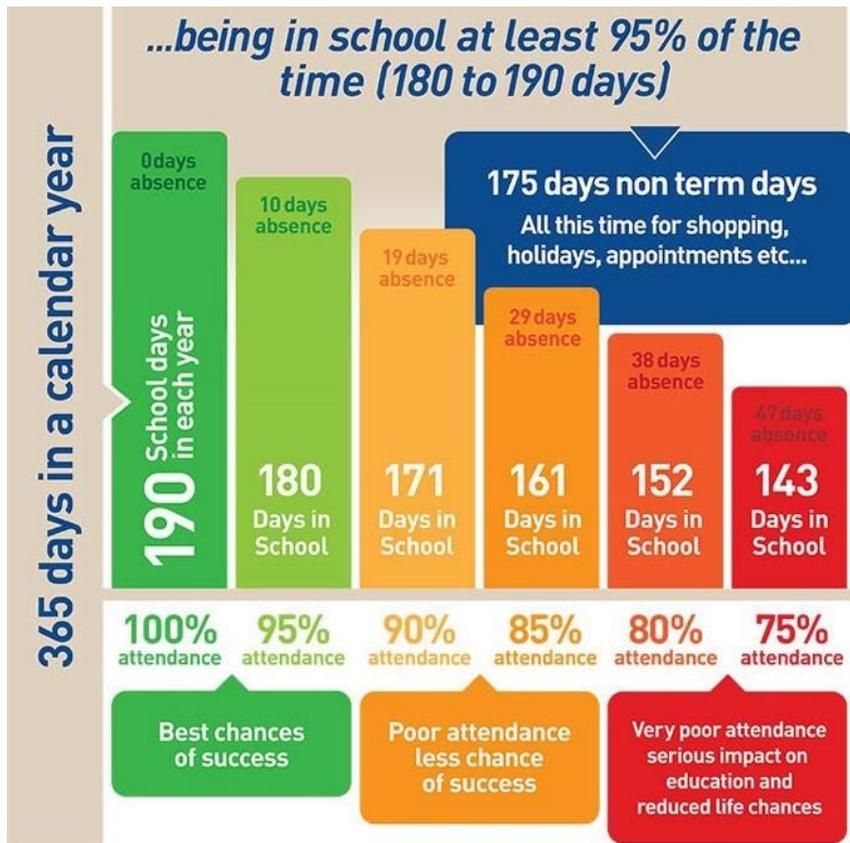
In order for your child to be above 96% (our school target) they will need to miss less than 9 days away from school for the whole school year. We would obviously like to limit this to even less days missed from school.

The Department for Education has a category for children who miss a lot of school called 'persistently absent' which is set at 90% or below. In real terms, this means that children miss more than 18 days of school over the school year. These children have greatly reduced chances of success. Therefore, we regularly analyse attendance and inform you if we are concerned about your child's attendance to offer help and support.

We also understand that some absences are completely unavoidable. If you feel that you would like to discuss your child's attendance or you would like support to help improve your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



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Online Safety

As part of our school Digital Safeguarding subscription and our commitment to raising the profile of Online Safety, parents can access the Online Safety Hub: <https://warwickshire.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>

In addition to access to the website, Smoothwall host one Parent Digital Safeguarding workshop per year. This workshop will provide valuable information on how you can help keep your child safe online. Please book yourself a FREE ticket for the event.



FREE ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP

FOR PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Get practical hints and tips to support your children and keep them safe online, and learn how to keep up to date in the ever changing online world.

 **Mon 10th**
NOVEMBER **7pm-8pm**



Speaker

LYNDSEY VAUGHTON

Education & Wellbeing Training Lead (UK)
Smoothwall



Access the event here:

<https://meet.google.com/cze-sgju-fbj>

With a background in law enforcement, Lyndsey is a seasoned child protection advocate with extensive expertise in safeguarding education. She is passionate about fostering safe student environments, offering support in policy implementation, training, and committee establishment, as well as furthering her commitment to student wellbeing through her PhD research on the effects of domestic abuse on children.

For more information on online safety, visit <https://warwickshire.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>



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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**

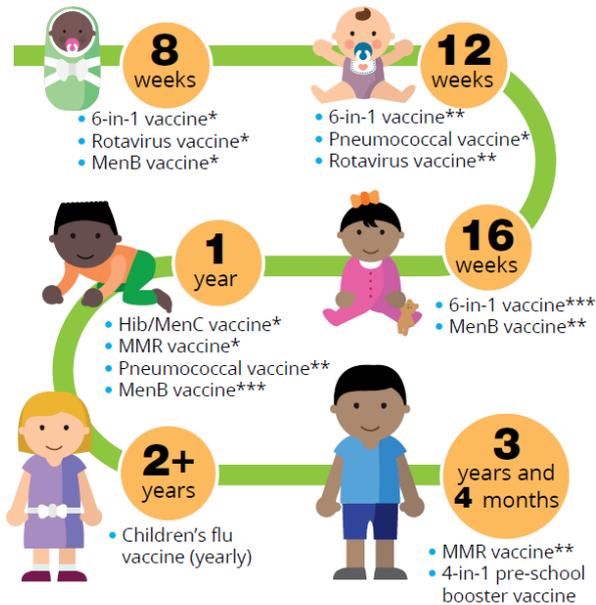
If you think that a child is at immediate risk, contact the Police immediately by calling **999**



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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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Please don't forget that this Friday, 24th October is an INSET day and children will not be required to come into school.

Wishing you all a happy and safe half term. We look forward to welcoming you back in school on Monday 3rd November.

Best wishes,

Michelle Crowe
Head Teacher

Dates for your calendar and diary (see school website for regular updates)

Autumn Term 2 2025	Autumn Term 2 2025
Monday 3 November (School reopens to pupils)	Friday 5 December 3.30pm FoES Christmas Fayre Ettington Community Centre
Monday 3 November Year 4 Egyptian Day	Monday 8 December 6.00pm Community Musical Ensemble Community Centre ALL WELCOME
Thursday 6 November School Photos	Tuesday 9 December 2.15pm Reception Nativity
Thursday 6 November Year 1 visit to Kenilworth Castle	Thursday 11 December 9.30am Reception Nativity
w.c. Monday 10 November Anti Bullying Week	Thursday 11 December 2.00pm – 3.00pm Reception – Year 6 Curriculum Open Afternoon
w.c. Monday 17 November Road Safety Awareness Week	Tuesday 16 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
Tuesday 25 November Year 3 visit to Roman Museum, Alcester	
Thursday 27 November Flu Vaccinations YR-Y6	
Thursday 27 November 2.00pm-3.00pm Reception Intake 2026	



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Open Afternoon – please book via the school office

Friday 28 November 5.30pm
Reception Bedtime Reading
(info to follow via Tapestry)

Monday 1 December 5.30pm
Full Governing Board Meeting

Tuesday 2 December 6.00pm
Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Production

Thursday 4 December 2.15pm
Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Production

Tuesday 16 December
Christmas Lunch

Last day of term: Friday 19 December

Christmas holiday: Monday 22 December
2025 to Friday 2 January 2026

Monday 5 January 2026
(Teacher Training Day)

Tuesday 6 January 2026
(School reopens to pupils)



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