

Ettington Church of England Primary School

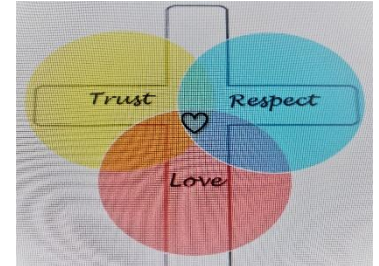
Newsletter 6 Spring Term 2026

27th February 2026

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

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

'Learn to do right. Seek justice.' Isaiah 1.17



Dear parents, carers and the wider community,

Welcome back to school. I hope that you have had a safe and relaxing break and the children have recharged their batteries ready for a busy half term.

The school calendar has been updated, so please take a few minutes to check and update your calendars at home.

Stars of the Week

Week ending 30.1.2026	Week ending 6.2.2026	Week ending 27.2.2026
Rec: Louis M Year 1: Albus H Year 2: Antek G Year 3: Christelle C Year 3: Edward H Year 4: Ernie M Year 5: Elina W Year 6: Darcy F Star Writer: Jacob B (Y1)	Rec: Year 1: George A Year 2: Phoebe P Year 3: Aurelia W Year 4: Leon H Year 5: Edie L Year 6: Jude F Star Writer: Sebastian S (Rec)	Rec: Harry Mc Year 1: Isla F Year 2: Franek J Year 3: Finn W Year 4: Bea G Year 5: Sophia S Year 6: Jensen W

A huge congratulations to all of our stars!



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Sport

On Tuesday 10th February, we were delighted to take part in a curling competition against several other local schools at Shipston High School. We were made very welcome (including being given cookies half way through!) and were able to make use of the super facilities available.

Congratulations to our team who competed so well and supported each other and the other schools, bringing home the overall second place, SILVER trophy.

Thank you and very well done to the Year 6 children Eva H, Isla D, Ned W and Oscar B, for representing the school.

On 24th February, four Year 6 girls took part in a Boccia competition against other local primary schools. It was a gripping and thrilling tournament in which every throw and point mattered and it came down to the last crucial throw; a throw in - which went our way and meant we achieved first place in the competition with 14 points from 4 matches, bringing home the overall first place, GOLD trophy. It was great fun and the girls thoroughly enjoyed the competition showing great teamwork within. Well done to Darcy F, Martha D, Lucy S and Pippa C for their brilliant achievements and for representing the school.

Tue, 10 Feb 2026



Safer Internet Day 2026 took place on the 10th February 2026, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'.

Everyone's talking about AI, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology.

This Safer Internet Day we explored the impact of AI on all of our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good, and giving advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly.

The children covered a range of issues from looking at voice assistants and chatbots, to exploring some of the ethical considerations in responsible use of AI technology.

[LINK FOR TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS](#) Top tips and advice for parents, carers and grandparents covering how to talk about AI, helping children to use new technology in safe and responsible ways.

[PARENTSAFE](#)



WHAT I WISH MY PARENTS OR CARERS KNEW!

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Parents' Consultation Meetings


Our next Parents' Consultation meetings are coming up soon, on **Tuesday 10 March and Thursday 12 March**. They will be in person, held in the school hall. This is a wonderful chance for you to hear about your children's progress and to discuss how we can continue to work together to support them. Information for signing up will be sent out via the school office.

There will also be an opportunity for parents and carers of SEND children to meet with Mrs Brown as part of the SEND surgery. This is an optional meeting additional to Parents' Evening consultations. If you would like to meet with Mrs Brown, please let the school office know and we will try to work appointments around your parent consultation meeting.






Thursday 5th March




World Book Day 2026

Bookworms in Pyjamas!



Come dressed in your pj's and bring a book to read and share.





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Ban on Mobile Phones in Schools and Social Media for Under 16s

In new guidance for schools published at the end of January, The Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson, has made it clear that mobile phones do not have a place in school - primary and secondary - throughout the entire school day.

Our Mobile Phone Policy is straightforward: no children are allowed access to mobile phones during the school day. The same applies to smartwatches and wearables. We recognise the practicalities of travel for our older pupils; therefore currently, parents of Year 6 children at school who walk to and from school alone may currently permit their child to carry a phone. However, these devices must be switched off on site and handed into the school office for the duration of the day, which is fully compliant with updated government guidance. The question is whether a SMART phone is necessary, or indeed ANY device at all for Under 16s?

Regarding travel, the Smartphone Free Childhood (SFC) campaign suggests a basic "brick" phone is more suitable than a smartphone. These simple devices provide essential calling and texting without the addictive risks or unrestricted internet access of a "pocket supercomputer".

Furthermore, the [Generation Focus](#) website highlights an open letter signed by over 100 psychologists and health professionals calling for parents to reconsider the use of trackers on their children. They state there is no evidence that the world has become more dangerous - indeed crime in the UK has fallen in the last ten years. There is evidence that carrying an expensive device in their pockets makes children less safe - especially when the tracking device is a smartphone, which makes them more likely to be mugged or to get distracted and step out into moving traffic. (One in five children have been hit or narrowly missed by a vehicle whilst on their smartphone.) It creates a "digital umbilical cord" that displaces the real-life street smarts and autonomy children need to develop.

By delaying smartphone use, we protect children from exploitation, addiction, cyberbullying and algorithms designed to be "addictive by design".

Our priority remains providing a calm, focused environment where your children can thrive, free from the pressures of the digital world, learning to develop positive relationships in the real world with their peers and trusted adults and protecting childhood.

We urge you to sign the Smartphone Free Childhood Pact here - <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/parent-pact>



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MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Working Together to Improve School Attendance

Half Term 1 	3 ½ days off school from September until October half term holiday will make your child PA.
Half Term 1-2 	7 days off school from September until the Christmas holidays will make your child PA.
Half Term 1-3 	10 days off school from September until February half term will make your child PA.
Half Term 1-4 	12 ½ days off school from September until the Easter holidays will make your child PA.
Half Term 1-5 	15 ½ days off school from September until May half term will make your child PA.
Half Term 1-6 	19 days of absence for the full academic year from September to July will make your child PA.



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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



FoES update

Please remember that Friends of Ettington School 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!

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-ettington-school/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAR1PVmyOacN3bQIQFOFkAvDVnSaE77PIXt6P5SqwTrikflqqs3a1UzFdd4k_aem_RkU1loe90UDM_2wOhbVawA

MEET THE FOES COMMITTEE

2025/2026



Leanne Owen
CHAIR
Year 2 parent



Phil Aymes
TREASURER
Year 1 parent



Amy Hilton
SECRETARY
Year 1 parent



Sophie Riding
Year 1 parent



Steph Sneath
Year 4 parent



Harriet Martin
Year 1 & Year 4 parent



Jen Luettke
Year 4 parent



Becs Horwood
Year 1 & Year 4 parent



Olivia Shaw
Reception parent



Emma Guest
Year 2 & Year 4 parent



Georgie Hicks
Year 2 parent



Anna Lea
Year 1 & Year 4 parent



Emma O'Neil
Reception parent



Si Medicott
Year 2 parent



Diane Pearce
Year 1 & Year 4 grandparent



Mrs Medicott
Staff Link Role



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Food Pantry

Please don't forget that our food pantry is available. Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Brown if school can help you.

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Phone 01789 740236 or

Email admin3024@welearn365.com

and ask for Mrs Brown

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



LEGO CAFÉ

Ettington Church

2 - 4pm

THIS SATURDAY

28th February

Enjoy delicious DRINKS and CAKE
from our Pop-up Café

Fun for all ages!



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Useful contacts



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](tel:08004081558) or finding support at [Warwickshire Family Information Support](#).



Safeguarding

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Please remember...



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



Parking

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The Highway Code / School Keep Clear Signs / Zig-Zags:

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership would like to remind parents of The Highway Code. The Highway Code states: "You MUST NOT wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings." (Highway Code rule 238, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.)

School Keep Clear markings mean no stopping during the time and days specified on adjacent or nearby signs. The markings help prevent vehicles from parking near or in front of school entrances, to ensure safe access for children and parents.

Please park safely, legally and considerately and away from the school gates.

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.

Park away from school gates

Always hold hands with young children

Remember – your child will copy you

Every road means STOP LOOK LISTEN

Never get children out of a car roadside

Think safer places to cross the road

Secure your child's car seat correctly

Let's all work together to keep all our children safe outside school.

Please use the Community Centre for drop off and pickup.



 @WarwickshireRoadSafety

 @WarksRoadSafety

www.warksroadsafety.org

Very best wishes,

Mrs Michelle Crowe

Head Teacher



Dates for your calendar and diary

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Spring Term 2 2026

Monday 23 February
(School reopens to pupils)

Wednesday 25 February 3.30pm
Boccia Tournament

Wednesday 25 February
Parents Consultations booking opens

Friday 27 February 3.15pm
Year 2 and Year 4 FoES Cake Sale

Thursday 5 March
World Book Day

Monday 9 March
NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe
Years 2, 5 and 6

Tuesday 10 March
Parent Consultation Meetings

Thursday 12 March
Parent Consultation Meetings

Monday 16 March
CO2 Awareness
Years 2 and 5

Tuesday 17 March
Astronomy Workshop Years 4, 5 and 6

Wednesday 18 March
Global Recycling Day

Thursday 19 March
Earth Day

Summer 1 2026

Monday 13 April
(School reopens to pupils)

Monday 13 April
Reception and Year 6 Health Needs
Assessment

Wednesday 22 April
Golf Day
Whole School

Friday 24 April
Class photos
Year 6 Leavers photos

Friday 24 April 3.15pm
Year 1 and Year 6 FoES Cake Sale

w.c. Monday 27 April
Year 5 Bikeability

Tuesday 28 April
Reception Trip
Compton Verney

Monday 4 May
Bank Holiday – school closed

Tuesday 12 May
Year 2 Trip
Pizza Express

Tuesday 12 May
Years 3 and 4 Trip
Coventry Cathedral
The Big Sing

Friday 22 May
School Council and FoES
Break the Rules Day



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<p>Friday 20 March FoES Disco after school (information to follow)</p> <p>w.c. Monday 23 March Shakespeare Week</p> <p>Tuesday 24 March 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</p> <p>Thursday 26 March Year 4 Shakespeare's Stratford School Trip</p> <p>Last day of term: Friday 27 March Easter Holidays</p>	<p>Last day of term: Friday 22 May Half Term Holidays</p>
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