

Ettington Church of England Primary School

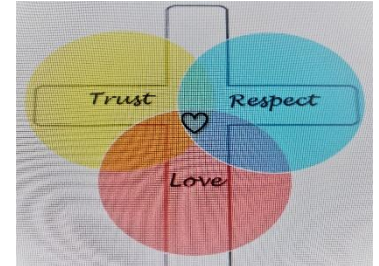
Newsletter 7 Spring Term 2026

27th March 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,

It is hard to believe that it is already the final week of the spring term. Thank you for your continued help and support over this busy term. It was wonderful to see so many of you join us at our Easter service in church this week, another truly uplifting morning where the children showcased their talents.

Stars of the Week

Week ending	Week ending	Week ending
Rec: Reya P Year 1: Jacob B Year 2: Kimi O'R Year 3: Margot C Year 4: Maeve G Year 5: Bodhi W Year 6: Josh T Star Writer: Albert D	Rec: Caleb O Year 1: Louis R Year 2: Hugo G Year 3: Isobel B Year 4: Esme A Year 5: Eva T Year 6: Beau A Star Writer: Elina W	Rec: Year 1: Year 2: Charlie Year 3: Ophelia A Year 4: Florrie S Year 5: Tilly C Year 6: Arlo F Star Writer:

A huge congratulations to all of our stars!

Congratulations to the RED House Team – this terms winning house.



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Many thanks to all of you who responded to our parent questionnaire regarding playtimes and how we can improve play experiences in the future. Staff have also been surveyed and have begun training - we will work closely with the children in the Summer Term to ensure that we hear all stakeholder voices as we move forward with our transformation of the outdoor environment.

We would be very grateful if you could donate any of the following items for our OPAL programme. Please speak with Mr Higgitt or myself if you have any questions.

Get ready to play... OPAL BINGO – if you have any of the items below in good condition please could you collect these up and bring in after Easter to help kick start our OPAL programme – Thanks Mr Higgitt.



Laundry basket 	Suitcase 	Wooden spoons 	Action figures 	Plastic crates
Dress up items 	Cars 		Pans 	Trug buckets
Lego 	Small balls 	Scooter 	Plastic tubes 	Tarpaulin
Beach spades 	Buckets 	Trowels 	Old Tyres 	Cardboard tubes
Guttering 	Wooden planks 	Helmet 	Aprons 	Chalk



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How We Can Help Our Planet

As part of our continuous quest to educate ourselves and make a difference to helping our planet, the children have explored both at home and at school ways in which we can recycle.

We're thrilled to share that our recent reuse and recycling competition was a huge success. Over the last couple of weeks, children were invited to design and create something new using only recycled materials from home. The creativity on display was incredible. Children produced everything from musical instruments and toys to imaginative sculptures and practical household items. Teachers were genuinely impressed by the thought and effort that went into each entry. Choosing winners was no easy task, but the competition sparked wonderful conversations about sustainability and inspired pupils to think differently about the items they usually throw away.

The enthusiasm of the pupils shown throughout the competition has inspired us to continue building sustainability into our learning and we look forward to more eco-friendly adventures in the future. Congratulations to our competition winners – Alfie (Y1), Georgio (Y4) and Zaria (Y5). Very well done!



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Shakespeare Week

We marked World Shakespeare Week with a wonderful range of activities across all year groups.

Reception and KS1 enjoyed reading and acting out A Midsummer Night's Dream, including a nature walk to collect leaves and sticks for crafts, where they created leaf bracelets, magic wands and imaginative spell potions.



Year 3 focused on the witches from Macbeth, creating their own magical brews.

Year 4 celebrated with an exciting trip to Stratford, visiting sites linked to Shakespeare himself.

In Year 5, pupils studied The Tempest, writing vivid storm descriptions, letters in a bottle from shipwreck survivors and taking part in various drama and role play activities.



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Year 6 created poems based on Shakespearian plays with a particularly stunning poem based on the opening scene from Macbeth by Ned.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable week that inspired creativity and enthusiasm throughout the school.

Sport

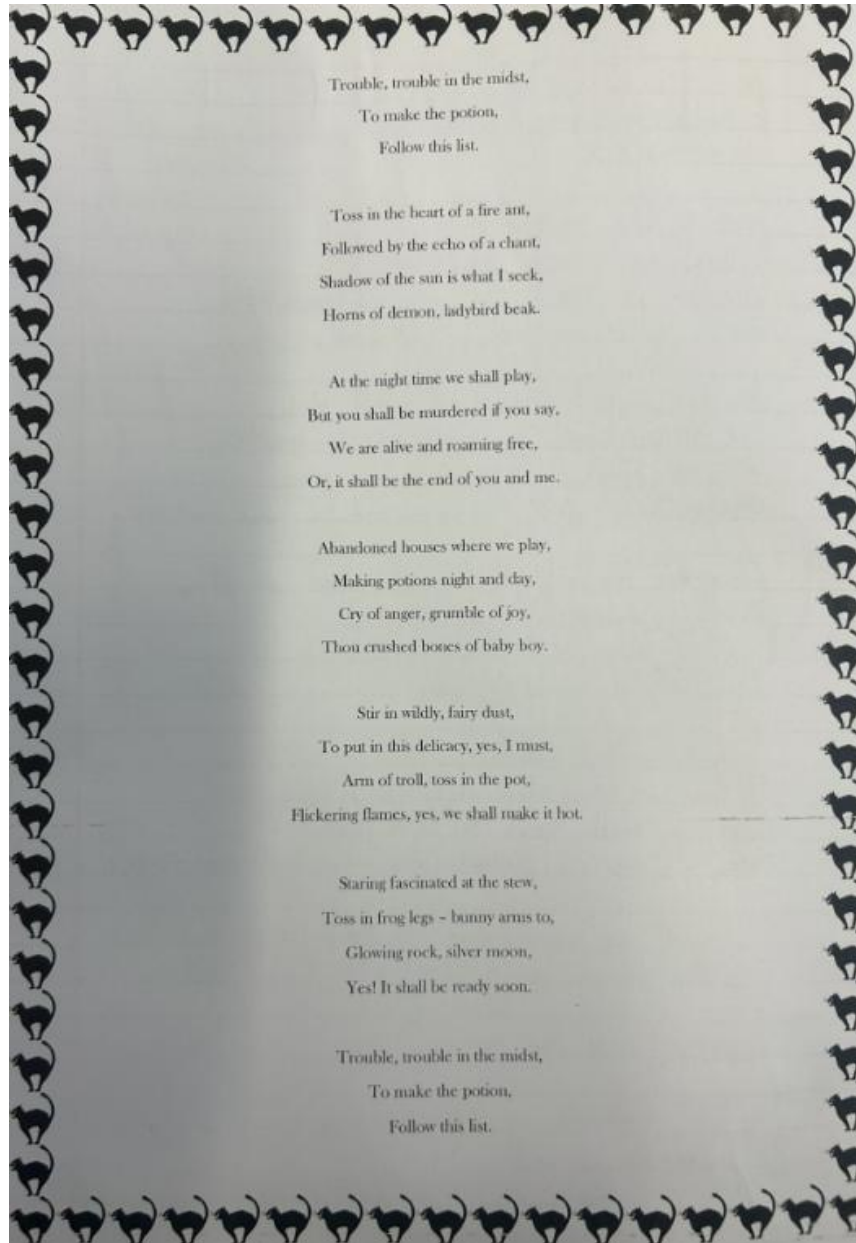
It has been a jam-packed half term with multiple evening fixtures across a range of KS2 with some excellent results and success. Recently, Year 6 boys won their latest round of the Warwickshire

football cup with a 5-2 victory, meaning they are now into the semi-finals and we eagerly anticipate the draw. Also, the Year 6 girls team won the boccia competition at Shipston High School with a brilliant performance against 5 other teams from schools across the Consortia. This followed on from the second-place finish in the curling competition the previous week - both outstanding performances with great team work. Year 5 have also been active with an amazing 5th place finish in the recent Netball events at Kings High School when competing against 25 other teams.

The whole school also recently completed their recent Power Up fitness assessments with great progress made across the year groups. On top of this, Year 6 boys and girls both took part in a friendly football match versus Quinton Primary



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School this week with some excellent results and great competitive spirit shown. The boys won their match 9-1 and the girls played valiantly, narrowly losing to Quinton girls' team.

Finally, a brilliant 2nd placed finish for the Year 5 mixed football team who narrowly lost 3-2 in the final v Illmington (all boys side). The final arose after 4 brilliant wins: 5-0, 6-0, 7-0 and 5-3 with outstanding team work and skill shown by the whole team who represented Ettington fantastically. Well done to all who took part - you were all brilliant!

The summer term will also be jam-packed with events both inside and outside of school with lots to look forward to across a whole host of events including: golf, tennis, football, rounders, athletics, rugby and more. Have a great Easter and be active, especially with the nicer weather. Mr Higgitt.

Living Streets – Walk to School



In a bid to encourage children to walk to school, (or at least part of the way), we have chosen to be part of an exciting initiative to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. WOW – the walk to school challenge is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking or wheeling to school.

The pupil-led challenge enables children to self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot, 'Park and Stride' or hop off) at least once a week, for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that simple!

What are the benefits of walking to school?

- Children feel happier and healthier
- They arrive at school refreshed and ready to learn
- Helps reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates

Please refer to the separate letter sent out yesterday for further information and how we will support if your child is unable to walk to school.



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Primary School place offers to be issued to Warwickshire families on Thursday 16 April

Families across Warwickshire who applied on-time for a Reception or Year 3 junior school place for September 2026 will receive their child's school offer by email on National Offer Day, taking place this year on Thursday 16 April.

As usual, Warwickshire County Council will automatically accept all school place offers, unless alternative arrangements are needed. This means that parents and carers do not need to take any action to secure their child's place. Instead, families should keep an eye out for updates directly from the school.



Warwickshire Child and Family Wellbeing Service

Warwickshire Child and Family Wellbeing Service also offer a range of support for parents.

The service brings together health visiting and school nursing into one joined-up team of caring professionals. They support families from pregnancy, through the early years, school life and into young adulthood – and up to age 25 for those with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND).

From advice on feeding, sleep and child development to support with emotional wellbeing, healthy lifestyles and transitions to school or adolescence, they're here to make sure you have the guidance and help you need as your child grows.

You'll find them in your community, at your child's school, in a Family Hub, or visiting you at home. The team works closely with local GPs, schools, social care and community organisations to ensure your family gets the right support at the right time.

They focus on early help and prevention, identifying needs before they become challenges, and making sure every child has the best possible start in life.



Find the service here:

[Service Link](#)

[Service Newsletter](#)

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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

FoES would like to thank everyone who supported the spring disco last Friday; we raised an amazing £532! Big thank you to DJ Simon Medicott and the parent helpers, as well as all the teachers who stayed behind to boogie with the children! We hope they all danced their little socks off and added a core memory to their memory bank!

Planning meetings have started for The Big Library Project. The initial stages are going to involve a big clear out of books, and re-distribution of musical instruments that currently inhabit half the library. We are hoping to host another DIY day in the summer term and would greatly appreciate any offers of help when we confirm a date. Our lovely school deserves all the TLC we can offer it so our children can continue to learn in a nurturing environment.

The FoES Family Quiz Night is returning this summer and will be at Ettington Community Centre on Friday 5th of June. We will be hosting another raffle and would greatly appreciate any donations of raffle prizes from local businesses if you are in a position to do so. Please do get in touch if you can help. The fabulous Street Food Co pizza van will be in attendance again this year with delicious home-made Neapolitan pizza available to pre-order and collect at a time of your choosing throughout the evening.

Tickets for the quiz will be available on ticket source from the 1st of May and details of how-to pre-order your pizza will be available soon.

Please don't forget to sign up to the easyfundraising app if you have not already done so!

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-ettington-school/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR1PVmyOacN3bQiQFOFkAvDVnSaE77PIXt6P5SqwTriKflqqs3a1UzFdd4k_aem_RkU1loe90UDM_2wOhbVawA



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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 March

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](#).



SMARTPHONE free childhood alternatives



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Safeguarding

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



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Parking

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.



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www.warksroadsafety.org



Finally, huge congratulations to Mrs Swift and Miss Hunter who are both getting married over the Easter holiday. I'm sure that you will join us in wishing them both wonderful days, filled with love, laughter and sunshine and wishing them every future happiness.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe Easter break,

Very best wishes,

Mrs Michelle Crowe

Head Teacher



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Dates for your calendar and diary

Summer 1 2026

Monday 13 April
(School reopens to pupils)

Monday 13 April
Reception and Year 6 Health Needs
Assessment

Thursday 16 April
Tennis Day
Whole School

Thursday 16 April 3.30pm-4pm
Year 6 SAT's information evening

Friday 17 April 3.15pm
Charity Cake Sale

Wednesday 22 April
Golf Day
Whole School

Friday 24 April
Class photos
Year 6 Leavers photos

w.c. Monday 27 April
Year 5 Bikeability

Tuesday 28 April
Reception Trip
Compton Verney

Summer 2 2026

Monday 1 June
Teacher Training Day – school closed
Tuesday 2 June
(School reopens to pupils)

w.c. Monday 1 June
Government Year 4
Multiplication Check

w.c. Monday 8 June
Government Year 1
Phonics Screening Check

Monday 8 June
Reception Zoolab

Monday 15 June – Wednesday 17 June
Year 6 Residential
Culmington Manor

Friday 26 June
Sports Day

Monday 29 June
Year 6 Trip
Stratford Race Course

Friday 3 July
Sports Day – Back up date

Wednesday 8 July
Year 6
Secondary School Transition Day

Friday 17 July
End of Term



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Monday 4 May
Bank Holiday – school closed

Friday 8 May
Earth Day
Celebration of David Attenborough's 100th
Birthday

w.c Monday 11 May
Year 6 SATS Week

Tuesday 12 May
Year 2 Trip
Pizza Express

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

Friday 15 May 3.15pm
Year 1 and Year 6 FoES Cake Sale

Friday 22 May
School Council and FoES
Break the Rules Day

Last day of term: Friday 22 May
Half Term Holidays



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