

Ettington Church of England Primary School

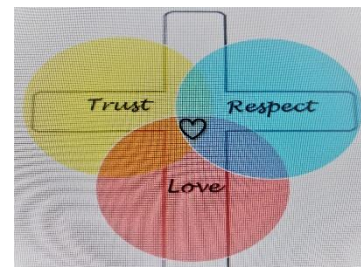
Newsletter 8 Summer Term 2026

1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

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

Our Christian Value for this half term is **LOVE and FRIENDSHIP.**

‘Serve one another in love.’ Galatians 5.13



Dear parents, carers and the wider community,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Summer Term. As the sun continues to shine, we have added reminders for the warm weather and reminders for the school uniform expectations.

Please don't forget to add dates to your diary, this is a very busy term.

**Stars of the Week**

<b>Week ending 17.4.2026</b>	<b>Week ending 24.4.2026</b>	<b>Week ending 1.5.2026</b>
Rec: Jimmy Year 1: Nell G Year 2: Maisie H Year 3: Luca B Year 4: Elsie G Year 5: Charlotte A Year 6: Mason L Star Writer: Christelle C (Year 3)	Rec: George C Year 1: Alfie H Year 2: Isla W Year 3: Charlie T Year 4: Bella L Holly B Year 5: Max C Year 6: Austin C Star Writer: Chloe E (Year 2)	Rec: Leo P Year 1: Toby L Year 2: Izzy S Year 3: Esme B Year 4: Josh C Year 5: Lola H Year 6: Esme B Star Writer: Waris S

**A huge congratulations to all of our stars!**



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## David Attenborough Celebration Day- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Our school will be celebrating the life and work of Sir David Attenborough as he turns 100, with a special themed day dedicated to nature, wildlife, and environmental discovery. Pupils will take part in activities throughout the morning, including habitat walks around the school grounds, creative art projects, and learning inspired by Attenborough's documentaries.

To finish the day, we invite all pupils to join us for a **whole-school picnic on the field in the afternoon**. This will be a lovely opportunity for everyone to come together outdoors and appreciate the natural world—something Sir David has encouraged throughout his career.



# Sir David Attenborough turns 100!



Our school will be holding a special picnic to celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. This picnic will take place during the afternoon and will be supervised by school staff.

**Please could each child bring in on the morning of Friday 8th:**

A snack and drink for the picnic, a coat in case the weather is chilly and a picnic blanket to sit on.

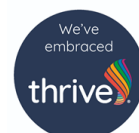
## Sport

The Summer term has started with some sporting experts coming into Ettington to give children opportunities to experience different sports first hand, this has been brilliant! Firstly, a professional tennis coach has been in school carrying out tennis sessions for all the classes and the following week a golf professional visited to teach golfing skills. There were some fantastic skills on show and even a hole in one in one of the golfing sessions. Next week, Power Up assessments will be carried out for all children in a fun and engaging manner and allow children to practise their fitness skills. In the forthcoming weeks' a girl's football tournament, rounder competitions, athletics competitions and the Year 6 football final will all take place, so lots to look forward to.

Mr Higgitt.



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## Here Comes Summer!

We have all been enjoying the lovely weather in the last week or so.



Fingers crossed; we will be in for a lovely, sunny Summer Term. We want everyone to stay safe in the sun so please follow our summer guidelines:

### **Water Bottles**

Along with the sunny weather comes the scramble for the water coolers in school. It would be helpful if your child could bring a named water bottle so that they can keep themselves hydrated during the day. We recommend that pupils bring water bottles all year round, but it is especially important when the temperatures are higher.

### **Jumpers and Cardigans**

Staff find that jumpers and cardigans are more prone to be lost in the Summer Term as pupils remove them during lessons or on the field at playtime or lunchtime. It is therefore vital that jumpers and cardigans (and all other items of uniform) ARE CLEARLY NAMED so that they can be returned to their owner.

### **Summer Accessories**

Children are encouraged to bring caps and sun hats to wear when they are outside. Sunglasses are also permitted outside. Please remember that anything brought in is your child's responsibility.

### **Medication**

Children who require medication for hay fever should be given this before they come to school.

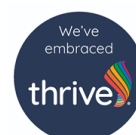
Further, I would strongly recommend that parents of children who have an inhaler for asthma check that the medication they have in school is in date.

### **Sun Cream**

Please can parents ensure sun protection is applied to your child before arriving at school.



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## **Reminders**

As we step into the remainder of the Summer Term packed full of learning, fun and special memories, here are a few important reminders and updates to help things run smoothly:

### **Uniform Reminder**

Please ensure your child comes to school in full school uniform each day. This Includes:

- A white polo shirt
- Grey trousers, skirt, skort or gingham summer dress
- White, grey or black socks
- A royal blue cardigan or jumper
- School shoes only (no trainers, boots or open-toed shoes)
- Hair tied back (Please remember that hair below shoulder length should be tied back. Hair bobbles are now available for children in school should they forget.)

Please do not feel obliged to buy 'Ettington badged' jumpers, t-shirts etc. Similar items can also be purchased from your local supermarket.

Reasonable Adjustments: We understand that reasonable adjustments may need to be made for school uniform, especially if your child has sensory needs linked to SEND. If this is the case, please feel free to contact us to discuss requirements

### **Morning Routine**

The school gate opens at 8:40am and closes at 8:45am. Please ensure your child arrives on time to settle into their morning learning. Arriving late can make the start of the day more challenging for them.

### **PE Days**

Please ensure your child wears their school PE kit on their PE days, with plain clothing (no logos or football kits)

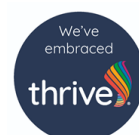
### **Transition ready - primary school transition**

As the academic year draws to a close, we welcome our new Reception parents for September 2026 into school on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm. I am sure that you will join me in welcoming new faces and support them as they navigate the next steps in their children's educational journey. There is information for new parents on our website, which we will be adding to over the coming weeks.



#### **[Ettington Reception 2026](#)**

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## FoES

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 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!

[EASY FUNDRAISING ETTINGTON](#)

## Curriculum Information

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check takes place during the week 9th - 13th June. The Phonics Screening Check contains 40 words, divided into two sections of 20 words. Both sections contain a mixture of real words and pseudo-words (words that are phonically decodable but are not actual words with an associated meaning). The pass rate for all previous checks has been 32/40. Parents and carers can practise the Phonics Screening Check at home with practice papers on Google Classroom. Thank you to all the Year 1 Parents who joined us for an information session this week.

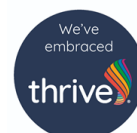
The Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (starting in the week beginning 2nd June up to Friday 13th June) is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Children will have the opportunity to answer 3 practise questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. You can practise with your child at home using the Mathsframe website, which exactly mirrors the official check -

## MATHSFRAME

There is no pass mark for the test and individual results will be shared with parents in our end of year reports.



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Engaging in [Times Tables Rockstars](#) each week is an important part of helping our children to develop these key pieces of knowledge. The National Curriculum expectation is that all children know all times tables up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4.



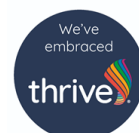
[STA Phonics Screening Information for Parents](#)

[STA Multiplication Check Information for Parents](#)

Please see the calendar below or the school website for parent information meetings.



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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 meal – 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?

**HAF**

To find out more and for help to apply for free school meals, please contact: [freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto: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:

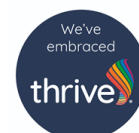
- Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from National Asylum Support Service (NASS)
- Guarantee Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid 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](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm)



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## Working Together to Improve School Attendance

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

Generally, the DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance.

The Supreme Court clarified has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

**The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.**

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

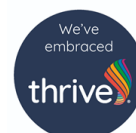
It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent i.e., the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

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**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

The law relating to Penalty Notices is due to change with effect from 1 September 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absences taken after this date will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

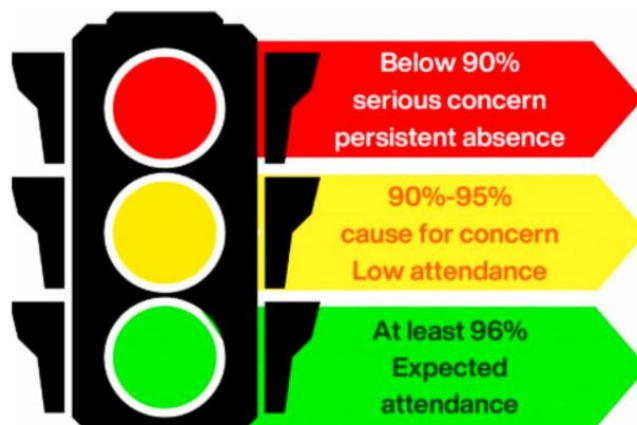
Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).

First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.

Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3-year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.

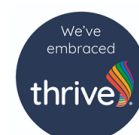
Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28-day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.

Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3-year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice). A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.



### [Should I keep my child off school?](#)

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## **Helping Schools Support Children Through Grief**

This half term, the staff have extended their mental health and wellbeing training by participating in Grief Training, delivered by the Luca Foundation.

The Luca Foundation delivers grief training in schools to help teachers support children through loss, whether that is the death of a loved one or pet, the loss of health, or other life changes. The training gives staff the tools and confidence to talk about grief in an open and compassionate way, helping children feel understood and less alone.

Alongside the training, schools and families can also access a range of wellbeing gifts and the book 'Endless Love Finding Your New Normal', available at [www.endlessloveshop.co.uk](http://www.endlessloveshop.co.uk).

To learn more about the charity and its work, please visit [www.thelucafoundation.org.uk](http://www.thelucafoundation.org.uk).

**Please reach out to us if you or your child requires help or support.**



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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.



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



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## 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!

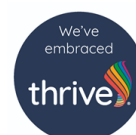
What are the benefits of walking to school?

- 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 for further information and how we will support if your child is unable to walk to school.



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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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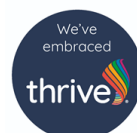
## Useful contacts



Text ChatHealth (11-19 years): 07507 331 525  
Text ParentLine: 07520 619 376  
Call us: 03300 245 204  
Email us: [connectforhealth@compass-uk.org](mailto:connectforhealth@compass-uk.org)



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# 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](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk), calling 0800 408 1558 or finding support at [Warwickshire Family Information Support](#).

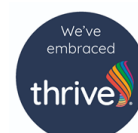


## [SMARTPHONE free childhood alternatives](#)

## [Internet Safety](#)



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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**

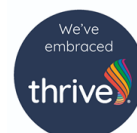
**Lines are open Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 5.30pm,  
Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm**

**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.



Finally...

May I just take the opportunity to wish you all a very safe and happy bank holiday weekend. We look forward to welcoming you back in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

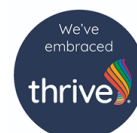
Very best wishes,

Mrs Michelle Crowe

Head Teacher



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## Dates for your calendar and diary

### Summer 1 2026

**Monday 4 May**  
Bank Holiday – school closed

**Thursday 7 May**  
KS2 Power Up Assessments

**Friday 8 May**  
KS1 Power Up Assessments

**Friday 8 May**  
Earth Day  
Celebration of David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup>  
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

**Monday 18 May 3.15pm**  
Year 1 Phonics  
Information for Parents  
Year 1 classroom after school

### 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

**Friday 5 June**  
Year 5 / 6 Tag Rugby Tournament

**Friday 5 June**  
FoES Quiz Night

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

**Monday 8 June**  
Reception Zoolab visit to school

**Monday 8 June**  
Year 6 Retreat

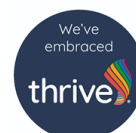
**Thursday 11 June 6pm**  
New Reception September 2026  
Induction Information Evening

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

**Friday 26 June**  
Sports Day



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**Wednesday 20 May 3.20pm**  
Year4 Multiplication Check  
Information for Parents  
Year 4 classroom after school

**Friday 22 May**  
School Council and FoES  
Break the Rules Day

**Last day of term: Friday 22 May**  
**Half Term Holidays**

**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 10 July**  
Colour Run

**Tuesday 14 July 9.30am**  
Leavers Church Service  
(All welcome)

**Tuesday 14 July PM**  
Curriculum Open Afternoon

**Friday 17 July**  
**End of Term**



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