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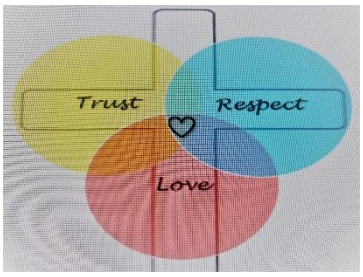
Newsletter 2

Autumn Term 2026

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.

Over the last few weeks, we welcomed new prospective parents for our Open Mornings and Afternoons.
I am always extremely proud when showing visitors around our school: it was calm, children were engaged in their learning and keen to talk about the school - it really did show our school in an outstanding light.

Congratulations

A huge congratulations to our Stars of the Week!

Week ending 11th September 2026	Week ending 25th September 2026	Week ending 2nd October 2026	Week ending 9th October 2026	Week ending 16th October 2026
Year 1: Missy O Year 2: Toby L Year 3: Izzy S Year 4: George R Year 5: Josh C Year 6: Harper B	Year 1: Josh Year 2: Bertie H Year 3: Leo R Year 4: Jess E Year 5: Blake M Year 6: Ember F Star Writer: Edie L	Year 1: Jack M Year 2: Jacob B Year 3: Abel TR Year 4: Charlie T Year 5: Georgio A Year 6: Lola H Star Writer: Maeve G	Year 1: Grayson S Year 2: George A Year 3: Isla W Year 4: Alessia P Year 5: Year 6: Max X Star Writer: William M	Year 1: Louis M Year 2: Eleanor B Year 3: Poppy R Year 4: Sara S Year 5: Sophie L Year 6: Charlotte A Star Writer: Olivia E

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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.

Sport

In school, all children have been enjoying the new sports units in P.E and have also been enjoying their class sessions with Mr Eribenne, who has taken over the role of Sports Coach at Ettington, where the children have been learning how to play in small competitive game environments.

Additionally, there have been several out of school events for the Year 6 class involving football in competitive matches against other schools. The Year 6 girls team took part in a tournament at Alcester Football Club and really enjoyed their six matches with several wins in these. One of the girls had never taken part in a football match, however enjoyed it so much that she has now joined a football club, which is what these opportunities are all about. The Year 6 boys also took place in two footballs tournaments, one at Shipston High school and another at Alcester Football Club, with 4 wins and 4 draws in the 12 matches they took part in. Again, they thoroughly enjoyed these opportunities.

Well done all and we look forward to lots more this year. Mr Higgitt.

Opal

OPAL has continued to develop and progress this year with a planning meeting determining the next steps for our grounds conducted.

We are continuing to make play times inclusive, fun and engaging by adding new equipment, new resources and new zones to our playing fields, which the children are enjoying. Music Fridays (based on our pupil questionnaire results) have also been a big hit in school and we will continue with this to provide another fun element to our lunchtimes in the future.

A huge thank you for all the donations of items and resources to our school for your children, but please keep them coming in, they make a real difference. Thank you again. Mr Higgitt

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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, Mrs Hunter-White, 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

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 and of course singing to help us celebrate.

All food donations will be going to the Shipston Food Bank.

Our continued work as part of our Global Neighbours accreditation, provides us with rich opportunities to enrich the lives of our children – this half term exploring Fair Trade.

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Safe and Active Schools Programme 2026-2027

We are delighted to share that our school has once again signed up to the Safe and Active Schools Programme for 2026-2027. As part of the programme, all pupils will take part in age-appropriate road safety learning throughout the year, as well as activities that encourage safe, healthy and active travel.

We are also proud to have achieved the Gold Award last year in recognition of our commitment to promoting road safety and active travel across the school community.

Your support is vital in helping us continue this important work. Children learn a great deal from the adults around them, and the behaviours they see can have a lasting impact. We kindly ask all families to model safe behaviours near roads and to encourage active travel wherever possible. By working together, we can help children develop the skills and confidence to make safe choices when travelling to and from school.

Throughout the year, we will be sharing advice, updates and practical ideas from the Safe and Active Schools team, our School Council, and information about the road safety learning taking place in school.

For more information about road safety and active travel, you can follow or contact Warwickshire's Road Safety Education Team:

X (formerly Twitter): @WCCSafe_Active

Facebook: @WCCSafeActiveTravel

Email: roadsafetyeducation@warwickshire.gov.uk

Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep our children safe.



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WOW Walk to School Challenge

We are delighted to be continue our participation in the WOW Walk to School Challenge. WOW is a pupil-led initiative that encourages children to travel actively and sustainably to school.

Each day, children record how they travelled using the interactive WOW Travel Tracker. If they travel sustainably at least once a week during the month, they earn a special collectable WOW badge.

Step 1: Travel Actively

Children are encouraged to walk, wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride to school and record their journey on the award-winning WOW Travel Tracker.

Step 2: Earn a WOW Badge

By travelling actively at least once a week, children can earn an exciting monthly collectable WOW badge to celebrate their achievement.

Step 3: Make a Difference

Taking part in WOW helps to reduce traffic around our school, improve air quality and support healthier lifestyles. Schools participating in the challenge have seen an average of 59% fewer car journeys to the school gates and an 18% increase in journeys made by walking or wheeling all the way to school.

We look forward to seeing lots of children taking part and making a positive difference to their health, wellbeing and the environment.

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Free School Meals

Our kitchen will provide meal options for all children attending school. Meals are available free of charge to:

- all infant pupils (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) – known as universal FSM
- pupils who meet the free school meals eligibility criteria – known as benefits-related FSM. This includes pupils in school-based nurseries and maintained nursery schools.

For the new school year starting in September 2026, there will be two categories of free school meal eligibility depending on your financial circumstances:

Targeted free school meals for those getting Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less, or another qualifying benefit

Expanded free school meals for anyone getting Universal credit whose annual earnings are above £7,400.

APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

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.

Households in **both categories** will benefit from the financial savings of getting free school meals.

Households who fall into the **targeted category** only will get access to additional benefits:

Holiday activities and food (HAF) programme is for children aged 4 to 16 in reception to year 11 in receipt of benefits-related free school meals in the targeted category. HAF offers eligible pupils' access to activities and at least one healthy meal is provided during each session. The activities take place during the Easter, summer, and Christmas school holidays

Pupil premium is extra funding paid directly to schools for each pupil who is eligible for free school meals in the Targeted category. It can help to fund valuable teaching and learning support to improve pupil's education.

If you have applied and already received a notification from the Local Authority to confirm your child/ren's free school meal eligibility status for the 2026/27 school year, then you do not need to do anything.

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APPLY FOR FREE SHOOL MEALS



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.

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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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Working Together to Improve School Attendance

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

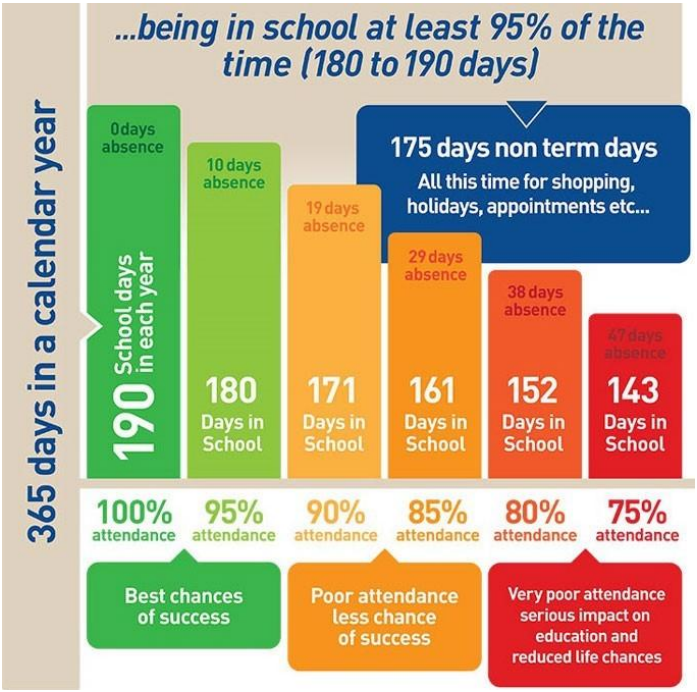
At Ettington, we know how important it is for children to attend school, we also know how complicated it can be to support a child, in certain cases, to have high attendance.

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 me via the school.

Please see the 'Should I keep My Child Off School?' poster.



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Safeguarding

Please remember…





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BASE

Before and **A**fter **S**chool **E**ttington

Book at BASE

BREAKFAST CLUB



Before and **A**fter **S**chool **E**ttington (BASE) Breakfast Club is for school-age children at Ettington Primary and Pre-School, EVERY MORNING during term time from 7.45am.

Enjoy a healthy breakfast and some fun activities before school starts.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



Before and **A**fter **S**chool **E**ttington (BASE) is for school-age children at Ettington Primary and Pre-School, EVERY AFTERNOON DURING TERM TIME

(Monday-Thursday 3.15pm-6.00pm and 3.15pm-4.30pm Friday).

Play, have fun, eat and chill out after school.

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Please don't forget that this Friday, 23rd 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 2nd November.

Best wishes,

Michelle Crowe
Head Teacher

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Ettington Primary School Calendar Dates 2026 – 2027

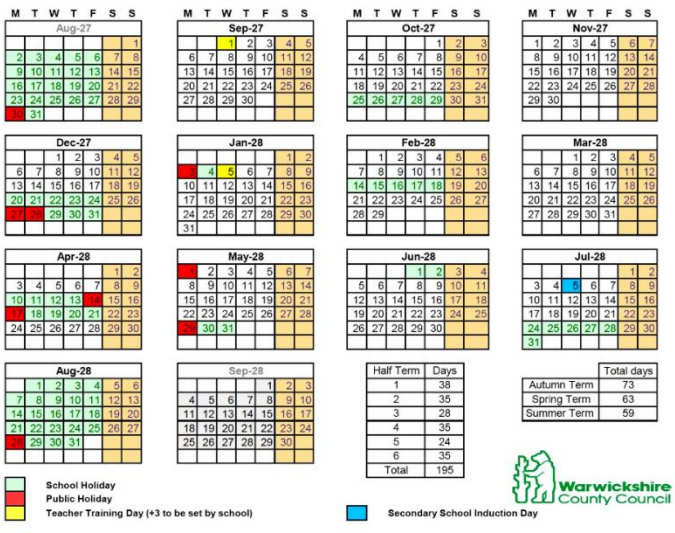
Autumn Term 2026	
Designated Teacher-Training Days	Tuesday 1st September Wednesday 2nd September
Term Starts	Thursday 3rd September Monday 7th September (Reception only)
Designated Teacher-Training Day	Friday 23rd October
Half Term	Monday 26th October-Friday 30th October
Term-ends	Friday 18th December 1.30pm

Spring Term 2027	
Designated Teacher-Training Days	Monday 4th January
Term Starts	Tuesday 5th January
Half Term	Monday 15th February-Friday 19th February
Term-ends	Thursday 25th March

Summer Term 2027	
Term Starts	Monday 12th April
May Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May
Designated Teacher-Training Day	Friday 28th May
Half Term	Monday 31st May-Friday 4th June
Term-ends	Wednesday 21st July

Autumn Term 2027	
Designated Teacher-Training Days	TBC
Term Starts	TBC

[Warwickshire CC School Calendar]



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

Autumn Term 1 2026	Autumn Term 2 2026
Monday 19 October 3.45pm-6.45pm Parent Consultations **Tuesday 20 October 9.30am-10.30am** Harvest Festival 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 20 October 1.30pm–2.30pm** Reception Intake 2027 Open Afternoon – please book via the school office **Thursday 22 October 3.45pm-6.45pm** Parent Consultations **Thursday 22 October** Last Day of Half Term **Friday 23 October** Teacher Training Day School closed to children **Half term:** Monday 26 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026	Monday 2 November (School reopens to pupils) **Friday 6th November 9.30am–10.30am** Reception Intake 2027 Open Morning – please book via the school office **Monday 30 November** School Nurse Visit Reception and Year 6 Health Checks **Friday 4 December 3.00pm** FoES Christmas Fayre Community Centre **Thursday 5 November AM** Whole School Photos **Tuesday 8 December 9.30am** Reception Nativity Play (information to follow) **Thursday 10 December 9.30am & 6.15pm** KS1 (Years 1 &2) Christmas play **Thursday 10 December 2.15pm** Reception Nativity Play (information to follow) **Tuesday 15 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 **Thursday 17 December 12.00pm** Christmas Lunch

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	(information to follow) **Last day of term:** Friday 18 December

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