

NEWSLETTER

13th February 2026

Ephesians 3:17 Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love

Message from Mrs Herrero

I can't wait for the Panto this evening. ("oh yes you can!") It has to be one of the best ways to begin a half term break. It's Thank you so much to all the staff, parents and members of the PTA who have put so much work and enthusiasm into this tremendous performance.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term as we start (in the midst of these rainy days) to see the hopeful signs of Spring.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to the following classes who had the highest attendance since the last newsletter;

EYFS and KS1 – Robins 98.3%

Lower KS2 – Llamas & Sharks 95.7%

Upper KS2 – Seahorses 98.6%



Important Attendance Information to all Parents

All unauthorised Leave of Absence requests and any other unauthorised absences will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council

Please also note medical evidence is required for us to be able to authorise absences due to illness of more than 4 days.

Sports Hall Athletics Competition

On Wednesday 4th February, our Year 6 athletics team took part in a competition against 8 other local primary schools. The event gave children the opportunity to compete against other athletes in a range of events including; relay, long distance, throwing and jumping events.

Once all of the results had been tallied, we came a very respectable 4th out of 9. Sports hall athletics is an excellent scheme of work that is very popular at secondary school. Therefore, to give the children this exposure at primary school can only be a good thing.



Squash taster session

On Friday morning, in their PE session, Year 6 had the opportunity to play some squash at Stratford Sports Club. Over the last few years, we have established excellent links with the sports club and this was another fantastic opportunity.

The children had a wonderful time playing a new sport, many of which seemed keen to continue this new interest. Many thanks to the sports club for accommodating us and providing us with a free 1 hour coaching session!



JUNIOR SQUASH PROGRAMME

SATURDAY'S

9.00-10.00 - BEGINNERS

10.00-11.00 - PROGRESSION

11.00-12.00 - INTERMEDIATE

12.00-13.00 - EXPERIENCED

ALL AGES WELCOME



TO BOOK OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:

01900 290000

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Boys Football

On Wednesday 11th Feb our boys football team competed in a fixture away at Alveston Primary School. With our Year 6 cohort away on Residential, this was a fantastic opportunity for our Year 5 boys to test themselves against a mixed 5/6 side.

After a fast start and some excellent progressive passing, we found ourselves into a decent lead. Continuing our fast start, we forced their goalkeeper into numerous excellent saves, whilst also burying some good chances. This resulted in a commanding 5-2 half time lead.

The second half was however a more even affair, and to our opponents credit they fought back well. Just when they were threatening to equalise, William scored a stunning free kick to keep Alveston at arms length. A nervy few final minutes and some resolute defending resulted in an excellently exciting 6-5 win. Well done to all of the boys involved for an entertaining evening of football



PRESCHOOL NEWS

A visit to the Forest School on Tuesday afternoon provided plenty of opportunity to find some minibeasts that were sheltering from the rain. Digging in the mud revealed quite a few worms too, and the Preschoolers were delighted with their finds!



RECEPTION NEWS

Reception have, once again, had a wonderfully busy few weeks!

The children have been enjoying Toast Fridays and taking part in exciting PE lessons to develop their coordination and teamwork skills.

In maths, we have been exploring 3D shapes as well as learning about length and height, comparing and measuring objects around the classroom.

We have also been practising our writing every day, working hard on forming our letters correctly and writing simple sentences.

In literacy, we had great fun making jam sandwiches to link with the book *The Giant Jam Sandwich*, carefully following instructions step by step.

Finally, a big thank you to Dentist Rosy, who visited us to talk about the importance of looking after our teeth and showed us how to keep our smiles healthy.



YEAR 1 NEWS

This week was National Storytelling Week and Year 6 got together as usual with their little reading buddies in Year 1 and took it in turns to read fabulous stories to each other. It was so lovely to hear our older children help the younger ones with mastering the words, it's so important that children read for pleasure and hear them laugh was magical!

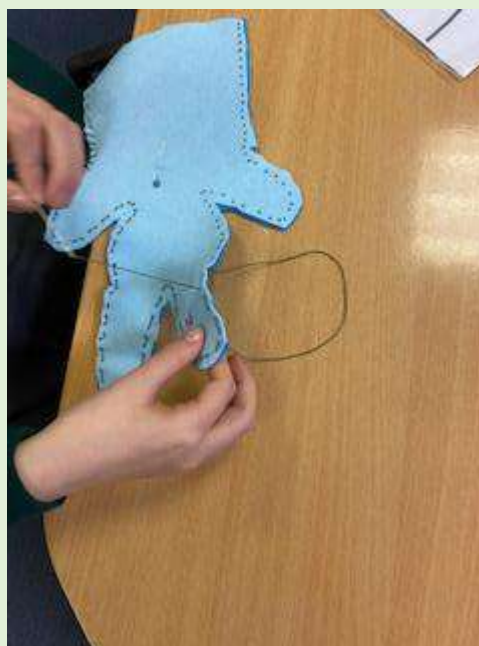
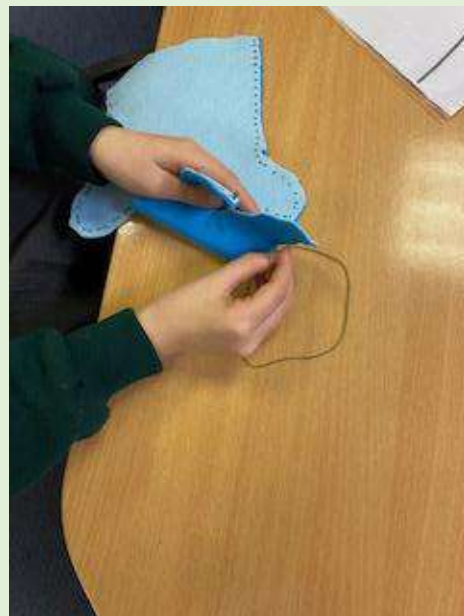
We all must encourage our children to read every day for many reasons including focus, creativity, and lifelong learning.

All children are entitled to a free library card and our local library on Henley Street offers many activities as well as fabulous free books such as rhyme time, Lego Club, sensory libraries plus craft sessions too.



YEAR 2 NEWS

Mrs Scott has been helping year 2 make their hand puppets. They were able to choose a teddy bear, rabbit, pixie or a ginger bread. They have to cut out the template and sew the pieces together then decorate their puppet with eyes, felt bits and lace. They will be doing this over the next few weeks.



YEAR 3 NEWS

In Year 3, we have been exploring what perimeter is. Did you know that the word perimeter comes from the Ancient Greek word peri, which means around, and metron, which means measurement.

It literally translates to the around measurement. That's why we used string to wrap around the outside of 2D-shapes in order to compare their perimeter and order them from smallest perimeter to largest perimeter.



YEARS 4 NEWS

Year 4 have been getting *hands-on and a little bit extraterrestrial* in DT this term.

They have been developing their sewing skills by designing and make their very own soft toy aliens. The children began by researching existing soft toys, carefully examining how they were constructed and which techniques had been used. Armed with this knowledge, they then designed their own alien creations.

From creating templates and cutting felt, to choosing and using a range of stitches they have learned, the pupils worked with real focus and resilience. Once sewn together, the aliens were stuffed, decorated and brought gloriously to life.

The results are wonderfully weird, full of personality and a real credit to the children's growing confidence and enjoyment in design and making. Year 4, you've proved there's life on other planets.... And it's very well stitched.



YEAR 5 NEWS

On Wednesday, Hummingbirds were very privileged to participate in an RSC workshop. The children were thespians for the afternoon, letting their creativity flow! They acted out words spoken by the monstrous Caliban in Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, the story of Prospero and his daughter Miranda who live on an island with his two servants Caliban and Ariel.

Thank you to Nandi and Sam from the Royal Shakespeare company who brought out the savage Caliban in our year 5's!

We are so lucky to be able to have these sessions in our school.



YEAR 6 NEWS

Year 6's Annual Residential Trip to Willersley Castle in Derbyshire

As you can see the children have been having a fabulous time! They have been axe throwing, cave exploring, zip wiring, abseiling, been on night time walks, fencing, shooting, tobogganing, archery and loads more!

Follow more of their exciting week on the Cormorants and Seahorse's X pages.
Looks amazing, well done Year 6!

We think you will definitely need half term to relax after all that excitement!
Lots of thanks to the staff for all their help and effort too, it is greatly appreciated!
Enjoy your half term break too!



GENERAL NEWS

Open The Book

Once again, our friends Open The Book visited school to bring biblical stories to life. This time the theme was peer pressure, and the children performed a short story called The Fiery Furnace story - three Hebrew officials who refused to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's golden idol in Babylon.

All the children love these interactive biblical stories and we are very privileged and happy to welcome the volunteers into our school.

Well done to all those that took part!



GENERAL NEWS

Valentines Days Special Menu

To celebrate Valentines Day, our kitchen provided a special menu consisting of cheese & tomato pizza parcel, veggie nuggets and heart shaped cookies. They even decorated the lunch hatch with heart shaped bunting.



World Book Day Special Menu

On Thursday 5th March, our kitchen team will be celebrating World Book Day with a special menu.

If your child would like to order a lunch from this menu, they are able to do this in class on the day as normal, the cost of the lunch remains the same. Please ensure there are enough funds on your Parentpay account to cover the cost of the lunch.

Children who have an allergy will choose their selected meal from the special diets menu but will still be able to join in all the celebrations.

No payment is required for reception, years 1 and 2 who are covered by the Universal free school meals and any child on free school meals.

WORLD BOOK DAY!

Thursday 5th March

Main 1
Wonka's Pork Sausage Roll

Main 2
Gruffalo Veggie Sausage Roll

Sides
Wonderful Wedges
BFG's Garden Veg
Bookmark Baked Beans

Dessert
Bruce Bogtrotter's Chocolate Cake!

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FOR BODY AND BRAIN



GENERAL NEWS

Pupil Achievement

Gracie in year 3 has currently raised £435 and has generously donated 9 inches of her hair to The Little Princess Trust. Gracie is aiming to reach £700, which covers the cost of making one wig for a child in need.

If you wish to contribute, please use the link below: https://fundraise.littleprincesses.org.uk/fundraising/jessica-amys-fundraising-page?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=dssb-EM&utm_content=MPC

Gracie's story truly inspires us all, and it's wonderful to see such generosity in action.



Support over half term

If your families need emergency food support over the Half Term break, you are able to use the Stratford Foodbank's 'Help through Hardship' phone line on 0808 208 2138. They will be able to raise a food voucher.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Cinderella

SOLD OUT

2026
Friday 13th - Sunday 15th
February

Tickets £6.00 each
Programme 50 pence

Tickets available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/willowsfriends

Thank you so much to everyone who has shown their support by buying tickets for the panto now sold out.

Thank you to Willows Friends for organising and for the school community for giving up so much of their time in preparation. We hope our audiences enjoy this coming weekend, hopefully having lots of fun.

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If you are unsure what to put in the bags
STOP AND THINK
WOULD YOU WEAR IT?

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date: **Thursday 12th March 2026**

Please remember - NO UNIFORM

DATES FOR THE DIARY

2026

13-15 February	Willows Friends Panto
25 February	Year 6 Parents evening 1.30 – 5pm
26 February	Year 6 Parents evening 4 – 6.30pm
16-20 February	Half Term
23 February	Return to school
2 March	Year 1 Phonics workshop - Turtles 9.30 – 10.30am
2 March	Year 1 Phonics workshop – Alpacas 2.15 – 3.15pm
5 March	World Book Day
5 March	World Book Day special menu
6 March	Year 1 Phonics workshop Alpacas 9.30 – 10.30am
6 March	Year 1 Phonics workshop Turtles 2.15 – 3.15pm
12 March	Rags to Riches clothing collection
16 March	Year 5 trip
24 March	Parents evening 4 – 7.30pm
25 March	Parents evening 4 – 6.30pm
30 Mar—10 Apr	Half term
13 April	Return to school
15 April	Reception trip
4 May	Bank Holiday—School closed
25-29 May	Half Term
1 June	Training Day—School closed
2 June	Return to school
15 June	Reception vision screening (details to follow)
17 July	Last day of school year
20 July	Teacher training day—school closed

Pancake Party

Tuesday 17th Feb 5pm
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**Homemade Pancakes
with sweet or savoury
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(Under 3's free)

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TIMES
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10:30 - 12:00 Ages 8-12

DATES
Tuesday 17th February,
Wednesday 18th February
Thursday 19th February

COST
Members: £8.00 per camp
Non Members: £10.00 per camp

BOOKINGS

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Growing up today brings more pressure and distraction than ever before. As parents, you want your child to feel confident, capable, and supported while learning how to navigate challenges, friendships, and expectations in a healthy way.

At **Matt Fiddes Martial Arts**, we provide a structured and supportive environment where children build confidence, discipline, and life skills while having fun and feeling part of a positive community.

We work closely with local schools and families to deliver a proven programme that supports both academic focus and personal development. Our curriculum is designed to complement your child's education and help them develop skills that carry through into everyday life.

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Through our classes, your child will:

- Build confidence and self belief
- Learn respect for themselves and others
- Improve focus, discipline, and behaviour
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- Build strength, coordination, and fitness
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- Enjoy learning in a positive, encouraging environment

Regular physical activity also plays a key role in supporting a child's health, energy, and emotional wellbeing. Our classes provide the right balance of structure, movement, and enjoyment.

All instructors are fully DBS checked and follow strict safeguarding procedures to ensure a safe and professional environment at all times.

We are currently running new beginner classes in the area, with limited places available. If you would like to give your child a confidence building experience that supports their development now and in the future, we would love to hear from you.

Matt Fiddes

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8th Degree Black Belt

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FAMILY CLASS
7+ YEARS / 18:00 - 19:00

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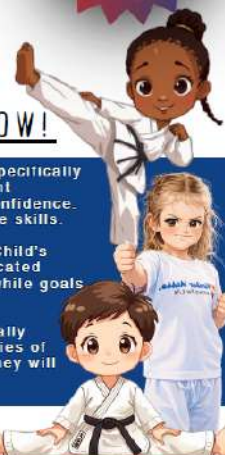
Our **FAMILY** programme works hand in hand with a Child's school work, providing many benefits. Through dedicated intense work our students are taught that all worthwhile goals in life are possible.

Our award winning children's programme is specifically designed to help teach children the important qualities of Respect, Discipline, Self control and Confidence. They will also learn great character and self-defence skills.

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Emilie Lauren Jones

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 **Weds 18th February**

 **11am-12pm for ages 4-11
1-2pm for ages 12-15**

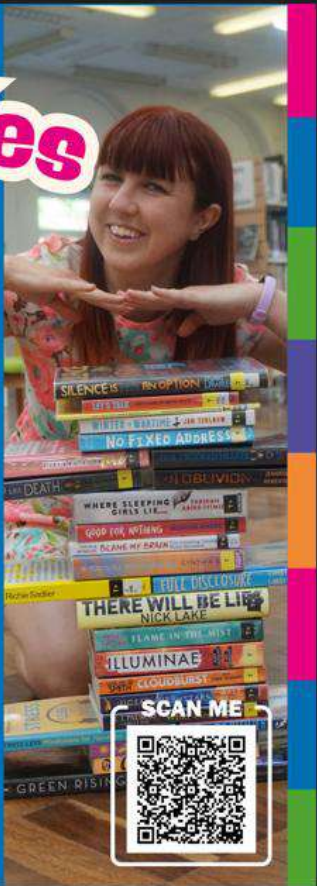
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a member of staff**



SCAN ME!



STRATFORD LIBRARY

OPEN MIC POETRY

Free!

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 13-17-YEARS-OLD **Thursday 19th February**

2pm - Free workshop with poet Emilie Lauren-Jones

3pm - Poetry Open Mic

Limited FREE lunches available - first come, first served

SCAN ME!



Family Cinema Screenings at The Bear Pit:

The Lion King (1994) - 22 February

All tickets £6 - <https://www.thebearpit.org.uk/whats-on/>

Theatre fans might be interested to know that Mr SK is directing a show at the local Bear Pit Theatre in March. Some adult themes make this comedy double-bill unsuitable for the children but parents looking for a fun night out, can buy a tickets here:

<https://www.thebearpit.org.uk/whats-on/white-liars-black-comedy/>

Black COMEDY

Secrets step into the light



Lies come out of the shadows

White LIARS

a comedy Double Bill
by Peter Shaffer