

NEWSLETTER

19 September 2025

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

Message from Mrs Herrero

Well, we have now completed three weeks of school and it hardly seems possible! The time is flying by so quickly and we want to make the most of every day. There are lots of things to look forward to. Holy Trinity Church will be holding their fete a week on Saturday and we will have our first festival of learning soon (date to be announced). We are already full for our first two open days for Reception Cohort 2026 and we are going to have to introduce new dates to keep up with the demand! I've just sent out a letter about our recent SIAMs Inspection Report. I'd like to remind you of the first paragraph,

'Holy Trinity is a passionately inclusive school where vision driven decision making is 'rooted in faith and love.' It is a safe refuge where aspirational hope empowers. Leaders have sensitively sought to understand the complex needs of their community, meeting them where they are.'

ATTENDANCE

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

EYFS and KS1—Meerkats 98.8%

Lower KS2 – Llamas 97.8%

Upper KS2 – Cormorants 96.8%



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.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Preschool update

Here is just a snapshot of some of the brilliant things our Preschoolers have been busy with since the beginning of term. The ever-changing weather has given us the opportunity to practise putting on our wellies and puddle suits so that we can enjoy the rain; and we have enjoyed observing how the wind makes things move. We also grabbed the chance to take the parachute outside - a first-time experience for some of our new Preschoolers!



CLASS NEWS

Reception learning

Our new Reception children have made a wonderful start to school life! They are already busy exploring their classrooms, joining in with activities and beginning their learning journeys with great enthusiasm.

It has been lovely to see them settling so quickly, making new friends and showing such curiosity and excitement each day. Well done to all the children in Robins and Sparrows.

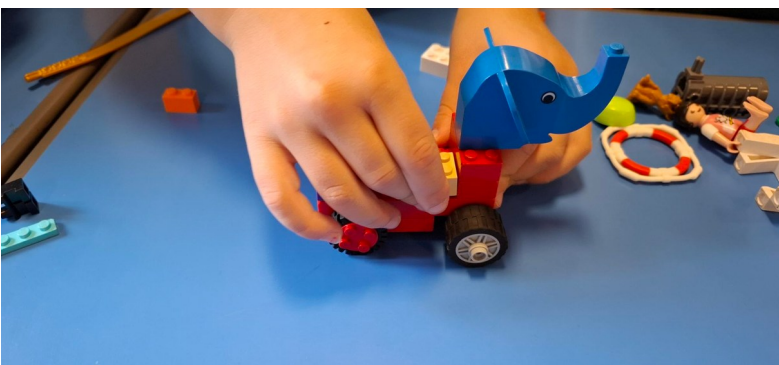
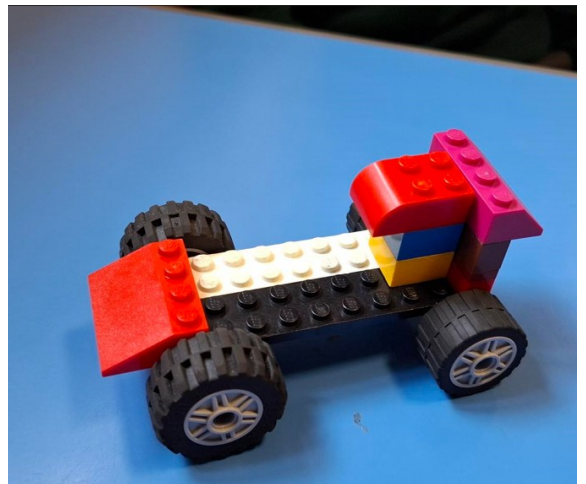
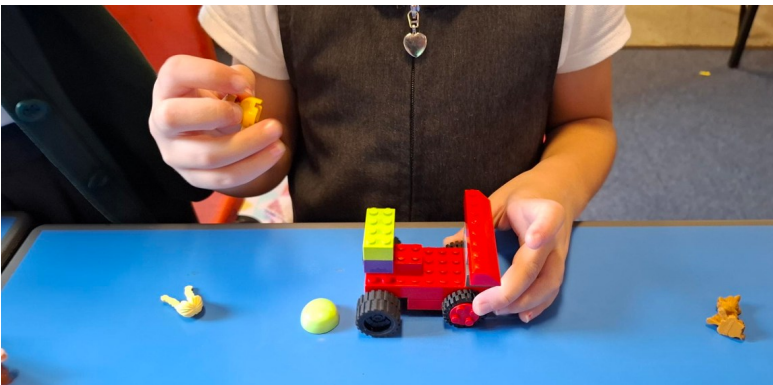
A big thank you to our PTA for funding some fantastic new classroom resources – the children have really enjoyed using them!



CLASS NEWS

Year 1 Learning

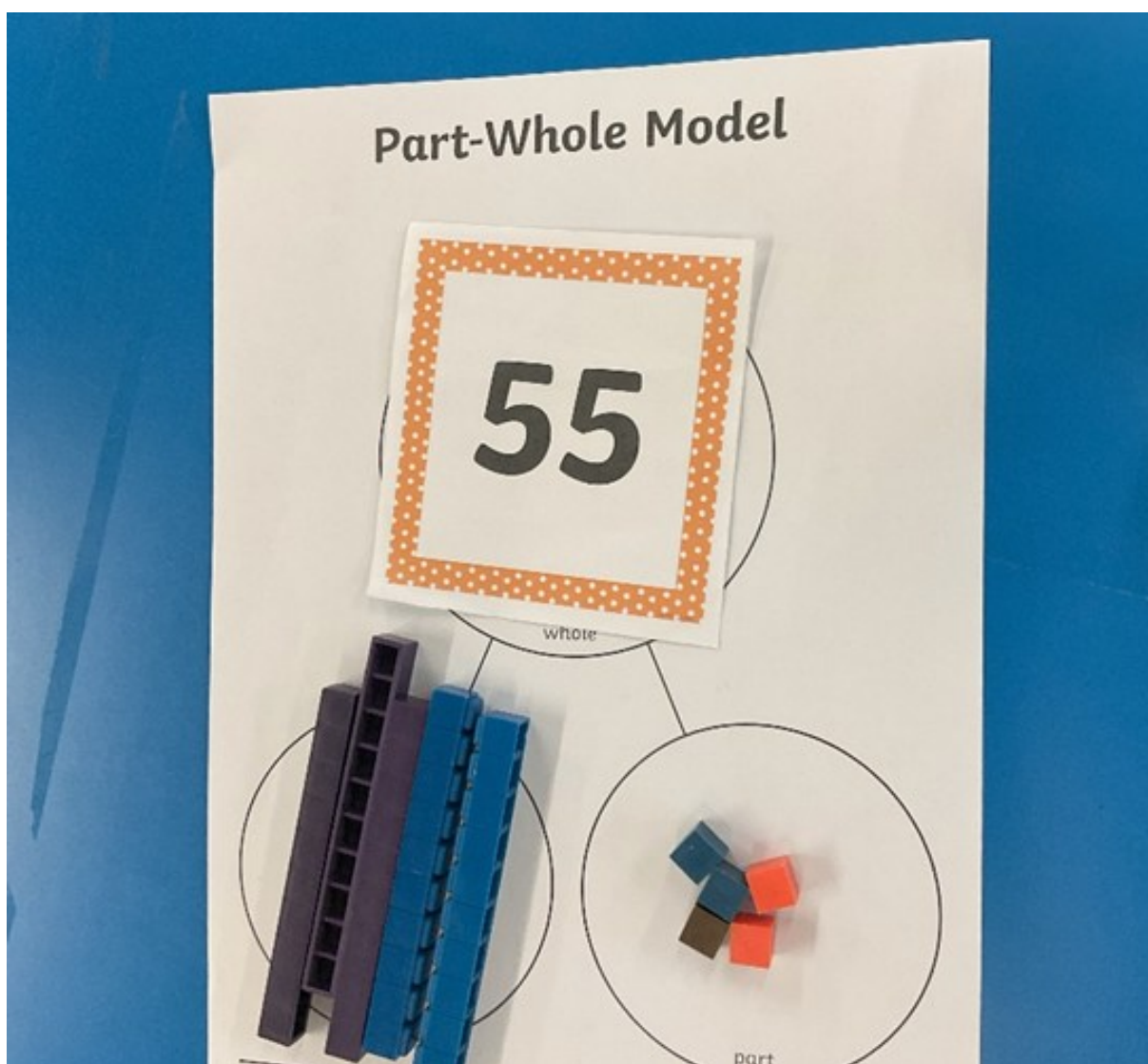
As part of our learning about the history of transport, Year 1 have been investigating how wheels and axles work. We worked together to make our own vehicles that would move when we pushed them. Investigating, experimenting and collaborating were all important as we worked to improve our vehicles. Well done Year 1.



CLASS NEWS

Year 2 Learning

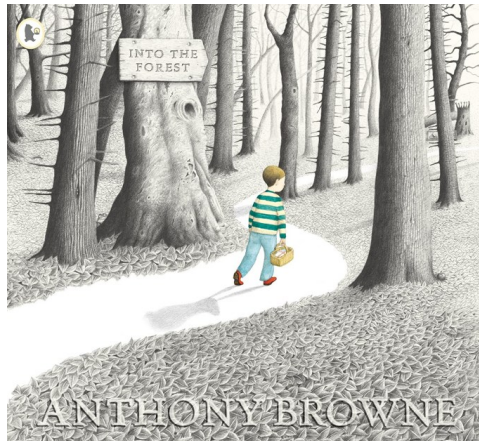
In year 2 there has been lots of place value happening. The children have explored partitioning tens and ones and then writing them in expanded form e.g., $55 = 50 + 5$



CLASS NEWS

Year 3 Learning

Year 3 has made an amazing start to their writing. Inspired by the opening of the book 'Into the Forest' by Anthony Browne, children wrote a diary entry about a thunderstorm. The powerful descriptions and incredible use of vocabulary truly blew us teachers away. A very promising start of what is sure to be a fantastic year of writing!



Dear Diary,

I had a frustrating night because I woke up to a big CRASH, BANG! It was very scary too. I was very really worried. It was a bang of thunder and a slash of lightning. The wind was howling the rain was tapping hard. It was all so exhausting. That was one of the worst nights ever in my life. It was hard to go back to sleep.

Dear diary,

Last night I woke up by a very Scary sound. The Storm is what I woke up from. there was hissing kind, flashing lightning and thunder. I was so Scared I got up and waited not to my dad's bed. I ^{thought} ^{someone} was going to get hurt out ^{outside} side, I closed my eyes hoping know one would get hurt. I was terrified. The dark clouds crashed. It went BOOM! It was so Scary I almost fainted I was even crying. Hopefully this never happens again heyhey.

Dear diary,

It was a frustrating night last night because I got woken up by a boom of thunder. Then shadows raced across my room. I knew what was coming next a big storm. I was right. The wind started to howl. I tucked under under my duvet my heart raced fast I was petrified. A spark of light thrashed through my room. The rain was dripping on the window. I really couldn't sleep. I was up all night. Oh it was bad. I had a terrifying rumble in the sky.

CLASS NEWS

Year 4—a Visit from Emperor Claudius!

This week, Year 4 were treated to a very special guest – none other than Emperor Claudius himself! He came to hear the Sharks and Llamas put forward their arguments about whether he should invade Britain. Both classes presented thoughtful, persuasive cases on both sides of the debate, and the Emperor listened carefully before reaching his decision.

A big thank you goes to Emperor Claudius (and his excellent booking agent, Steve Bizley) for bringing history to life in such a memorable way.



CLASS NEWS

Year 5 Learning

Year 5 had a fantastic time in their geography lesson last week, creating their very own water cycles in a bag. The children were able to see how evaporation, condensation, and precipitation work in action. It was good fun watching the mini water cycle form on the classroom windows.



CLASS NEWS

Year 6 Learning

In Geography, Year 6 have been preparing for their very important excursion to the nature reserve next week to participate in the Great UK WaterBlitz!

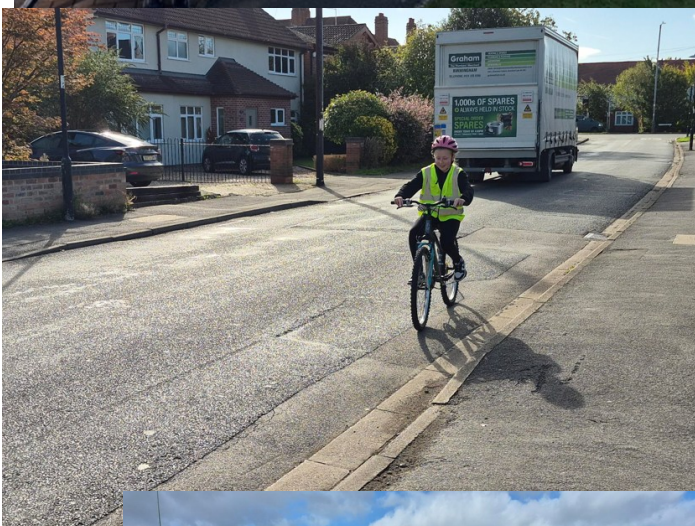
The children will be collecting samples of water from the river and testing the quality. This will help to manage and preserve our freshwater ecosystems. Our data will help build a robust dataset that will empower scientists, conservationists and policymakers to make informed decisions for a healthier freshwater future.



GENERAL NEWS

Year 6 Bikeability

This week gave year 6 children the chance to complete their level 2 bike ability award. Day 1, saw the children having their basic riding skills assessed on the junior playground before taking to the roads on days 2,3 & 4. The children spent the week learning various positions and manoeuvres in regards to how to navigate the roads safely whilst riding a bike. These skills would come in very handy if joining the upcoming Holy Trinity Bike Bus! A special thanks to the bike ability trainers who's delivery and rapport with the children was second to none. We also received wonderful feedback from them regarding our pupils behaviour and attitude so a fantastic week all round!



GENERAL NEWS

Welcome to new members of staff

In the school this term we have welcomed a new member of staff, Lauretta Redman who is our new Specialist SEND Teacher.



Reception 2026 Open Days

We will be holding our Open Days on 21st and 23rd October and 12th and 13th November at 9.45am.

Please contact the office on 01789 205811 to book a place

Class Email Addresses

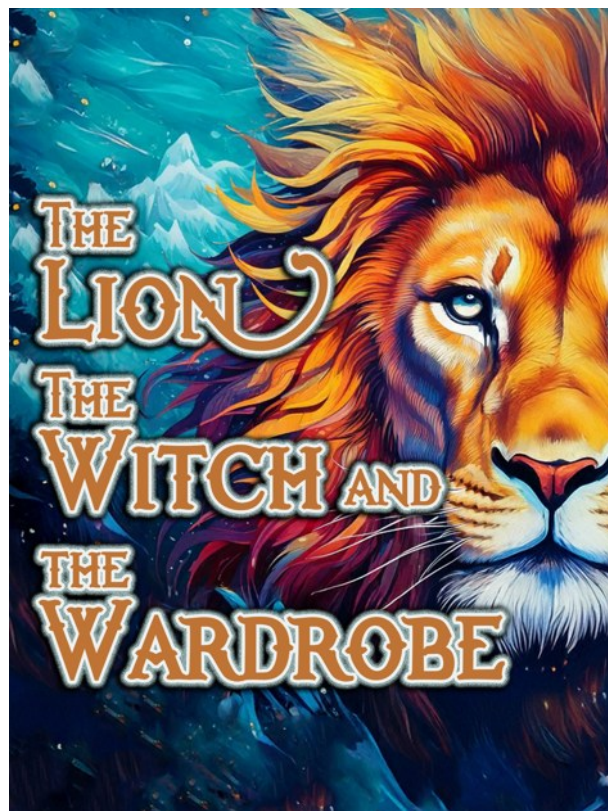
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GENERAL NEWS

Former Holy Trinity pupils **Hal Sandle-Keynes**, **Harry Sinclair** and **Alice Sedgwick** are starring in *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* at The Bear Pit Theatre from **5-14 December 2025**. Hal plays Edmund, Harry is Peter, and Alice appears in the ensemble. And our very own **Mr Frerichs** is Mr Tumnas!

This classic tale by C. S. Lewis (adapted by Adrian Mitchell) swirls us through winter's icy grip, magical wardrobes, talking beasts & the ultimate battle of good vs evil. It's perfect for all ages.

Tickets are selling fast — snag yours soon before they disappear! <https://www.thebearpit.org.uk/whats-on/the-lion-the-witch-and-the-wardrobe/>



Secondary School Applications

The application process to apply for a secondary school place is now open. If you have a year 6 child, the deadline is 31st October to make your application.

Please see link below for information:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/422/applying-for-a-secondary-school-place>



FUNDRAISING NEWS

Willows Friends

Message from Willows Friends:

Willows Friends would like to invite all parents to our AGM on Wednesday 15th October at 7.30 in the meeting room at school.

The AGM is an important opportunity to hear about the activities and achievements of The Willows Friends over the past year. To review how funds have been raised and used to benefit our children. Elect the committee for the year ahead and share ideas for events this year. We warmly encourage all parents and carers to attend.

Whether you would like a role on the committee, help out at events or simply learn about the Willows friends.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Warm regards The Willows Friends Team

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2025/26

2025

29 September	Reception workshops
1 October	Reception workshops
2 October	Reception workshops
10 October	Year 6 trip
15 October	Whole school photographs
15 October	Willows Friends AGM at 7.30am in meeting room at school
17 October	Year 5 trip
21 & 23 October	Reception 2026 Open mornings at 9.45am (Booking needed)
24 October	Year 4 trip
27-31 October	Half term—School closed
3 November	Return to school
12 & 13 November	Reception 2026 Open mornings at 9.45am (Booking needed)
22 Dec—2 Jan 2026	Half term—School closed

2026

5 January 2026	Training Day—School closed
6 January 2026	Return to school
9-3 February	Year 6 residential
16-20 February	Half Term
23 February	Return to school
30 Mar—10 Apr	Half term
13 April	Return to school
4 May	Bank Holiday—School closed
25-29 May	Half Term
1 June	Training Day—School closed
2 June	Return to school
17 July	Last day of school year
20 July	Teacher training day—school closed

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
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BUBBLE CHURCH

New Service beginning
Sunday 21st September
9 am Holy Trinity Parish Centre
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COMMUNITY NEWS



FRIENDS OF THOMAS JOLYFFE

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Having a clear out this summer?
Book your selling pitch at FTJ's September car boot
on the **Thomas Jolyffe school grounds**.

Sellers - Pay a pitch fee of **£10** and keep 100% of your sales.
Buyers - **£1** entry on the door. **50p** for children. Under 2's go free.
This will be a public event open to all local residents.
Refreshments will be available to purchase on the day.



COMMUNITY NEWS





Warwickshire Family and Relationship Support

NURTURE 10 WEEK PROGRAMME

FOR PARENTS/ CARERS WITH CHILDREN AGE 0-12

Every Thursday
25th September-
11th December
2025

12:45 - 14:45

Tudor Grange Primary Academy
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Please note we are unable to accommodate children during these sessions.
For further information about this programme please email
ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk



- Gain confidence and develop insight by understanding why children behave as they do
- Recognising the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)
- Explore different positive parenting strategies to help guide behaviours
- Find different ways to develop co-operation and emotional regulation in children
- Learn the importance of looking after ourselves as parents and carers.

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Saturday morning classes - starting 13th September 2025

Violin and Musicianship - Stage 1 - NEW class open for booking
09:00am - 09:45am Suitable for children aged 5-7 who are new to the violin.

Violin and Musicianship - Stage 2 - Limited spaces remaining
09:45am - 10:30am Suitable for children aged 6-8 who have been learning the violin for a year.

Violin and Musicianship - Stage 3 - Limited spaces remaining
10:30am - 11:15am Suitable for children aged 7-9 who have been learning the violin for two years.

Violin and Musicianship - Stage 4 - Limited spaces remaining
11:15am - 12:00 noon Suitable for children aged 8-10 who have been learning the violin for three years.

Barbara O'Reilly, BMus, MMus, PGDip
Barbara has worked for the last 20+ years in the Midlands performing with groups and orchestras, whilst teaching at schools across Warwickshire. For the past 8 years she has been Head of Strings at the Kingsley School in Leamington Spa.



Book your space today:
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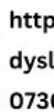


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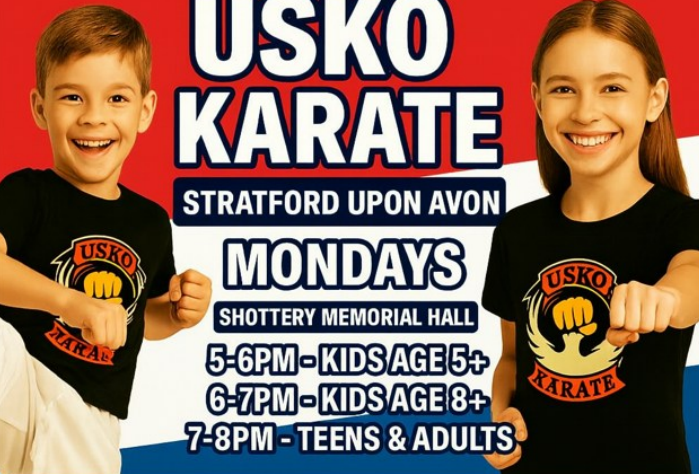


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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Events for Families

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or online at stratlitfest.co.uk

All ticket prices include a booking fee

Please note:

Adults are also expected to buy a ticket to events unless otherwise stated.

Thursday 30th Oct

Maz Evans
The Last Bard

£8.55 | 10.30am | Age 8+



Will is the last descendant of William Shakespeare, and he's accidentally summoned his characters to help with some neighbourly troubles. Comedy, tragedy, history: Will's world has it all... the superstar author Maz Evans is back with a new standalone story. Join her and find out more!

The Last Bard
Get Writing Workshop!

£10.69 | 2pm | Age 8+

Join Maz – the bestselling author of *Who Let the Gods Out* and new book *The Last Bard* – in an inspiring workshop for young writers. Dive into Shakespeare's wacky world and find out how to tell your story in five easy acts. Plus hear Maz read a snippet from her brand new story.

Thursday 30th Oct

Cat Weatherill
A Visit from Mother Goose

FREE | 2pm | Age 3+



Fire imaginations and get creative with a joyous introduction to the traditional fairy tale character of Mother Goose. Presented by storyteller Cat Weatherill, this hugely entertaining session will feature stories, nursery rhymes and puppets.

Please note that this event is at Stratford Library!



Friday 31st Oct

Ursula Jeakins
Craft Workshop:
Stationery and Bookmaking
£16.04 | 2-4pm | Age 11+*

Make your own stunning notebooks and stationery using bookbinding techniques under the expert guidance of Ursula Jeakins. There'll be take-home kits available for purchase. Please note: sharp craft knives are used at this workshop. Instruction will be given but participants use them at their own risk.

Ticket prices includes all materials



*Young people under 14 years can attend alone but a contact number for a responsible adult must be left. The Festival cannot be responsible for their care.

Saturday 1st November

Sammie Horton and Playbox

Spooky Halloween Theatre Workshop

£8.55 | 10.30am-12pm | Age 7+



Join the brilliant Playbox Theatre for an imaginative and action-packed workshop! Dive into spooky stories and ghostly tales through a blend of mime, movement, role play, and improvisation. This 90-minute session is perfect for boosting imagination, confidence, and creative energy.

Saturday 1st November

Spooky Drop In and Do
Spooooky Halloween

FREE | 11am-12.30pm | Age 4-11



Join Becci Smith and get crafty with us this Halloween! With malevolent masks, petrifying puppets and creepy colouring to choose from. Drop in... if you dare!



Saturday 1st November

Thiago de Moraes
Comic Workshop

£10.69 | 12.30pm OR 2.30pm | Age 7+

In partnership with *The Phoenix* comic, join the brilliant comic illustrator as he shows you how to create your own characters so you can start to make your own characters and stories for your own comic.



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Saturday 1st November

Sara Johnson
Children's Facepainting

FREE | 11am-12.30pm | Age 3+



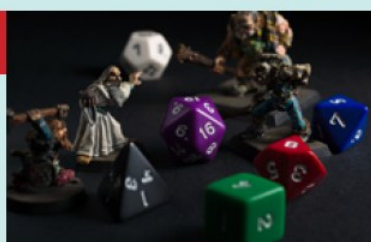
Sara Johnson will transform you into something ghoulish and ghastly to terrify friends and family!

Saturday 1st November

Gaming Event

£10.69 | 5pm-6.30pm | Age 11-16*

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