

NEWSLETTER

21 November 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

As we nearing advent, we are already starting to prepare for Christmas.

The hall is ringing out with joyful songs celebrating the birth of baby Jesus and all classes are getting ready for their special Christmas events. It really is a special time at Holy Trinity, where we also celebrate the connection between school and the church that founded us two hundred years ago.

Thank you very much for sending in money for sponsored bounce. Thank you too to our fantastic PTA led by the indefatigable Wiz. Our PTA never fails to plan exciting events for our children which raise lots of money and make a big difference to our school.

ATTENDANCE

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

EYFS and KS1— Sparrow 99.3%

Lower KS2 – Alligators 96.7%

Upper KS2 – Seahorses 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

The Preschoolers have been working on a new collaborative art project this week, working together to decorate a big branch that we hope to display in the Preschool once it is finished. The children's concentration whilst working on this has been fantastic to see!



CLASS NEWS

Reception learning

Reception have been enjoying their new topic of Sparkle and Shine. Last week we thought about Remembrance Day and made some lovely poppies to go in our beautiful Reflection Garden.

Our super Year 6 children helped us to enjoy a fantastic afternoon of fun for Children In Need, we enjoyed playing the games they made and loved getting our faces painted and having glitter tattoos!



CLASS NEWS

Year 1 Trip to British Motor Museum



Year 1 had a fabulous day at 'The British Motor Museum' We built a Lego car and tried rolling it on different surfaces. We explored a car that was cut in half and we travelled on a bus that was 100 years old!



CLASS NEWS

Year 2 Learning



*Year 2 were doing
some lovely body
shapes, as part of
their gymnastics.*

CLASS NEWS

Year 4—A Roman Battle to Remember!

Two weeks ago, our Year 4 classes transformed the school field into an ancient battleground as they went head-to-head in an exciting Roman-themed showdown! The Sharks faced off against the Llamas on a gloriously muddy field, proudly wielding the detailed shields they spent the first half of the term designing and crafting.

As part of our History unit on the Romans, pupils have been learning all about Roman life, including famous battle formations such as the tortoise formation and other defence techniques. This battle was the perfect chance to put their new knowledge - and their handmade shields - to the test!

The children showed fantastic teamwork, creativity and enthusiasm, bringing history to life in the most memorable (and muddiest) way. A huge well done to all our brave legionaries!



CLASS NEWS

Year 5 Learning

Year 5 have been investigating gravity. We made a hypothesis about whether a bottle with more mass would fall more quickly than a bottle with less mass. During our investigation, we explored how gravity acts on objects. We found no clear difference when dropping the two bottles because, if objects have the same shape, their mass does not affect how fast they fall!

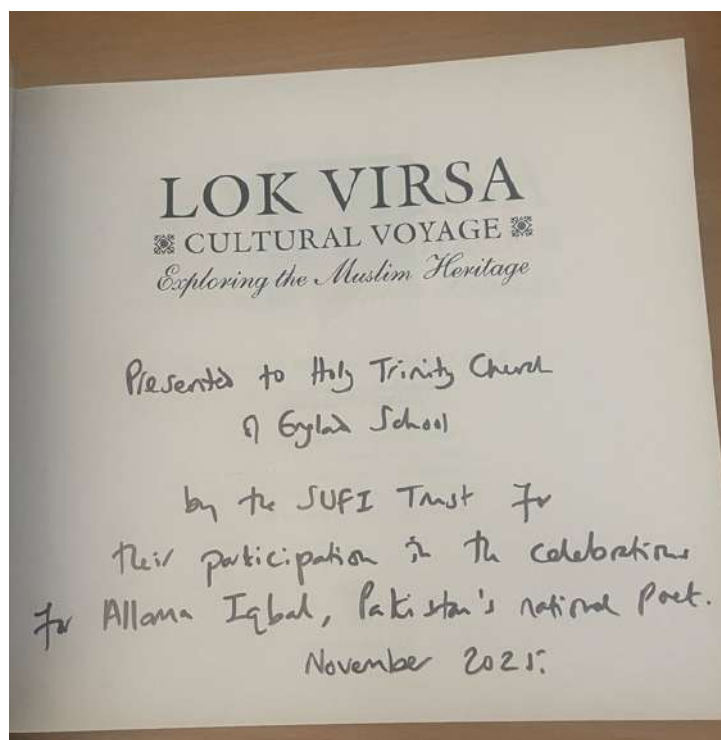


CLASS NEWS

Year 6

Further to Gemma and Sophia's pupil achievement, Mr Paul Edmondson, Head of Research and Knowledge from the Birthplace came into school and presented the girls with a certificate of thanks for their contribution, celebrating the poetic compositions of Mr Muhammad Iqbal. He also gifted Miss Castle and Miss Smith Lok Virsa, a book exploring Muslim Heritage which will be displayed on our RE table.

Mr Edmondson has also given our year 6 pupils the opportunity to write a poem about the women in Shakespeare's life. If successful, their poems could be published in a book which will be displayed at The Birthplace. The children are very excited about being potential published authors!



GENERAL NEWS

Remembrance Sunday

Thank you so much to the members of our school community who represented Holy Trinity Primary School at this year's Remembrance Service. Their behaviour and the respect shown was impeccable



GENERAL NEWS

Children in Need

Last Friday was Children in Need and once again our hard working year 6's organised lots of fabulous, fun activities for the rest of the school to enjoy. Along with guess the name of the teddy, glitter tattoos, Pudsey nerf gun Alley and beat the goalie donkey, everyone had a fabulous afternoon of fun for such a good cause!

Many thanks to our year 6's and their families for all their donations and help.

A massive thanks to all who donated - a total of £620 was raised!

But it's not too late to donate if you wish, last date is 12th December.



GENERAL NEWS

Singing Group—Christmas Lights switch on

The Holy Trinity Singing Group ventured into town to spread some Christmas cheer last Saturday.

As part of the Lighting of the Lights celebrations, they donned the stage in their festive get-ups and sung their hearts out.

Judging by the enthusiasm of the crowd that gathered around them, they succeeded in starting off the festive season in style.

Best of all, as soon as the children entered the stage, a very special guest arrived! Giving our children the best view of Father Christmas' arrival.

If you missed out on these amazing singers and their Christmas cheer, fear not. The Holy Trinity Singers will be back on stage at the Christmas Market on Sunday 30 November 10.30am and Sunday 7 December 10.15am.

We hope to see you there.



GENERAL NEWS

World Kindness Day

Our kitchen team celebrated World Kindness Day on Thursday 13th November with a special menu and invited the children to write an act of kindness on a piece of card. These were then displayed on the wall for all the children to see.



GENERAL NEWS

Shoeboxes

A message from Mrs De-Hoest:

An enormous thank you to everyone who made a shoebox or contributed items to the Amen Trust 2025 appeal. Your contributions have made 36 family shoeboxes which will be distributed to children who have very little. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.



The Bicycle Bus

We have exciting news from the Holy Trinity Bicycle Bus who appeared on LBC Radio earlier this week. Along with one of our parents, we're particularly excited that one of our pupils featured and we're all really proud of how well Orla in year two spoke.

[Listen here](#) from 1 hour 35 minutes in and for further information in getting involved, please email simon@thebicyclebus.co.uk



GENERAL NEWS

Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 17th December, our kitchen team are providing a Christmas menu. Willows Friends will be providing crackers and Christmas music will be playing to make it a really festive occasion. If your child has a packed lunch, they will still be able to join in. They will also be providing different festive menus each day on the final week of term, more details to follow nearer the time.

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.

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.

If your child has an allergy, they are able to choose either roast chicken or jacket potato on Wednesday 17th November but for the rest of that week they will choose from their Special Diets Menu.





SEND Coffee & Chat

Friday 28th November

9:10-10:10am



Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice (WPCV) is partnering with your school to improve school experiences for children with SEND.

We'd love to hear from you!

**Can't make it to the Coffee & Chat, but want to know more?
PINS@warwickshireparentcarervoice.org**

**Holy Trinity C of E Primary School
The Willows North
Stratford-upon-Avon
Warwickshire CV37 9QN**



Save the Children

Christmas Jumper Day



Be part of it!

Where Holy Trinity C of E Primary School

When 11 December 2025

Other details



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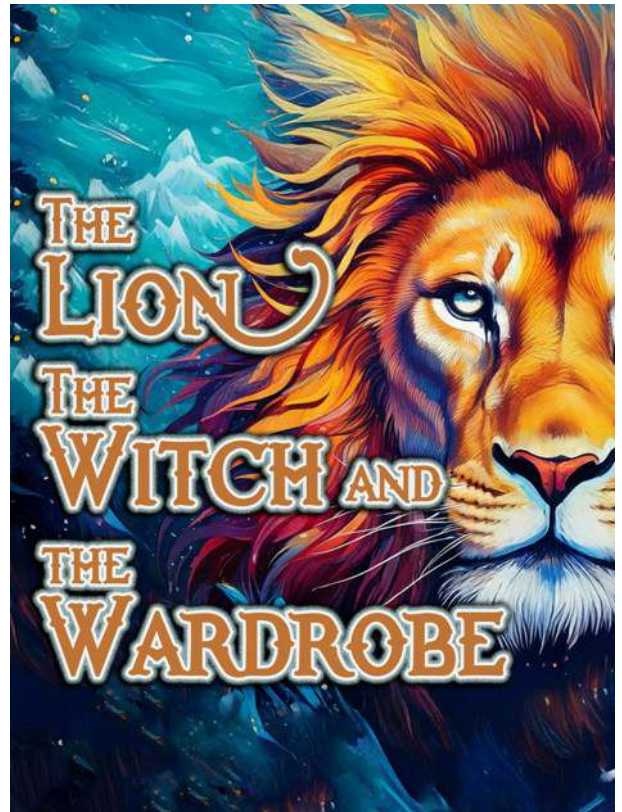
Save the Children Fund is a charity registered in England & Wales (133400), Scotland (SC039572) and Isle of Man (1191)

GENERAL NEWS

Former Holy Trinity pupils **Hal Sandle-Keynes, Harry Sinclair, Alice Sedgwick and Eva Mason** 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->



Bear Pit Community Cinema presents:

 **Elf**

 **Sunday 21 December 2025 · 5 pm (with activities from 4pm) · £6**

Celebrate Christmas the Buddy way! Will Ferrell stars in this modern festive favourite as a human raised by elves who brings his unstoppable cheer to New York City. With snowball fights, syrup-topped spaghetti, and endless Christmas spirit, *Elf* is pure joy from start to finish.

Come early from 4 pm for children's activities, crafts and a special visit from Father Christmas himself - straight from Narnia!

GENERAL NEWS

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court 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 the parents' 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 [ie 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. 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.

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GENERAL NEWS

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 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.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Willows Friends Sponsored Bounce

Willows Friends organised a sponsored bounce on Thursday for our pre-school and infant children. Mrs Longford and all the children had a lovely time! Thank you to Willows Friends and all the volunteers who kindly gave up their time to help.

Please send in your sponsorship money and forms by Monday 24th November. Please tick the gift aid box and fill in your details



FAMILY BINGO

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
DOORS OPEN AND FOOD SERVED AT 6:00 PM
EYES DOWN 6:30 PM

COME AND JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FAMILY BINGO TO WIN PRIZES!
CATCHY FISH WILL BE SERVING LOADED FRIES(PRE ORDER)
REFRESHMENTS AND LICENSED BAR WITH SNACKS

GET A TABLE OF UP TO 6 TOGETHER FOR £15
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STOP AND THINK
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Please use the clothing bag provided.
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Collection Date: _____

Please remember - NO UNIFORM





DATES FOR THE DIARY 2025/26

2025

21 November	Willows Friends Family Bingo
24 November	Whole school immunisations
26 November	Rags to Riches clothing collection
28 November	SEND Coffee & Chat run by PINS @ 9.10am
30 November	Singing Group at Christmas Market @ 10.30am
4 December	Year 2 trip
7 December	Singing Group at Christmas Market @ 10.15am
9 December	Years 3 & 4 Church service @ 2pm
11 December	Years 5 & 6 Church Service @ 6pm (arrive @ 5.30pm)
11 December	Christmas Jumper Day
12 December	EYFS Nativity at 9.30am
15 December	KS1 Nativity (Years 1 & 2) - 2 performances at 9.30am & 2.30pm
15 December	Reception trip
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
13-15 February	Willows Friends Panto
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

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2025

*"The light shines in the darkness
and the darkness did not overcome it"*

SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER

Advent Service of Light: 5pm

SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER

Christingle: 5pm

SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER

Christmas Bubble Church,
Parish Centre: 9am

Quiet Christmas Service: 5pm

Christmas Presence: 7pm

TUESDAY 23rd DECEMBER

Lessons and Carols: 7pm

**WEDNESDAY 24th
CHRISTMAS EVE**

Walk-through Carol Service:
3.15pm – 5pm

Midnight Mass: 11.30pm

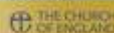
**THURSDAY 25th
CHRISTMAS DAY**

Holy Communion: 8am

Parish Eucharist for all ages: 10am

*"Today in the town of David a Saviour
has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord"*

Lives changed through God's love



HOLY TRINITY
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Christingle Service

**Sun 14th Dec
5pm**

All Welcome



An informal service, in Holy Trinity church,
with a free Christingle for every child.

A great way to get into the Christmas spirit
and support the work of the charity

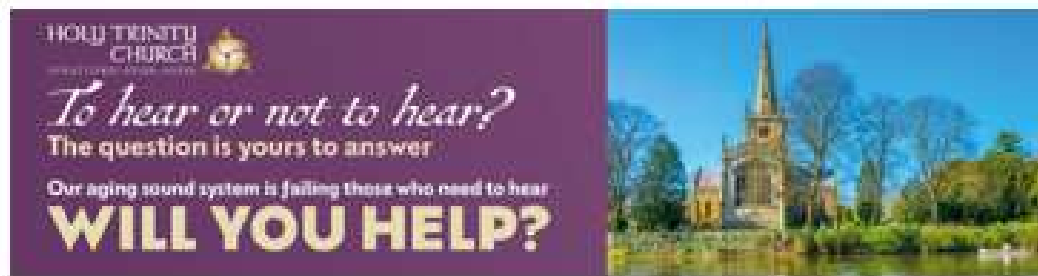
The Children's Society!

Service lasts about 45 minutes.

The
Children's
Society

Lives changed through God's love





Reading from the Eagle Lectern.

Saturday 22nd November 10.00am to 3.45pm

You may have heard that an opportunity is being given to people, young and not so young, to stand at the lectern in Holy Trinity and read a brief extract from the Bible.

The extract itself is your choice, as is the translation of the Bible you use, and should be between three and five minutes.

(You probably need to practise a little before you come, and you will find it easier if you bring your own Bible or a written copy of your chosen piece, as translations vary.)

This event is taking place as part of an **enormous** fund-raising activity. We need £65,000 to replace the sound system in the church -- you may have seen the leaflets about this appeal.

We are just asking you to [make a donation](#)
(£3 if you are under 17, £5 if you are 17 or over,
but you can of course donate more if you wish!)

This is your chance to be involved in a small way, so that when the new system is in place, you know you contributed to the new equipment being used throughout the church, including from the lectern where *you* read.
(Under 17s will receive a certificate as a memento of their efforts.)

In order to prevent you having to wait around for your turn, you are advised to book a [five minute](#) time slot, between 10.00 and 3.45, emailing your name and preferred time option to pat@friday.spacomputers.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas Holiday Club



22ND & 23RD DECEMBER

9.00AM UNTIL 3.30PM

AGES 5-13

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22ND & 23RD DECEMBER

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Merry Christmas!

December Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

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Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm

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COMMUNITY NEWS



CAROLS AT WARWICK CASTLE

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SING ALONG TO FESTIVE CAROLS WITH THE CHOIR OF ST MARY'S,
ACCOMPANIED BY THE FANTASTIC ROYAL SPA BRASS

SAT 20.12.2025 GATES OPEN **6.30 - 9 PM**

EVENT LOCATION:
WARWICK CASTLE
WARWICK, WARWICKSHIRE, CV34 6AH

TICKET PRICES: **£10** ADULT, **£5** CHILD

FOR MORE EVENT INFO AND TICKETS VISIT: WWW.CAROLSWARWICK.ORG.UK @CAROLSWARWICKCASTLE



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JAM CODING
COMPUTER WORKSHOPS

23rd December
9am to 3.30pm

Join our Christmas STEM Workshop:
Create Magic with Code & 3D Printing!

Learn 3D Printing
MINECRAFT PROGRAMMING
MINECRAFT EDUCATION EDITION
Code2D and 3D Games

CHRISTMAS 3D PRINT & CODE CLUB

With a healthy balance of on-screen and off-screen time, in this festive and fun hands-on workshop children will design and 3D-print their own Christmas decoration and learn how to code a platform game filled with Christmas magic!

Building real STEM skills along the way!

FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 - 11
All abilities welcome!

VENUE:
Bishopton Community Centre, Drayton Ave,
Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 9PB

FOR CLUB INFO & TO BOOK
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JAM CODING
COMPUTER WORKSHOPS

BOOK A PLACE

A packed lunch is required.

INFORMATION

Help your child build future-ready digital skills in a fun and creative way.

At our Jam Coding Christmas Club, your child will start by learning about 3D printing. They will design their own Christmas decoration and explore coding. They'll also learn how to code inside Minecraft Education to build their very own Winter Wonderland. The day is balanced with plenty of off-screen games, teamwork, and supervised play. Every child will receive a certificate, a medal and their 3D print!

They'll learn new skills, build confidence and make new friends. All while having so much fun they'll hardly realise they're learning! You might even get a bit of uninterrupted Christmas shopping done...

£57 per child (one-day workshop)

To discover all of the details, and secure your child's place, scan the QR code or click the link!
[Click here to book.](#)

Discounts!
Sibling Discounts: 10% for Siblings.

VENUE

Bishopton Community Centre
Drayton Ave, Stratford-upon-Avon,
Warwickshire, CV37 9PB
23rd December, 9.00am to 3.30pm
For Children aged 5 - 11

* Each child will be entered into the prize draw for a chance to win a Minecraft light up torch!

WIN!
Minecraft Light-Up Torch

"My son has used Jam Coding for both after school club as well as a holiday club. He enjoys it so much that he opted to go to the club on his birthday rather than go for pizza!"
K Bull, Parent

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