

NEWSLETTER

22nd May 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

Well how wonderful! It looks like we are going to have a week of beautiful sun. I cannot believe we will only have one half term left and then we have completed another academic year!

We are looking forward to the Summer Fayre and we are also looking forward to a summer celebration for the whole school in July – look out for more information.

ATTENDANCE

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

EYFS and KS1 – Puffins 98.2%

Lower KS2 – Alligators 98.4%

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 NEWS

On Friday 8th May, eight children from Year 5 had the opportunity to attend the Warwick Foundation Cricket Workshop and Tournament at King's High School in Warwick. They began by learning a variety of cricket skills before taking part in a mini tournament involving six teams, where they were able to put their new skills into practice.

The children were a credit to our school and played exceptionally well, demonstrating excellent teamwork to come 2nd in their group. Overall, they finished an impressive 5th out of 18 schools!



PRESCHOOL NEWS

This week, we have had a nursery rhyme focus in Preschool. Nursery rhymes are extremely valuable to support early language and communication development, build confidence and prepare children for reading and writing as they get older. As well as learning to sing many different rhymes this week, the children loved helping to make a giant Incy Wincy spider for the garden!



RECEPTION NEWS

Sparrows class

Sparrows have thoroughly enjoyed spending time with their Year 5 reading friends from Hummingbirds. It has been lovely to watch the children begin to build new friendships and grow in confidence together. The Hummingbirds children have been fantastic role models for our Reception children, showing kindness, patience and encouragement during their shared reading sessions.

We were also delighted to find a break in the weather that was calm enough for us to release our butterflies outdoors. The children have loved observing the caterpillars change and grow and it has been a wonderful opportunity to explore the butterfly life cycle up close. There was great excitement as we finally watched them flutter away into the sunshine!

It is clear that our Sparrows enjoy keeping busy both in and out of school. We have been so proud to hear about the resilience and determination shown by many of the children who have been taking part in junior parkrun on Sunday mornings. What a fantastic achievement — well done, Sparrows!

Thank you very much for your kind donations of soil. It is very much appreciated. We have been making lovely progress with tidying up and reorganising our outdoor area. If anyone else has any soil contributions, we would be very grateful



RECEPTION NEWS

Robins class

Robins were super excited to release our four beautiful butterflies outdoors this week. The children have loved learning about butterflies this term. They have enjoyed observing the caterpillars change and grow over the last few weeks. We were in awe watching them flutter away!

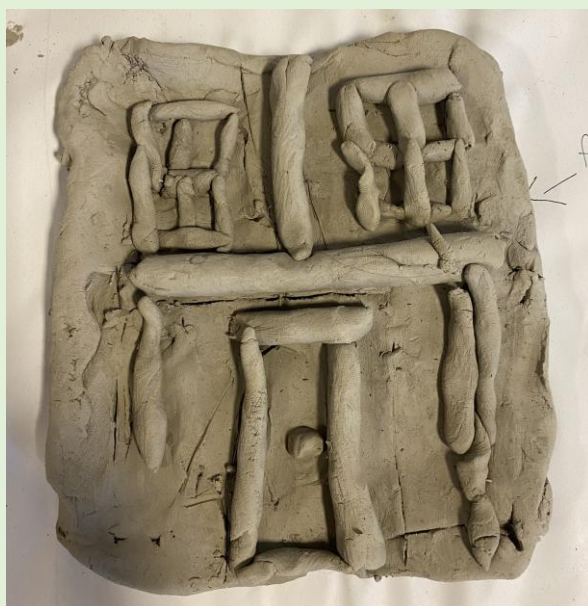
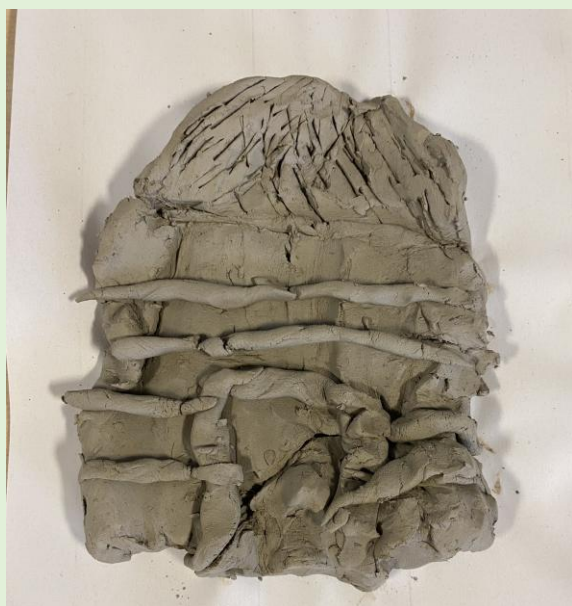
The Robins have had a fabulous half term and worked really hard to earn their 10 class reward points. We have enjoyed celebrating in our pyjamas!

Well done, Robins!



YEAR 1 NEWS

Year One have been busy designing and making a Tudor house clay tile. We looked carefully at the features of Tudor houses and then made a clay tile. We added features such as beams, a thatched roof, windows and doors. We then painted them. We think they look great!



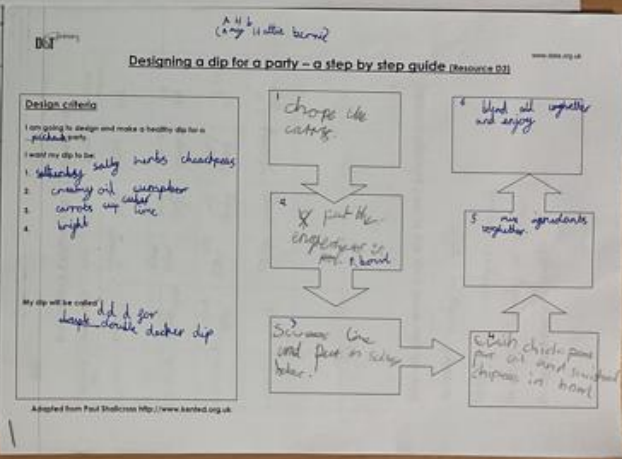
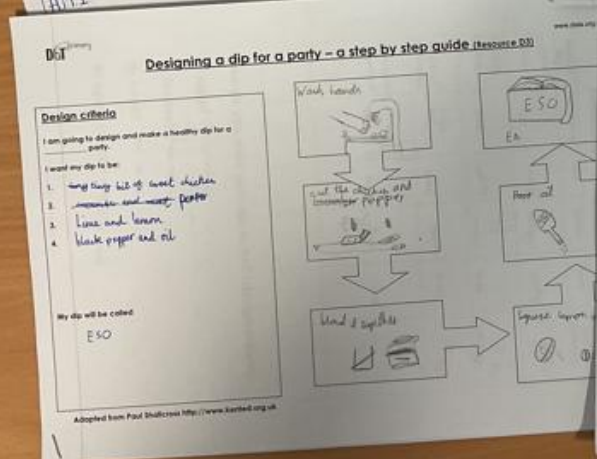
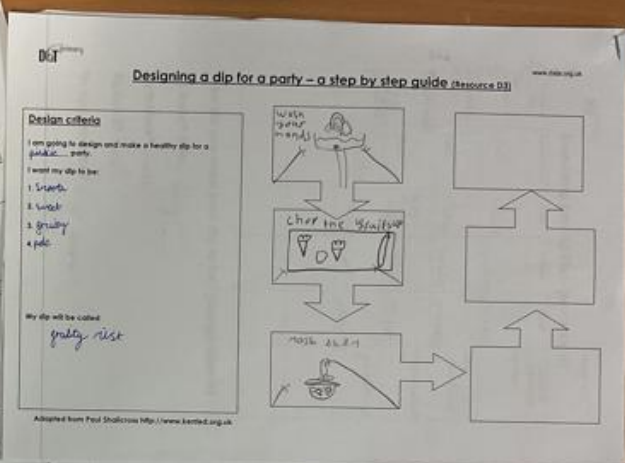
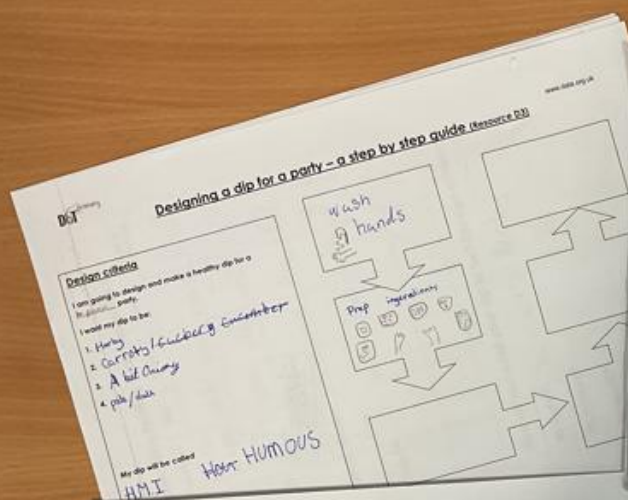
YEAR 2 NEWS

For our Art (3D form), Year 2 have been learning all about clay, where it comes from and what it is used for. We have had lots of fun exploring how the clay can be moulded into shapes and creations of our choosing. The children have made woodland creatures (see below). The inspiration came from the artist Nick Parks, creator of Wallace and Gromit.



YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 is preparing for a half term picnic. As part of our food technology, children are making their own dips. Because what is a picnic without dips? Having sampled some dips, children have gotten together in groups to design and plan their own dips. Looking at these, we're very exciting for the picnic ahead.



YEARS 4 NEWS

Last week, Year 4 enjoyed the now legendary Pizza Day, which is fast becoming one of our favourite annual traditions.

The children rolled up their sleeves and got stuck into the full pizza-making process: mixing and kneading their dough, stretching it into shape, adding their toppings, cooking it and, most importantly, eating it. Bellissimo! There was flour, there was excitement and there were some very proud pizza chefs by the end of the day.

They also looked the part in their fabulous new, brightly coloured chef hats and aprons, kindly donated by Willows Friends. These will now be available for other classes to use too, so the joy of looking like a proper chef can live on.

The children decorated their own pizza boxes, also provided by Willows Friends, ready to transport their masterpieces home in style. In reality, every pizza was eaten straight from the box almost immediately (mamma mia, they didn't hang about), so the beautifully decorated empty boxes went home instead. Still, that's amore.

A huge thank you to Morrisons Supermarket for generously donating some of the ingredients for the day. It made a brilliant practical learning experience possible and gave the children a delicious memory to take away with them. Buon appetito!



YEAR 5 NEWS

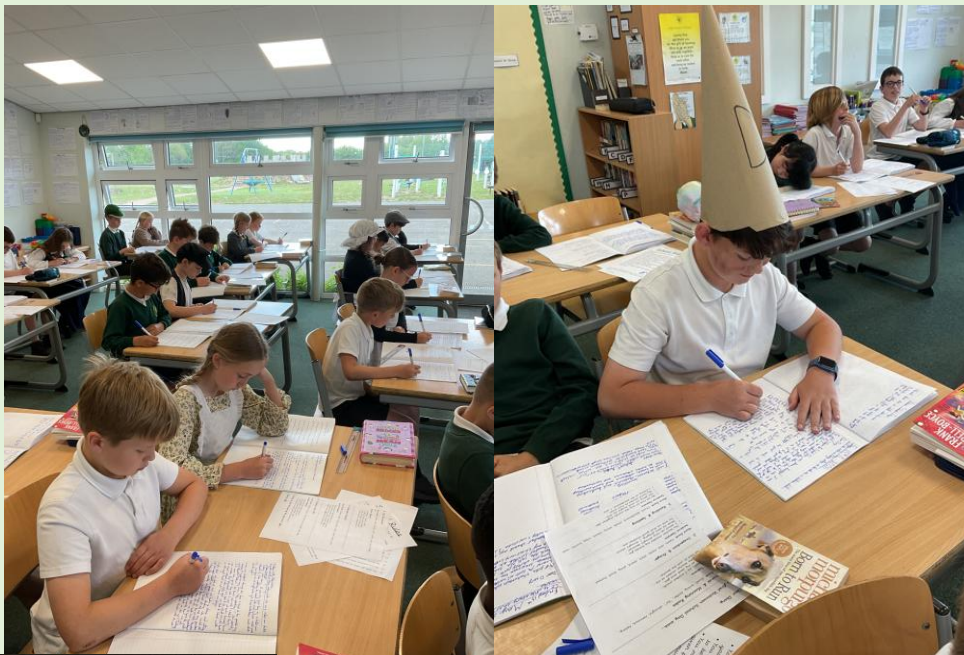
Year 5 Victorian School Day

Last Friday, Year 5 travelled back in time for a Victorian school day! Everyone looked fantastic in their costumes and really got into character.

The children experienced what schooling was like in Victorian times and quickly realised how strict it was when the rules were shared at the start of the day. One of the rules was that children should be "seen and not heard", with a big focus on sitting quietly and following instructions.

They learned what reading, writing and arithmetic lessons were like, and even found out about the punishments children would receive for not following the rules. Some children even tried on a dunce's hat!

Well done, Year 5, for getting so involved!



YEAR 6 NEWS

Our Year 6 worked incredibly hard for their SATS last week, they were amazing, we are so proud of them - well done everyone!! Thank you to all the staff who helped out with breakfast which the children enjoyed beforehand.

As a reward, we spent a lovely day on the Rec and enjoyed delicious pizza from Domino's; very kindly provided by The Willows friends. The children enjoyed playing games including football, Uno, table tennis, badminton, kite flying, plus lots of relaxing and reading.

We are all now very excited for the end of year play - all will be revealed after the holidays!



GENERAL NEWS

Collective Worship

Phil Harper, the Children and Families Minister, held our Collective Worship this week to celebrate The Pentecost - the “birthday” of the church which is always 50 days after Easter. It celebrates the day the Holy Spirit visited the Apostles and the Virgin Mary in Jerusalem giving them the knowledge and courage to spread the word of Jesus throughout the rest of the world!

We must always remember that whenever we feel worried or scared, we all have the Holy Spirit, the comforter, within us to give us strength.

Everyone is very welcome at Holy Trinity Church this Sunday at 10am which has a special service.



Pupil Achievement

Orla Scaife from Puffins is undertaking a cycling challenge this May to raise money for research into multiple sclerosis.

Her original target was 30k, but she's already reached this so she's now aiming for 50k by the end of the month. The odds have been against her - a nasty fall left her with some nasty cuts and bruises and a broken bike, and the weather has been tricky at times - but she's determined to get to 50k.

Her team, which is called 'Disney Power' is made up of Orla, her mum and two other mums from Puffins class (Lyndsay Perrins and Jemma Hemsworth) and so far they've raised more than £600. If anyone would like to sponsor Orla and spur her on they can here:

<https://www.themay50k.co.uk/st/3419/45947>



GENERAL NEWS

Zoo themed menu

Yesterday, the children enjoyed a zoo-themed menu, with the kitchen staff decorating the serving hatch and dressing up to fully embrace the spirit of the event. The children were also excited to take part in a golden ticket challenge, where they had the chance to find a golden ticket hidden on the bottom of their trays to win a special treat.



Holy Trinity Bicycle Bus Social Ride

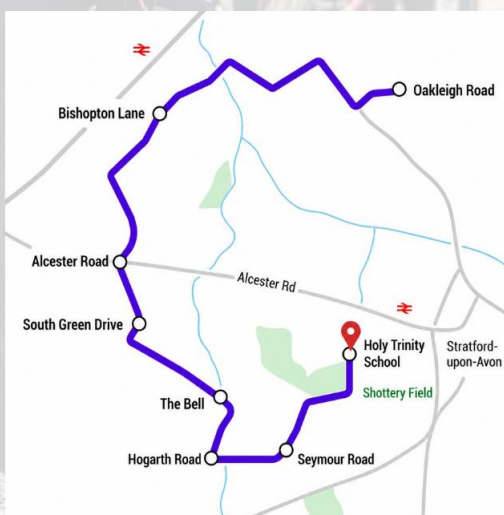


Holy Trinity Bicycle Bus Social Ride

Sunday 31st May at 11am

Do you want to teach your children road cycling skills in a safe, supportive environment?

Hop on the Holy Trinity Bicycle Bus for a relaxed ride along the Bicycle Bus route, followed by a picnic on Shottery Field.



For more information and detailed timings, join our WhatsApp group or follow us on Facebook:

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THE WILLOWS FRIENDS PRESENT
OUR ANNUAL

SUMMER FETE *and* COLOUR RUN

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE
12PM - 3PM

HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

BBQ, BAR, COLOUR RUN
STALLS, RAFFLE, JOLLY JARS,
TEDDY TOMBOLA & MORE



SUMMER FETE *and* COLOUR RUN

The Willows Friends are excited to host our biggest community event and fundraiser of the Summer Term.

All profits go directly towards enriching school life.

Volunteers

Our Summer Fete relies on the kindness & support of volunteers. If you think you can give your time, even just an hour, **please add your name and mobile number [to this form](#)** and we will be in touch.

Stall Holders & Raffle Prizes

If you know of a local business who would like a stall at our Summer Fete for just £10, OR could donate a prize for our raffle, please ask them to email thewillowsfriends@gmail.com

Colour Run

Back by popular demand! Get ready for a high-energy dash around the school field. Start clean and finish covered from head to toe in a spectacular explosion of rainbow paint! Full details on how to take part will follow after half term.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Circus

On Saturday 9th May, the amazing Willows Friends provided a pop-up circus to entertain Holy Trinity pupils and parents.

Those in attendance were wowed with a range of different performers. As is often the way, members of the audiences also joined in.

Thank you to all of the members of our school community who ended up on stage, you were all great sports! With the sun shining, this was a fantastic day from start to finish.

Thank you to everyone who attended and in doing so, helped raised more funds for the school.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

15 June	Reception vision screening (details to follow)
30 June	Sports Day – Years 3 & 4 – 9.30 – 11am
1 July	Sports Day – Years 1 & 2 – 9.30 – 11am
3 July	Sports Day – Reception – 9.30 – 10.45 am Sports Day – Years 5 & 6 – 1.45 – 3.15pm

TERM DATES

2026

25-29 May	Half term – school closed
1 June	Training Day – school closed
2 June	Return to school
17 July	Last day of school year
20 July	Training Day – school closed
1-2 September	Training Days – school closed
3 September	Return to school
26-30 October	Half term – school closed
21 December 2026 – 1 January 2027	Half term – school closed

2027

4 January 2027	Training Day – school closed
5 January 2027	Return to school
15-19 February	Half term – school closed
22 February	Return to school
26 March – 9 April	Half term – school closed
12 April	Return to school
3 May	Bank Holiday – school closed
31 May – 4 June	Half term
7 June	Training Day – school closed
8 June	Return to school
20 July	Last day of school year
21 July	Training Day – school closed

DONATE HERE MOST NEEDED THIS MONTH

- **Coffee**
- **Long life fruit juice**
- **Washing up liquid**
- **Instant noodles (pot)**
- **Instant mash potato**
- **Tinned meat pies**
- **Tinned chicken meals**
- **Instant whip**
- **Jelly**
- **Pasta sauce**

THANK YOU



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01/05/2026



Join us for...

Musical Theatre & Dance

SUMMER CAMP

Welcombe Hall, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 6UA

9:30am-3:30pm

All you need is a packed lunch & drink. Squash, biscuits, arts and crafts will be provided on the day!

Disney Day (age 5-7)

Tuesday 21st July

A fun-filled day of singing, dancing and performing to favourite Disney songs and characters.



Wicked Workshop (age 8-12)

Friday 24th July

Explore songs and scenes from Wicked while developing performance skills, character & confidence.

K-Pop Day (age 5-7)

Monday 27th July

A high energy day of dance, music and performance inspired by fun pop routines and superstar vibes.



Greatest Showman Workshop (age 8-12)

Tuesday 28th July

Sing, dance and perform iconic numbers in this energetic workshop day.

Dance Day (age 8-12)

Monday 20th July

A full day of learning different dance styles including lyrical, hip hop & jazz.



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Email: takethestageschool@outlook.com

1 day = £30

2 days = £58

3 days = £84

Additional Support Courses for Parents

Three new courses offered by FACE, separate from the school membership.

Full access to all three courses for £6.99/month

Complete at your own pace, cancel anytime.



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www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Online Courses for Parents page

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Calling All Children & Young People- We need your voice!

Are you aged 25 or under? Help us improve programs and support for local children and young people.

Complete our short survey today to have your say .

Scan the QR code to participate.



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KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL
SHAKESPEARE'S SCHOOL

OPEN MORNING

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 2026 9.00AM - 12 NOON



Current Year 5 students and their parents are invited to attend this Open Morning for Year 7 Entry in September 2027. You will be given an opportunity to look around the School and meet staff and students and gain a flavour of what a K.E.S. education has to offer.

Please also visit our website at www.kes.net/admissions for our Virtual School Experience.

The Headmaster will speak at 9.15am and 10.15am in the Levi Fox Hall

"King Edward VI school is a rich and vibrant community. Pupils thrive at this school" OFSTED



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Regrettably there will be no parking available on the School site.



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Looking for a
Year 7 to 10
place for
September
2027?

Join us for our
Open Evening
Wednesday 3 June 2026
6.30pm to 8.30pm

Year 5 Taster Days
May and June 2026

Open Afternoon
Sunday 13 September 2026
2.00pm to 5.00pm

Registration deadline for
2027 Year 7 to 10 Entrance
Examinations is Friday 25
September 2026



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Seaside Adventures

PIANO WORKSHOP FOR 4-5 YEAR OLDS
TUESDAY 26TH MAY, 10-11AM
THE PIANO SCHOOL
BRENTWOOD AVENUE, FINHAM
£8 PER CHILD

Join The Piano School for a seaside adventure! Hunt for seashells, swim with the fish and try and avoid the sharks, all while learning the basics of the piano.

Our piano workshops are creative, fun and interactive, perfect for energetic 4 and 5 year olds! Spaces are limited and booking is essential. Email admin@thepianoschool.org.uk for more info.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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2026 SUMMER TOUR
ALL SHOWS: 7:30-9:00PM

SCAN TO BOOK

Friday 05 June The Roadside Hall Morston-in-Marsh
Thursday 18 June The Village Hall Balsall Common
Friday 26 June The New Inn Willersey
Saturday 27 June The Larches Club Evesham
Friday 03 July The Engine Kewsthorpe

Wednesday 08 July The Village Hall Binton
Thursday 09 July Sports Club Stratford-upon-Avon
Friday 10 July The Four Ales Welland-on-Avon
Thursday 16 July The Church Room Shaw-on-the-Wald
Tuesday 21 July The Town Council Chipping Norton

Thursday 25 July The Village Hall Kineton
Tuesday 28 July War Memorial Town Hall Alcester
Wednesday 29 July The Memorial Hall Henley-in-Ardun
Thursday 30 July The Town Hall Chipping Camden
Friday 31 July The Court House Warwick

Carrie Waite – carrie.waite78@icloud.com – 07788 212519

UKS2 Specialist Tutor

Summer Catch-Up Sessions & KS2 SATs Support

Supporting children in Years 3–6 to build confidence, close gaps and succeed. Summer is the perfect time to catch up, consolidate learning and get ahead before the next school year or SATs.

Is Your Child in Upper Key Stage 2?

I offer **targeted, supportive tutoring** designed to help children:

- Catch up on key learning over the summer
- Strengthen core **Maths and English** skills
- Prepare confidently for **KS2 SATs**
- Build self-esteem and develop a positive attitude to learning

What I Offer

- **UKS2 Specialist Tutoring** (Years 3–6)
- **Summer Catch-Up Sessions**
- **KS2 SATs Preparation and Ongoing Support**

All sessions are carefully planned to meet each child's individual needs.

Focus Areas

English

- Reading comprehension skills
- Grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS)
- Writing structure, vocabulary and sentence variety

Mathematics

- Arithmetic fluency and accuracy
- Reasoning and problem solving
- Confidence with SATs-style questions

Why Choose Me?

- Experienced **UKS2 specialist**
- Calm, patient and encouraging approach
- Lessons tailored to your child's strengths and next steps
- Focus on building confidence as well as academic progress
- Friendly and supportive learning environment

Session Details

- Flexible times available to suit working patterns
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