

NEWSLETTER

24th April 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

Here we are with the promise of another beautiful sunny day and with that comes the excitement of all the wonderful things we have to look forward to in the summer term.

Tomorrow brings the Shakespeare parade that stretches right through the heart of Stratford upon Avon. We have 15 school representatives in the procession. If you are out tomorrow, please look out for us and give us a cheery wave!

On Saturday 9th May the circus will not just come to town, it will come to school! We are looking forward to seeing our families visit and enjoy all the thrills and delights that the circus will bring. Thank you to our amazing PTA for bringing such special events to our school.

ATTENDANCE

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

EYFS and KS1 – Robins & Llamas 97.3%

Lower KS2 – Sharks 97.8%

Upper KS2 – Seahorses 96.7%



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.

Boys Football

On a glorious evening, Holy Trinity boys footballers visited Bridgetown for an away fixture.

Earlier on in the season, these two teams competed in an incredibly even and entertaining match. The replay didn't disappoint either! As with any away match, it took the boys a bit of time to adapt to their new surroundings. A very hard, narrow pitch meant that playing more direct football, actually achieved better results than intricate passing, which our boys usually excel at.

The end of the first half saw the teams go in at 1-1. With both teams scoring excellent team goals just after half time, the score moved on to 2-2. As the game drew towards its conclusion, both sides had chances to win it.

Unfortunately for us, our opponents took their chances whereas we just missed the target with a few decent efforts. Thus resulting in a 4-2 loss but the boys should be very proud of their efforts, playing their part in another exciting evening of football. Many thanks to Bridgetown Primary for hosting us.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our Preschools have been learning that there are different countries around the world this week, to coincide with Earth Day on Wednesday.

We have looked at some of the children's own holiday pictures and located these destinations on our giant world map. We have painted our own Earth planets by mixing blue and yellow paint together to make green. We have drawn wild animals and looked at lots of holiday brochures to find places on the Earth that we would most like to visit.

Apologies to our Preschool parents whose children may now be demanding to visit the Maldives!



RECEPTION NEWS

Reception had a truly wonderful day at Hatton Country World. It was a joy to see their excitement from start to finish.

The children loved getting up close to the animals, especially when feeding them and holding the guinea pigs, an experience many of them went home and told their grown-ups all about!

The tractor ride was another big highlight; it was very bumpy but full of laughter and smiles. We were incredibly proud of how the children behaved. They listened carefully, asked thoughtful questions, shared their knowledge confidently and showed great curiosity about the world around them.

Robins and Sparrows were an absolute pleasure to take out and were a real credit to our school.

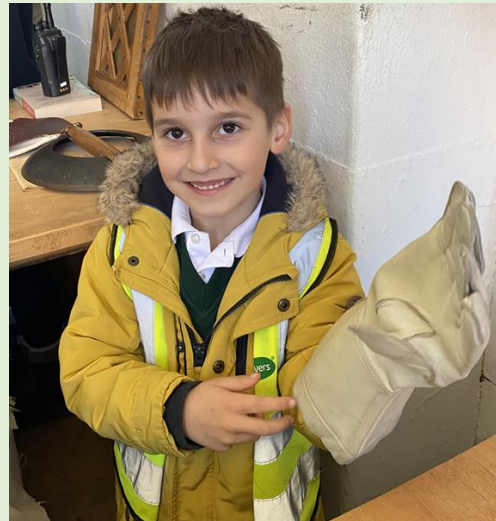


RECEPTION NEWS



YEAR 1 NEWS

Year One recently enjoyed a fabulous morning at Shakespeare's birthplace. We enjoyed exploring the room where his father, John, made and sold his gloves. We saw where William would have slept as a baby and then as a child. We also saw 'wattle and daub', quills, ink pots and lots of candles. Theo and Kielan found a Mulberry Tree which was over 150 years old! A great day had by all.



On 24.3.26. Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Shakespeare's Birthplace. We were fascinated to learn about the difference between his childhood and our lives now. We looked carefully at everything that we were shown and had plenty of questions for the volunteers at Shakespeare's Birthplace. They taught us many new facts about his family, his home, his schooling and what life was like towards during the Tudor period. Thank you so much to the family members who supported our trip.



YEAR 2 NEWS

The Year 2 puppets are complete and here is all sixty.

The children are talking about their experience of making the puppets in the CARE Assembly which they have been busy practising for this week.



YEAR 3 NEWS

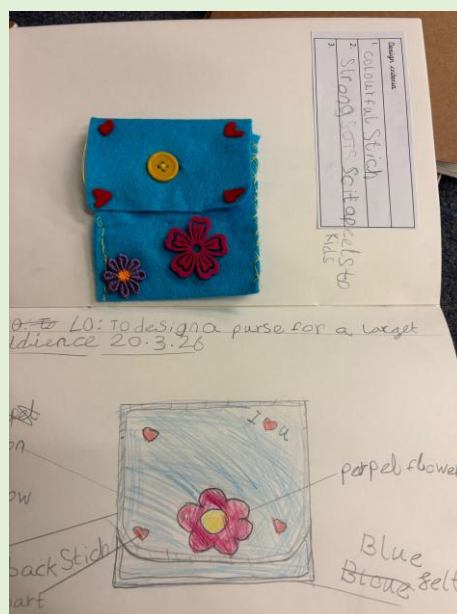
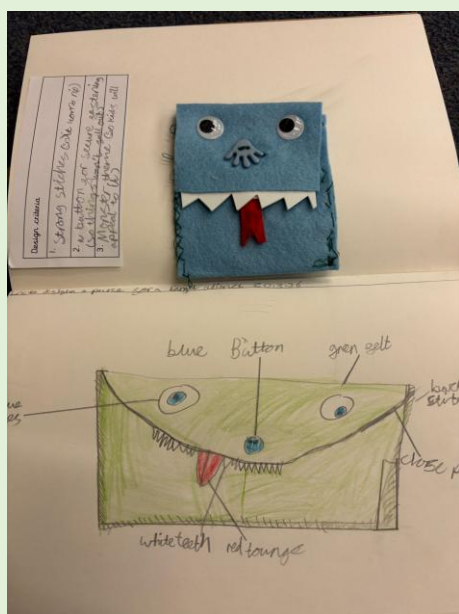
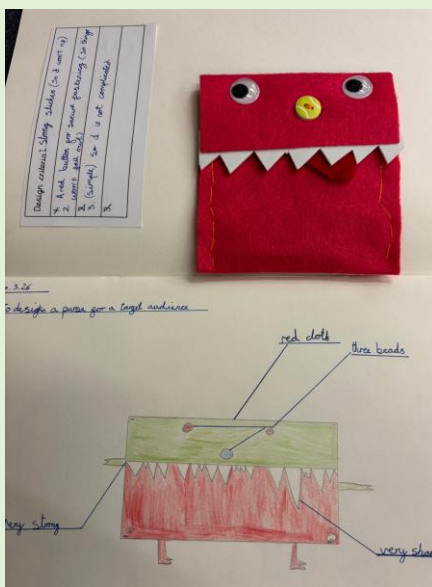
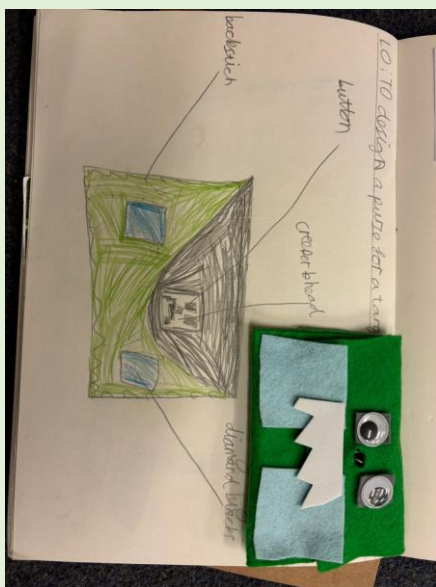
Last half term, Year 3 really enjoyed their Design Technology topic 'Money Purses'. They began by looking at different examples of purses and then designed their own, having to consider their large target audience and a list of design criteria.

Then they really enjoyed making their designs and finally evaluated them.

Both Mr Frerichs and Mr Woodfield were amazed at all the children's fantastic designs and how proud they were with their resilience with their needle craft skills.

Well done Year 3!

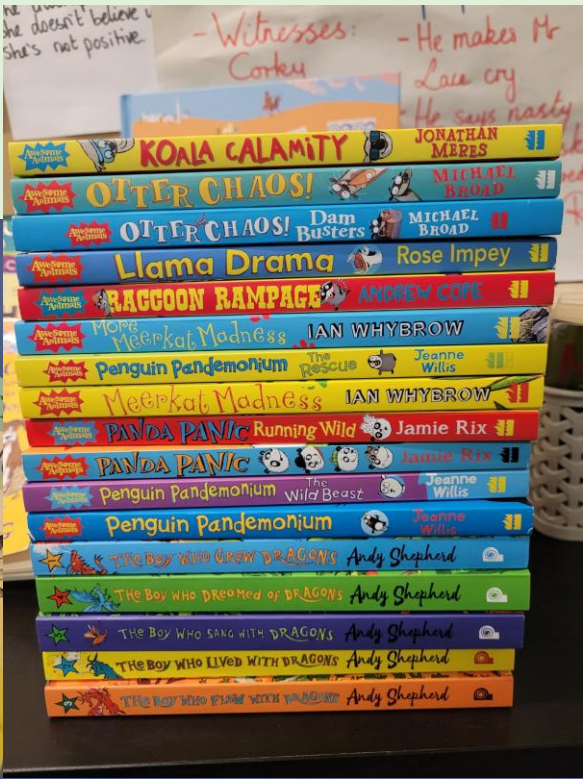
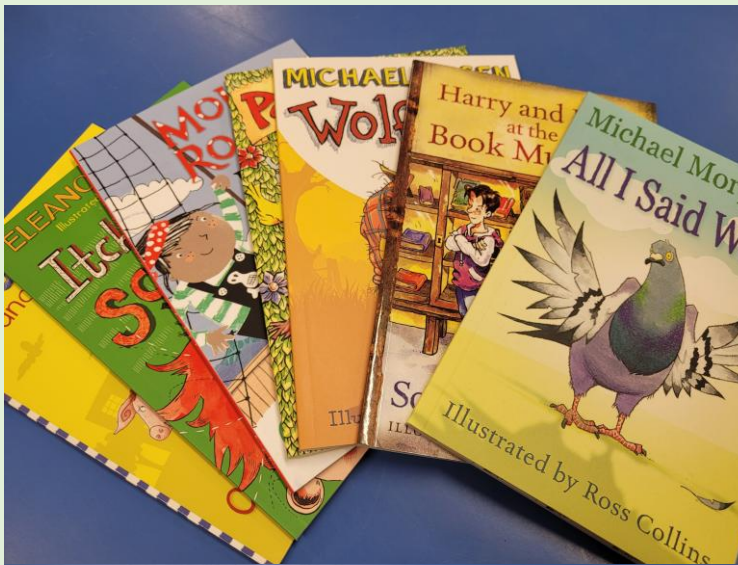
A huge thank you must go to Mrs Scott, who gave up her time to come in and support the children throughout the topic!



YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 have had a much appreciated update to our class libraries. Our incredible children have improved so much in their reading this year that they've nearly gotten through all the books already.

Thanks to the amazing generosity of The Willows Friends, we have enough reading material to see us through the Summer term.



Year 4 Find a Very Unexpected Visitor

Yesterday, Year 4 took on the role of Anglo-Saxon spies, setting out to uncover everything they could about Viking longships. Working in teams, they had to communicate carefully to create a shared drawing of a ship, though sadly Norse code was in short supply.

Things escalated quickly when they managed to capture a Viking shipbuilder, who was looking suspiciously Loki. The children questioned her closely and compiled detailed fact files, stopping just before they runed it. Through this, the class developed their understanding of Viking ship design, including how longships were built for speed, stability and exploration, as well as practising teamwork and communication skills.

A huge thank you to Emily Myerscough for ensuring Eowyn the shipbuilder was returned safely. It really does take a pillage to raise a child. And finally, why did Vikings paint stripey, barcode-like patterns on their ships? So when they returned from battle, they could Scan-da-navy-in. We'd share more Viking puns, but there's Norway you'd get them!



YEAR 5 NEWS

Year 5 DT – May Day Scones

In DT, Year 5 explored their brief to design scones for a May Day picnic, inspired by nature, community and new beginnings.

They tasted a range of ingredients, including sweet and savoury options and evaluated them. Pupils began developing their own ideas, carefully considering who their scones are for and how their designs reflect the fresh, seasonal feel of spring.

They showed fantastic enthusiasm and curiosity, discussing whether lemon zest could be seen as sweet or savoury; whether sultanas could really go with cheese and what they thought of pumpkin seeds!



YEAR 6 NEWS

Year 6 were given their leavers hoodies last week which was partially funded by The Willows Friends. Don't they look great!

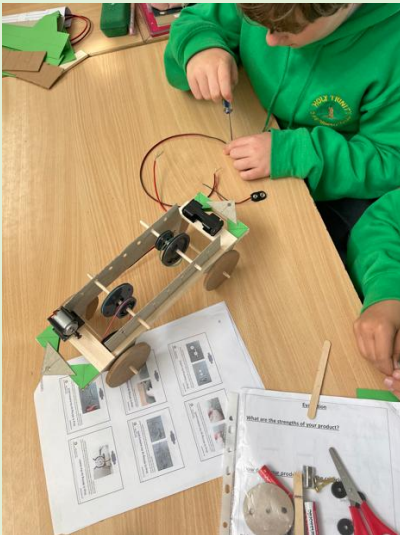


YEAR 6 NEWS

It's that time of year again when our Year 6 pupils have a chance to become budding engineers and build and test their very own working electric train!

Thanks to Primary Engineering; it is designed to encourage children at an early age to build a diverse future engineering workforce. Over 40,000 pupils participate in this project and we are very fortunate that our Year 6 pupils are included.

The trains are taking shape during their D&T lessons and are looking brilliant. We can't wait to see them in working order!

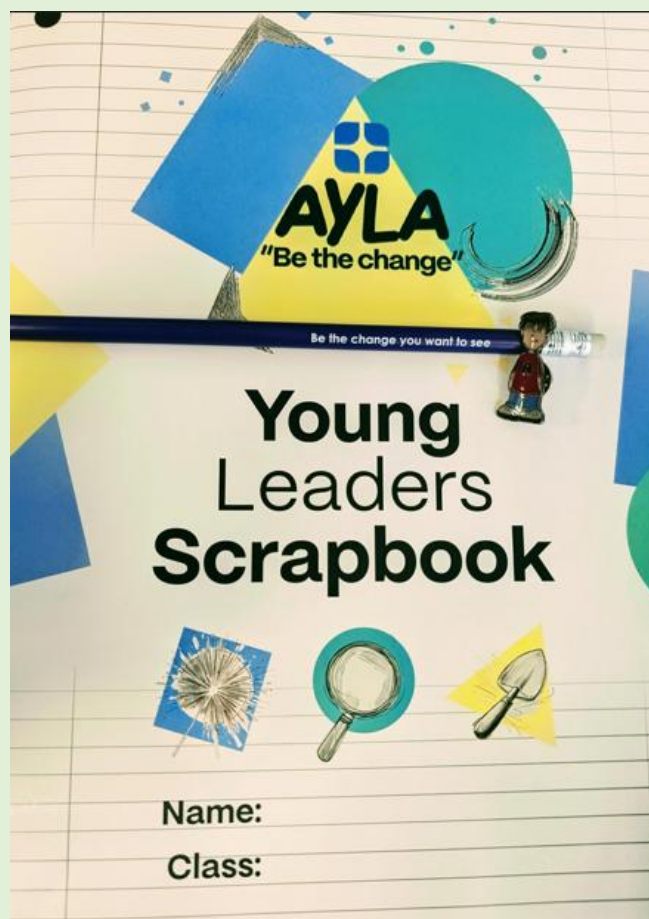


Archbishop Young Leaders Award Programme

This week, our KS2 Pupil Parliament MPs and our Year 6 House Captains have begun their Archbishop Young Leaders Award programme.

Together with Miss Smith, children will be developing their leadership skills alongside skills in oracy and empathy as part of their AYL sessions. This project aims to empower young people to transform society and to inspire others to do the same.

Children will attend weekly sessions in school. We're very excited about all the opportunities this may lead to in the future.



Pupil Achievement

Evie from Llamas took part in a Walk of Light to raise money for Blood Cancer UK. She walked her Grandfather's old milk round in honour of him.



GENERAL NEWS

Open the Book assembly

Once again, Open the Book and our Leading Light pupils performed a story from The Bible. This week it was Elijah and The Famine- a story about trust and bravery.

King Ahab and Queen Jezebel were not good leaders -telling the people to believe a false god called Baal, so God sent a prophet called Elijah to punish them by creating a great drought.

God protected Elijah from starvation by sending him to hide by the stream for water and sent raven birds to feed him. A kind widow found him and gave him his last bit of food using flour and oil. Elijah told her to have faith and pray, God listened. She never ran out of flour and oil again!

The people prayed to Baal but nothing happened but when Elijah prayed to God the drought ended. The people then had faith in God. It teaches us about trusting God, even when things are tough.



Golden Ticket

On Monday 27th April, our kitchen will be giving children the exciting chance to find a Golden Ticket on the bottom of their lunch tray.

All they need to do is order a school lunch on the day, and they could discover a hidden golden ticket and win a special treat!



A vibrant poster for a 'Golden Ticket' promotion. The background is split into orange, purple, and yellow sections. A young girl with long brown hair, wearing a red sweater, is shown from the waist up, holding a golden ticket aloft with her right hand and a green broccoli character with her left. The ticket is yellow with black text that reads 'WINNER • WINNER' and 'GOLDEN TICKET'. The text 'GOLDEN TICKET!' is written in large, bold, white letters on the orange background. Below this, in white text on the purple background, it says 'FIND THE GOLDEN TICKET STUCK TO THE BOTTOM OF YOUR TRAY FOR A SPECIAL TREAT!'. In the bottom left corner, on a white background, is the 'FOOD SMART' logo with the tagline 'Be More SMART FOR BODY AND BRAIN'. The broccoli character is green with a smiling face and small arms.

GOLDEN TICKET!

WINNER • WINNER
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Lunchtime
Monday 27th April
School Hall

FOOD SMART
Be More
FOR BODY AND BRAIN

POPUP CIRCUS IS COMING!

Step right up for an afternoon of fun, laughter and amazing entertainment as the Popup Circus arrives at Holy Trinity Primary School!

Presented by **The Willows Friends**, this is a family event you won't want to miss!

 Saturday 9th May 2026

 Showtimes: 1:00pm & 2:30pm

 Tickets: £9 (Pre-booking required)

Expect a magical mix of circus skills, laughter and excitement for all ages — perfect for a fun family day out!

 Book your tickets now to avoid disappointment!

www.ticketsource.co.uk/willowsfriends



DATES FOR THE DIARY

27 April	Year 3 Nature Walk
29 April	Reception height & weight checks
9 May	Willows Friends Circus
11 May	Year 6 SATS
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

4 May	Bank Holiday – school closed
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

MOST NEEDED THIS MONTH

DONATE HERE

Tinned rice pudding
UHT milk
Chocolate
Tinned custard
Tinned mince & onions

Pasta sauce
Tea
Long life fruit juice
Jelly
Tinned fruit



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May 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long
£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep	28 May 7-8pm

Princethorpe College – Admissions Events Summer 2026

Summer Open Evening

Wednesday 3 June 2026 - 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Our Summer Open Evening is an informal opportunity to explore the College at your leisure and for children to participate in a variety of fun subject-related activities. All the academic and co-curricular departments will be open for you to visit and to meet teachers and current pupils. Grove du Toit, the Headmaster, will address visitors during the evening in the Chapel and refreshments will be served.

To book a place please click [here](#). NB. If parents have already reserved a place at the Open Evening, there is no need to book again - we will confirm the booking by email.

Years 4 and 5 – Connect With Cricket

Friday 8 May 2026 – 4.15pm to 6.00pm

For pupils currently in Years 4 and 5, *Connect With Cricket* is a great way to enjoy an informal training session on our College astro pitches. Aimed at both boys and girls, with all levels of cricket experience (and none), there will be a skills workshop at the beginning followed by a mini tournament at the end. If parents have not already booked, they can reserve a place [here](#).

Year 5 Taster Days in May and June

For pupils currently in Year 5 who would also like to attend a taster day with us, experiencing a day in the life of a senior school pupil, we are offering Taster Days in May and June. To reserve a place, parents can click [here](#) to complete the booking form and select their preferred date. Again, if parents have already booked a taster day for their child, we will confirm this by email, so there is no need to book again.

We also have three other forthcoming events, to which all families are also warmly invited:

National Schools' and Riding Clubs Two-Day Equestrian Event

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 May 2026 – 8.30am to 6.30pm

Taking place for the eleventh year running on the magnificent Princethorpe estate, this is the only event of its kind in the UK attracting up to 250 riders a year. Dressage and showjumping take place on day one, and roads and tracks, steeplechase and cross-country on day two. Entry for spectators is free and there is no need to book in advance. They are lovely days out for all the family - why not bring a picnic?!

Summer Art, Photography and Design Show 2026

Sunday 21 June 2026 - 2.00pm to 4.30pm

A celebration of our students' GCSE and A-level Art, Photography and Design work, which will be on display in the Sixth Form Centre.

Summer Fest 2026

Sunday 21 June 2026 12.00am – 5.00pm

A fun-filled day for all the family, with live music, a classic car show, art exhibition, activities, games and crafts and lots more, as well as lots of food, drink and artisan products for all to purchase and enjoy. Entry is £5 per car to be paid on the day.

Entrance Examinations Day

Saturday 7 November 2026 9.00am to 3.30pm

Entrance examinations for September 2027 entry will take place on Saturday 7 November 2026, with a deadline for registrations of Friday 25 September. You can find out more about the format of the day, along with scholarship and bursary information in our 2027 Admissions and Entrance Examinations booklet [here](#).



STRATFORD GIRLS'
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON



KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL

SHAKESPEARE'S SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Grammar Schools Taster Morning – Saturday 13th June 2026

King Edward VI School (K.E.S.) and Stratford Girls' Grammar School (S.G.G.S.) have worked together for a number of years to host events specifically aimed at Year 5 pupils attending state primary schools in Stratford. We are delighted to invite you to the popular Taster Morning event on **Saturday 13th June** with girls invited to attend S.G.G.S. and boys to attend K.E.S.

Both schools are organising an action-packed morning. The programme at each school will differ but may include mini-lessons in such subjects as science, technology and music, as well as problem solving and team building activities.

Places are limited at both schools and we would therefore be grateful if you could indicate whether or not your child would like to attend by completing the appropriate online form by **Friday 8th May**.

To reserve a place on the K.E.S. Taster Morning for your son, please [click here](#)

To reserve a place on the S.G.G.S. Taster Morning for your daughter, please [click here](#)

The day will start at each school between 9.00-9.15 am and will finish at approximately 12.30pm. Your child will need to bring a drink and a snack to have during break-time. Further details will be provided by email nearer the time.

We hope your son or daughter will be interested in coming along to see what our schools are like and very much look forward to meeting you. You might also like to know that we have our Open Events coming up in June too - **Wednesday 17th June** for S.G.G.S. and **Saturday 27th June** for K.E.S. If you would like to find out more, please see our websites for further details.

Yours sincerely,

Jacqui Cornell
Headteacher

Bennet Carr
Headmaster