

NEWSLETTER

26th June 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, we've finally got to the end of the hottest week this year! A huge thank you to all the teachers and teaching assistants who have done a very fine job of keeping the children happy and relaxed - and still learning - in exceptionally challenging circumstances. Thank you also for your understanding.

Another huge thank you needs to be shared with our incredible PTA whose annual Summer Fayre was another resounding success. They are the backbone of our school and work so relentlessly to make these events such a magnificent success. Our fantastic Chair of the PTA (known to the parents as Wiz) is in the last few weeks of her role. The contribution she has made to our school is immeasurable. You will be hearing more about this in the weeks to come...

Thank you also to all the parents and children who gave up their Saturday to come and participate, and to all the teachers and teaching assistants who helped with the running of the day.

ATTENDANCE

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

EYFS and KS1 – Puffins 96.3%

Lower KS2 - Foxes & Alligators 94.8%

Upper KS2 – Cormorants 97%



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.

Rounders match

On Thursday 18th June, Holy Trinity hosted a rounders match against Wilmcote Primary School. It is the first time that we have played a competitive fixture against another school in many years. The sun shone and the team played with great skill and desire. Both sides were incredibly evenly matched and after two innings the teams were only separated by half a point. Sadly, we were defeated 7 and a half points to 7 but a great time was still had by all.



Cricket Festival

On Friday 12th June Year 6 attended an inter schools cricket festival hosted by Stratford Sports club. The day saw over 250 children from 6 different schools play a series of pairs and quick cricket matches. One of our teams, Holy Trinity Tigers, competed against 3 other schools in 3 incredibly close matches. Each match went down to the very final ball, which resulted in us winning 2 matches (one thanks to a fantastic catch from Lucy on the boundary on the final ball) and losing 1 match.

On the other pitches, all of our other sides played some fantastic cricket. Most pleasingly was the fact that each team had to score the other team for their respect in the 'spirit of cricket' award. Holy Trinity Elm claimed first place with a perfect score! We are so proud of the entire year group as they continue to demonstrate our school values in abundance.



PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

The Preschoolers have enjoyed lots of water play in the garden this week to combat the heat, escaping for a quiet moment in the tee pee with a friend to enjoy a book; and making our own 'ice creams'! Other highlights include role play inside in our ice cream parlour, and learning about what the Victorians used to wear on the beach. It's been a scorcher, but the children have been fantastic at drinking lots of water and keeping their hats on!



RECEPTION NEWS

Reception children thoroughly enjoyed a visit from the DHL Truck Safety Team. They listened carefully to the safety talk and were excited to see the enormous truck up close!

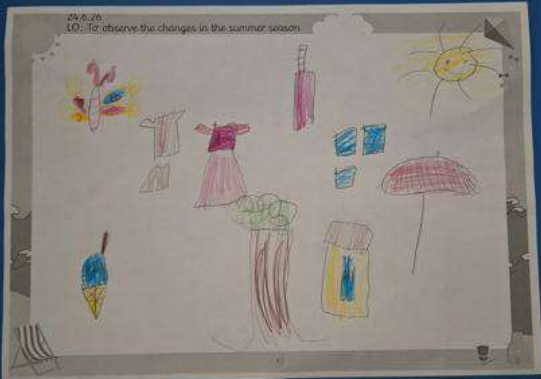
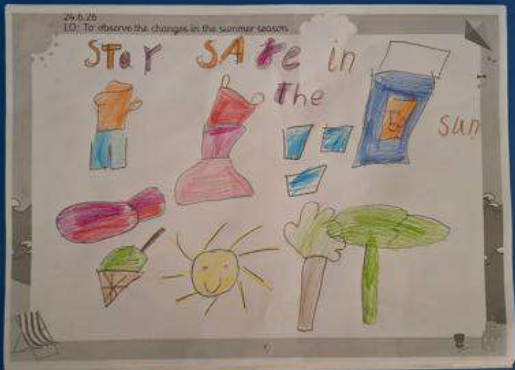
This is always a busy time of year in Reception. Alongside supporting our wonderful Robins and Sparrows in their learning, staff have been preparing for the arrival of our new intake. Recent weeks have involved visits to nursery and preschool feeder settings and transition telephone conversations with key workers.

This week, we were delighted to host our Stay and Play welcome sessions, giving children the opportunity to explore their new environment. We now look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our New Parents' Evening on Monday.



YEAR 1 NEWS

This week, Year 1 learnt that summer is the hottest season, bringing hotter temperatures, more sunshine and less rain. The changes observed include the longest hours of daylight, trees full of green leaves and fruits, vibrant blooming flowers and an abundance of insects like bees and butterflies. Experiencing a heatwave, we also learnt how to stay safe in the sun and the hot weather.



YEAR 2 NEWS

Last week, Year 2 enjoyed learning about Japan as part of World Cup Week. They had opportunities to write haikus about football and to create repeated artworks in the style of Japanese artist Katsushika Hokusai. They did a brilliant job of capturing the themes of nature, depicting foliage, branches, and even birds. We were very impressed by how adeptly they recreated Hokusai's style.



YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 braved the heat on our trip to Leamington Spa this week. We learned about the history of Leamington Spa and what made it grow so big as a town, as part of our study of different types of settlements in Geography. We also took the opportunity of visiting Jephson Gardens (once voted most beautiful park in the UK) to inspire our art project based on Edith Holden's nature observations. We'll be taking our floral sketches back to school with us and use them to create watercolour paintings.

Thankfully there was plenty of shade to stay cool. Also, the ice lollies at lunch time did help.



YEARS 4 NEWS

As part of our whole-school World Cup cheer,
Year 4 chose Scotland to hold dear.
And though the football's had some pain,
We'd proudly cheer them on again!
O Scotland fair, what a week we've had,
With Year 4 learning, bright and glad.
We've flown the Saltire, bold and blue,
And brought a bit of Scotland through.
We've studied Mackintosh with care,
With pattern, line and flowers fair.
We've read from Burns, with words so grand,
And mapped the beauty of the land.
There's haggis brave and thistles tall,
And bagpipes skirling through it all.
Inventors too, with clever art,
Have shown us Scotland's thinking heart.
So here's tae Scotland, proud and bright,
A land of learning, song and fight.
Their World Cup road may not be long,
But Year 4 still sings Scotland's song!



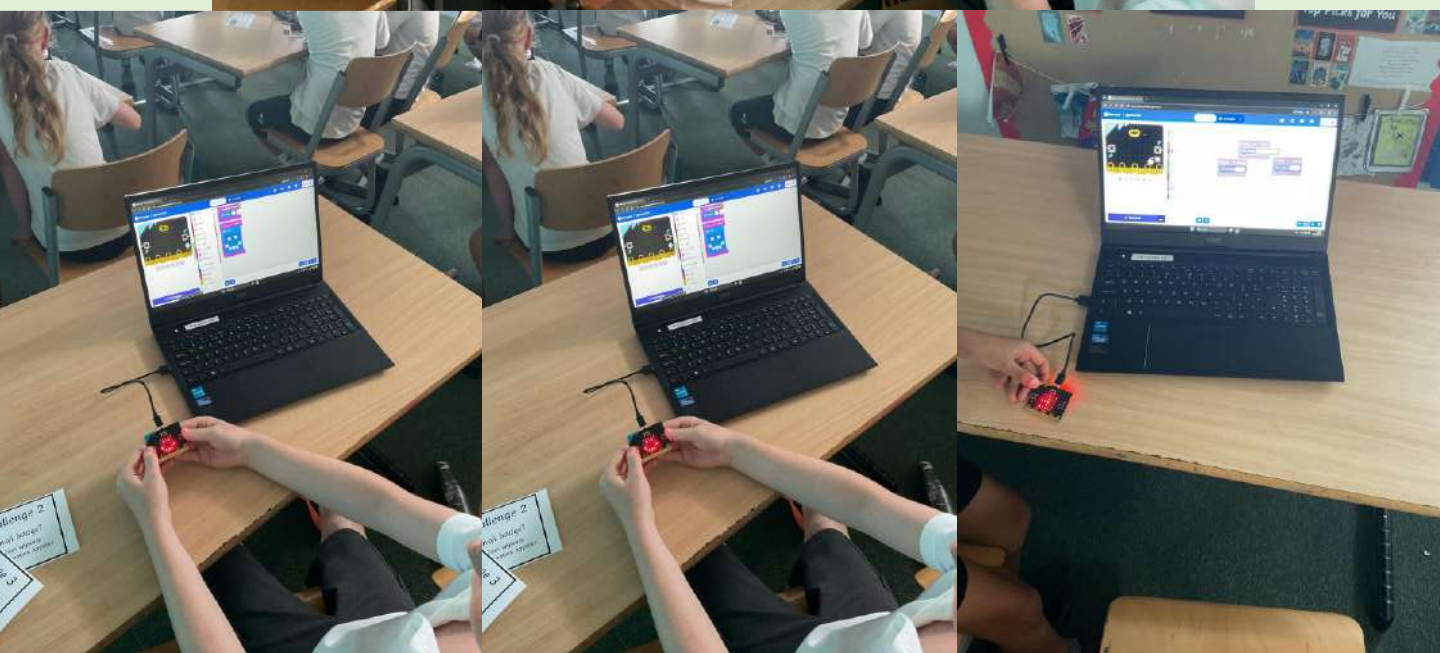
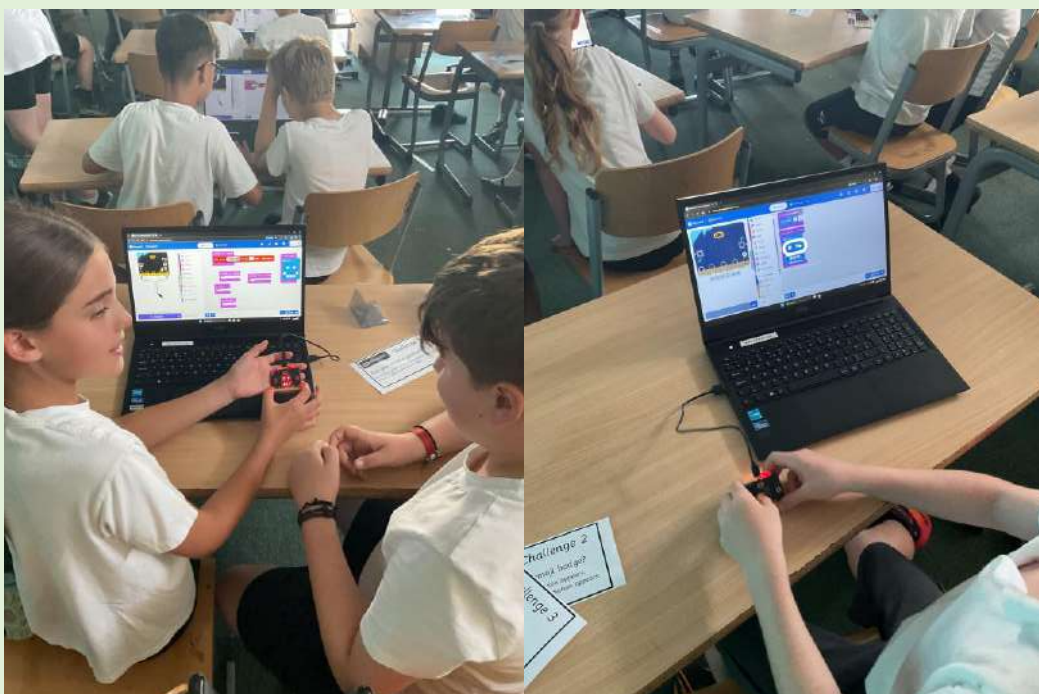
YEAR 5 NEWS

Year 5 and Reception thoroughly enjoyed their Reading Friends session on Friday, where they proudly shared what they had learnt about their country, Curaçao. The children were highly engaged and excited to share their knowledge, as well as discussing what they know about the World Cup. Many are hopeful that it might be coming home!



YEAR 5 NEWS

Year 5 really enjoyed computing this week as they explored micro:bits. These are small devices that the children can program to light up LEDs, play music, and perform many other creative tasks. The children designed name tags, created a range of emojis, and even made their own jukeboxes. We look forward to creating even more exciting projects next week!



YEAR 6 NEWS

Last Thursday, the Year 6 members of the orchestra had their end of year/school treat. They spent an amazing hour experiencing a "sound bath," courtesy of Fiona, our wonderful orchestra helper. They were all very relaxed when they returned to their classes!



YEAR 6 NEWS

Last Saturday was our fabulous Summer Fete and sadly the last one for our brilliant Year 6's. The Year 6 stall was expertly ran and everyone had such fun splatting the rat, and hooking the ducks!!

Thank you so much to those year 6's who manned the stalls so professionally and enthusiastically.

Looks like Miss Smith and Miss Castle had a fab time trying to splat the rat!!



GENERAL NEWS

DHL Truck and Child Safety

As you are probably already aware, last week saw DHL visit the school for two days to undertake their truck and child safety workshops with the entire school (and pre school) The workshops were incredibly informative, providing the children with some really important safety lessons in regard to trucks and lorries. Hopefully, the children have been able to recall some of the important safety measures that they will put into practice in the outside world.



GENERAL NEWS

Friday Mile Club

Another fantastic week of running and walking! It was wonderful to see so many children returning to take on even more laps. Year 6 were unfortunately away on a trip this week, but I'm sure they'll make up for it next time. Here are some statistics from the first two weeks of our Friday Mile Club.

Team Name 	No. Runners 	Total Distance Run Target Distance
Alligators Birmingham 2026 Miles Challenge	28	54.6km 1,462.9km
Cormorants Birmingham 2026 Miles Challenge	29	37.6km 1,462.9km
Foxes Birmingham 2026 Miles Challenge	31	77.4km 1,462.9km
Geckos Birmingham 2026 Miles Challenge	27	46.8km 1,462.9km
Hummingbirds Birmingham 2026 Miles Challenge	31	158km 1,462.9km
Llamas Birmingham 2026 Miles Challenge	30	90.2km 1,462.9km
Seahorses Birmingham 2026 Miles Challenge	29	57.8km 1,462.9km
Sharks Birmingham 2026 Miles Challenge	30	95.8km 1,462.9km

 Total Runs
14
 Keep up the good work!

 Total Distance
618.2km
 That's 184.5 laps of the Monaco GP

 Total Runners
351
 235 active runners over the last 4 weeks

 Total Time
8ds 18hrs
 That's 0.32 moon orbits around Earth

 Longest Run
97.8km
 That's 7,824 double-decker buses

 Total Teams
8
 0 / 8 teams have completed their challenge

Name 	Classes	Year Group 	Gender	XP 	Distance  Running Duration 
Charlie Cunningham 		Year 5 	Male	16xp	12.6km 1hr
William Moss 		Year 5 	Male	16xp	12.6km 1hr
Samuel Tanqueray 		Year 5 	Male	16xp	12.6km 1hr
Samuel Greenwood 		Year 5 	Male	15xp	11.8km 1hr
Anastasios Nita 		Year 5 	Male	15xp	11.2km 1hr
Jenson Southerill-Smith 		Year 4 	Male	14xp	10.6km 1hr
Petros Nita 		Year 4 	Male	14xp	10.6km 1hr
Oscar Townson 		Year 5 	Male	13xp	9.6km 1hr
Mark Szabo 		Year 4 	Male	13xp	9km 1hr
Charlie Crawford 		Year 5 	Male	12xp	8.8km 1hr
Joshua Williams 		Year 4 	Male	12xp	8.6km 1hr

GENERAL NEWS

World Cup Week

From Monday 15th June, school was taken over with world cup fever! Each year group had a dedicated country to research and learn lots of incredible facts about.

The week culminated with a fantastic sharing assembly on Friday 19th, where selected children from each year presented beautifully to the rest of the school. The school hall was a sea of colour as children wore their countries colours.

Teachers and children will all still be finding many more learning opportunities in the weeks ahead, until the tournament reaches its conclusion in about one months time. Is football finally coming home?!



Year 1

Argentina



Argentina is on the continent of South America.



Lionel Messi and Diego Maradona are two professional footballers from Argentina.



The capital city of Argentina is Buenos Aires and the official language is Spanish.

Argentina have won the FIFA World Cup three times – in 1978, 1986 and 2022. They have also been runner-up three times in 1930, 1990 and 2014.



Argentina won the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar by defeating France in a thrilling penalty shootout after a 3-3 tie. Can they do it again?

The first Argentine football league started in 1891. This makes it one of the oldest football leagues in the world, after England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and the Netherlands.



Year 3

South Africa



South Africa

South Africa has 3 capital cities: Cape Town, Pretoria and Bloemfontein.

It is famous for it's safaris.

Their football team is called Bafana Bafana.



It is South Africa's first time in the World Cup.

It is shaped like a rhino's head.

South African has a total of 11 languages.

It has been colonised by the Netherlands and the British Empire.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Summer Fete

Thank you to the Willows Friends for organising an amazing Summer Fete on Saturday 20th June. A huge thank you also to all the volunteers, including a number of our Year 6 pupils and members of staff who helped throughout the event, as well as to the parents for their generous donations.

Well done to Mr Hall, Mr Frerichs, Mrs Templeton and Phil Harper, Children & Families Minister from Holy Trinity Church, who bravely faced the bucket of unge to help raise even more money.

Thanks to everyone's support, we raised an incredible £5,647.23 in total.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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
7-8 July	Year 6 transition day at Stratford High School
13 July	Year 6 Leavers performance at 1.45pm
13 July	Year 6 Leavers performance at 6pm
14 July	Year 6 Leavers performance at 6pm
16 July	Festival of Learning with a World Cup Theme (more details to follow)
17 July	Year 6 Leavers assembly at 9.30am

TERM DATES

2026

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

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We would like to invite you to our open rehearsal which will be taking place on Monday 29 June, 5:30pm-6:45pm at the CBSO Centre, Berkley Street, Birmingham, B1 2LF. Come and join us for a taste of what it is like to sing in the CBSO Children's Chorus.

Following the open rehearsal, if you would like to be a part of our exciting 2026-27 Season, we will arrange an informal voice check between August and October 2026.

We look forward to meeting you!

ANY QUESTIONS?

If you'd like to find out more about the CBSO Children's Chorus please contact Martha Davis by email on mdavis@cbso.co.uk, or by telephone on 0121 616 6500.

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Summer 2026

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The DfE-funded HAF (Holiday Activities & Food) programme provides young people the opportunity to access enriching activities alongside healthy meals over the main school holidays at Easter, Summer and Christmas.

Please note that this programme is entirely separate from the Local Welfare Scheme's household support funding (i.e. supermarket HUGGG vouchers).

All young people who currently meet the following two criteria are eligible:

- In full-time education between Reception - Year 11
- Receiving benefits-related free school meals

Each eligible young person can access a maximum of 16 sessions over the Summer holidays. Families have the flexibility to book with multiple activity providers if desired. All activity providers can request additional funding for 1:1 support if this is required, however this will depend on their staff availability and qualifications. We also fund a number of SEND-specific activities.

Please note you will need a HAF code to book activities. Eligible families can access their HAF code through the 'Request a HAF code' form at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/haf.

Summer activity listings will be live on our site from Monday the 22nd of June so that you can book. Activities will then begin from Monday 20th July.

With our regards,
Warwickshire HAF Team



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concert will be given to
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Saturday 11th July
6.30pm

Tickets, Adults £10, under 16s free,
are available from members of the band, online at
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July 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

Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	6 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	6 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	13 July 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	13 July 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	14 July 7pm
FREE - Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 July 7-8pm
Autism-Improving Communication	20 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	20 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Understanding Anger	27 July 10am
School Anxiety	27 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am
Supporting Health Screen Use	28 July 7pm