

NEWSLETTER

3 October 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

It has been another great week at school, which included a lovely event last weekend. This was the Holy Trinity Church Fete where a number of our pupils processed along the banks of the Avon to arrive at the grand opening of the event in the gardens near to the church.

The children did a brilliant job and were absolute experts at waving to the delighted onlooking crowds. Royalty could not have done a better job.

As we see the beautiful colours that come with the turn of the season, we are looking forward to our Harvest Celebration next week. It would be lovely to have more donations for the foodbank, so we do encourage you to send something in with your child as our rainbow array would look even better if a little more abundant.

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 98.4%

Upper KS2 – Cormorants 95.8%



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.

SPORTS NEWS

Year 5 Hockey Workshop

On Friday 3rd October, a group of Year 5 pupils took part in a hockey workshop and tournament hosted at King's High, Warwick.

The children took to this new sport like a duck to water, playing with pace, power and plenty of skill.

At the time of writing, the tournament is still taking place so watch this space to hear how we got on.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Preschool update

Thank you so much to all of our families for providing us with so many apples this week to complement our Harvest theme! The children have thoroughly enjoyed tasting, comparing, measuring and rolling the apples; learning about how they grow; selling them in our Farm Shop; and collecting seeds that we can plant in the Preschool garden.



CLASS NEWS

Reception learning

Reception have had a fantastic few weeks, filled with fun and learning!

We've been enjoying our weekly Forest School sessions, where the children explore nature, build confidence and develop teamwork skills.

We launched "Toast Friday," a lovely new tradition where the children enjoy a warm slice of toast together to end the week.

We would also like to say a big thank you to all the grown-ups who joined us for our phonics workshops. It was wonderful to welcome everyone into school and share how we support early reading.



CLASS NEWS

Year 1 Learning

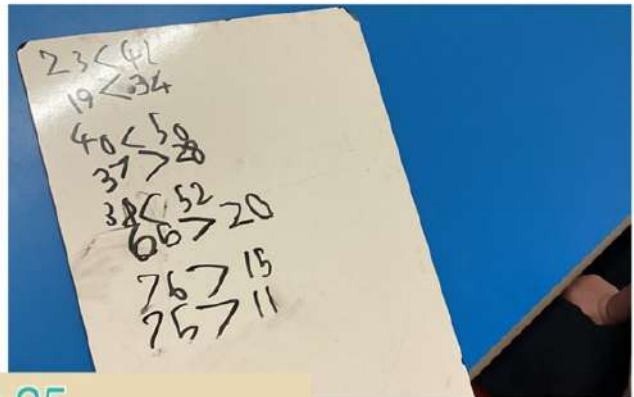
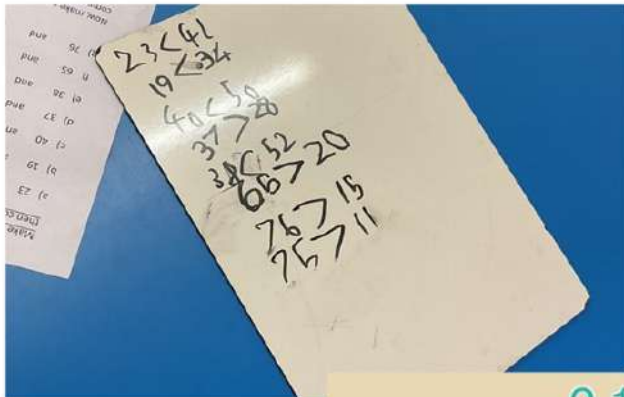
Year 1 are continuing to enjoy their learning about the history of transport. We are now learning about travel in space. Everyone had lots of questions about the first people to visit the moon. We imagined that we were the astronauts, prepared our equipment and counted down to launch before exploring the moon's surface. Here are some photos of our re-enactments. We will now be learning about different astronauts in English.



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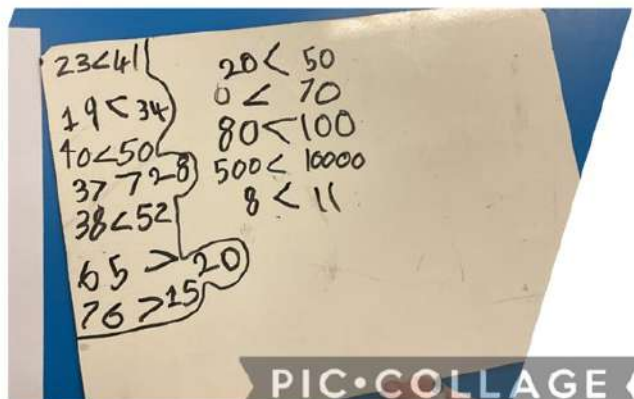
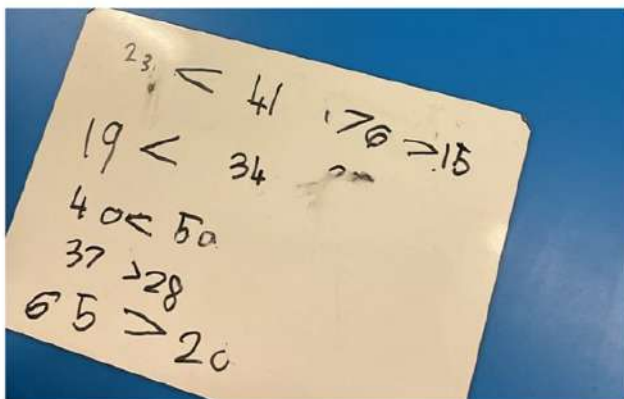
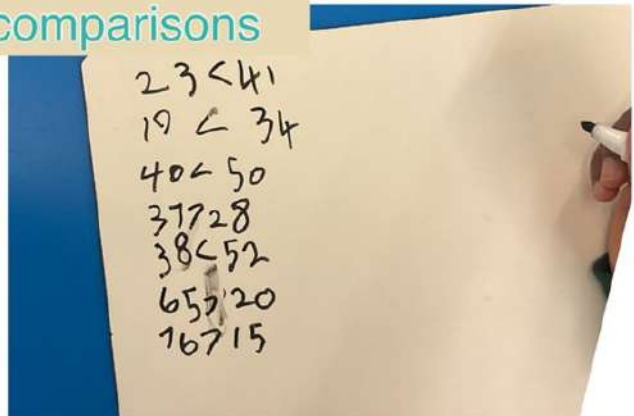
Year 2 Learning

There has been a lot of comparing in Year 2, using the symbols for more than and fewer than.



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LO: To make comparisons



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CLASS NEWS

Year 3 Walk to Henley Street

Year 3 went on an exciting walk to the most famous street in Stratford-upon-Avon - Henley Street!

We were excited to investigate how Henley Street has changed over time and to carry out a survey to assess how the land is used today. We were astonished to find 11 cafes, lots of shops, several post boxes and lots museums. Of course we couldn't miss Shakespeare's birthplace and fantastic statues!

Once we got back to school, we drew a sketch map of Henley Street including all the things we saw.



CLASS NEWS

Year 4 Tournament - Times Table Rock Star Battle

The Year 4s have kicked off a year of focusing on their times-tables with gusto! We've set up a tournament Times Table Rock Star battle between the classes and this week, the winners were the Sharks Class! Here's a photo of the top three players from each class. The battle is on again next week – Will the Sharks retain their title? Or can the Llamas stop them in their tracks?

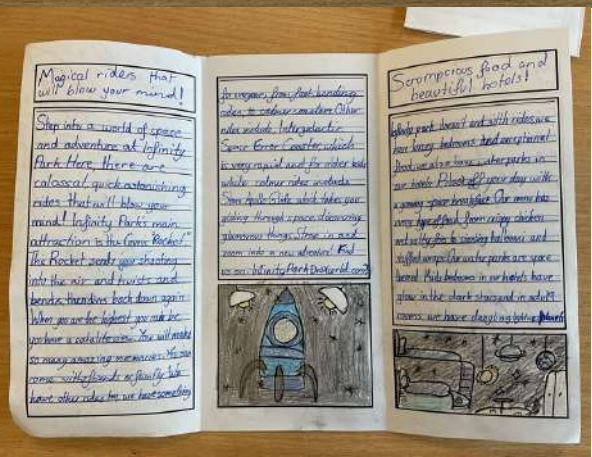
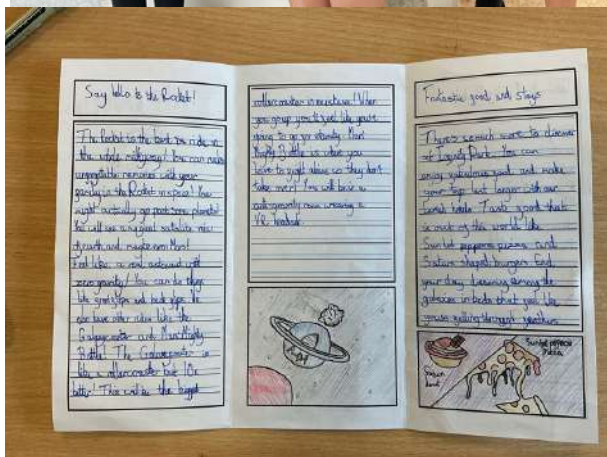


CLASS NEWS

Year 5 Learning

In Year 5, the children have been working hard on their persuasive writing skills by creating exciting leaflets for Infinity Park, the greatest theme park in the world! Inspired by our class text *Cosmic*, the children imagined this spectacular space-themed adventure land, complete with its most thrilling attraction — The Rocket.

To convince readers that Infinity Park is the ultimate destination, they used a range of persuasive techniques, including emotive language, rhetorical questions, exaggeration and carefully chosen adjectives. The children also illustrated their leaflets with bold, eye-catching designs to capture the target audience. Their work has been out of this world!



CLASS NEWS

Year 6—Water Testing on the River Avon and Stratford Nature Reserve

Children in Year 6 took part in an exciting project with EarthWatch UK and Imperial College London to test the water quality of the River Avon.

We used nitrate and phosphate testing kits to test the chemical levels at 6 locations along the River Avon. We then submitted our results online as part of a national project to review the water health of rivers and other bodies of water across the country.

Our results can be viewed on the national map here: https://www.freshwaterwatch.org/pages/great-uk-waterblitz-results?utm_source=https%3a%2f%2fmail.earthwatch.org.uk%2fearthwatcheulz%2f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=GUKWB_Autumn25_Thank+You&utm_term={EmailSubjectLine}&utm_content=82702&gator_td=u%2fs%2f8k58HGq



GENERAL NEWS

Holy Trinity Church's Community Fete

On Saturday 27th September, we were delighted to be invited to take part in the grand opening of Holy Trinity Church's Community Fete.

The wonderful children pictured (plus even more not photographed) represented our school by marching from the RSC gardens into The Dell where the fete was officially opened.

Thank you so much to all of the children and parents for giving up precious time during their weekend. We are thrilled to hear that the fete raised lots of vital funds for the church.



GENERAL NEWS

Halloween Special Menu

On Friday, 24th October, our kitchen team will be serving a special Halloween-themed menu. They'll be dressing up and decorating the space to create a fun and festive lunchtime experience for all the children.

Children who have one of the main 14 allergies will have their chosen meal from the special diets menu but will still be able to join in all the fun.



GENERAL NEWS

Award for upcycle, recycle garden

David Stirrup and Jill Scott attended an enjoyable evening at Stratford Town Hall, where they collected an award for the Upcycle/Recycle Garden. Holy Trinity School was one of seven schools selected to receive this award. The organisers found it difficult to choose a single winner, so all participating schools were gifted a bird nesting box. Ours will be installed on the large tree in the Reception play area. The evening also included a talk on which flowers bees and insects prefer for collecting pollen, as well as advice on planting wildflowers to help attract them.

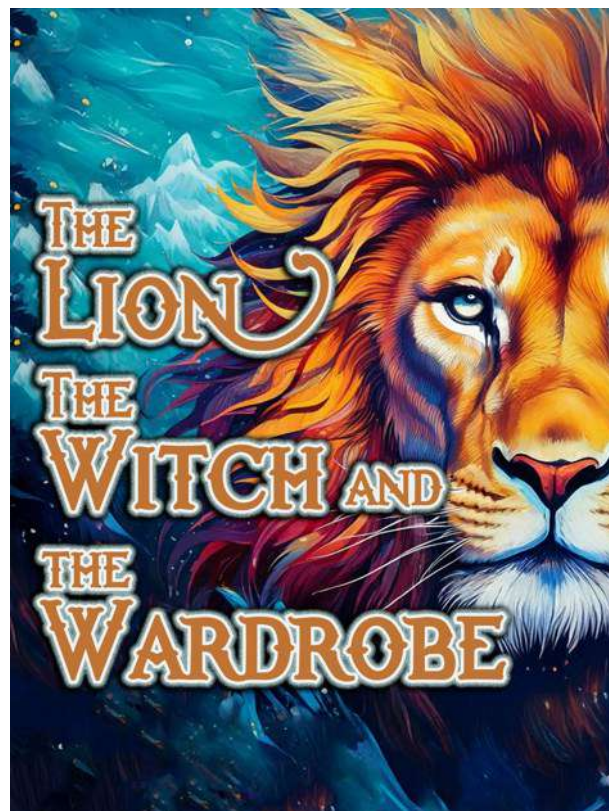


GENERAL NEWS

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-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>



GENERAL NEWS

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

Holy Trinity Bike Bus

Thank you so much to everyone who attended last week's meeting regarding the upcoming Holy Trinity Bike Bus. The wheels are now in motion, and the route is being plotted. However, it's not too late to get involved. If you would like to know more, please contact simon on bicyclemayorwarwick@gmail.com

Circus fun at lunchtime

The children had lots of fun yesterday searching for golden tickets on the bottom of their lunch trays. Our kitchen team decorated the front of the kitchen and dressed up to celebrate the circus festival-themed menu.



Yoga Mat donations

The staff in our Hub are asking for parents to donate unwanted yoga mats. They only need two so any donations would be gratefully appreciated. Please let us know if you are able to help by sending us a Studybug message.

GENERAL NEWS

Shoebox Appeal

Mrs De Hoest is supporting the Amen Trust Christmas Shoebox appeal through her church this year and she would be grateful if you were able to support her in this venture.

These are family shoeboxes so please include items for parents and children. Attached is the leaflet that guides you what to include. Do not include books where you need to be able to read English. Shoebox contents are our everyday items but to these Romanian families living in very basic conditions, they show someone cares enough to give them the only gift they may receive this Christmas.

Please only use a standard sized shoebox or equivalent sized box (we don't want large boot boxes as this makes distribution unfair). Please would you also include a £2 towards transportation.

If you are unable to fill a box but would like to make a donation of any of the items, she can make up boxes accordingly.

The deadline for any donations is Wednesday 23th October. Please bring to Mrs De Hoest in Alligators class.

She will be promoting this opportunity to the children during Assembly on the 15th October but they will only have a short time to meet the deadline.

Thanking you in advance for any help you can give to her. Below is a link to the video of last year's distribution.

<https://www.amentrust.co.uk/relieving-poverty/romanian-shoebox-appeal/>

For the past 15 years we have been able to go out to Romania and personally distribute shoeboxes to needy children and families. We are able to share in the children's excitement as they receive the family shoeboxes. These boxes continue to be a blessing and an opportunity to share the love of Jesus. Simon AMEN Volunteer / Trustee	Gift Aid Declaration Single Donation Please complete your details below Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate I want to Gift Aid my one off donation below of £ Gift Aid is reclaimed by AMEN from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference Address: Postcode: Date: Please tick the box if you would like to receive our newsletter (currently produced six monthly). Your information will not be used for any other purpose or passed on to any third parties. ☐ By completing this form you are giving AMEN permission to hold your personal data. AMEN is a Registered Charity No: 1057828.	AMEN Christmas Family Shoebox Appeal 2025 
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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

FUNDRAISING NEWS



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Follow us on Twitter @WillowsCE

29th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

The Willows Friends Pantomime – Cinderella

The days are getting shorter (Oh yes they are) and we are asking ourselves where is that time gone (It's behind you!). And that can only mean one thing: Panto time.

This year, we will be bringing one of the best-loved fairy tales to the stage and it might look a little bit like the story we all know and love (although we can't make any promises).

We can guarantee that there will be jokes (mainly bad ones), there will be songs (that have audiences shouting 'bibbidi-bobbity-don't') and we will be needing as many members of our wonderful school community to put this together.

Some helpful information:

- This year's production of Cinderella will be performed on **Friday 13th February, Saturday 14th February and Sunday 15th February**
- Rehearsals take place **Mondays and Thursdays** at school, **8pm – 10pm**, and will start from **Monday 3rd November** until the production. We do allow a break during the Christmas holidays.
- People will not be needed for every rehearsal, however the more that you can commit the better.
- Fun and laughter is guaranteed!
- Everyone is welcome to put themselves forward and we'd love to welcome some new faces to our Panto family. Just ask some of the previous cast members and they'll tell you what a life enriching experience it is.

If you are willing and able to join the gang, either on stage or off or to join our talented Panto Band, please complete the reply slip on the next page and return it to either Mr Shuker, Mr Frerichs or the school office by **Monday 13th October**.

Kind Regards

The Panto Team



FUNDRAISING NEWS

Panto 2025 – Cinderella

FAO: Mr Shuker/Mr Frerichs

Name:

Child's Name & Class:

Contact telephone number:

Email address:

Interested in (tick as many as you like)

Acting (As many lines as possible!) ☐

Acting (Medium sized part) ☐

Acting (Small part) ☐

Music ☐

Marketing / Front of house ☐

Backstage / staging ☐

Other _____

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2025/26

2025

8 October	Rainbow Harvest Festival
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
4-5 November	Parents Evenings
10 November	Year 1 Trip
12 & 13 November	Reception 2026 Open mornings at 9.45am (Booking needed)
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

Year 6 Children—Open Auditions 'The Borrowers'

STRATFORD YOUTH THEATRE Open Auditions! The Borrowers.

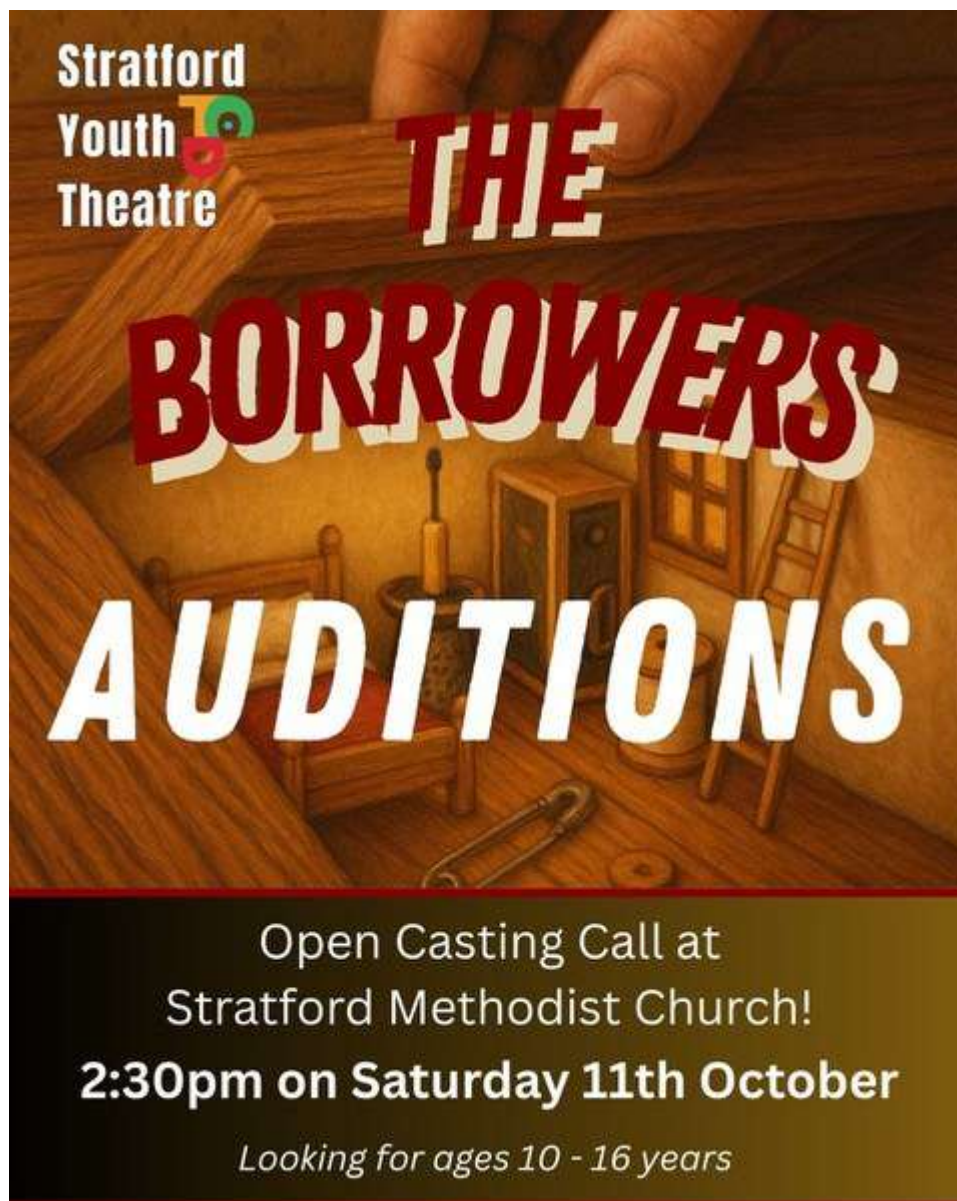
We are seeking enthusiastic young performers aged **10–16 years** to join us for this exciting project.

- **Date:** Saturday 11th October
- **Time:** From 2:30pm - 4:30pm
- **Venue:** Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church

This is a fantastic opportunity for young people to develop their acting skills, build confidence, and be part of a vibrant youth theatre community.

The Performance will be during **February half term 2025 at The Bear Pit Theatre**

For further information or to register interest, please contact us at **07591 346080** or [sytdadmin@stratfordyouththeatre.com](mailto:sytadmin@stratfordyouththeatre.com)





STRATFORD MUSIC
FESTIVAL

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Friday 31st October

The Croft School 12pm

*TICKET PRICE : £10 for parent and child.
£2 per extra child (max 3 children per adult)*

www.stratfordmusicfestival.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE WORKSHOP: Understanding your child's behaviour (age 0-5 years, England)

 This workshop is for **parent carers in England of children aged 0–5 with additional needs or disabilities (with or without a diagnosis)**.

Do you sometimes find your child's behaviour difficult to understand or manage?

Children with additional needs may show distressed behaviours as a way of communicating unmet needs, and getting the right support can make a big difference.

 Tuesday 7 October 2025

 7:00 – 9:00pm (BST)

 Online via Zoom

In this free 2-hour session, we'll explore:

-  What behaviour is and what drives it
-  The link between communication, sensory needs and behaviour
-  How behaviour is learnt
-  Practical strategies to support your child

There will also be time for discussion, questions, and signposting to further sources of help.

Places are limited, sign up today to secure your spot:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brighter-beginnings-understanding-your-childs-behaviour-age-0-5-engl...>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Become a Chorister

at Shakespeare's Church!



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To be a Chorister is a wonderful and exciting opportunity. Above all, it is **fun!**

Holy Trinity Church, where William Shakespeare is buried, boasts an excellent Choir. Choristers sing at the regular choral services, enriched by recordings, concerts, broadcasts, cathedral visits and tours.

The Choir is currently looking for boys and girls from 7 years old. If you know a child who would relish all the musical and educational opportunities on offer, please contact the Music Office on **01789 266316** or at music@stratford-upon-avon.org

The Church is such a beautiful building and the congregation really cares about us and says "thank you too!"

"I love singing in the church you know William Shakespeare went to, was baptised and is buried in - there is so much history."

"You make loads of new friends and get very close to them as you spend a lot of time together."

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The sessions take place on a Saturday morning, starting at;

9.00am for beginners,

10.00am for intermediates,

And 11.00am for experienced players.

To book your place contact Dave Petty on

07971 162479 or david.petty4@ntlworld.com



Free Coaching Voucher

COMMUNITY NEWS

Struggling to cope? Feeling distressed or overwhelmed?



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Or email support@cwsafehaven.org.uk

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- Wellington Gardens, Windsor St, **Coventry** CV1 3BT

Visit cwsafehaven.org.uk/location-and-travel or scan the QR code below for other venues across Warwickshire.

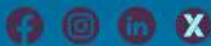
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FOR CHILDREN AGED 5–11
All abilities welcome!

VENUE:

King Edward VI School (KES), Stratford-upon-Avon



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Challenges — all balanced with off-screen time to get active and have fun!

Workshops are taught by an industry expert working with studios such as,

Electronic Arts, Codemasters, BBC, Disney, and Aardman Animation Studio.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children interested in tech and stem subjects

📍 Venue: King Edward VI School, Chapel Lane, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6BE

📅 Dates: 27th to 31st October.

🕒 9:00AM to 3.00pm

For schedule, club and booking information: <https://kes-jam-coding.lovable.app/>

To see a video about the club: https://www.dropbox.com/sc/fi/bvsp4difw89l1xy0cf08f/KES_oct_2025_FB.mp4?rlkey=2oovb7ufc0u9qpdtdblopsvz6x&st=42ngdqbm&dl=0

COMMUNITY NEWS



ILEAP INTO A DRAMA ADVENTURE

JOIN ILEAP DRAMA COACH ELLEN FOR A FUN-FILLED DRAMA WORKSHOP INSPIRED BY THE BELOVED BOOKS OF JULIA DONALDSON. FEATURING DRAGONS, KNIGHTS, PRINCESSES, AND WITCHES. IT'S A NOT-TOO-SPOOKY HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE

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