

NEWSLETTER

7 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

It's been another exciting week at Holy Trinity, with Roman Battles, Highway Men, Big Art and a wonderful performance for the Shakespeare Birth Place Trust.

It was also absolutely lovely to see so many smiling faces at parents' evening.

Look out for the next PTA event which will be a fun BINGO evening. This is such a lovely half term, with all the preparations for Christmas starting to ring out through the school. We will really look forward to seeing you at all our Christmas events. Preparations are well under way!

ATTENDANCE

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

EYFS and KS1— Meerkats 98.5%

Lower KS2 – Llamas 98.2%

Upper KS2 – Cormorants 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.

SPORTS NEWS

Football reports

On Thursday 6th November, Holy Trinity hosted boys and girls football fixtures against Bridgetown Primary School.

On the boys pitch, an unusually slow start from our boys resulted in us finding ourselves 3-0 within minutes. I think at this point, all spectators were concerned how the rest of the match might play out. However, we need not worry as our boys dug deep and started to keep possession of the ball, to the point where we dominated the rest of the first half and miraculously went into half time at 3-3. An exchange of goals at the start of the second half moved the score line to 4-4. However, a period of dominance from Bridgetown saw them take a 7-4 lead. Once again, our boys continued to fight, pulling a goal back but had left themselves too much to do for a second time, therefore sadly resulting in a 7-5 loss. A fantastic game of football to watch!

On the girls pitch, it was a much tighter affair. A back and forth, end to end match, with both teams creating plenty of chances. However, goals were hard to come by. Some good saves at both ends of the pitch, plus some near misses, meant it looked like the score would remain a 0-0 draw. However, with just seconds remaining, our girls continued to believe in their efforts which truly deserved a goal, concluding with Ornella firing the ball into the back of the net to secure a 1-0 victory. Who doesn't love a last minute winner!

Well done and thank you to all of the boys, girls and parents of all sides for an enjoyable evening of football.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Preschool update

We would like to extend a huge thank you to one of our families for donating some large loose parts for our garden. The children have absolutely loved exploring rolling the last of our apples down a pipe, how water can increase the speed, and how things that are pushed up a pipe will inevitably roll back down again.



CLASS NEWS

Reception learning

Reception have loved learning all about The Little Red Hen. The children enjoyed retelling the story and talking about how the animals worked together (or didn't!) We even made our own delicious bread rolls, just like the Little Red Hen. They smelled amazing and we all agreed they were super tasty!

We have now started our new topic, 'Sparkle and Shine', which will take us on lots of exciting adventures as we explore light, celebrations and all things that shimmer and glow.



CLASS NEWS

Year 1 Learning

Year 1 have enjoyed making maths stories with the Autumn treasures that they have found outside, they have been finding totals with different types of leaves and telling each other stories about what has happened to them. Perhaps they might like to show you what they have been doing at home.



CLASS NEWS

Year 2 Learning



Lots of super maths work from year 2 this week.

What do you add to 7 to make 10?

What do you add to 27 to make 30?

What pattern can you see?

CLASS NEWS

Year 3 Science



Push and Pull

We investigated pushes and pulls using the playground equipment. Some equipment needed pushes, some needed pulls, others needed both pushes and pulls.



Pull



Push and Pull



Push



Push



Push and Pull
Push with feet, pull with arms



Pull

CLASS NEWS

Year IV go to watch the Villa!

On the last day of last half-term, Year Four headed up the Fosse Way to the Roman Villa at Chedworth. They explored the grounds, learnt all about Roman bathing and feasting habits, their central heating and art and scrutinised how romans played, cooked, used cosmetics and language, and how they constructed mosaics.

A great end to our study of the Romans! In next fortnight's newsletter: News of our Roman Battle Day...



CLASS NEWS

Year 5 Fieldwork Study at Coombe Abbey Country Park

As part of our River Study, we reinforced our classroom learning by exploring the River Smite at Coombe Abbey Country Park. We labelled a map of the river and identified key features, including its source and mouth. We also examined the flow of the river, noting which part moved fastest and why. This led us to observe both deposition and erosion along the river.

The most exciting part was wading into the river to measure its depth. We tested our theory by dropping pencils and timing how long they took to reach a partner at different intervals across the river's width.

In the afternoon, we went pond dipping and observed water birds. We identified various river insects using a classification tree and also birdwatched to learn about the species living near the river.

This trip deepened our understanding of rivers beyond the classroom.



CLASS NEWS

Year 5 Severn Trent Visit

This week in Year 5, we were visited by Severn Trent, who delivered a fascinating workshop on water to extend our Geography topic on rivers. During the session, the presenter explained the journey of water and reminded the children that the water we drink today is the same water that dinosaurs drank millions of years ago! We recapped the water cycle and identified its four key stages: evaporation, condensation, precipitation, and collection.

We then explored how Severn Trent cleans our water each day, learning about the many stages involved in making it safe to drink — some children were a bit put off drinking water afterwards! To finish, we played a fun game to measure how much water families typically use in a day. It was eye-opening to see how much water can be wasted and what activities use the most water. We discussed simple ways to save water at home, such as turning off the tap while brushing our teeth.

The children were highly engaged throughout, and the workshop was a fantastic way to conclude our unit on rivers.



Monday 3.11.25	3rd November 2025			
Family	Target Amount	Amount Measured	over/under	W/W or W/S
Rain	750	780	↑30	W/W
Mist	600	760	↑160	W/W
Fog*	600	260	↓340	W/S
Snow*	600	1850	↑1250	W/W
Hail	600	650	↑50	W/W

Men

- art at lunch
- new leaders
- table confere
- computer work
- homework

CLASS NEWS

Year 6 Eco Team

Year 6's Eco Team, The Eco Monitors, had a visit from Ruth Payne, Warwickshire County Council's Waste Project Officer.

They learnt about how to recycle, what can be recycled and what happens after our waste is collected. Warwickshire is very fortunate to have a state of the art recycling facility in Coventry. Sherbourne Resource Park opened in 2023 and is the first AI powered recycling facility which is owned by eight West Midlands local authorities that can produce 99% pure material for manufacturing.

Sadly in 2019, the UK alone produced 25.9 million tonnes of waste! Trying not to quote Whitney Houston, but children are our future and it is so important that our young generation learn from an early age and also to help and continue to educate our older generation so that our world continues to combat climate change.

It is up to us to ensure that we are all doing our part and recycle as much as we can!

Thanks to Edding, the marker pen company, we now have in all classrooms, a recycling box for our old pens and markers.



GENERAL NEWS

Bell Boating Regatta

On Wednesday 22nd October, pupils from Holy Trinity Primary School took part in the second annual Bell boating regatta, hosted by former Olympian Andy Train.

The event saw our two teams of ten pupils, working together as crews, to race against 16 other schools/teams. Our Blue crew demonstrated fantastic resilience to end up placing 2nd in the 'D Final', a very worthy result. Our Red crew, demonstrating exceptional teamwork, really exceeded all of our expectations, resulting in placing as runners up in the 'A Final'.

A massive well done to all of the pupils who took part for representing our school admirably.



GENERAL NEWS

Kitchen Halloween menu

Our amazing kitchen team got into the spooky spirit on Friday, 24th October with a special Halloween menu! They decorated the hatch area and dressed up in fantastic costumes to make lunchtime extra fun. A huge thank-you to Jill Scott, our brilliant Midday Supervisor, who joined in the fun and even made the colourful knitted bunting hanging over the hatch!



GENERAL NEWS

The Wild Wood Installation

Many thanks to the families and children who attended the unveiling of The Wild Wood installation to mark the start of Men's Mental Health Month. The children's work forms part of what has turned into an incredibly inspiring and moving project. Please do go and visit if you get a chance, it can be found next to the obelisk at Welcombe Hills.



GENERAL NEWS

Governors & Volunteers Thank you Tea

In October, some of our Year 5 pupils hosted an afternoon tea to thank the governors and volunteers who help our school be do its best.

A small group of Year 5 pupils helped Mr Shuker wait and serve the volunteers and governors a slice of cake or a scone. Everyone enjoyed their afternoon and the Year 5s did such a brilliant job, they enjoyed a slice of cake at the end!

Thank you to our governors and volunteers for helping us so much throughout the year.



Pupil Achievement

Gemma and Sophia from Year 6 did a wonderful job representing the school this week. They read Shakespeare's verse at the Birthplace, to open the celebrations at **the annual commemoration of the birth of Pakistan's national poet and the legendary "Poet of the East," Dr. Sir Allama Iqbal.**



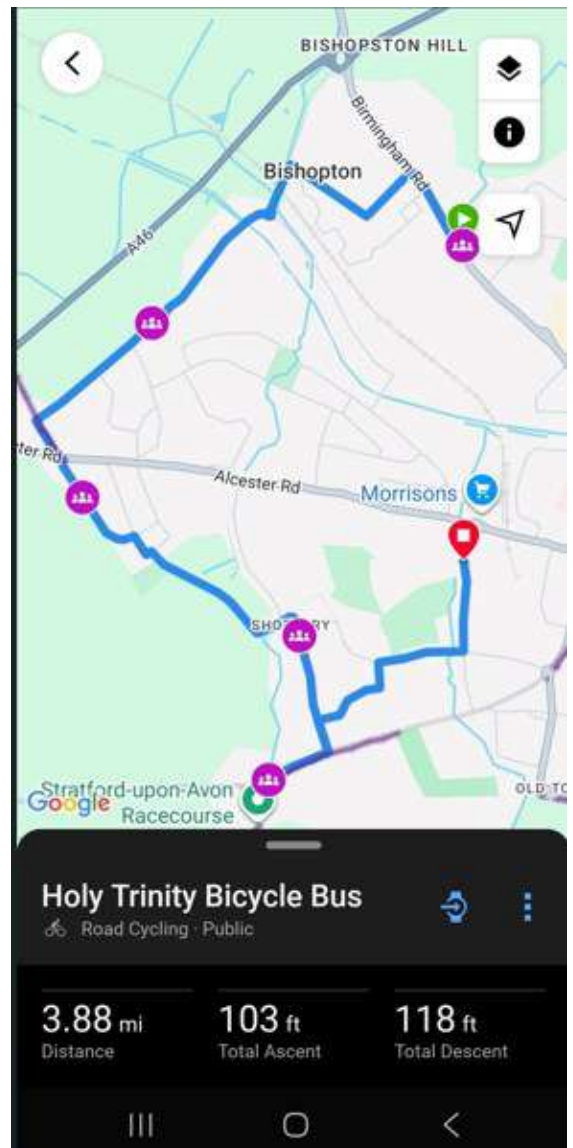
GENERAL NEWS

Holy Trinity Bike Bus

On Tuesday 4th November, the inaugural Holy Trinity Bicycle Bus arrived at school in style! Having collected multiple passengers along the route, the children rode with immense maturity and great skill, as well as having lots of fun with bubbles and music!

A massive thank you to Simon and the fantastic group of parents who have made this a reality. It would be amazing to recruit more passengers in the coming weeks. The Bus will be running every Tuesday morning from 8am, following the route pictured, anyone is welcome to join in!

If you would like to become involved please email simon@thebicyclebus.co.uk



Trinity Stars Wraparound Care

We are delighted to share some wonderful news — our Wraparound Team Trinity Stars has been awarded a 5 star Food & Hygiene rating, the highest possible score!



Led by Hannah Cousins & Donna Critchlow, this achievement is a reflection of the team's hard work, attention to detail, and commitment to maintaining the very highest standards in everything they do. It's fantastic to see their efforts recognised in such a significant way.

This is an outstanding result for our Wraparound Team — we are very proud of them!

GENERAL NEWS

World Kindness Day Special Menu

On Thursday 13th November, our kitchen team will be celebrating World Kindness Day with a special menu.

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 celebrations.





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

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.

Willows Friends Family Bingo

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
INDIVIDUAL ENTRY £3**

REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!

www.ticketsource.co.uk/willowsfriends

FUNDRAISING NEWS

HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes

**RAGS
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RICHES**
Schools Clubs Groups



**WE ACCEPT CLEAN,
GOOD QUALITY, DRY,
REUSABLE CLOTHING**

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- ✓ Jewellery and Accessories
- ✓ Paired Shoes and Footwear
- ✓ Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website
www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS
DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED
CLOTHES.
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS,
BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

If you are unsure what to put in the bags
STOP AND THINK
WOULD YOU WEAR IT?

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:

26th November 2025

Please remember - NO UNIFORM



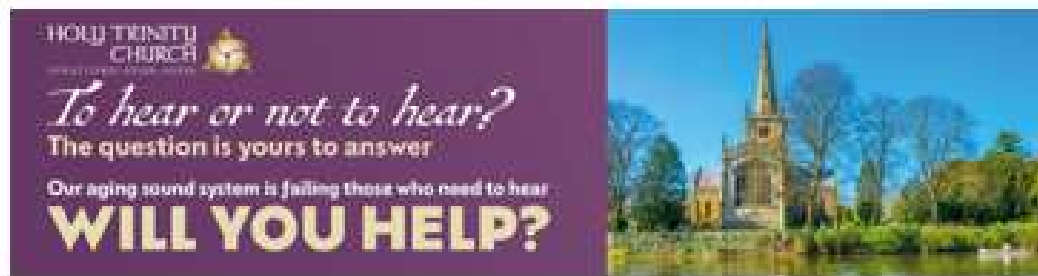
DATES FOR THE DIARY 2025/26

2025

10 November	Year 1 Trip
12 & 13 November	Reception 2026 Open mornings at 9.45am (Booking needed)
13 November	Special Food Menu—World Kindness Day (details in newsletter)
21 November	Willows Friends Family Bingo
24 November	Whole school immunisations
26 November	Rags to Riches clothing collection
4 December	Year 2 trip
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



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



THE MAYOR'S FESTIVE JOURNEY

Father Christmas travels to Stratford-upon-Avon

This Christmas, Stratford's young people are invited to take part in a magical challenge...

Help Father Christmas travel from the North Pole to Stratford-upon-Avon Town Hall by walking, wheeling, hopping or cartwheeling some of the way and get sponsored by your family and friends.

**TAKE PART FOR YOUR CHANCE
TO MEET FATHER CHRISTMAS
IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR**

For more information and to download a sponsorship form, visit

[stratford-tc.gov.uk/
mayors-christmas-fundraising](http://stratford-tc.gov.uk/mayors-christmas-fundraising)



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FOR PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Get practical hints and tips to support your children and keep them safe online, and learn how to keep up to date in the ever changing online world.



Mon 10th
NOVEMBER

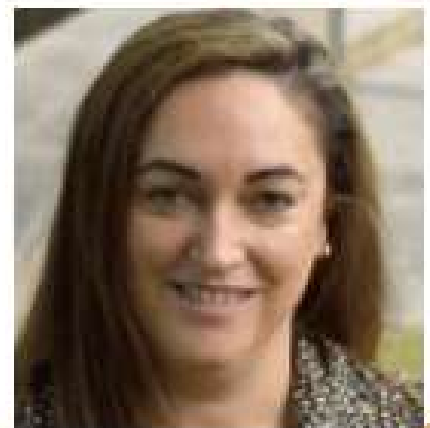
7pm-8pm

Speaker

LYNDSEY VAUGHTON

Education & Wellbeing Training Lead (UK)

Smoothwall



Access the event here:

<https://meet.google.com/cze-sgju-fbj>

With a background in law enforcement, Lyndsey is a seasoned child protection advocate with extensive expertise in safeguarding education. She is passionate about fostering safe student environments, offering support in policy implementation, training, and committee establishment, as well as furthering her commitment to student wellbeing through her PhD research on the effects of domestic abuse on children.

For more information on online safety, visit <https://warwickshire.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>



**Parenting
Project**



Christmas Balloon Race

11th - 18th
December 2025



Balloons to be purchased by
9th December 2025





Stratford-upon-Avon
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Join the Rudolph Run!

This holiday season, your school can get into the festive spirit by taking part in the Rudolph Run! Choose a time, place & distance to suit you and raise much needed funds for Stratford-upon-Avon Foodbank.

How it works:

- Pick your own time and place to run or walk
- Receive your FREE reindeer antlers for each child taking part
- Collect sponsorship money and know your donations will help local families this Christmas

To request a fundraising pack please email Isla Stroyan:
fundraising@stratforduponavon.foodbank.org.uk

