

NEWSLETTER

8th 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

The Circus is coming to school! A huge thank you to our incredible PTA for organising this wonderful opportunity over the weekend. It's lovely to know that so many families will attend.

We wish our Year Sixes the very best next week. They are fantastic individuals who work hard, show kindness, respect, resilience and determination. They have already done enough to make us proud. I hope they all have a wonderful weekend, doing lots of lovely things. They deserve joy and happiness so that next week they have the opportunity to show off everything they know.

ATTENDANCE

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

EYFS and KS1 – Robins 98.9%

Lower KS2 – Alligators 96.6%

Upper KS2 – Seahorses 98.55%



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.

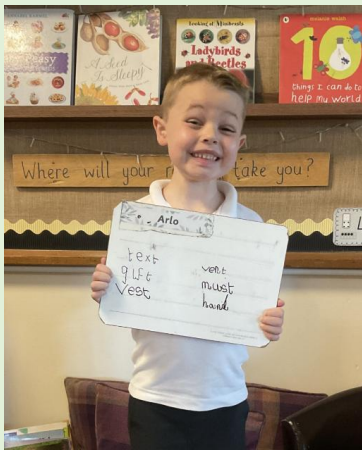
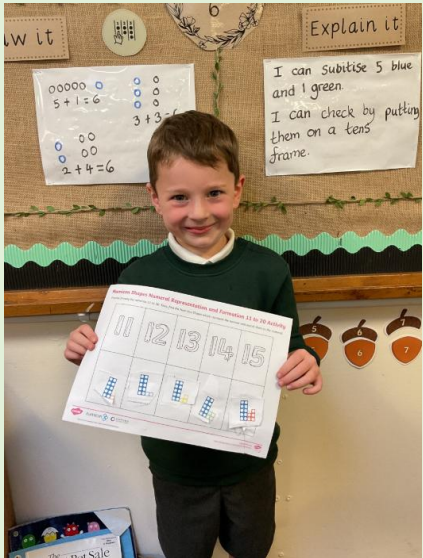
PRESCHOOL NEWS

Preschool had a wonderful time visiting Stratford train station last week. The children walked confidently in pairs, listening carefully to our instructions about how and where to cross the road. They held the railings as they walked up and down the steps to the station forecourt, and to cross over the tracks across the little footbridge. We waited patiently in the little shelter and noticed some diggers working further down the road, before crossing back over to the station and waving the 10.08 train to Birmingham off.



RECEPTION NEWS

Reception have been busy with a range of exciting activities, including watching our caterpillars grow and change, which has sparked lots of curiosity and discussion. At Forest School, the children enjoyed toasting pancakes over the fire and planting vegetables, helping them learn more about nature and the world around them while building confidence outdoors. In the classroom, they have been working on becoming more independent in their learning, taking on tasks with greater confidence as we begin to think about the transition into Year



RECEPTION NEWS



A PLEA FROM RECEPTION

Reception are looking for a tractor tyre for their outdoor play area. If you would like to donate one they would be very grateful.

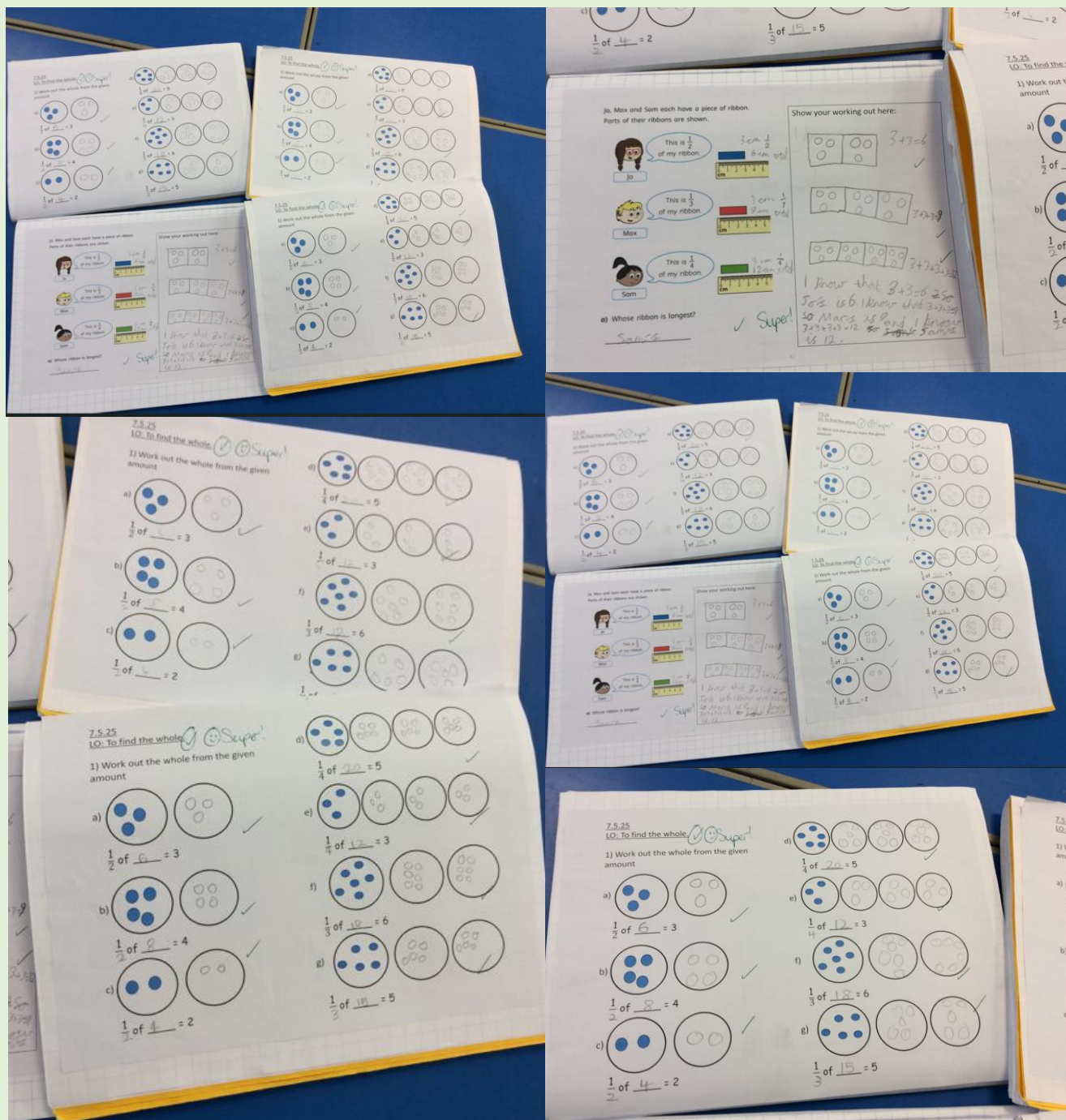
YEAR 1 NEWS

Year 1 were keen to learn more about seeds. We examined a selection of seeds and discussed what plants might grow from them. Year 1 wondered whether bigger plants would grow from bigger seeds. In small groups, we planted the seeds. We will now observe and measure the plants over time, looking for whether there is a pattern. We will also research this question together.



YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 have been busy working on their new Maths unit - fractions! They have taken to it absolutely brilliantly and are mastering every new concept introduced to them. On Thursday, they used fractions of amounts to find the whole. Their reasoning and problem-solving skills were fantastic!



YEAR 3 NEWS

In Year 3, we have been learning all about Ancient Egypt. And when we say Ancient Egypt, you are probably envisioning pyramids, pharaohs, an assortment of strange gods with animal heads, and, of course, mummies!

We learned all about this unusual practice of preserving the deceased. Did you know they took out all organs, including the brain because they thought it was not important. The only organ that remained was the heart because the Egyptians believed this is where all the thinking and feeling happened. A good thing our medical knowledge has improved over the years.

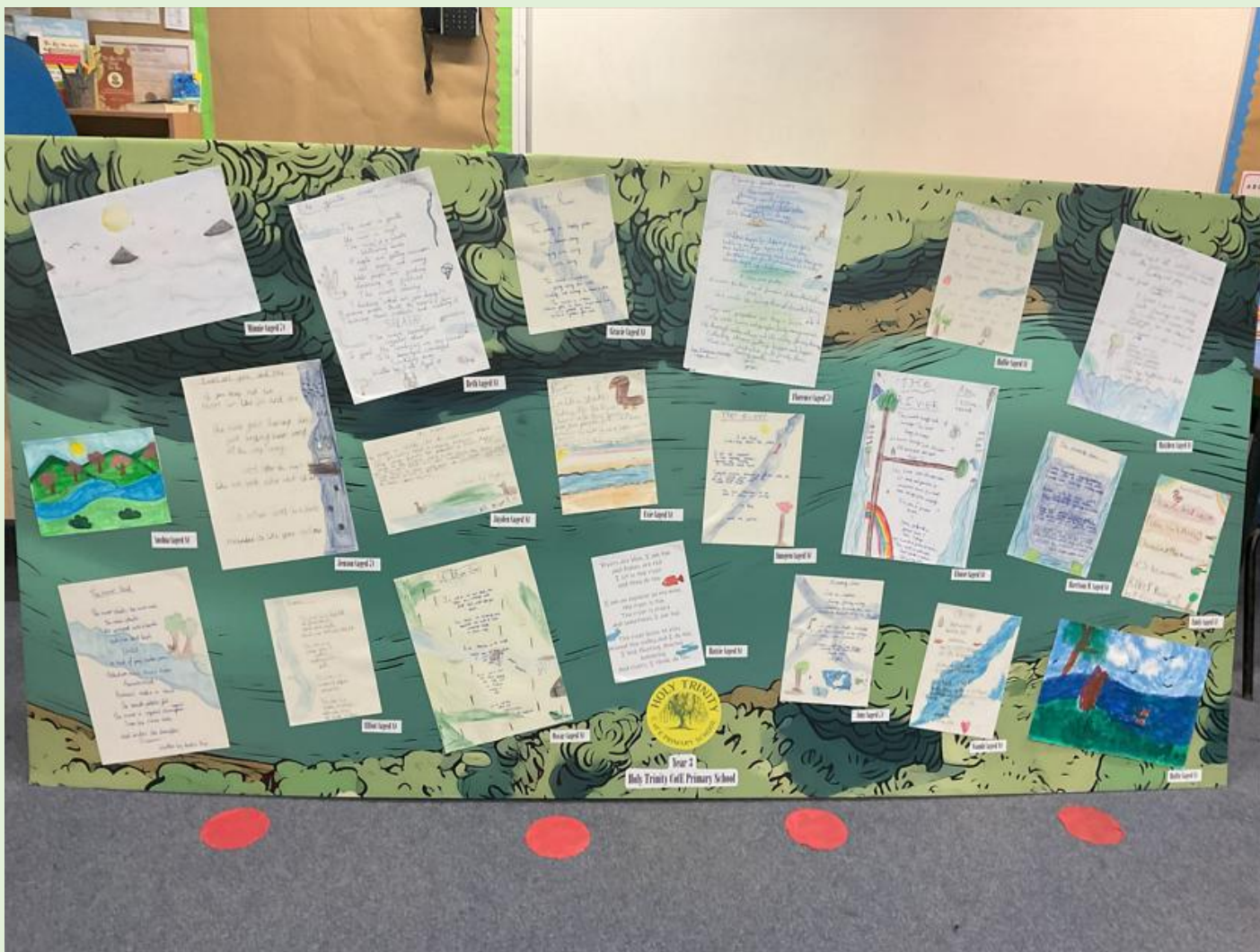
Rather than just learning about it, we had a go at doing some mummifying of our own. Not with actual dead bodies (apparently that would be frowned upon) but with tomatoes instead. Our mummified tomatoes are currently being kept in their salt solution called natron. We're looking forward to seeing our results in a few weeks' time.



YEAR 3 NEWS

If you have tickets to an event at the Stratford Literacy Festival, you might come across a very special display made by our wonderful Year 3 poets.

Primary schools have been asked to deliver some art work to decorate the hallways in the Crowne Plaza hotel. Because we have been working on our poetry, and because it is a literacy festival after all, we decided to fill our board with our poetry art. It will be on display until the 9th May. So, if you're around town, pop in to have a look.



YEARS 4 NEWS

Year 4 Make Some Noise in Science

This week, Year 4 have been exploring the fascinating world of sound. We began with a “sound walk” around the school, where the children became sound detectives, identifying different noises and thinking carefully about what was causing them.

In the hall, we explored how sounds are made through vibrations. Using a range of instruments, the children investigated how different sounds are produced proving that sound really is movement you can sometimes see. We also learned how sound travels, with the children brilliantly acting as particles to demonstrate how vibrations move through the air. Finally, we explored how our ears work, understanding how sound waves are received and interpreted by the human body.

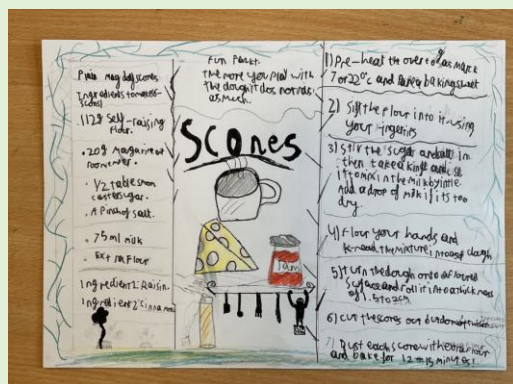
A noisy, hands-on lesson full of curiosity, teamwork and plenty of scientific thinking!



YEAR 5 NEWS

On Tuesday, Year 5 pupils celebrated May Day by taking part in a DT Day where they made seasonal scones. The children began by discussing and deciding on suitable ingredients that reflected the season, carefully considering flavours and textures. They then prepared their scone mixture, practising key skills such as weighing, mixing, and shaping, before baking their scones in the oven. Once they were ready, everyone enjoyed tasting their scones and took time to evaluate the results, discussing what worked well and what they might improve next time.

The children did a fantastic job and I am sure they cannot wait to recreate their delicious seasonal scones at home to share with their friends and family.



YEAR 6 NEWS

On Monday 27th April Year 6 had a "Shackleton Day." Children dressed up as crewmen and some even as Ernest Shackleton! They played a variety of games, completed a number of challenges and a great time was had by all!

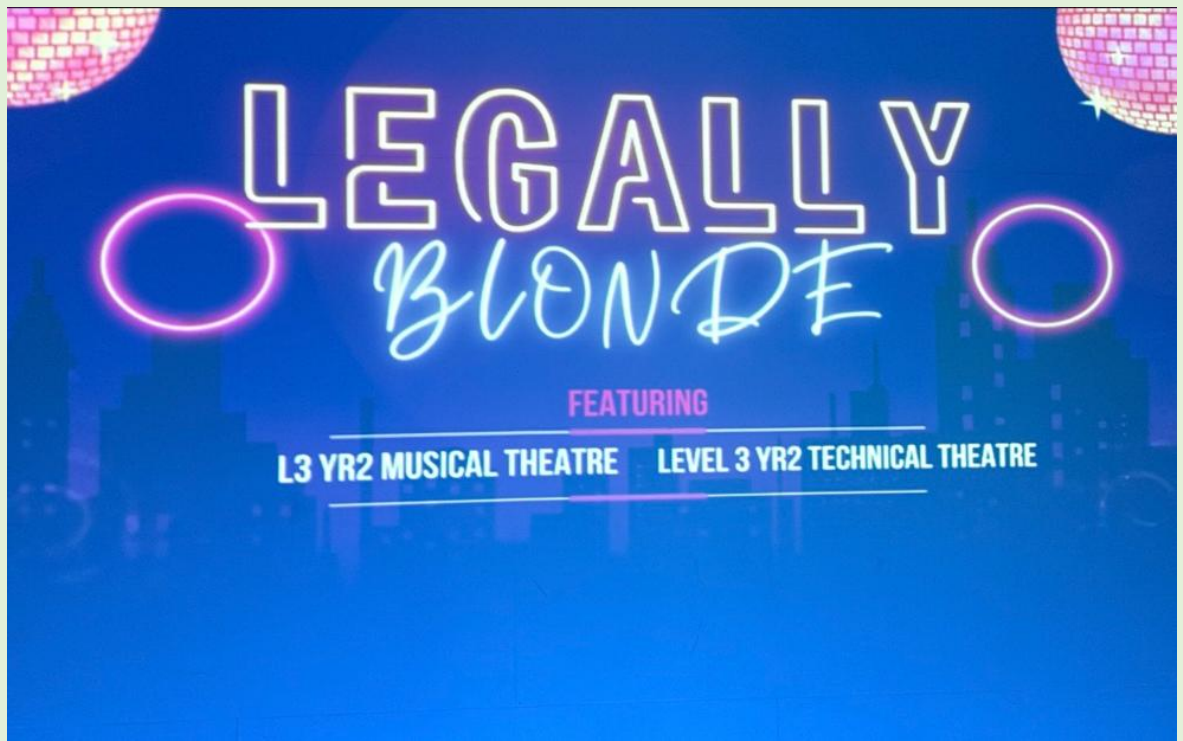


YEAR 6 NEWS

Last week, Year 6 were very lucky to be asked to watch the dress rehearsal of Stratford College's performance of Legally Blonde. The show was absolutely amazing, the students were fabulous and very professional - definitely a lot of talent there!

This show marked the final major performance for their second year Performing & Production Arts students—the culmination of their hard work, creativity and dedication.

Well done to all who was involved and thank you for inviting us, the children loved it and were singing the songs for the rest of the day!



THE CREATIVE HUB NEWS

Enid Marx inspired Art

In the Creative Hub, the children have enjoyed experimenting with printing using polystyrene tiles. This involved engraving repeated patterns and using ink to print their designs.



Shakespeare's Birthday Celebrations

Holy Trinity Primary School was proud to join the celebrations marking the birthday of William Shakespeare at the annual parade. As the oldest primary school in Stratford, we take great pride in participating.

This year, saw Holy Trinity Primary contributing in multiple ways. Kicking off the festivities, was Miss Smith and her beautiful group of Year 4 country dancers, treating the crowds to 5 incredibly slick dances. Then, a group of infant school councillors, junior M.P's and House Captains, took great pride in leading the pre parade of primary schools on the traditional parade route, concluding by laying their flowers on Shakespeare's grave at Holy Trinity Church.

As if that wasn't enough, during all of the excitement, our very own Mr Sandle-Keynes was at the head of affairs compering the event in its entirety.

We are so proud and thankful to everyone who took part and contributed to this incredible community event.



GENERAL NEWS

Years 5 & 6 Trip to see Children's Laureate at Crowne Plaza

Years 5 and 6 were fortunate to be invited to a Q&A session with Children's Laureate and multi-award-winning novelist and screen writer Frank Cottrell-Boyce at The Crowne Plaza as part of the Stratford Literacy Festival.

He has written many books including Cosmic, Framed, The Astounding Broccoli Boy and Runaway Robot. He is also a very successful screenwriter and written scripts for Doctor Who, Kensuke's Kingdom and Millions. He was also the key writer behind the iconic, fabulously funny sketch of the late Queen and Paddington Bear enjoying tea and marmalade sandwiches together!

Lots of our pupils asked him great questions and Ted in Cormorants was even lucky enough to go on stage with him and act out as a Dalek!

He then very kindly gifted all the children a signed copy of his new book- The Blockbusters! Happy reading!



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Junior Playground

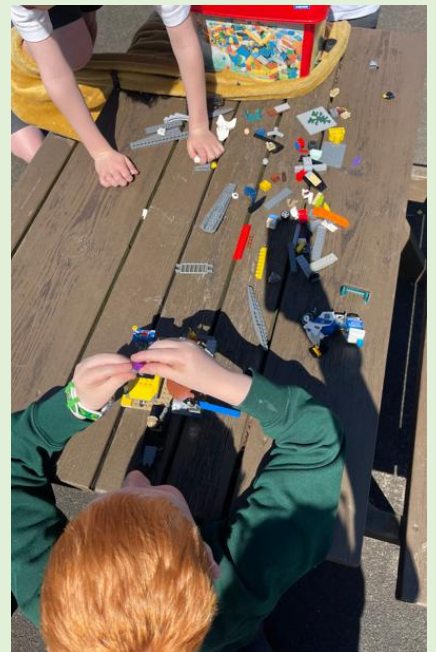
As spring gets under way and we are enjoying warmer, sunnier days (well almost!), the juniors have been enjoying new activities during lunchtime.

They can now participate in skipping, colouring, imaginative action and role play using Lego and dinosaurs as well as an organised game of rounders with one of our fabulous Lunchtime Supervisors.

They can also use their creative imagination with chalk: drawing pictures and playing games such as Hopscotch. The children can also practice their throwing and catching with tennis balls.

For those that enjoy the quieter times, our outdoor classroom is perfect for catching up on reading.

Finally, there is always the original equipment that the children love - the slide, swing, tyres, monkey bars and climbing wall.



GENERAL NEWS

Music Concert

This Wednesday, our school community came together to celebrate our wonderful passion for music. As always, our annual music concert was filled with a variety of musical talent.

Miss Smith's orchestra opened the evening with range of beautiful pieces, showcasing the joys of our Year 5 and 6 children playing together. Between pieces, there were some amazing solo performances from Lucy Penn (clarinet), Lucy Rogers (piano), Ben Teall (piano), Oliver Jupe (guitar) and Sebastian Rokison-Woodall (piano).

The evening continued with Mr Frerichs' singing group sharing their love of song through an arrangement toe-tapping sing alongs (or clap-alongs as was the case), Miss Smith's Year 4 recorder club and the Year 6 singing group, accompanied for their second song by no other than Mrs Herrero herself.

Finishing this incredible celebration of music was our very own rock band, Blood Suckers, after a solo performance from lead singer Mia Mia Llewellyn-Jones. The evening was a triumph and a testament to passion and dedication our school has to the wonderful art of making music.



Pupil Achievement

We are incredibly proud of Eliza and Liza, who are amongst the final 20 young poets put forward to be the Poet Laureate for the Midlands. They attended a poetry masterclass at the library in Birmingham, organised by the National Poetry Centre and Literacy Trust. The final will now be judged by Simon Armitage, our Poet Laureate. Every minute of the day was inspirational, and a reminder of the power of poetry to give young people a voice and the confidence to use it.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

9 May	Willows Friends Circus
11 May	Year 6 SATS
15 May	Year 6 Reward Day
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



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.



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2026 SUMMER TOUR

ALL SHOWS: 7:30-9:00PM

SCAN TO BOOK



Friday 05 June	The Redcliffe Hall	Moreton-in-Marsh	Wednesday 08 July	The Village Hall	Binton
Thursday 16 June	The Village Hall	Balsall Common	Thursday 09 July	Sports Club	Stratford-upon-Avon
Friday 26 June	The New Inn	Willesley	Friday 10 July	The Four Ales	Welford-on-Avon
Saturday 27 June	The Larches Club	Evesham	Thursday 16 July	The Church Room	Stow-on-the-Wald
Friday 03 July	The Engine	Kandworth	Tuesday 21 July	The Town Council	Chipping Norton
			Thursday 23 July		
			Tuesday 28 July	War Memorial	Town Hall Alcester
			Wednesday 29 July	The Memorial Hall	Hensley-in-Arden
			Thursday 30 July	The Town Hall	Chipping Camden
			Friday 31 July	The Court House	Warwick

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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
- Online or in-person sessions available
- Available throughout the **summer holidays**

Limited spaces available.