

# NEWSLETTER

9 October 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

This half term is moving incredibly fast. It seems unbelievable that with so much to do, we are approaching half term in only two weeks time!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Louise Clarke (otherwise known as Wiz) for all her dedication during her 13 years of involvement with our school. On Wednesday night of this last week, she gave her last report as Chair of the PTA.

It was wonderful to see so many new faces at the meeting, and as you know, the PTA are a lovely group of people who are always looking out for support and help. I don't know where our school would be without them!

## ATTENDANCE

**Congratulations to the following classes who have achieved the highest attendance in the last two weeks:**

**EYFS and KS1 – Sparrows 99.1%**

**Lower KS2 - Foxes 98.7%**

**Upper KS2 – Tigers 98%**



### 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.

## Year 6 Boys Football

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October saw our Y6 boys footballers take to the field for the first time this season. The visitors were Alveston Primary and the parents/teachers in attendance were treated to 50 minutes of excitement.

The boys started really well and found themselves 2-0 up in a relatively short space of time. However, adapting to school football with rules such as 'kick ins' and 'no headers' was always going to take a bit of time. This allowed our opponents to get back into the game and ultimately, a back and forth half, resulted in the half time score being 3-3.

Making a few tweaks to positions at half time, saw the boys grow in confidence throughout a really assured second half performance. From calm goalkeeping to resolute defending as a team, the boys took full control of the game. A flurry of goals, including an impressive 4 from Seb, saw the boys run out eventual 8-3 winners.

With lots of other boys keen to also participate, there will hopefully be lots more opportunities to come. Starting with a trip to Alcester next week and then a return match versus Alveston scheduled for early November.



## Year 5/6 Girls Football

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, it was the turn of the Y5/6 Girls football team to get their season started. The girls attended a Let's Play! event, with three other schools, at Stratford Girls Grammar School. Over half of the squad were making their first appearance for the school, and it would seem that exciting times are ahead! The girls played 5 matches during the afternoon...winning all 5. Across the 5 matches, the girls produced countless displays of dedicated tackling and composure in front of goal. In total, the girls scored 13 goals and conceded just 1. This squad has hopefully got a really bright future ahead of them.



## PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

We enjoyed a walk to Shottery Fields on Monday to look for signs of autumn. The sun was shining, highlighting the beautiful colours of the leaves, and we were happy to find lots of conkers to add to our collection of autumn



# RECEPTION NEWS

What a busy and lovely few weeks we have had in Reception! We were delighted to welcome parents into school for our phonics workshops. It was wonderful to share how we teach phonics in Reception and give parents a better understanding of the approaches and strategies we use each day. Most importantly, it was lovely to see parents enjoying time learning and working alongside their children, taking part in phonics activities together. We hope the workshops gave families some helpful ideas and confidence to support their children's phonics learning at home.



# RECEPTION NEWS

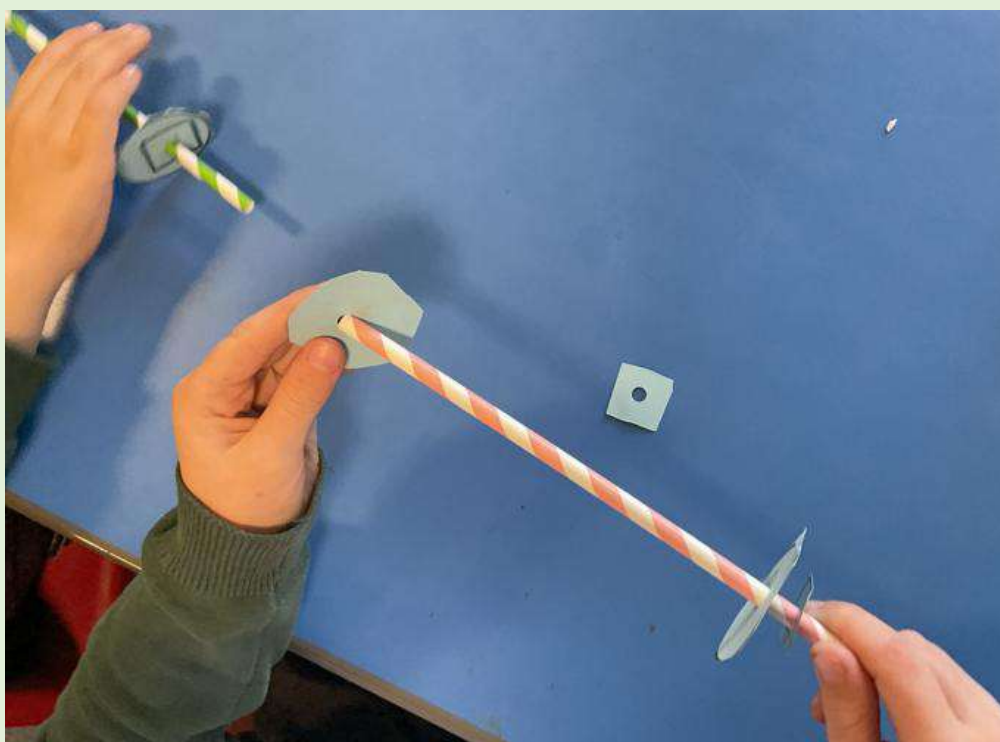
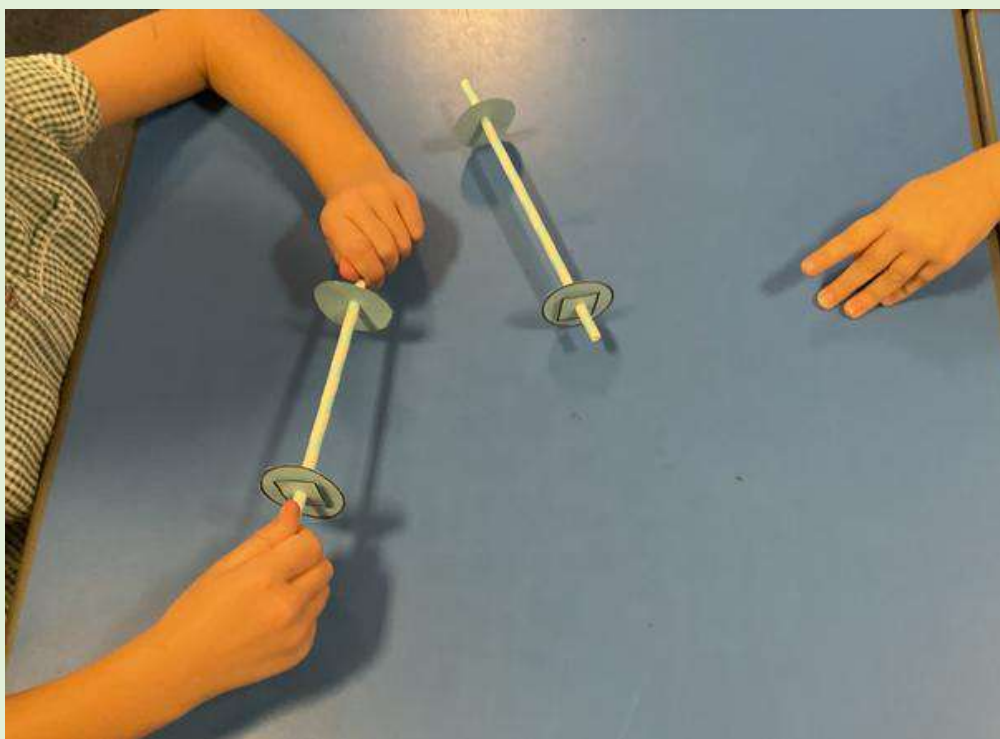
## Robins class

The Robins class have been enjoying their lovely new toys thanks to the Willows Friends!



## YEAR 1 NEWS

Year 1 have been exploring and using different mechanisms. We have been focussing on wheels and axles. Turtles and Alpacas enjoyed taking apart a toy vehicle to see how the wheels and axles enable the vehicle to move. Developing and testing our own mechanisms has given us a greater understanding of the features wheels and axles need. We are looking forward to using our learning when making toy vehicles of our own.



## YEAR 2 NEWS

As part of their science, Year 2 have been investigating different types of bridges. We designed our own bridges and then created them. We had lots of fun!

The children were tasked with making a bridge that will be strong enough to hold some toy goats. If the bridge withstands the weight of the goats then we will carry out a further investigation, using coins.

We will be testing the bridges next week - watch this space



## YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 has been making the most of the last few days of sunshine. We took our maths outdoors and explored how to estimate numbers on a number line.

We had to look carefully at the different start and end points, think about the value of the number line and estimate where our number would go.

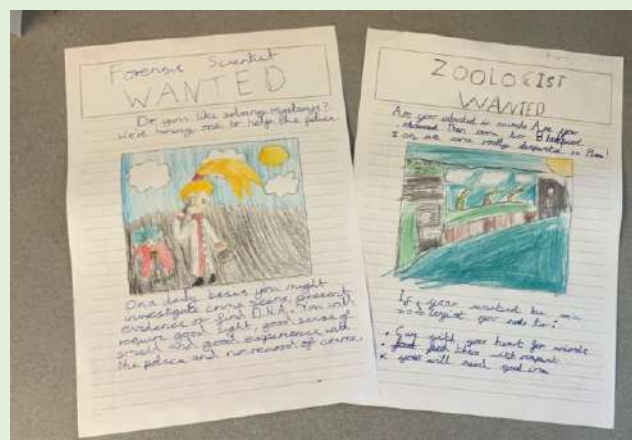
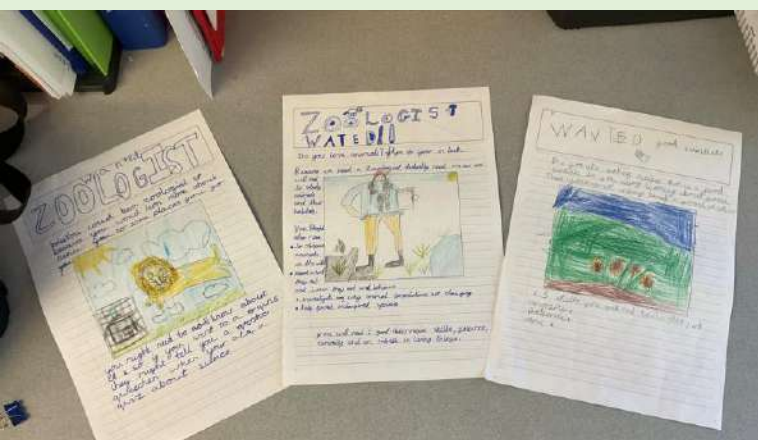
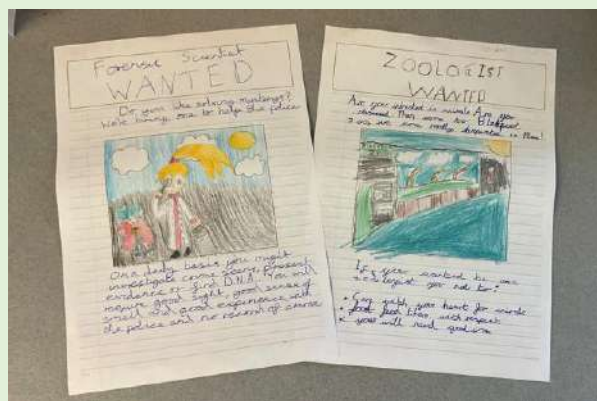
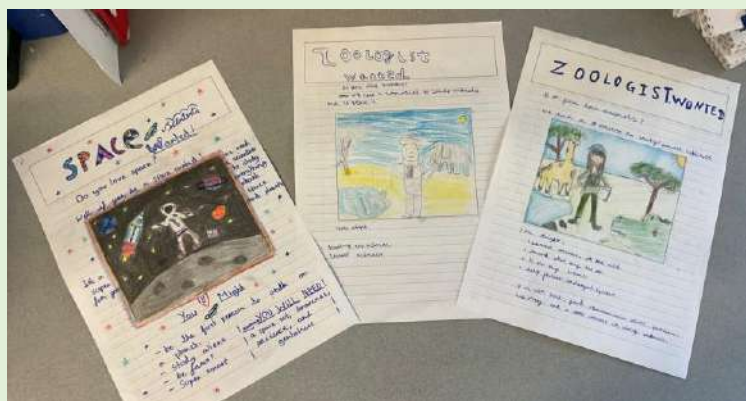


# YEARS 4 NEWS

## Wanted: Scientists! (No Lab Coats Required!) 📖

Year 4 have been discovering that science isn't just about famous scientists, bubbling test tubes and wild hair! It's all around us, powering some pretty amazing everyday jobs. From zoologists to engineers, we've been exploring careers where science really works.

The children have put their persuasive writing skills to the test, creating job adverts to recruit the next generation of scientific superstars. Who knows? We might just have some budding Einsteins in our midst!

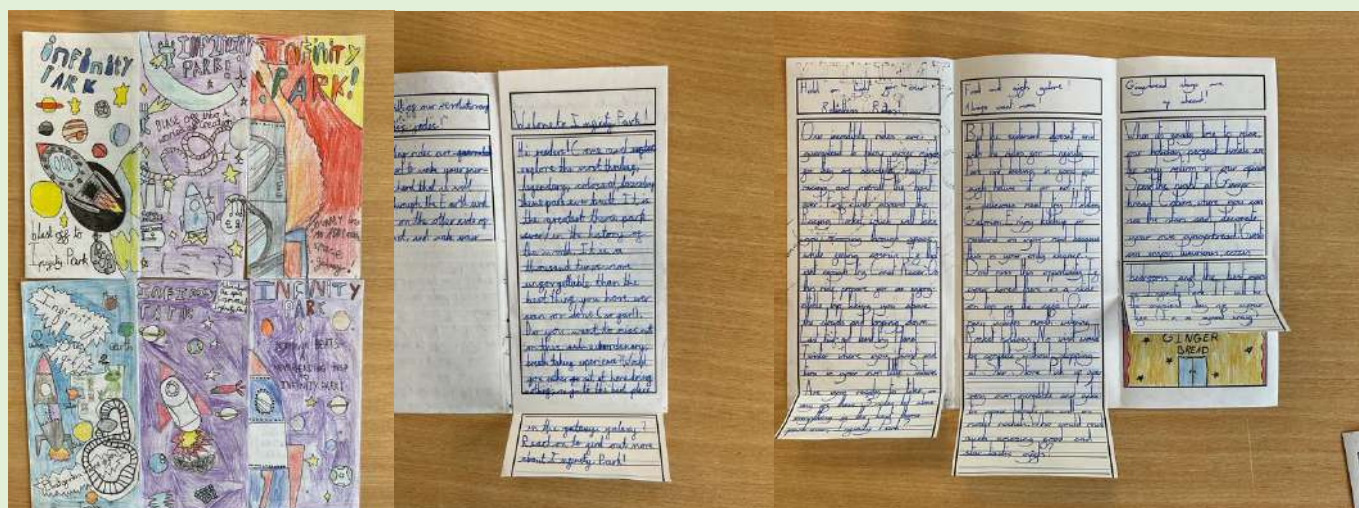
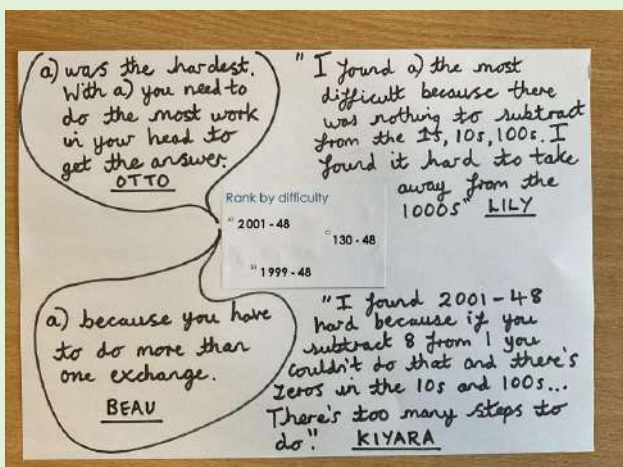


# YEAR 5 NEWS

In English, we have been thoroughly enjoying our class text, Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce.

In the story, the main characters, Liam and Florida, have arrived at the greatest theme park in the world called Infinity Park. Inspired by the text, the children used their imaginations to bring Infinity Park to life and created persuasive leaflets designed to convince readers to visit. They did an amazing job, producing some incredible pieces of writing filled with persuasive language. Here is some work from Hummingbirds.

In Maths, we have been exploring a variety of mental strategies to improve our fluency with addition and subtraction. The children are beginning to think like mathematicians, carefully selecting efficient methods and explaining their reasoning when solving problems. It has been fantastic to see the range of strategies they can use confidently and accurately. Here is some work from Tigers.



## YEAR 5 NEWS

A fantastic group of eight Year 5 pupils headed to Kings High on Friday, 2nd October, for an exciting and action-packed hockey event.

The day kicked off with an energetic workshop where the children took part in four different activity stations, having great fun learning new skills and tricks. They then put their new talents to the test in a fast-paced mini-tournament, experiencing the thrills of winning and losing some closely contested games.

Throughout the event, their enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and encouragement for each other stood out, earning them high praise and commendations from the event leaders. Very well done to all who participated!



# YEAR 6 NEWS

## Year 6 Bellboating Trip

Year 6 once again were treated to their fabulous, annual day of bell boating! Every year, Year 6 are very lucky to have the opportunity to enjoy a day of bell boating on The River Avon by Olympian rower and MBE Andy Train. He is a sprint canoeist and marathon canoeist and represented England in the Summer Olympics 5 times in the 1980's and won 5 silver medals and 2 bronze medals! His father David, also a former Olympian canoeist, invented the bell boat in 1991. His vision was that anyone can enjoy canoeing and water sports so inventing the bell boat made it accessible for all.

As you can see from the photos, the children had a fabulous sunny October day on the river, especially going through the lock, paddling up to the weir and the opportunity to 'catwalk' down the middle of the boats! Some of the children, who took to it like ducks to water (sorry for the pun!) will even be competing in a competition against other schools next week.



# YEAR 6 NEWS

## Year 6 Nature Walk

Year 6 have definitely been getting lots of fresh air enjoying this warm October sunshine! We went on our first nature walk to our lovely local nature reserve. The children enjoyed sketching, listening, observing and even spotted a cormorant high up in a tree!

They collected lots of colourful, interesting foliage including conkers, leaves, feathers and teasels.



# YEAR 6 NEWS

## Year 6 learning

Year 6 have been busy delving into their imaginations for the biggest children's short story competition- The BBC 500 Words which has just been launched!

So far we have heard about dragons, unicorn robots, children with special powers and talking mashed potato!

We very much look forward to reading their short stories and wish those that apply the best of luck! Happy writing!



# GENERAL NEWS

## Harvest Festival

It's Harvest Festival time, and once again our hall was looking wonderfully colourful thanks to the kindness and generosity of our community.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed to our one tin challenge for our beautiful Harvest display. Your generous donations are very much appreciated and have helped make this year's Harvest celebration extra special.



Thank you for your continued kindness and support.

Matt and Phil once again took our Harvest Eucharist with the story of feeding the five thousand.

The food was blessed and was received warmly by Asher, Foodbank Director at the Stratford Foodbank.



# GENERAL NEWS

## OPAL

We are all enjoying the start of our OPAL journey. The dressing up has been very popular. The children have enjoyed being able to explore both playgrounds and the field. Last week we awarded our first four certificates to children for being kind and helpful during lunchtimes.



## Leading Lights

Introducing our new Leading Lights for this academic year. They have already started creating our Big Questions each week and have been helping during Collective Worship. They are already showing they will be wonderful role models and will represent our school brilliantly.



## GENERAL NEWS

### Secondary School Applications

The application process to apply for a secondary school place is open. If you have a year 6 child, the deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> October to make your application.

Please see link below for information:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/422/applying-for-a-secondary-school-place>



### Reception 2027 Open Mornings

We will be holding our Open Days on 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November at 9.45am. (The 9<sup>th</sup> November is now full)

Please contact the office by emailing [admin3204@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3204@welearn365.com) to book a place

### Road Closures

The town centre will be closed from Sunday 11 October through to early Tuesday morning, 13 October due to the annual Mop Fair taking place.

Please allow extra time for your journey on Monday.

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**22nd OCTOBER**

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Please use the clothing bag provided.  
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Collection Date:

**13<sup>TH</sup> November 2026**

Please remember - NO UNIFORM



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### 2026

|             |                                            |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 19 October  | Whole school photographs                   |
| 22 October  | Whole school immunisations                 |
| 23 October  | PINS parents coffee morning                |
| 3 November  | Parents evening 4 – 7.30pm                 |
| 4 November  | Parents evening 4 – 7.30pm                 |
| 9 November  | Year 6 Bikeability                         |
| 13 November | Rags to Riches charity clothing Collection |
| 15 December | Reception trip                             |

### 2027

|                |                                                           |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 8-12 February  | Year 6 residential                                        |
| 12-14 February | The Willows Friends Panto – Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs |
| 18 March       | Rags to Riches charity clothing collection                |

# TERM DATES

## 2026

|                                      |                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 26-30 October                        | Half term – school closed |
| 21 December 2026 –<br>1 January 2027 | Half term – school closed |

## 2027

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| 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

- Tinned custard
- Tinned stewed meat
- Washing up liquid
- Jelly
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned meat ravioli
- Squash
- Savoury snacks
- Tinned mixed vegetables

## THANK YOU



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### Trinity Tots



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(Term Time)  
9am - 10.30am  
Ken Kennett  
Centre  
(Justin's Avenue)

**Thursday**  
(Term Time)  
1.30pm - 3pm  
Holy Trinity Parish  
Centre  
(Old Town)

Toys, songs, stories, tea and biscuits  
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For more information contact [phil@stratford-upon-avon.org](mailto:phil@stratford-upon-avon.org)

# COMMUNITY NEWS



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**FREE WORKSHOPS  
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## OCTOBER HALF TERM

**AT STRATFORD TOWN TRUST COMMUNITY HUB**

**Stratford Family Club**  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 10 - 11:30am  
Creative Play & Crafts with Naomi  
Suitable for 1 - 5 year olds (siblings welcome)

**Mandala Arts**  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 10 - 11:30am  
Unleash your creepy creativity with our creepy  
colourful spiders  
Suitable for 5 - 12 year olds (siblings welcome)

**Drama Tots**  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 10 - 11:30am  
Join us for lots of spooky Halloween fun  
at Drama Tots!  
Suitable for 5 - 12 year olds (siblings welcome)

**Kids First Aid**  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 10 - 11:30am  
Life Saving - Life Skills  
Suitable for 5 - 12 year olds (siblings welcome)

**EARLY BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**  
email: [communityhub@stratfordtowntrust.co.uk](mailto:communityhub@stratfordtowntrust.co.uk)  
or call 01789 295011  
Venture House, Avenue Farm Industrial Estate, CV37 0HR  
[WWW.STRATFORDTOWNTRUST.CO.UK](http://WWW.STRATFORDTOWNTRUST.CO.UK)



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## OCTOBER HALF TERM

### OUTGROWN LAST YEAR'S HALLOWEEN OUTFIT?

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