



News from Shottery St Andrew's CofE Primary School

Week 26—Friday 28th March 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a truly exciting and enriching experience as we celebrated Shakespeare Week at Shottery! The children have been fully immersed in all things Shakespeare, bringing history and literature to life in wonderful ways.

We began the week with a fantastic whole school worship led by Miss Morys, our English Lead, who introduced the children to the life and works of William Shakespeare. It was a fun, interactive session that sparked curiosity and excitement for the days ahead!

On Monday and Wednesday, KS2 had the incredible opportunity to visit Tudor World, where they learned all about life in Shakespeare's time, including crime and punishment during the Tudor period. The children also enjoyed a guided tour of Stratford, visiting key landmarks associated with Shakespeare's life and legacy.

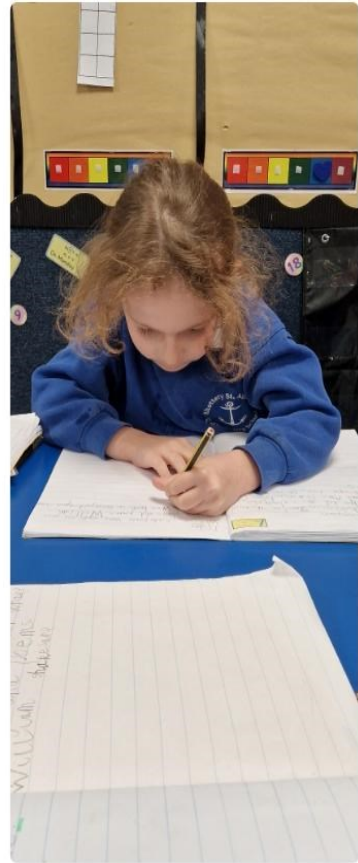
Throughout the week, our classes have been delving into some of Shakespeare's most famous plays, including *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Tempest*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The children have explored these timeless stories through drama, creative writing, and discussion, deepening their understanding of Shakespeare's influence.

Today, Years 2-6 took part in the Shakespeare Open House event, organised by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust. They had an amazing time visiting the Royal Shakespeare Company, Shakespeare's Schoolroom & Guildhall, Guild Chapel, Stratford Town Council (where they held a debate!), and Holy Trinity Church. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to connect with Shakespeare's heritage and experience the magic of Stratford-upon-Avon.

We hope you enjoy looking through the photo collages from our action-packed week—it has been truly wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic!

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to more exciting learning adventures ahead.

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:16













EASTER CELEBRATION



Join us for our Easter
celebration on
Thursday 10th April

EASTER ACTIVITIES

Easter raffle draw

Easter egg hunt

Drinks & Cakes

Chocolate tombola

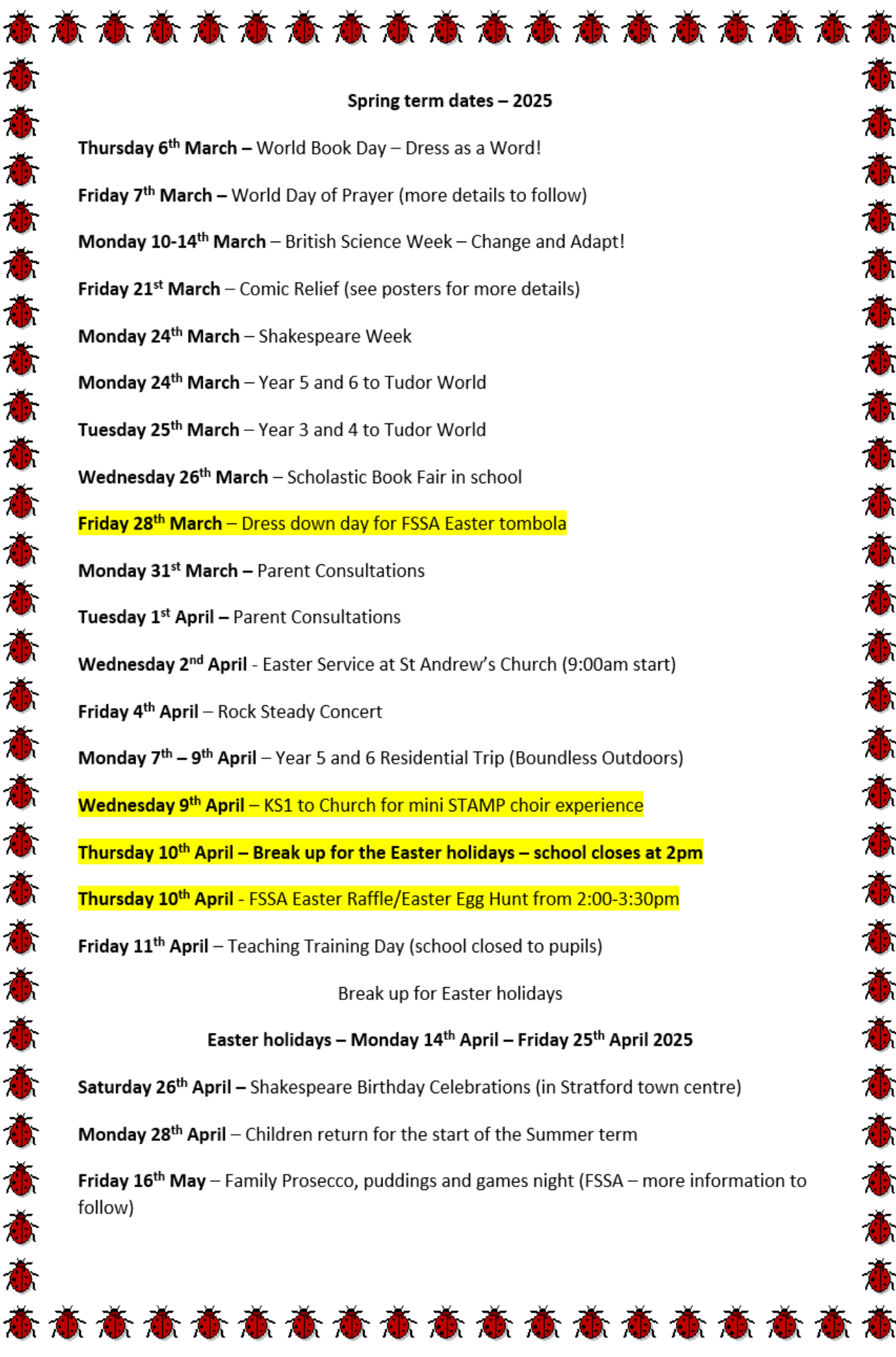
Bunny races

Hook a duck

Face paint

On school grounds
2:00pm - 3:30pm





Spring term dates – 2025

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day – Dress as a Word!

Friday 7th March – World Day of Prayer (more details to follow)

Monday 10-14th March – British Science Week – Change and Adapt!

Friday 21st March – Comic Relief (see posters for more details)

Monday 24th March – Shakespeare Week

Monday 24th March – Year 5 and 6 to Tudor World

Tuesday 25th March – Year 3 and 4 to Tudor World

Wednesday 26th March – Scholastic Book Fair in school

Friday 28th March – Dress down day for FSSA Easter tombola

Monday 31st March – Parent Consultations

Tuesday 1st April – Parent Consultations

Wednesday 2nd April - Easter Service at St Andrew's Church (9:00am start)

Friday 4th April – Rock Steady Concert

Monday 7th – 9th April – Year 5 and 6 Residential Trip (Boundless Outdoors)

Wednesday 9th April – KS1 to Church for mini STAMP choir experience

Thursday 10th April – Break up for the Easter holidays – school closes at 2pm

Thursday 10th April - FSSA Easter Raffle/Easter Egg Hunt from 2:00-3:30pm

Friday 11th April – Teaching Training Day (school closed to pupils)

Break up for Easter holidays

Easter holidays – Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April 2025

Saturday 26th April – Shakespeare Birthday Celebrations (in Stratford town centre)

Monday 28th April – Children return for the start of the Summer term

Friday 16th May – Family Prosecco, puddings and games night (FSSA – more information to follow)



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Diary Dates – 2024-2025



Autumn term 2024

Monday 2nd September – Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 3rd September – Teacher Training Day

School open to pupils (Reception – Year 6): Wednesday 4th September

Half term: Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024

Ends: Friday 20 December 2024 – Break up for Christmas Holidays

Christmas holiday: Monday 23 December 2024 to Friday 3 January 2025

Spring term 2025

Monday 6 January 2025 - Teacher Training Day

Half term: Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025

Friday 11th April 2025 – Teacher Training Day

Ends: Friday 11 April 2025 – Break up for Easter Holidays

Spring (Easter) holiday: Monday 14 April 2025 to Friday 25 April 2025

Summer term 2025

Starts: Monday 28 April 2025

Monday 5th May 2025 – Bank Holiday

Half term: Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025

Ends: Friday 18th July – Break up for Summer Holidays

Monday 21 July 2025 – Teacher Training Day



Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



Positivity

“Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day.” - Alice Morse Earle.

Positivity means focusing on the good things in life, even when things get tough. It’s about thinking and acting in a way that makes you feel happy and hopeful. Being positive can help you feel better, solve problems, and have a more joyful life.

Our tips for practising positivity:

- **Focus on the good** – Look for the positive in every situation. Every day, there is always something positive.
- **Use positive words** – Try saying things like “I can do this” or “I’ll keep trying and I will get there”.
- **Be kind to yourself** – Don’t be too hard on yourself. Try to remind yourself that you are trying your best. Celebrate any small successes!
- **Practise gratitude** – Think about three things that you are thankful for each day. It could be something as simple as a sunny day or a friend saying something nice to you.
- **Spend time with positive people.**
- **Find something you enjoy** – Whether it is a hobby, sport, quality time with friends and family, or watching your favourite TV programme, doing something you love can bring you joy.
- **Try using positive affirmations** – Tell yourself one positive thing every day, like “I am enough” or “I am trying my best”.
- **Help others** – Helping someone else, even in a small way, can make you feel good about yourself too.
- **Keep a positive journal** – Write down things that you are proud of or moments that made you smile.

Positivity makes a big difference!

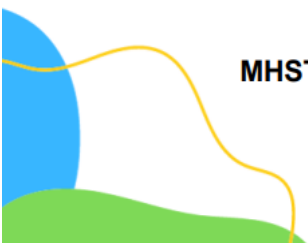
When you practise positivity, you start seeing the world in a brighter way. You can face challenges with confidence and believe in yourself.

Positivity is also contagious — when you’re positive, you inspire others to be positive too!

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.

Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.



WORRIED? WE'RE HERE TO LISTEN

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Whatever your worry, call us
and a friendly person will be there
to listen. **It's free, you don't have
to tell us your name, and we're
here all day and night.**