



News from Shottery St Andrew's CofE Primary School

Week 27—Friday 4th April 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a beautiful week it's been! It finally feels like spring, and we're even talking about the children starting to eat outside again from next week on the picnic benches.

This week, we have had parent consultations, which were really well attended. It's always so lovely to share the achievements and progress to date with families. Thank you for taking the time to meet with us and celebrate your children's successes.

During the week, we also hosted the book fair in school. A huge thank you for supporting this event – we have raised over £100 to spend on books for the school library. We've already selected some books aimed at the older children, as we are developing our range of lengthier texts to challenge and inspire them.

To link with the book fair and last week's Shakespeare Week, we held a 'Play in a Box' competition. We received some incredible entries and narrowed it down to five winners: Aliyah, Sofia P, Laya, Ezra, and Theo. The winners were able to select their own books and stationery from the book fair as prizes – well done to all who took part!

On Wednesday, the whole school met at St Andrew's Church for our Easter Service. This was earlier than usual, due to Year 5 and 6 being on residential next week, but it was absolutely wonderful. The children sang beautifully, with the Worship Committee confidently narrating the Easter story and sharing prayers. A special mention goes to Royce and Jack from our technical team, who managed the music and slideshow. We also want to highlight Keelia and Megan, who played the piano to welcome visitors into the church and as they left. We are incredibly proud of all the children for making this such a memorable occasion.

On Wednesday afternoon, Year 5 and 6 visited Stratford Girls' Grammar School, where they explored the library and worked together on a variety of activities planned and delivered by Grammar School students. These students visit us every Wednesday as part of their Outreach Programme, and it's a fantastic opportunity for our children to engage with new learning experiences.

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome Emma from iSingPop. She worked with our Worship Committee and the whole school to explore spirituality and growing faith within our school community. This project, also supported by Becks Bartlett and Reverend Craig, has been a truly enriching experience for the children.

Finally, today we held our Rock Steady Concert for parents. The children performed in their rock bands, and we were blown away by their confidence, ability, and the progress they have made throughout the spring term. It was a fantastic way to end a busy and exciting week!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to another great week ahead.

Mrs L Withers

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

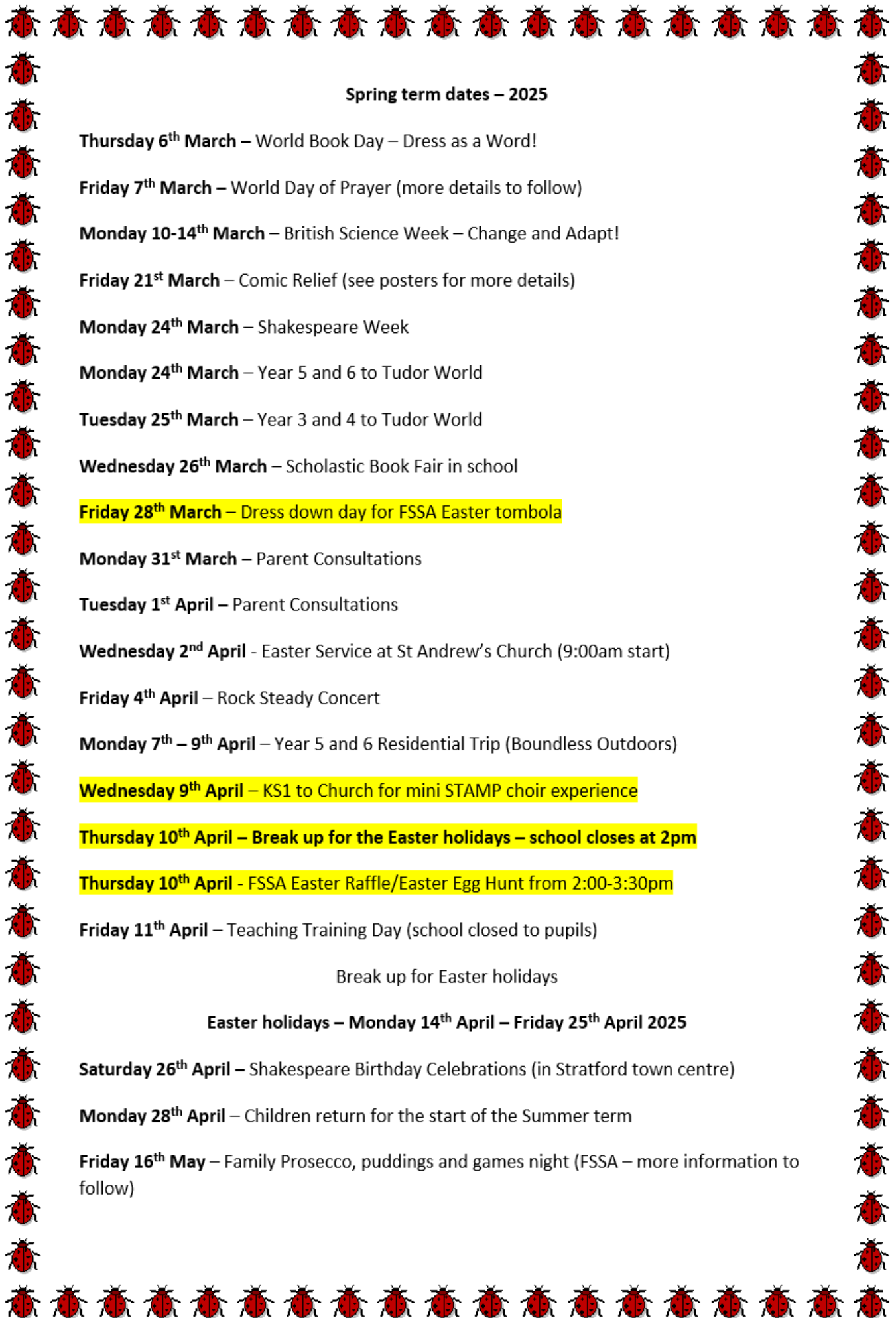
Bunny races

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



Be active

Moving our body every day can boost self-esteem, improve quality of sleep, contribute to better social skills and reduce feelings of anxiety. When we feel anxious, our bodies can experience the 'fight, flight, freeze' response. Our hearts beat faster, we sweat more, and our muscles tense; physical activity can help release these feelings!

Our brain also releases chemicals when we exercise, called endorphins, that make us feel good. Even just 10 minutes of fast walking can contribute to mental alertness, increased energy and positive mood.

Being active may be new to you, or you may already exercise regularly. Try to find an activity that you want to do, and you find enjoyable. It's okay if you aren't sure what this is yet, have a go at experimenting and why not start by checking out our ideas for being active below?

Our tips for being active:

1. **Add extra movement to your regular routine** – Can you change the way you travel to school? Could you walk or cycle to your friend's house, instead of travelling by car? If you need to use the car, think about parking further away to get some extra steps in!
2. You could engage in the '**Daily Mile**' as a class or whole school! This involves heading outside to run, wheel or walk around the school grounds for 15-minutes every day, at whatever pace suits you.
3. **Try a new sport or activity** – This is a great way to improve your sporting ability, but also an opportunity to make new friends and feel part of a team.
4. **Dance to music** - Whilst it can be a good idea to join a sports club if you enjoy this type of activity, we can still be active whilst listening to music and having fun! You could dance to your favourite playlist whilst you are tidying your bedroom or helping your parents/carers around the house...you might even forget you are doing chores too!
5. **Get outdoors** and move your body in the fresh air. If the weather is cold or rainy, why not try Zumba, hula hooping, skipping, or yoga.

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

Call Childline on 0800 1111



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ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME
childline.org.uk | 0800 1111

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.**