



News from Shottery St Andrew's CofE Primary School

Week 28—Thursday 10th April 2025



As we come to the end of a truly action-packed Spring Term, we can hardly believe how quickly the weeks have flown by! It has been a term brimming with energy, excitement and enrichment – and as always, our incredible children have approached everything with enthusiasm, kindness and curiosity.

Here are just *some* of the fantastic highlights from this term:

NSPCC Number Day kicked off our term with lots of mathematical fun and fundraising for a fantastic cause.

The **FSSA Disco** had everyone dancing their socks off – a brilliant evening enjoyed by all.

Safer Internet Day gave us time to reflect on how to stay safe and respectful online, with the Loudmouth Theatre Company delivering a powerful, age-appropriate workshop that really brought key PSHE messages to life. During the week, we also welcomed the **NSPCC** into school for their assembly and workshops – powerful messages about speaking out and staying safe.

Year 3 and 4 Stargazing afternoon and evening was a magical blend of science, storytelling, and marshmallows around the fire!

Break the Rules Day saw some very cheeky uniform choices, all in aid of Action Duchenne – thank you for your generous support!

Rock and Roll Bingo was great fun and full of laughs – another brilliant FSSA event.

World Book Day had us all *dressed as words*! We loved seeing such creativity and vocabulary come to life.

On **World Day of Prayer**, we joined with schools around the globe in a moment of reflection and hope.

During **British Science Week**, we explored the theme “Change and Adapt” with awe-inspiring experiments and investigations.

Comic Relief brought out the red noses and the big smiles – thank you for your donations and funny outfits!

Shakespeare Week introduced our children to the Bard in fun and accessible ways – to act or not to act? No question!

Classes enjoyed fascinating trips to **Tudor World**, stepping back in time and bringing history to life.

Our **Scholastic Book Fair** was a big hit – thank you for supporting our love of reading.

Parent Consultations gave us a lovely opportunity to celebrate your children’s progress and talk about next steps.

Our beautiful **Easter Service** at St Andrew’s Church was a wonderful way to reflect on the Easter message.

The **Rock Steady Concert** had us clapping, cheering and singing along – our budding musicians truly shone!

The **Year 5 and 6 Residential** at Boundless Outdoors was a brilliant adventure of teamwork, resilience and muddy boots!

We were also delighted to welcome **Emma from iSingPOP**, who ran workshops across the school encouraging children to explore spirituality through music, movement and reflection.

We ended with the **Easter Eggstravaganza FSSA Easter Raffle and Easter Egg Hunt** – what a treat!

On the last day of each half term, we draw raffle tickets from our attendance jar which is filled with tickets for each child for every week they have achieved 100% attendance. This half term’s winner was Charlie D who won a family BBQ voucher gifted from Barry the Butcher! Our family incentive attendance awards are so well received and I’d like to thank all the local businesses who have supported us to date.

A huge thank you to our staff for their tireless energy and for making Shottery St Andrew’s a happy place to work and learn; to our Governors, who continue to be a huge support to myself and the school community; to the wonderful FSSA for their constant support, brilliant initiatives and dedication; and to all of you – our wonderful families – for being such valued partners in our school community.

We wish you a joyful, restful Easter break filled with sunshine, family time and maybe a little chocolate...

We look forward to welcoming you back for the start of the summer term on **Monday 28th April**.

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

Spring Term with the Hedgehogs

January 2025-



Shape pictures



Celebrating Chanukah with doughnuts



Scientists at work



Drawing Hedgehogs with Squiglet



Investigating historical artefacts



Working together



Will it float or sink?



Learning about instructions and making sandwiches



Investigating numbers and place value



Celebrating the Lunar New Year



Drawing Club



Science Week



Celebrating 100 days at school with everything 100!



Pancake Races



Creative Shakespeare week and crafts at Anne Hathaway's

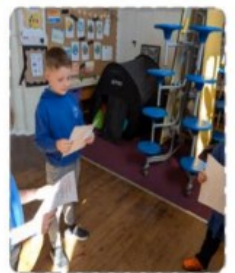


April 2025

... and so much more!

Owls Class - Spring Term

The end of Spring term is upon us already. The summer sun is making its presence known and the new term is peeping its head around lots of Easter egg baskets! May I just thank the children foremost, for an incredible Spring term. They have grown so much academically and the results have been spectacular. Also, a big thank you to all adults, for your continued support in all areas, especially relating to homework tasks.



The most surprising, biggest achievement for me this half term, was when the children re-enacted a scene from Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Their confidence in oracy, has amplified by 10 million! Amazing work young owls - William would be proud...



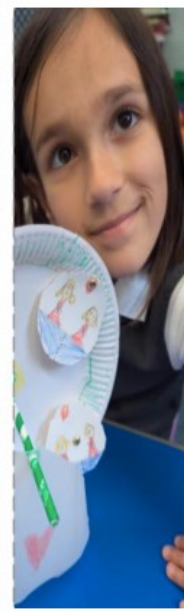
Throughout the term, the children have immersed their brains, neuron deep, in many different elements of learning.

They have written hundreds and thousands of words, completed bucket loads of calculations and actively taken part in many wonderful activities, relating to their topics. Our working walls have been brimming with lots of their achievements.

Some captured moments, have been

As children we believe that anything is possible, the trick is to never forget it.





I wish you all a chocolate filled Easter and I look forward to seeing you all after the much - deserved rest for your little ones. I have personally ordered a dose of continued sunshine for everyone, which should help to replenish and reset, ready for our Summer term.

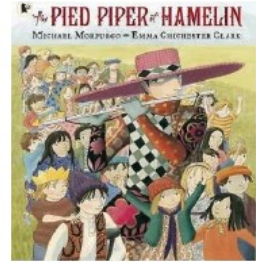
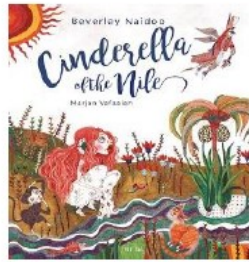
Happy Easter everyone,

Miss Morys





SPRING TERM



What did the Ancient

Are all settlements the

same?

Egyptians believe?



Spring Term Class Newsletter for Year 3 and 4 Deer Class.

Dear all,

We have been out and about lots this term- it has been extremely busy!

In Spring 1, we have explored the text *Cinderella of the Nile* which transported us directly to Egypt. We created some beautiful art work, learnt about the Pyramids and even the importance of mummification. The children enjoyed learning how to mummify a tomato; and, of course, enjoyed wrapping each other up in toilet roll to experience the process first hand! Some amazing reports about Ancient Egypt were researched, planned, edited and published too. The purpose of the writing was to share their written reports with their parents! We hope you learnt a fact, or two about Ancient Egyptian times! The unit of learning finished with our fabulous Stargazing trip to the Heart of England Forest School, where we gazed at the night sky, and found out why the stars are important to the Ancient Egyptians. We even saw some planets align too!

Spring 2 We travelled to the town of a small settlement called Hamelin! A location that had become infested with rats! The children learnt about the very famous fable: *The Pied Piper of Hamelin*. They wrote letters to the Mayor and even planned and drafted their very own fable too. The term began with a Lego workshop as the children understood the difference

team. Physical and human features of the town were located around Stratford upon Avon on our visits into town and a study of New Delhi was carried out to explore a contrasting location too.

A particular highlight of this half term has been Shakespeare Week. The children visited Tudor World and found out so much information about what it was like to exist when Shakespeare was actually alive! It was a little bit of a shock to return to lessons one day to discover that their teacher had been transformed in Queen Elizabeth II!

It has been lovely to watch the children flourish this term in all curriculum areas. Let's hope the sun keeps shining and the flowers continue to grow! Enjoy some lovely family time before we return for a Summer Term of fun!

Miss Williams

"Do not be afraid, for... He is risen" (Matthew 28:5-6)



What a wonderfully busy and exciting term it's been in Foxes Class!

This spring, we've had the incredible opportunity to continue working alongside the Royal Shakespeare Company as part of their First Encounters experience of *The Tempest*. The children fully immersed themselves in the world of Shakespeare—collaborating with professional actors, creating atmospheric soundscapes, and becoming the very first audience to see the production before it sets off on a nationwide tour. It was a truly unforgettable experience that brought live theatre to life in the most magical way.

Our Shakespearean theme continued as the children took part in a banner-making workshop with local artist Jessica Hartshorn, designing and creating a vibrant scene from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. This beautiful piece of collaborative art will proudly feature in the Shakespeare Birthday Parade during the second weekend of the Easter holidays. Keep an eye out for children from Foxes Class if you're out enjoying the festivities in town!

We also celebrated Shakespeare Week in style, starting with a fascinating visit to Tudor World where the children stepped back in time to experience life in the Elizabethan era—complete with costumes, and plenty of giggles as they cheered as I was beheaded! To round off the week, we embarked on a full-day exploration of Stratford-upon-Avon's most iconic historical sites, including New Place, and the beautiful Holy Trinity Church. The children were captivated by the history all around them and took great pride in learning about the legacy of our town's most famous figure.

Back in the classroom, the exciting learning didn't stop! In English, we delved into the world of science fiction through the book *Robot Girl*—a gripping and thought-provoking read that had us all hooked with its mystery, emotion, and powerful twist.

In history, we journeyed back even further as we explored the Vikings. The children were thrilled to learn about raiders and explorers, Norse mythology, and long ships—finding it both thrilling and surprising just how much the Vikings influenced life in Britain.

In science, we've been learning all about classification and the work of Carl Linnaeus. The children discovered the importance of grouping living things and how Linnaeus's system helped shape modern biology. It's been fascinating to see their curiosity sparked as they investigated the diversity of life on our planet.

To top off an action-packed term, we've just returned from our residential trip to Boundless Outdoors. During our time away, the children embraced our school values of tolerance, perseverance, teamwork, and co-operation. They pushed themselves to take on personal challenges—scaling high bridges, zooming down zip wires, braving the night line and tunnels, stacking crates, and trying their hand at archery. For some, the biggest achievements came in the form of staying away from home for the first time, trying new foods; they have all returned with gained confidence. The children represented the school admirably throughout. I couldn't be prouder of them—it was a pleasure to take them away, and I truly hope they've made lifelong memories.

Lastly, I wish you all a joyful Easter break! I look forward to welcoming the children back for the summer term and more memory-making ahead.





Shottery St Andrew's C of E Primary School

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



Stress Awareness

Stress is what you feel when you're **worried, nervous, or under pressure**. It's your body's way of reacting to things that feel difficult, scary, or too much to handle. Everyone feels stressed sometimes!

Stress can come from lots of things, such as:

- **School** – too much homework, exams, or feeling like you have to do really well.
- **Friends** – disagreements/ arguments, bullying, or feeling left out.
- **Family** – disagreements/ arguments, moving house, or changes like a new baby in the family.
- **Big Changes** – starting a new school, growing up, or losing someone you care about.

Some stress can be good, but too much can cause us to feel anxious or depressed, which might affect our sleeping, eating habits and general wellbeing. If stress is going on for a long time, we may also experience 'burnout', which is when our body is exhausted and has not had a chance to rest. There are things we can do to help our body recharge and reduce stress:

Our tips for managing stress:

1. **Talk** to someone you trust. This helps you not to feel alone, because someone is there to listen to you and to care. Remember – it's okay to ask for help!
2. **Stress bucket activity** – follow the QR codes to complete your own stress bucket. This may help you to see what is contributing to your stress, as well as what helps you to feel calmer.
3. **Moving your body** can help to release stress and make you feel good. Why not try dancing to your favourite song or going for a walk with friends or family?
4. **Get creative** – Art has been found to help people feel present in the moment and reduce the feeling of stress and worry. Follow the QR code for more information!
5. Create a **calm corner!** It is important to have somewhere that you feel safe, and you could go there when you feel like you need a break. You could fill the corner with soft things like pillows and blankets, and is the perfect place to read, draw, or even listen to calming music!

Stress bucket activity



Ideas to get creative

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.**