



News from Shottery St Andrew's CofE Primary School

Week 24—Friday 14th March 2025



This week has been an exciting one at school as we celebrated Science Week! The children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a variety of scientific activities, exploring fascinating topics, and developing their investigative skills.

Hedgehogs Class (Reception and Year 1) have been learning all about the life cycle of butterflies. They have explored the incredible transformations from tiny eggs to hungry caterpillars, chrysalises, and finally, beautiful butterflies. To deepen their understanding, the children created their own concertina books to represent each stage and used different pasta shapes to illustrate the cycle. They also engaged in a camouflage experiment in the orchard, using different colours of wool to hide 'caterpillars' and discovering which were easiest to find. Through Drawing Club, they have been inspired by the story *Somebody Swallowed Stanley*, which highlights the importance of protecting our oceans from plastic pollution. The children created wonderful ocean-themed artwork and even designed their own machines to help clean up the oceans.

Owls Class have been using secondary sources of information to research different animals and investigate what is essential for survival. They have developed their fact-finding skills and produced informative posters showcasing key facts about various species.

Deers Class explored life beyond our planet by comparing life on Earth with life on the moon. They investigated whether humans could live on the moon and discussed the essential elements required for a successful mission. Their curiosity and enthusiasm for space exploration has been inspiring!

Foxes Class delved into the theme of adaptation and change in science, particularly in ocean environments. They researched how marine life has evolved to survive in different conditions, choosing their own topics of interest to explore. The children then created double-page spreads to present their findings, fostering independence, scientific curiosity, and a deeper understanding of ocean ecosystems.

Science Week has been a fantastic opportunity for all our pupils to engage with the wonders of the natural world and beyond. A huge well done to all the children for their enthusiasm and hard work!

Have a blessed weekend,

Mrs L Withers

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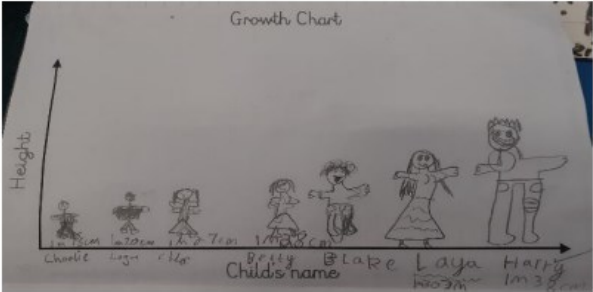
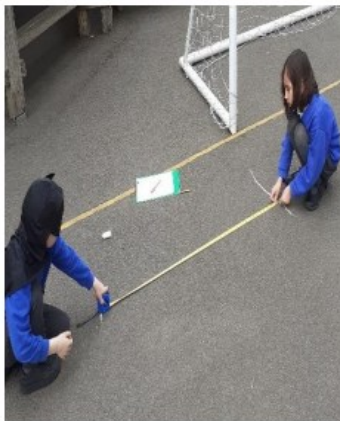
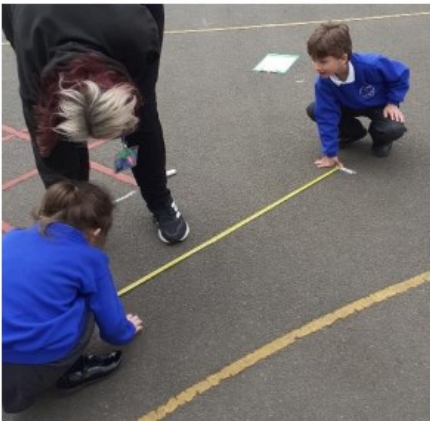
BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2025



In the Owl's class this week, we have put on our imaginary laboratory, white coats and stepped into the world of Science, armed with plenty of enthusiasm and broad smiles.



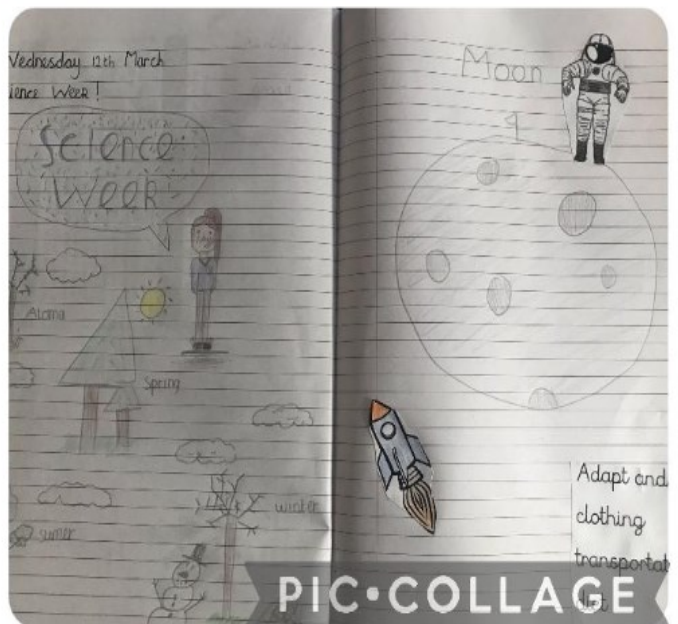
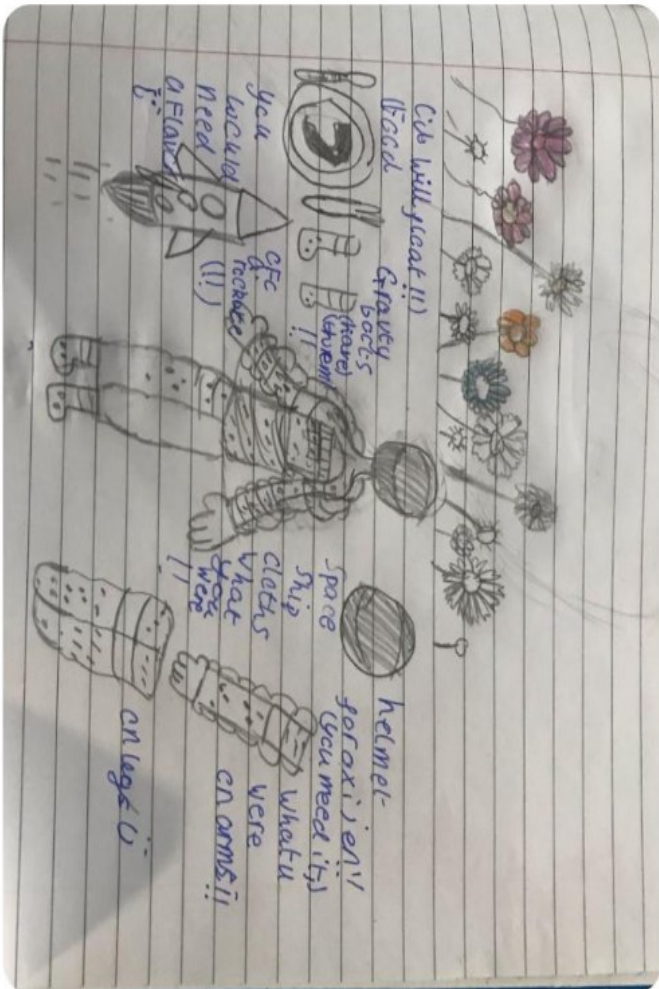
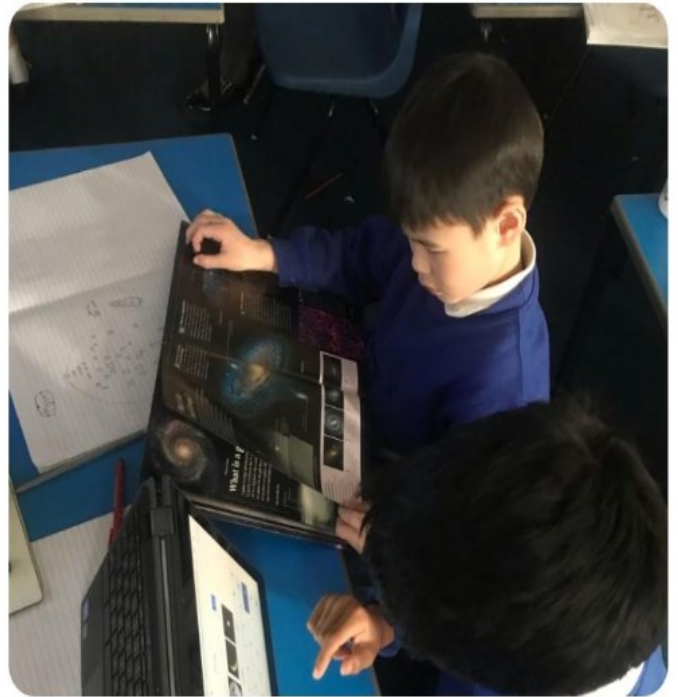
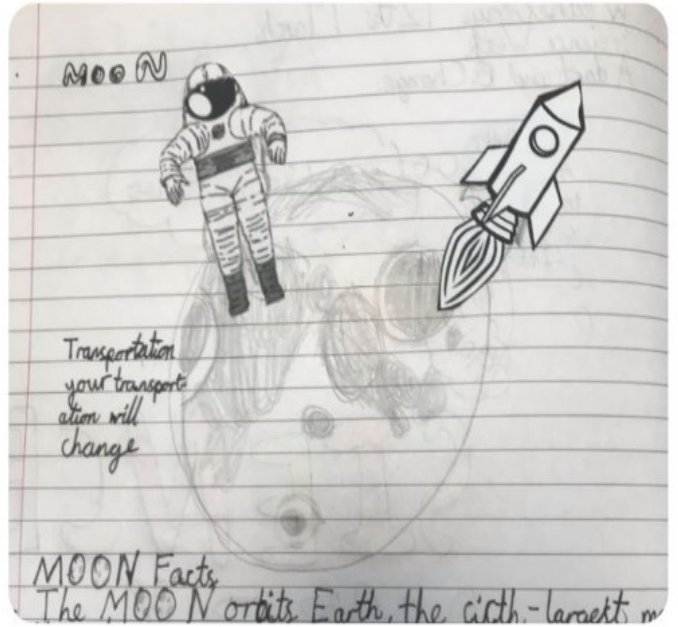
The children have linked their Science - 'Life Cycles and Health' with their maths current learning - 'Length and Height'. They used their newly acquired measuring skills, to find the height of all the children in the class, which linked to a lesson focused on growth. This led to the successful achievement of observing and measuring growth in humans.



<h3>Polar</h3>	<h3>Bear</h3> <p>Food - Fruit and vegetables, meat, honey, nuts, seeds, and more.</p>
<h3>WATER</h3> <p>Polar bears get water from the food they eat. They also get it from melted glaciers.</p>	<h3>Where they live</h3> <p>Polar bears live in the arctic. They also live in other small areas. There are no more they live.</p>
<h3>Interesting fact</h3> <p>Polar bears can swim for long periods and they can stay underwater for a long time.</p>	

In another lesson, the budding owls learned about survival, when they identified and listed the basic needs for survival for humans and animals. Interestingly, the children chose to take myself, X-boxes and a hamster for essential survival on a desert island 😊, this was soon swapped out with air, food and water as the lesson progressed. Another cross curricular opportunity was also provided in this lesson, when they created some information leaflets about varying animals and their needs to ensure survival.

<h3>Giant Panda</h3>	<p>Food - Giant Pandas normally eat bamboo, but they can also eat fruit.</p>
<p>Water - From streams, rivers or wet vegetation from bamboo, which they get their water.</p>	<p>Where they live - They can be found in the mountains and forests.</p>
<p>Interesting fact - Giant pandas are omnivores not just on bamboo like they are said to be.</p>	



Furthermore, we also linked adaptation to our current learning and took part in some exciting activities, relation to animals. We took part in a 'DEEP SEA YOGA DISCOVERY,' that combined physical movement with learning about marine life and their adaptations. This promoted both physical wellness and environmental awareness.

An example of some of the yoga can be found below:

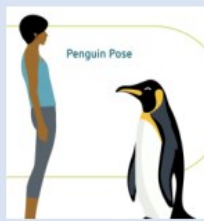
Penguins are excellent swimmers and can withstand cold temperatures.
Pose: Stand upright with feet together and arms by your sides. Waddle around like a penguin and huddle like penguins.

Penguins swim and how they huddle together to keep warm in cold environments.

Finally, we did another activity relating to 'AMAZING ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS,' which aimed to answer lots of questions, with a matching activity.

Example questions (as below) were explored:

- How do polar bears survive in such chilly climates without freezing?
- How do tigers sneak up on their prey without being heard?



Animal adaptations

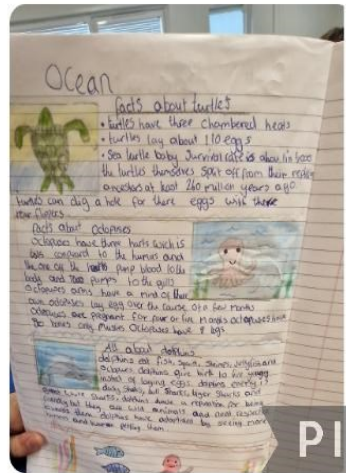
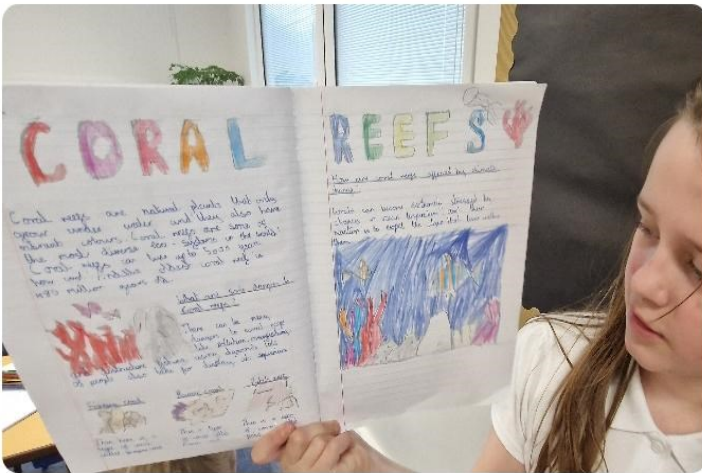
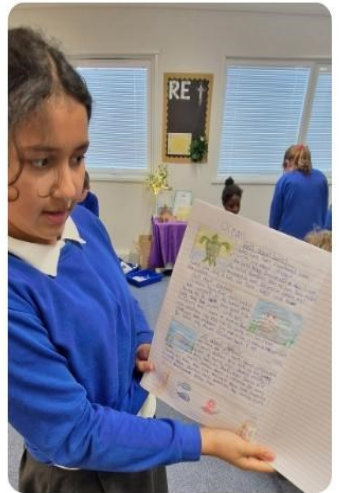
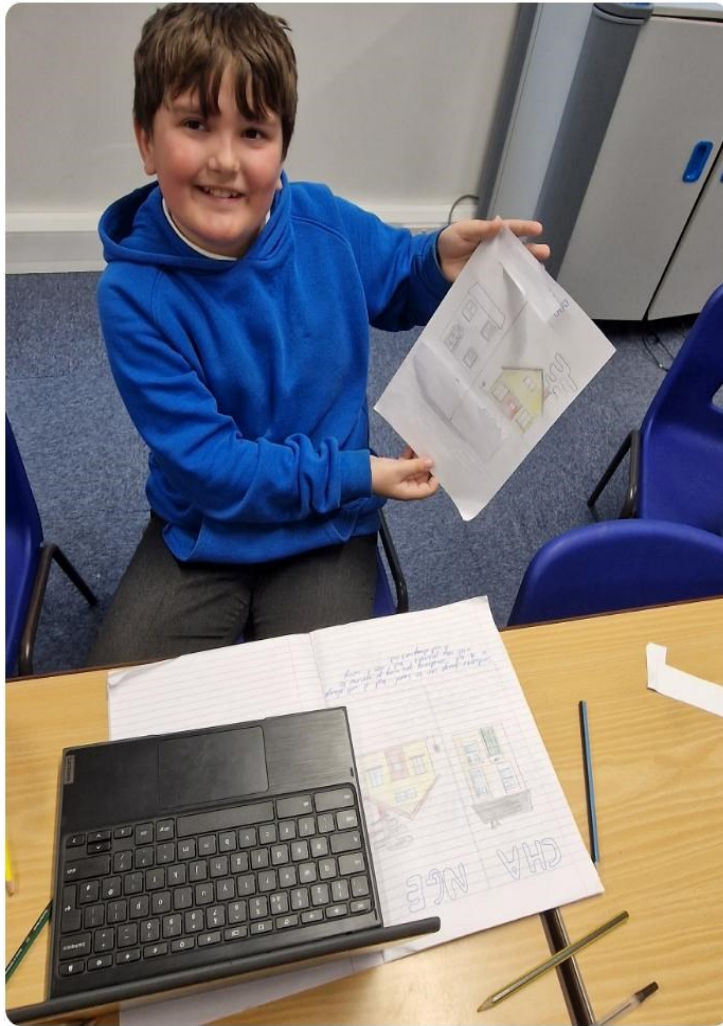
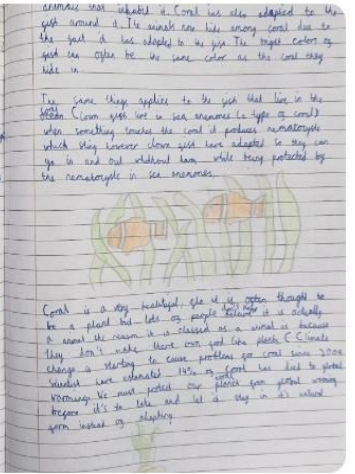
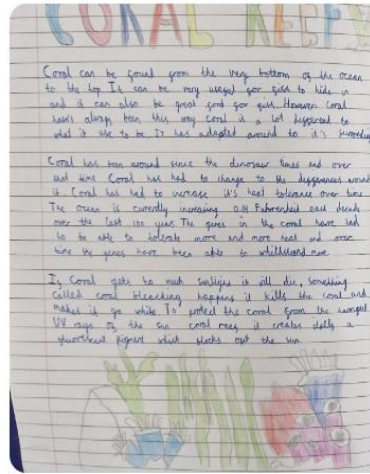
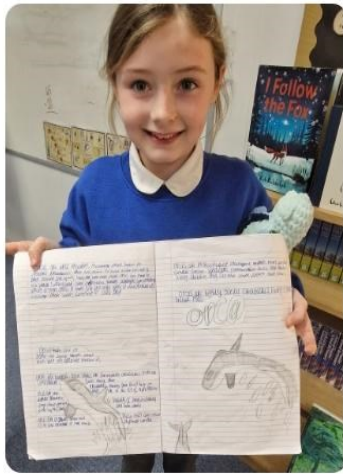
- 1 Broad flippers help this animal swim underwater.
- 2 This animal can slow down its heart rate and this allows it to stay underwater for up to five hours!
- 3 A hard shell protects this animal from being eaten by large predators.



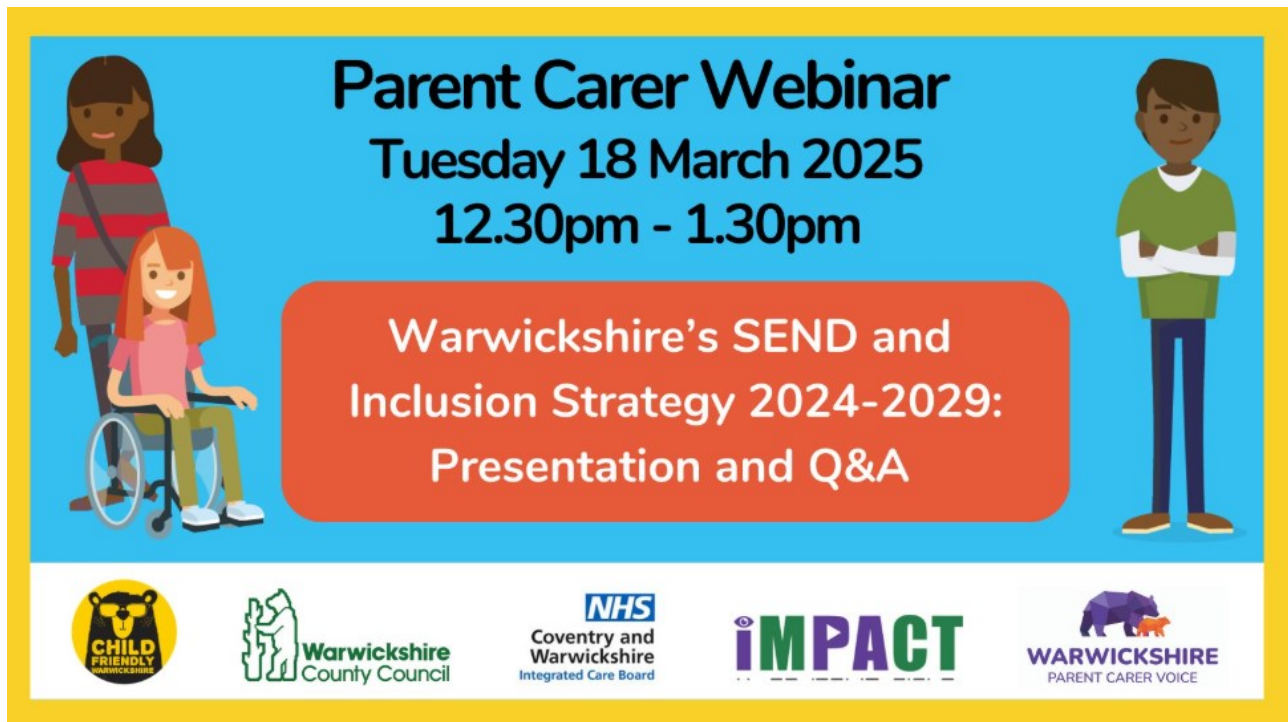
Overall, we have had an amazing themed week and we look forward to our Shakespeare themed week, coming soon! We look forward to sharing our learning, close up, at Parent's consultations.

kindest wishes,

Miss Morys



New Warwickshire SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2029 launches with special webinar in March



Parent Carer Webinar
Tuesday 18 March 2025
12.30pm - 1.30pm

Warwickshire's SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2029:
Presentation and Q&A

CHILD FRIENDLY WARWICKSHIRE
Warwickshire County Council
NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board
IMPACT
WARWICKSHIRE PARENT CARER VOICE

To introduce the new SEND and Inclusion strategy and provide an opportunity for parents and carers to learn more, a webinar will be held on Tuesday 18 March, 12.30pm to 1.30pm. The first part of the session will consist of a presentation outlining the main aims and six priorities included within the strategy and the actions identified to deliver these over the next five years. This will be followed by a live Q&A, providing an opportunity for attendees to ask questions about the strategy.

For those unable to attend on the day, the presentation element of the session will be recorded and made available after the event on [Warwickshire's Local Offer pages](#).

Warwickshire's SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2029 can be found on the [Local Offer webpages here](#).



FREE ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP

FOR PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Get practical hints and tips to support your children and keep them safe online, and learn how to keep up to date in the ever changing online world.



Wed 19th
MARCH 7pm-8pm



Speaker

KAT HOWARD

Head of Education & Wellbeing (UK)
Smoothwall



Register for the Zoom link and parent flyer here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/x2JJkWLx8y>

Kat has been working in and with schools for over 20 years to develop their understanding of online safety. She is passionate about the importance of online safety in schools and the wider community.

For more information on online safety, visit <https://warwickshire.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>

NEW TO YOU SALE

**3PM - 5:30PM
SATURDAY 15TH MARCH**

**COME ALONG AND FIND A TREASURE AMONG OUR STALLS OF
PRELOVED ITEMS.**

**FRIENDS OF SHOTTERY ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL
HAVE A STALL RAISING MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL.**

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
FREE ENTRY AND PARKING
PLEASE BRING CASH**

**WELLESBOURNE
VILLAGE HALL
CV35 9NH**



Shottery's Charity
Committee introduce



Wear It Red

Friday 21st March 2025

School uniform to be worn and accessorised by wearing something red.

All funds raised will be going to Comic Relief.



Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Shottery's Charity
Committee introduce



Friday 21st March 2025

THE GREAT SHOTTERY BAKE OFF

and BAKE SALE

in aid of celebrating 40 years of

COMIC RELIEF



£1
Bake Sale
suggested
donation

**KS1 and KS2 prizes to be
won for the best bakes!**

Competition brief;

You need to design, bake and decorate 6 cupcakes or biscuits that are red nosed themed. It must be nut free. All entries need to be in school by 9am on the morning of Friday 21st March 2025.

Once the competition has taken place all entries will be sold in the bake sale after school raising funds for Red Nose Day.



Anchored in faith we shine!

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good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

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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

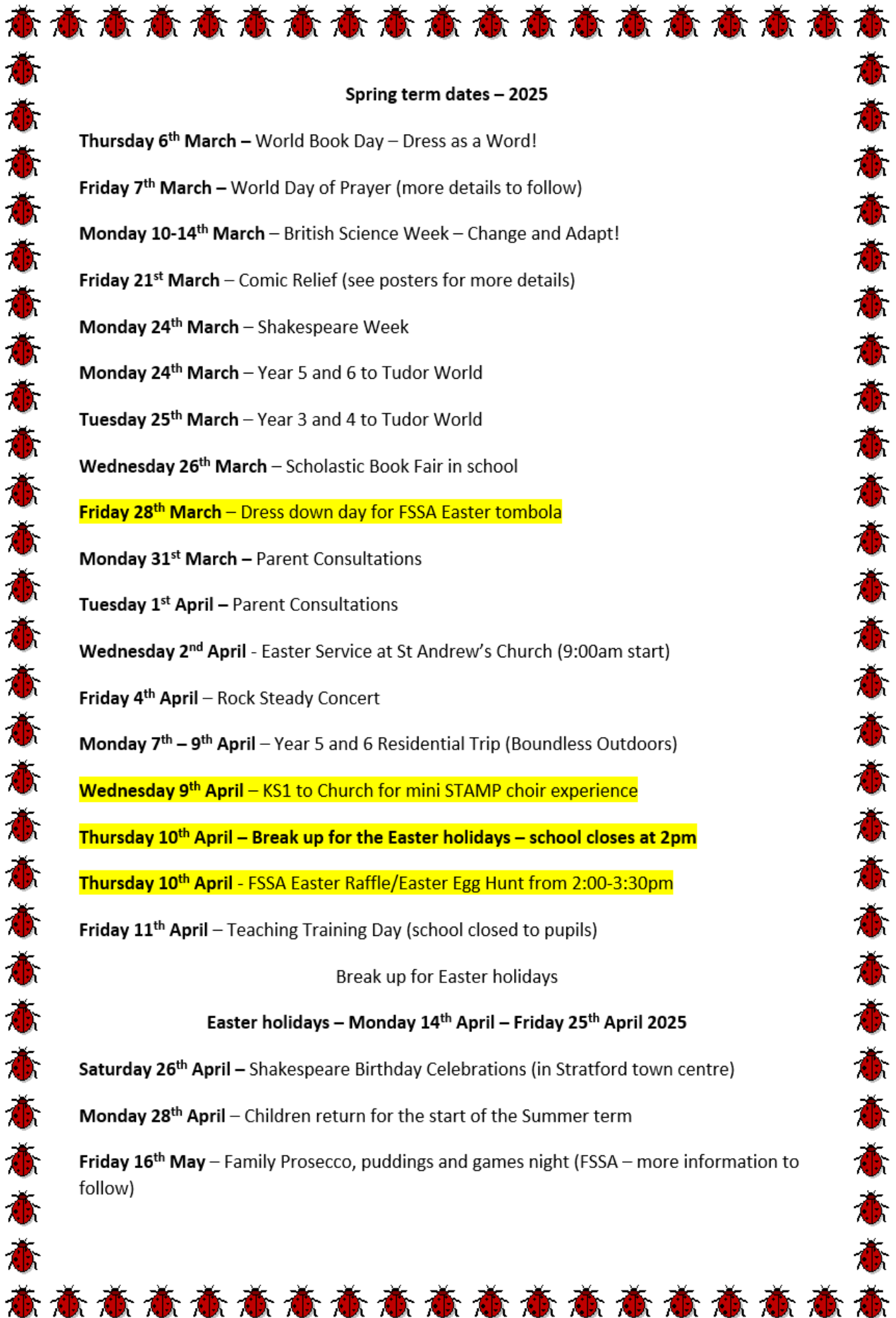
Hook a duck

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)



Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



Nutrition

Nutrition refers to the nutrients in food and how our body uses them to stay strong and healthy. There are lots of positive benefits for our **physical health**, nutrition is also really important for our **mental health!**

Our brain works hard taking care of our thoughts, movements, breathing, heartbeat and senses (even when we are sleeping!), so we must fuel our brain with nutritious foods to help us function. This can help us to think clearly, increase our energy levels and support concentration. What we eat also affects our mood too!

Our tips:

- 1. Get involved in the cooking**– Can you help your parent/carer to prepare dinner? This can be a fun way to spend time with others and learn a new skill.
- 2. Make it fun**- There are lots of different ways different foods can be prepared. You could try experimenting putting different food together to see what you like and don't like.
- 3. Try something new**- When was the last time you tried a new food? It can be exciting to find out what food we like and don't like. Also, our tastes can change as we grow and develop. See if you can set yourself a challenge to try a new food this week.
- 4. Keep Hydrated**- Dehydration could lead to headaches, difficulty focusing and may impact sleep. Try to ensure you are regularly drinking water, it can be useful to bring a bottle of water to school every day to remind you to stay hydrated!

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.**