



News from Shottery St Andrew's CofE Primary School

Week 23— Friday 7th March 2025



What an Exciting and Fun-Filled Week!

This week at Shottery, we have had a truly wonderful time, packed with exciting activities and meaningful moments.

We began the week with a whole school collective worship, where we spoke to the children about Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. Following our reflections, the playground came alive with laughter and cheers as each year group took part in pancake races! The children's pancake flipping skills were incredibly impressive, but a special shout-out must go to Jack Jones, who amazed us all with his natural flair for flipping—what a talent!

On Wednesday, we changed our altar cloths to purple as we entered the season of Lent. The children were encouraged to reflect on the Reflection Question of the Week: *What positive changes will you make in the lead-up to Easter?* Alongside our focus on Lent, we also recognise that several members of our school community have begun Ramadan. Next Monday, we look forward to welcoming Aliyah, who will be leading our worship and teaching us about her experiences of fasting, as well as the many traditions Muslims observe during this special month. Although we are a Church of England school, we are committed to celebrating and understanding the diverse cultures, languages, and faiths within our community.

On Thursday, the school was transformed as we celebrated World Book Day! This year's challenge was to dress up as a word, and our children certainly embraced it with enthusiasm and creativity. During our assembly, we saw an incredible variety of words brought to life, including rappers, wizards, royalty, cowgirls, 'colourful', 'tired', 'strict', and many more! Every child received a book token, which can be used to purchase a book of their choice, including at the Book Fair arriving at the end of the month—don't forget to save your vouchers!

To end the week, Year 3 and Year 4 had the special opportunity to visit the Baptist Church on Peyton Street to take part in the World Day of Prayer celebrations. This annual event unites people from all around the world in prayer, with this year's focus on the Cook Islands. We can't wait to hear all about their experience.

And just like that, another busy and joyful week comes to a close! Next week is shaping up to be just as exciting, so please check the updated diary dates for upcoming events.

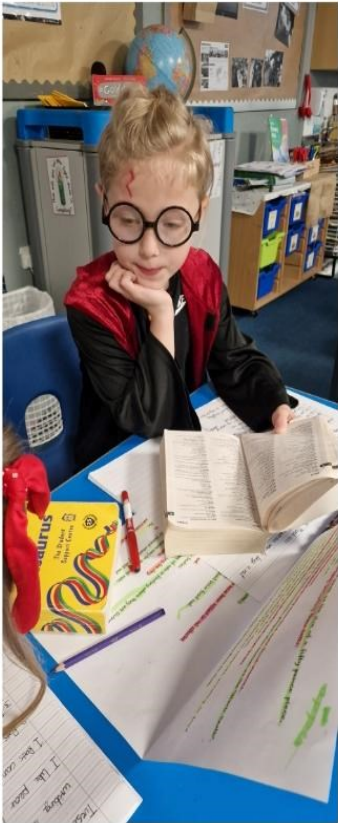
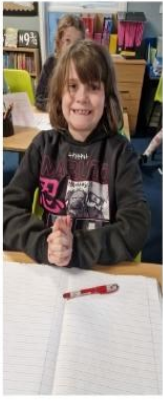
Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Mrs L Withers

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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/>



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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.



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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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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



Relaxation

Relaxation is when our mind and body is free from stress and tension. Research has found that this can help us to think clearly, concentrate, sleep well, feel more confident and even boost our immune system!

Relaxation can look different for everyone, and it can be helpful to try a few different relaxation techniques to see what works best to make you feel happy and rested.

Our Tips for Relaxation:

1- Try some **breathing exercises**, such as finger breathing or square breathing. Breathing exercises are great as you can do them in any place, at any time. Follow the QR code to try rainbow breathing!



Rainbow breathing

2- Drawing or colouring can help you to express your feelings and focus on something peaceful. This is a great way to relax your mind!

3- Practice **mindfulness** by taking a break away from any screens and devices. This could be going on a walk or being outside in nature. Try to use as many of your senses as possible, think about what you can see, hear, smell, touch and even taste! You could even try cloud watching to calm your mind.



Calming yoga stretches

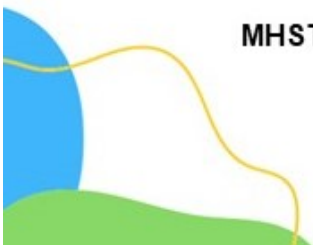
4- Stretch it out, practice yoga to stretch out your muscles to relax and reduce tension. Try following the QR code for a yoga video!

5- A warm **bath or shower** can be a soothing experience that helps to relax muscles and calm your mind. You could make it extra relaxing with quiet music and bubbles!

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
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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.**