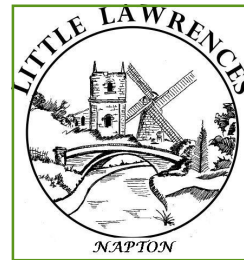


# The School Journal



**ST LAWRENCE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**Friday 23rd January 2026**

**Last week, we were delighted to receive a donation of £100 from the Napton Guisers (Folk Group) to use towards SEN equipment. Thank you to Graham Hall for facilitating this.**

Another wonderful week of hard work and enthusiasm across the school. Well done to everyone. We have been thwarted by staff illness this week but have pulled together, with the help of cover staff, to ensure there was no break in our learning. The second table tennis table has been played with non-stop at lunch time. There were even some doubles games taking place.

The Big Garden Birdwatch is this weekend. If you have an hour to spare, get spotting. There is information on Google Classroom and later in this journal. Mr D will be running a parent workshop for Y4 on Tuesday 27th Jan at 15:30. A must for all Y4 parents.

Good luck to our Netball Team who are visiting Kingsley School on Wednesday afternoon for some league matches.

Lots to look forward to over the coming weeks including 3 author visits, (don't forget to pre-order your books) a Shakespeare Experience day and exciting school trips. More details to follow.

**Mrs Evans, Office Admin (Guest writer for 1 week only!)**

## Today's Stars of the Week:

**Reception - Rosie F** (pictured centre) holding Steggy who is very much looking forward to a weekend sleepover at Rosie's house. What will they get up to? Mrs George cannot wait to hear.



## And well done to our pupils celebrating their extra-curricular activities this week:

Amelia (Y2) for achieving her Level 3 and 10 metre badge in swimming.

Archie (Y3) for being Player of the Match in Football.



**Year 1 - Riley S**

**Year 2—William C**

**Year 3 - Clara H**

**Year 4—Emrys**

**Year 5— Jacob S**

**Year 6—Rosie W**

Neve (Y5) for passing Grade 1 Flute and Amy (Y5) for passing Grade 2 Flute. Both passed with Merit. Well done!!



## Well done to our Bronze and Silver Team Point Certificate winners:

**BRONZE:** Harvey (Y3), Matthew (Y3) and Finley (Y2)

**SILVER:** Rupert (YR) and Charles (YR) (top)



And Aidan (Y1) (left)



## Raffle Ticket Winners:

Ronnie (Y6), Olive (Y6) and Tommy (Y4)

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**Little Lawrences:** This week we have used the Story 'If I had a polar bear' by Alex Barrow to inspire the children as we learnt about Polar Bears and how they live. The children have learnt about how Polar bears have fur that is transparent and that they stand on 2 feet to scare predators. Our learning intent has been to explore positional language and we started to embed this knowledge through our play. One of our favourite activities was when the children first had to identify how many stomps the polar bear made on the drum and then identify the iceberg with the numeral on, matching the stomp. This proved tricky but engaging and all children were keen to show their skills; they then used the drums to explore beat and effect. This week some of the 'wows' we are celebrating are for Ben who has begun to express his wants and interests with the adults more; Tommy J has been a great friend and always tries to include offers and Elsie informs us she slept in her own bed all night!! Next week we are turn our attention to Birds.

**Reception:** This week Reception have enjoyed reading the story of 'The Great Pet Sale' amongst others based around our Amazing Animal topic. They have been learning about 'one less' in maths, singing the song 'Five Little Speckled Frogs' and making 5 in different ways using double sided counters and other manipulatives. In their free play the children have been very busy with some making wedding dresses and mermaids tails and others finding worms and spiders in the garden. They have written about their favourite animals and have learnt some dance ,moves in PE, counting and moving to an 8 beat rhythm.

**Year 1:** Year 1 have had such a joyful and creative week, and we're so proud of everything they've achieved. The children have loved stepping into the paws of Bunting the cat as they wrote their own diary entries inspired by Lost in the Toy Museum, and they showed wonderful imagination throughout. They have also been busy drawing and painting toys with great care and enthusiasm, filling our classroom with colour. In RE, we explored why rules matter and how our own worldviews shape the choices we make, leading to some thoughtful class discussions. As part of our topic work, the children sorted old and new toys and impressed us with their curiosity and careful thinking. It's been a week full of hard work, creativity and smiles, and we couldn't be prouder of them.

**Year 2:** Year 2 were very excited to discover the next Victorian artefact that Sue Watkins had to show us this week. The warming pan for the bed provided some great ideas from the children. Lots of us thought it was definitely for cooking but the handle was far too long! We were also fascinated to see the tools carved so carefully from animal bones. In English, we challenged the children to learn our poem The Owl and the Pussycat by heart. Well done to all those who performed it with such enthusiasm and confidence. In maths, we have been tackling tricky problem solving with money, making totals and finding change. Any further practise of this at home would be really beneficial. In science, we continued to learn about habitats. We also talked about the Big Garden Birdwatch which takes place this weekend. We hope you have great fun spotting the birds in your gardens.

**Year 3:** Year 3 have had a great week this week! We have been writing our newspaper reports using our text, Cinderella of the Nile. The class have had a really good go at including a direct quote with speech punctuation. In maths, we have been continuing our multiplication and division learning. We have been linking related facts this week and multiplying 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers. In science, we have been learning about the human skeleton and in topic we learnt about Howard Carter and his discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. The class asked so many interesting questions in our topic lesson and are really thinking like historians! In PSHE we discussed risks and dangers and ways to reduce putting ourselves at risk to stay safe. It has been another busy week full of hard work!

**Year 4:** Year 4 have shown their maturity and resilience this week as they welcomed cover teachers into their class on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. On Wednesday Mr Snook bravely returned to school but unfortunately illness got the better of him again. Year 4 were lucky enough to have Miss Shepherd teaching them on Friday. What a treat! In guided reading they have continued with their learning on Ancient Greece, Mythology and Gods. In English they have been learning about Determiners (words that can come before a noun such as "the" and "my") In maths they have been multiplying 3 digit numbers by 1 and then by 2 digits. In computing they were writing and repeating algorithms, learning colours in their German lesson, discovering in R.E who founded Christianity and where it was founded, and drew images of Jesus to reflect how they imagine Jesus to look with an emphasis on Christianity. In art they learnt about Greek sculptures and pottery then tried their hands at colouring images of vases and Gods. On Tuesday morning I could hear from the office how well they are all progressing in their class brass lesson but later made the mistake of trying to get through the hall whilst a VERY energetic and loud game of dodgeball was taking place!  
*Mrs Evans on behalf of Y4 staff.*

**Year 5:** Year 5 have explored a few different ways to multiply numbers this week and challenged themselves, started to write biographies about an astronaut of their choice alongside our continued study of *The Jamie Drake Equation*, learned about life in Britain before the Romans, dived into songwriting, sung and moved to a new song, and developed their understanding of revolution and rotation in the solar system! They're loving their badminton sessions on Friday with George, and settling well into our new classroom layout. Well done, Year 5 - you've been brilliant this week!

**Year 6:** Year 6 have finished reading Rain Player, and this has driven much excitement and intrigue about the Ancient Maya. In English, we wrote a newspaper report for The Yucatan News, crafting headlines, strong openings and clear conclusions while using fronted adverbials for when, where and how, alongside the passive voice, and ending with quotes from Pik and Chac gathered through hot seating. We then revisited the story to identify themes, ranking their relevance and producing concise book reviews aimed at encouraging new readers. This fed into summarising learning through mind maps, drawing on the author's notes and sharing facts in a lively marketplace of ideas. Research continued with the question of what the Maya ever did for us, as groups took responsibility for areas such as astronomy, agriculture, architecture and chocolate, becoming experts and preparing to report back. In Science, we explored adaptation, first looking at how plants such as cacti survive dry conditions, then how animals are adapted to their environments, building clear explanations of features and function. PSHE focused on friendships and how positive relationships support learning. In Maths, we complete the usual flashbacks and started a new unit on ratio, including ratio language, symbols, links to fractions and scale drawing. We're certainly has a very busy week, with plenty of thinking and the occasional headline that may have slightly oversold the match result.

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Penny (Y5) competed at London International and was placed in every class. Well done Penny! All your hard work is definitely paying off and we are all so proud of your achievements.



Over the New Year, Kaisan (Y2) spent time in Finland with Dad's family. Mum says: *"Kaisan had a ball with his grandmother, aunts, uncles & cousins. It was absolutely beautiful and super magical, but -20 is a tad cold for us southern softies, it was -13 one day and actually quite pleasant. It is amazing what you can get used to!"* Thank you for sharing these fabulous photos, they really are magical!



Cara (Y2) went to see Cirque du Soleil at the Royal Albert Hall recently and Cara was keen to share some of her photos. It looks like a fantastic show. Thanks for sharing!



A huge thank you to Mrs Sue Watkins for bringing in her Victorian artefacts to show to Y2 this week. Mrs Watkins is a wonderful supporter of the school and kindly volunteers to read with the children each week



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# The Week Ahead - w/c 26th January 2026

## Monday 26th January 2026

09:30 Hymn practice with the whole school. Members of the orchestra should bring their instruments to school on Mondays, there is no need to come into school early. Mrs Merrick will collect children from class after morning registration.

## Tuesday 27th January 2026

09:30: Year 4 will have their class brass lesson today with Mrs Pugh in the hall. This will be for an hour every Tuesday for the whole of the academic year.

15:30: Mr D's Y4 MTC Workshop. All Y4 parents and carers welcome.

## Wednesday 28th January 2026

09:30: Whole school assembly in the hall led by Mrs Hanna

09:30: Invited children leave for IMPROVERS SWIMMING LESSONS

15:30: Netball League Match at Kingsley School—participants have been contacted

## Thursday 29th January 2026

## Friday 30th January 2026

08:45: Orchestra rehearsal in the hall. Please send instruments into school with children for an 08.45 practice before celebration assembly.

09:05: Celebration assembly in the hall, everyone is welcome. Please drop extra curricular awards and certificates into the office for presentation in assembly.

## MUSIC LESSONS:

**Monday:** Lisa Foxwell will be teaching in the Music Room  
Lisa Foxwell's Flute group will meet in the Hall at 10:30

**Tuesday:** Lisa Foxwell will be teaching in the Music Room  
Helen Pugh will be teaching brass in the Hall  
Seb Foxwell will be teaching in the afternoon in the Music Room  
Alex Sinessi will be teaching guitar lessons today in the Sensory Room

**Wednesday:** Alex Sinessi will be teaching guitar lessons today in the Sensory Room  
Seb Foxwell will be teaching in the afternoon in the Music Room

**Thursday:** ~~Emma Benson will be taking violin lessons from 11:20 in the Sensory Room~~  
(There is currently in-adequate sign up for violin lessons to continue)  
Jacob Tanner will be in school taking drum lessons in Room 11  
Lisa Foxwell's Flute Quartet group will meet in the Music Room at lunchtime

**Friday:** Lisa Foxwell will be teaching in the Music Room  
Lisa Foxwell's Recorder group will meet in the Hall at 10:30  
Lisa Foxwell's Clarinet Quartet group will meet in the Music Room at lunchtime

## PE LESSONS:

**Reception:** Thursday AM,

**Year 1:** Wednesday PM (plus forest school kit for Fridays),

**Year 2:** Tuesday PM and Friday AM,

**Year 3:** Monday PM and Thursday PM ,

**Year 4:** Monday PM and Wednesday PM ,

**Year 5:** Tuesday PM and Friday PM, **Year 6:** Thursday PM and Friday PM

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## Message from Mrs Hanna:

**Inappropriate Language:** We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the importance of using appropriate language while on school grounds, including during drop-off, pick-up, and when supervising children on the playground. As adults in our school community, we are all role models for the children. They learn not only from what we teach them, but also from what they hear and observe around them. For this reason, we ask that conversations and language used on the playground and around the school are respectful and suitable for a school environment at all times.

**Sickness Policy:** A reminder that our sickness policy is for an exclusion from school of 48 hours from the last bout of your child having sickness and/or diarrhoea. This mirrors the [Gov.UK guidelines](#). If a child arrives back at school before they have been absent for 48 hours, they will be sent home.

**Uniform Policy:** A reminder that our uniform policy is clear on what items may be worn. Please click [here](#) for the full policy. Across the school there are a lot of children not adhering to the policy especially where footwear and PE kits are concerned. If you are experiencing any difficulty with acquiring uniform items please speak to me in confidence.

## Message from the Children's Commissioner— Dame Rachel de Souza:

I am writing to inform you that I have recently published a new guide, [What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives](#).

Supporting children's safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and wider society. For parents and carers, this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children's lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world. Many parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play.

The last time I published a guide like this, *The things I wish my parents had known: Young people's advice on talking to your child about online sexual harassment*, in December 2021, it was to help parents and carers navigate difficult conversations about sexual harassment online. This guide is different in scope, in recognition of the complex, rapidly evolving landscape in which children – and parents – are navigating. It focuses on the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits.

This guide was written with the direct involvement of children in England. It is a reflection of their views. My office visited schools to speak to teenagers, and spoke to my Youth Ambassadors and Youth Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Panel to get their expertise on what works and what doesn't work between parents or carers and children in the 21st Century.

When I speak to children about what they would do differently when it comes to being online, with the benefit of hindsight, I ask them: would they give a smartphone to their own teenager? Almost unanimously, they tell me no. They want to be protected from it as long as possible.

As educators and leaders, you play a vital role in supporting parents and carers to navigate these challenges. Responses to my recent school survey show just how concerned school leaders are about their children's safety online, despite most already taking steps to limit or ban devices from the classroom. Children are clear that they value firm, informed and protective boundaries when adults have concerns about the content they are accessing online.

As parents, carers, and educators, our job must begin and end with our children's care and safety. It's what they expect and what they want from you.

As one young person told me: "Don't be afraid to be firm... If you are worried [that] your child is seeing harmful content and you don't know what they're watching and it's affecting the behaviour, just take it that you know best – they don't."

# THE BIG GARDEN BIRD WATCH

The Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers like you take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.

From **23 January to 25 January 2026**, our school will be taking part in this national citizen science project that helps scientists learn more about the birds living in the UK.

You can complete this activity at home with family, or as part of class learning in school.

## What to do

1. Read the attached information and spotter sheets to help identify common UK birds.
2. Spend **one hour watching birds** (in your garden, school grounds, or a local green space) **between 23rd and 25th January**, and record the birds that land.
3. Count the birds you see and record your results carefully.

If you are able to, you 1hr results can be submitted directly to the RSPB website. Alternatively, you may share their findings, here, on Google Classroom, and we will submit them on their behalf. All results should be shared by 22nd February 2026.

This is a great opportunity to take your learning outdoors, practise careful observation, and contribute to a real scientific survey.

We encourage the whole family to get involved where possible.

## [Big Garden Birdwatch—RSPB](#)

## [Big Garden Birdwatch 2025—Newsround](#)

## [Big Garden Birdwatch—ID Chart](#)

What will  
elusive birds  
will you spot?

Good Luck!





### Author Visit

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## Davina Tijani

### Yomi and the Fury of Ninki Naki



Davina Tijani is a speculative fiction writer for adults and children with a passion for world mythology, which she enjoys incorporating into her writing. She grew up an avid lover of films and books - especially *Star Wars*, which sparked a lifelong love of storytelling in all its forms. The children will learn about different dragons such as Long, a noble dragon from Chinese Mythology, Orochi, the fierce nine headed dragon from Japanese Mythology and Quetzalcoatl, the wise and all-knowing dragon from Aztec Mythology. You can pre-order a copy of her book *Yomi and the Fury of Ninki Naki* which Davina will sign during her visit so pre-order yours today.

KS2

**Children can also pre-order a copy of Davina's latest book for £6.99**



Pre-order your copy through school ahead of the event and it will be signed and dedicated on the day!  
Cash or via school parent pay if applicable. We regret we cannot accept cheques.

Davina Tijani will be visiting Y3 and Y4 on Wednesday 28th January.

You can pre-order a copy of her book, "Yomi and the Fury of Ninki Naka", on School Money or with cash at the school office.

Sales will close on Monday 26th January.

All pre-orders will be signed by the author.

Emilie Lauren Jones will be visiting the whole of main school from Reception upwards on Monday 02 March.

You can pre-order a copy of her book, "A Poetic A-Z of Awesome animals", [here](#).

This book is not available to order via School money or the school office.

All pre-orders will be signed by the author.

Hello!  
We are thrilled to tell you that poet Emilie Lauren Jones is coming to your school!

Emilie's sessions aim to nurture and develop students' skills and enthusiasm towards reading and writing.

Books are available to order now - [click here](#) or scan the QR code to buy online, or order through school if this is supported (cash/parentpay etc).

Emilie will then sign and personalise the books!

## Authors Abroad



### Emilie Lauren Jones

Emilie has performed and run workshops across the UK and internationally. In 2021, the year Coventry became UK City of Culture, she became the city's first Poet Laureate.

Emilie always loved writing and had her first poem published (aged nine) in her mum's local magazine. At the age of fifteen, her English teacher entered her work into a national short story competition with *The Guardian* Newspaper and she was one of ten winners who had their poems published in an anthology. This inspired Emilie to believe that a career in writing was possible and she hopes she can offer the same encouragement to others.



### A Poetic A - Z of Awesome Animals £6.99

Get ready for a wild ride through the animal kingdom alphabet!

This delightful book invites readers to explore the wonders of nature, one letter at a time.

From the magnificent but endangered African Wild dog to the unique stripes of a zebra, each page is bursting with captivating poems and fascinating facts about animals. Engaging rhymes and charming illustrations bring these animals vividly to life as you discover unique poetic forms along the way.

Perfect for bedtime stories, classroom read-alouds, or independent reading, *A Poetic A-Z of Awesome Animals!* is a wonderful blend of imagination, education, and entertainment.



### Author Visit

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## Philip Reeve

## Sarah McIntyre

### AdventureMice!



Join superstars Reeve & McIntyre to help them launch *AdventureMice!*: *Of Mice and Mummies*, the eighth book in their brilliant series! In this story, Meepie the mermouse makes a HUGE discovery. What follows is a race against time to reach a secret island, full of incredible mouse sphinxes, pyramids, palaces ... and the tomb of Queen Neferteacake! Get ready to draw and dream up new story ideas with the AdventureMice team.

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**Children can also pre-order a copy of their latest book for £6.99**



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Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre will be visiting Reception, Y1 and Y2 on Wednesday 25th March.

You can pre-order a copy of their book, "Adventure Mice", on School Money or with cash at the school office.

Sales will close on Monday 23rd March.

All pre-orders will be signed by the authors.

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**FACE** **January 2026 Timetable**  
 All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long.  
**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**  
 Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)  
 Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Autism - Improving Communication	5 Jan 10am
Improving Family Communication	5 Jan 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	6 Jan 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	6 Jan 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	12 Jan 10am
Understanding Anger	12 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	13 Jan 10am
Facing Defiance	13 Jan 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	19 Jan 10am
Anxiety Explained	19 Jan 7pm
Introduction to OCD	20 Jan 10am
What is ACT	20 Jan 7pm
<b>FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour</b>	22 Jan 7-8pm
Raising Self-Esteem	26 Jan 10am
Decreasing Depression	26 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	27 Jan 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	27 Jan 7pm

## MUSIC LESSONS FOR CHILDREN

**PIANO AND WIND INSTRUMENTS**  
 Lisa and Seb Foxwell  
[lisafoxwell23@gmail.com](mailto:lisafoxwell23@gmail.com)

**DRUM AND GUITAR**  
 Top of The Rock  
[josh@topoftherocktuition.com](mailto:josh@topoftherocktuition.com)

**BRASS AND VIOLIN**  
 Warwickshire Music  
[MelanieCotton@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:MelanieCotton@warwickshire.gov.uk)

**MESSAGE FROM JESS FOXWELL**  
 (Daughter of Lisa Foxwell, music teacher)

I am currently in my final year of my degree at the Royal Northern College of Music and we have to create and put on a big project for a final year assessment. I have chosen to put on a 12-hour playathon fundraiser to raise money for the Hand and Limb Department at Birmingham Children's Hospital. My aim is to provide local musicians with a performance platform for this day and not only come along and have a performance opportunity but also a chance to support a great cause in a fun environment. Especially for young musicians I believe it's important to create these experiences to inspire interest and creativity. As so many of your pupils learn a musical instrument or enjoy music.

Here is a link to the justgiving fundraising page and a Google doc sign up page:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1edeCSBnxVnxtBwMrtR2fNZG9rBKW202s7oW0gc0sJz8/edit>

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/jess-foxwell-1?utm\\_medium=FA&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/jess-foxwell-1?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL)

## 12 - HOUR PLAYATHON FUNDRAISER

Date: 21st February 2026  
 Location: Burton Dassett Church  
 Time: 9am-9pm

**YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART!**

Any instrument. Any age. Any standard.

For more details or interest in participation contact  
[foxwell.jess12@gmail.com](mailto:foxwell.jess12@gmail.com)

Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity  
 Doing more for sick kids

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# WINTER WELLNESS

This series of workshops aims to give you the tools to keep you and your family well this winter. Sign up today, to support your family's health.



## Winter Illnesses and Prevention

Monday, 2 February 2026 at 9.15am

- how to take a temperature and how to manage a fever
- taking a look at winter illnesses
- immunisations
- supporting an unwell child, with confidence



## Getting Your Home Ready For Winter

Monday, 9 February 2026 at 9.15am

- black mould and how to prevent this in your home
- how to help prevent accidents, injuries or harm in the home
- how to help a person, should they fall, trip or get injured
- what can cause risk, or be a threat, to a child at home



## Empowering Dads and Male Carers

Monday, 23 February 2026 at 9.15am

- join other male parents and carers to discuss techniques to deal with stress and anxiety
- get the tools you need to protect your own mental health and that of your children.

Stratford Children and Family Centre  
Drayton Avenue  
Stratford-upon-Avon  
CV37 9PB



To book your place at your centre  
Tel: 01789 266624

OR

for other dates online

SIGN UP USING OUR QR CODE OR GO TO:

<http://www.barnardos.org.uk/virtual-family-space-coventry-warwickshire>



Coventry and Warwickshire  
Integrated Care System



CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTRE



# PARA FOOTBALL ENGLAND TALENT DAYS

For players with cerebral palsy, hearing impairments or visual impairments.

FOR PLAYERS AGED: 7 – 16 YEARS OF AGE

DATE: Thursday 19th Feb 2026 TIMES: 12:00 – 15:00

VENUE: Oakley School, Quercus Wy, Oakley Wood Rd, Bishop's Tachbrook, Leamington Spa CV33 9QE | Surface: 3G Pitch



Scan to register.

To find out more visit:

[EnglandFootball.com/Para](http://EnglandFootball.com/Para)

# LEAMINGTON NETBALL. LITTLE SKILLS

For children age 5-8



TUESDAYS | 5.30-6.15PM | LEAMINGTON NETBALL CLUB



Ready. Net. Go!



SCAN TO REGISTER



Email: [juniors@leamingtonnetball.com](mailto:juniors@leamingtonnetball.com)  
or text: 07966876629

Or find us on Facebook [facebook.com/share/1BisxFLaPG/](https://facebook.com/share/1BisxFLaPG/)

[leamington\\_netball\\_skills](https://www.instagram.com/leamington_netball_skills)

# LEAMINGTON NETBALL. SUPER SKILLS

For all children in years 4, 5 & 6



TUESDAYS | 6PM | LEAMINGTON NETBALL CLUB

STARTING 16/09/25



Ready. Net. Go!



SCAN TO REGISTER



[leamington\\_netball\\_skills](https://www.instagram.com/leamington_netball_skills)

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# Barnardo's Warwickshire - Stratford District Children and Family Centres - Spring term 2026

A coordination of services for children, young people and families - aged 0-19 years and up to 25 with SEND



Alcester 01789 764093

Stratford & Shipston 01789 266624

Lighthorne Heath & Southam & Wellesbourne 01926 691105



## MONDAY

Lighthorne Heath C&FC

HomeEd (3-5 yrs)

10:00 - 11.30am

We also provide 4 & 5 week courses such as **Baby Massage, Baby Chatter Matters, Toddler Chatter Matters**. If you would like to book on, please phone your local Children & Family Centre

### Eventbrite Bookings

If you are unable to attend please CANCEL your booking on Eventbrite to allow others to have your place



05/01/2026

## TUESDAY

Lighthorne Heath C&FC

Toddler Time

09:30 - 11.00am

Stratford C&FC

Baby Time

2.00 - 3.00pm

Stratford C&FC Children's Activity Club (4-8 yrs)

3.30 - 5.00pm

### Barnardos web page

Detailed information about the courses that are available at each individual Centre



## WEDNESDAY

Stratford C&FC

Little Stars SEND (0-5yrs)

09.30 - 11.00am

Alcester C&FC

Let's Play

09.45 - 11.15am

Lighthorne Heath C&FC

Baby Messy Play 28/1, 11/2, 25/2 ONLY

1.00 - 2.00pm

Stratford C&FC

Let's Play

01.30 - 3.00pm



## THURSDAY

Wellesbourne Methodist Church

Let's Play

09.30 - 11.00am

Badger Valley, Shipston

Baby Time

12.30 - 2.00pm

Lighthorne Heath C&FC

Baby Time

1.00 - 2.00pm

## SATURDAY

Lighthorne Heath C&FC Every SECOND Saturday of the month Saturday Club

(suitable for children under 8 years)

10.00 - 11.30am

### Venues Contact Details

Alcester C&FC, c/o St. Nicholas CE Primary School, St Faiths Road, Alcester, B49 8AG  
Tel: 01789 764093

Lighthorne Heath C&FC, Stratford Road, Lighthorne Heath, CV33 9TW  
Graham Adams Centre, St James Road, Southam, CV47 0LY

Wellesbourne Methodist Church, Bridge Street, Wellesbourne, CV35 9LR  
Wellesbourne Library, Kineton Road, Wellesbourne, CV35 9NF  
Tel: 01926 691105

Stratford C&FC, c/o Bishopston Primary School, Drayton Avenue, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 9PB

Badger Valley, Tilemans Lane, Shipston on Stour, CV36 4HP

Ellen Badger Hospital - Room D, Stratford Road, Shipston on Stour, CV36 4AX  
Tel: 01789 266624

Midwifery Postnatal & Antenatal Clinics Bluebell Centre Warwick

Appointment only 01926 600 040

Infant Feeding Team 01926 495321 Ext 8584

Parenting Project Offers a Family Wellbeing Pathway that support families with children 0-19 (25 SEND) Family Wellbeing Service, Counselling Service, Parent Mentor Service and MHSC group work in the school

Contact familywellbeing@parentingproject.org.uk for more information or visit the website <https://parentingproject.org.uk/>

### Warwickshire New Child and Family Wellbeing Service

From 1 December, your local Health visiting and School Nursing Service will come together under a new name - Warwickshire Child and Family Wellbeing, provided by HCRG Care Group.

This new, joined-up service will support children, young people and families from birth, through school, and up to age 19 (or 25 for those with special educational needs or disabilities).

Please use these new details for any advice or support.

from 1 December onwards.

0300 247 0072

wcfc.contact@hrcgcaregroup.com

1 Allerton Road, Rugby, CV233 0PA

Warkschildandfamily.co.uk

If your child is ill please contact your GP

Refuge 08004 081552

Coventry & Warwickshire Sexual Health Hub HCRG Care Group 07464 647538

### Stratford District Children & Families Centres' offer includes

**Baby Time:** Relax, play and socialise with your baby in a friendly, informal environment, suitable from newborn

**Baby Massage:** 5 week programme teaching parents the skills of massage which has many benefits for baby & helps to create a close bond, suitable for babies after they've had their 6 to 8 weeks check

**Baby Sensory/Baby Messy Play:** a play session for you and your baby to explore their senses and learn about the world around them. Exploring a variety of sight, sounds and textures in a friendly and relaxed environment

**Baby & Toddler Chatter Matters:** 5 week courses of fun through songs, rhymes and sensory activities for babies and toddlers to support their early communication skills. Suitable from 5 months up to 3 years

**HomeEd Groups:** play activities for children with their parents who are planning to Home Educate

**Let's Play & Toddler Time:** These sessions are aimed at toddlers, offering language enrichment learning through play. They incorporate paint and print, messy play, sound and music and outdoor play

**SEND Little Stars (0-5yrs):** Small, friendly groups to support learning and play for children with additional needs. Children must have a diagnosis or be in the process of being diagnosed. A great opportunity to interact and meet other families

**Wellcomm screens:** A speech & language toolkit which can pinpoint areas in your child's speech which can be enhanced with targeted activities to help your child speak clearly and with confidence

### Let's talk: Speech & Language

Advice line for Warwickshire's 0-5 year olds. Service available **FRIDAY mornings only** 0915am-1pm (not Bank holidays). Contact by telephone or text on 07789 924245 or email letstalk@swft.nhs.uk

### Safeguarding Concerns

Warwickshire Children and Families Front Door 01926 414144 (Mon-Thu 8.30am - 5.30pm, Fri 8.30am - 5pm) Emergency Duty Team (out of hours only) 01926 886922

### Advice & support for parents of pre-school children in Warwickshire

Warwickshire Health Visiting Team Text Chat Service TEXT: 07520 615293 (9am - 5pm Monday to Friday) Advice Duty Line number 01926 567143

Family Help The Family Support Line 01926 412412 (Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm)

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# GIRLS FOOTBALL

COME AND GIVE IT A TRY!



Woodford United FC are starting a new girls' team for school years 5 & 6

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED – ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!**



- 📍 Woodford United FC (NN11 3QS)
- 🕒 Fridays | 6:00–7:00pm
- 😊 Just turn up and have fun

### WHY JOIN?

- 🏆 Fun, game-based training
- 👯 Make new friends
- ⭐ Build confidence & skills
- 👨‍🏫 FA qualified, friendly coaches
- 🏠 Safe, welcoming clubhouse & pitches

£  
**ONLY £50  
JOINING FEE**

**INTERESTED?  
COME ALONG OR GET IN TOUCH!**

- ✓ Boot exchange available
- ✓ Discounted personalised kit

📞 Allan Haynes -  
**07592 172244**  
✉ woodfordunitedjuniors@gmail.com

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# GIRLS WANTED



Woodford United are currently recruiting new players to join a new team (school years 5/6)

Contact  
Allan Haynes 07592 172244  
Email: woodfordunitedjuniors@gmail.com  
Based in NN11 3QS

TRAINING  
TIME & DATE  
FRIDAYS  
6PM - 7PM

- All coaches are FA level 1 and above
- Safeguarding and emergency first aid trained
- Training based on fun football games
- Exclusive warm and friendly club house
- Well maintained football pitches
- Discounted personalised training kit available
- Boot room exchange available
- Only £50 signing on fee

# Open Evening



**Friday 30 January 2026**

4.30pm-7.30pm | Year 7 to Sixth Form

Book at [kinashiahwarwick.co.uk/events](http://kinashiahwarwick.co.uk/events)

### September 2027 Entry Princethorpe College

We will be launching our 2027 Admissions Cycle in earnest in March 2026, and we look forward to welcoming families to:

Our Spring Open Morning on **Thursday 23 April 2026 from 10.30am to 12.30pm**. This is an opportunity for all families to visit the College on a normal working day and to be toured around the site by pupils. Booking is now open at [this link](#).

Year 5 Taster Days will also be available in May and June 2026, featuring a range of lessons, a Q and A session with pupils and the Headmaster, lunch and a legendary Princethorpe cookie!

Should any of your parents have questions regarding these events or the Year 7 admissions process for September 2027 entry, please direct them to the Admissions Team on 01926 634201 or 634297, or by email at [admissions@princethorpe.co.uk](mailto:admissions@princethorpe.co.uk)

I have also added a graphic below, should you wish to use it in any e-newsletters etc.

Thank you for your assistance and I wish you and your staff a very happy and restful Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Catherine Rogers

Admissions Office – Open daily from 8.30am to 5.00pm	
Registrar	Assistant Registrar
Mrs Catherine Rogers	Miss Georgia Newborough
01926 634201	01926 634297
<a href="mailto:catherinerogers@princethorpe.co.uk">catherinerogers@princethorpe.co.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:georgianewborough@princethorpe.co.uk">georgianewborough@princethorpe.co.uk</a>
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**FEBRUARY**

# HALF TERM

16TH - 20TH  
AGES 5-13  
9AM UNTIL 3.30PM

**FOOTBALL CAMP**

**INDOOR AND OUTDOOR FACILITIES**

**EMAIL : TO BOOK  
INFO@VISION-FOOTBALL-ACADEMY.COM**

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For 25 years, families, professionals, and innovators have come together here. [Join us to see what makes our events so unique!](#)

**Kidz to Adultz Middle returns to Coventry Building Society Arena on Thursday 12th March 2026**, to celebrate this very special edition of Kidz to Adultz Middle!

Next year marks **25 years of Kidz to Adultz**, and this milestone event is set to be our biggest and most exciting yet.

Watching the children who joined our events over the years grow up has been incredibly rewarding. As we celebrate 25 years of Kidz to Adultz, we're expanding our exhibitions to reflect and support every step of that journey from childhood to adulthood.

**What's new this year:**

- **Transition Hub** – supporting young people as they move into adulthood, with guidance on education pathways, careers, apprenticeships, employment opportunities, and beyond.
- **Special 25-year celebrations**, with exciting prizes to be won. Including 2x tickets to Take That!
- **Plus all the favourites you know and love:**
- **A wide range of exhibitors** showcasing the latest products, equipment, and services to support independence and improve quality of life.
- **Free CPD seminars** throughout the day, covering essential topics for healthcare professionals, carers, and families – from education and mental health to mobility and transition planning.
- **Fun for all the family**, including our popular Soft Play Area.
- **Fun & Features: Born to Perform** - Golden Buzzer Stars from Britain's Got Talent
- Admission is **completely free**, so come along to discover what's new, connect with others, and be part of a milestone year for Kidz to Adultz.



Miss Shepherd and Mrs White will be attending the event on 12th March 2026.

## Friends of the Honey Bee Newsletter

Vol. 9 Winter Term 2026

### Happy New year!

While classrooms come buzzing back to life after the festive period, nature is moving at a gentler pace in our frosty gardens, where many insects remain in a state of winter diapause - a state of dormancy, similar to hibernation in mammals. Yet change is on the horizon. With each passing day growing noticeably longer, the first hints of warmth will soon coax bees and other insects back into activity, ready to fill our surroundings with movement, colour and sound once again. For beekeepers, this is the time of year to get organised and prepare for the upcoming season. In this edition, we explore what this seasonal shift means for honey bees and solitary bees, as well as the learning opportunities ahead.

**Have your pupils engaged in any environmentally focused projects or activities? We would love to see the results and share ideas!**  
schools.officer@bbka.org.uk

### What's Happening in the Hive?

In the wild, honey bees create hives in trees or other suitable spaces. Beehives are designed to replicate wild hives while enabling beekeepers to inspect the colony. [Click here to learn more about beekeeping.](#)

**January:** Honey bees do not hibernate; instead, they form a tight cluster and generate heat with their flight muscles, keeping the hive between 32 – 35°C. This constant effort requires bees to eat through the stored honey. Beekeepers should monitor hive weight regularly and offer supplementary feed if stores run low.

**February:** Bees might be seen making cleansing flights to release waste outside the hive, preventing contamination and disease inside the colony, especially after long periods indoors. On warmer days worker bees might be seen foraging on early flowering plants.

**March:** Beekeepers can start making inspections for adequate stores and healthy bees when temperatures rise above 12°C. Pollen brought in by foragers indicates that the queen is laying again.

**April:** As the colony begins to expand and rapidly fill the hive with pollen and nectar, beekeepers carry out regular inspections to ensure there's plenty of room for continued growth, and to minimise the risk of swarming - a nuisance for beekeepers and possibly their neighbours!

### Who's That Bee?

In Britain we have only one species of honey bee, but around 270 species of other bees! They are wild and many live solitary lives. This year we are following the: [Patchwork Leaf-Cutter Bee](#), [Megachile centuncularis](#).

Throughout the winter the Patchwork Leaf-Cutter Bee remains in larval form, tucked in a nest made from leaves inside hollow stems, dead wood or old walls.

The larvae will have fed on the food left by the female bee in autumn, spun a cocoon and pupated. They then overwinter in a state of diapause and emerge in spring as temperatures reach over 20°C.

## Gardening for Insects

- Leave dead stems and leaf piles throughout winter. If desired, tidy this when spring arrives, taking care not to disturb hibernating insects.
- [More info here.](#)
- Deep containers that collect rainwater can trap insects to cover them, empty often, and provide escape ramps similar to a [bee watering station](#).
- Begin planning your wildlife friendly garden and start sowing seeds indoors. [Information on plants for pollinators can be found here.](#)

**Does your school have a wildlife garden or any features for insects? Please share with us!**

### Protecting Pollinators

Honey bees are pollinating insects, alongside at least 1,500 other insects in the UK!

Pollination is an essential ecosystem service. Three quarters of crops grown in the UK require insect pollination.

Pollinating insects are in rapid decline, many factors contribute to this such as:

- Asynchrony**  
As climate change intensifies, plants are found to be adjusting their seasonal timings four times faster than insects in response to changing environmental conditions. Throwing key interactions like pollination out of synch.
- Invasive non-native species**  
Invasive species, such as Yellow Legged Asian Hornet, can compete with, predate, or spread disease among native species. This can disrupt ecosystems and the services they provide, an important topic when discussing species, interactions and interdependencies.

**These issues affect all native wildlife, see the State of Nature Report for more information.**

Please share updates and photos as well as feedback to: [schools.officer@bbka.org.uk](mailto:schools.officer@bbka.org.uk)

### Keeping bees at your school

Beekeeping can be a great benefit to schools and can have a huge impact on pupils. It takes a lot of planning and is best done with an experienced beekeeper. This is a great time of year to [find local beekeepers](#) and begin discussing the potential to keep bees at your school!

**BBKA Beacon Schools**

**World Wildlife Day: 3rd March**  
A global celebration of the world's wild animals and plants brings a chance to discuss plant life cycles, pollination and the role that bees play. Leading to discussions about animal adaptations or where food comes from and other ecosystem services. Find pollination activities at [BBKA](#) and [BBC Teach](#).

**Yellow-Legged Asian Hornet Awareness**

### Earth Day: 22nd April

A day for raising awareness and support for environmental protection. Pupils could study pollination and threats to bees in groups and present to the class as a way to introduce environmental campaigns which support honey bees and other insects in the UK. Resources to [celebrate this day](#) and [ways to connect with nature](#).

**BBKA Beacon School status is awarded to those schools who demonstrate sustained best practice in beekeeping and apiculture. We currently have three Beacon schools: Ashbrow School, Oakgrove School & Southend High School for Boys. For more information contact: schools.officer@bbka.org.uk**

**Become a Beekeeper**

**Bees in the Curriculum**

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