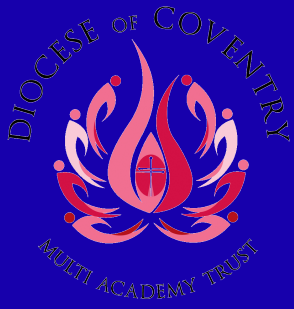


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Newsletter Monday 20th October 2025

End of Term Reflections – A Community of Learners

As we approach the final week of what has been a long and rewarding term, I continue to be immensely proud of the commitment, curiosity, and love of learning shown across our school community. The past fortnight has been especially busy, with meaningful developments and thoughtful collaboration.



Maths Workshop with Miss Bright

Thank you to the parents who joined Miss Bright for her practical maths workshop. The session offered valuable insights into how we teach maths in school and how you can support your child's learning at home. Your engagement makes a real difference.

Supporting Mental Health and Calm Transitions

We recently welcomed colleagues from Beacon School, who are working with schools across the Trust to strengthen strategies that support pupils' social, emotional, and mental health. One area identified was the importance of calm transitions—particularly lining up and entering classrooms smoothly. Staff have been working closely with pupils to practise and understand the value of these routines, and we're already seeing positive improvements.

Whole-School Attention Strategy

To support focus and consistency across the school, we've introduced a whole-school approach to gaining pupils' attention during transitions.

- ⇒ In Early Years "Hands on top, time to stop"
- ⇒ In Year 1-Year 6 "Hands on top, eyes on me"

This strategy has been well received and is helping pupils move between tasks with clarity and calm.

Thank You for Attending Drop-In Sessions

A heartfelt thank you to all parents who attended our recent drop-in sessions. Your partnership is invaluable, and we look forward to continuing these conversations.



Parents' Evening – Save the Date

Our formal Parents' Evening will take place on 25th and 26th November. Further details will be shared shortly. Wishing you all a restful and well-deserved half term break. Thank you for your continued support and for being such an integral part of our school's journey.



Harvest Assembly – A Celebration of Gratitude and Giving

It was truly wonderful to welcome so many parents to our Harvest Assembly—thank you for joining us and for your generous donations to the Rugby Food Bank. Your kindness will go a long way in supporting families across our local community.

Throughout the week, children across the school have taken time to reflect on what it means to be thankful. Through assemblies and class discussions, they've explored the importance of gratitude and the value of saying thank you for what we have.

Moments like these remind us of the strength and compassion within our school community. Thank you for being part of it.

Miss Cullen, Head Teacher

Safeguarding

This week our safeguarding focus is gangs.

The word 'gang' means different things in different contexts, and the government distinguishes between peer groups, street gangs and organised criminal gangs.

It's not illegal for a young person to be in a gang, however, gang membership can be linked to illegal activity, particularly organised criminal gangs involved in trafficking, drug dealing and violent crime. Young people may become involved in gangs for many reasons, including: peer pressure and wanting to fit in with friends; they feel respected and important; they want to feel protected from other gangs or bullies or they want to make money and are promised rewards.

For more information visit the NSPCC website.

[Criminal exploitation and gangs | NSPCC](#)

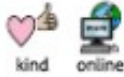


E-SAFETY



OVER HALF TERM REMEMBER....

E-safety refers to staying safe and secure while using technology, particularly the internet. Here are some tips for practicing cyber safety:



Be kind online
Treat others with respect – no mean comments or bullying.
Remember, there's always a real person behind the screen.



Tell a trusted adult if something feels wrong
If a message, picture, or website makes you feel worried, scared, or upset – stop, block, and tell an adult you trust.



Don't talk to strangers online
Only chat or play games with people you actually know in real life. If someone you don't know tries to message or friend you, tell an adult straight away.



Play and watch age-appropriate content
Check with an adult before playing new games, downloading apps, or watching new videos. Look for age ratings (PEGI for games, YouTube Kids for videos).

Take screen breaks
Spend time outdoors, read, play, and enjoy your hobbies. Not all fun has to be online!



Speak to somebody if you need help



Ask an adult before going online



Friends are real people we know



Enjoy play, have fun and stay safe

E-Safety Reminders for the Holidays



Keep personal information private

Don't share your full name, address, school name, phone number, or passwords online.



Think before you post

Once you share photo, video, or message can be hard to delete. Ask yourself. Would I be happy for my teacher or family to see this.



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Be careful with links and pop-ups



Don't click on links, pop-ups, or free prize offers – they can be fake or unsare.



A Prayer for Harvest

Ryton on Dunsmore Academy

Faithful, loving God, at harvest time I
pause to remember your goodness.

Thank you for the wonderful things I have:
the beauty of your creation, the kindness
of others and the hope you give me in
every season of my life.

I'm grateful for moments of joy, for the
people who walk with me in life and for
your love.

Help me to hold onto that gratitude, even
during hard times, and to share that hope
with other people.

Amen.



Diary Dates

Thurs 23rd October	2.45pm	Time to Shine! Rowling Class
	4.00pm to 5.30pm	PTA School disco
27th-31st October		Half term
Mon 3rd November		Back to School, Early Bird Week and start of Attendance Raffle
Tues 4th November	Morning	Individual School Photos (Younger pre-school siblings can have family photo at 8.30am in the School Hall)
Fri 7th November	2.45pm	Anti-Bullying Workshop for parents
Mon 10th November	2.45pm	Year 6 Parent Meeting for SATS
Tues 11th November	11.00am	Act of Remembrance
Wed 17th-21st November		Assessment Week
Tues 25th November	4.00pm to 6.00pm	Parent Consultation Meetings
Wed 26th November	3.30pm to 5.30pm	Parent Consultation Meetings
Fri 28th November		Flu vaccine by nasal spray for Rec-Y6 (for children who have consent)
Wed 3rd December	10.15am performance	Whole school trip to Belgrade Theatre for Pantomime.

(Menu change for panto day, we will swap Friday and Wednesday) Wednesday will be fish, Friday will be roast.

Thurs 4th December	2.45pm	Time to Shine! Wilde Class
Wed 10th December	10.00am	Christingle Service at St Leonards Church
Tues 16th December		Attendance Reward Event
Wed 17th December	10am	Early Years/KS1 Nativity
Thurs 18th December	10am	Early Years/KS1 Nativity
Fri 19th December		Our Christmas Day at RODA, including Christmas Dinner

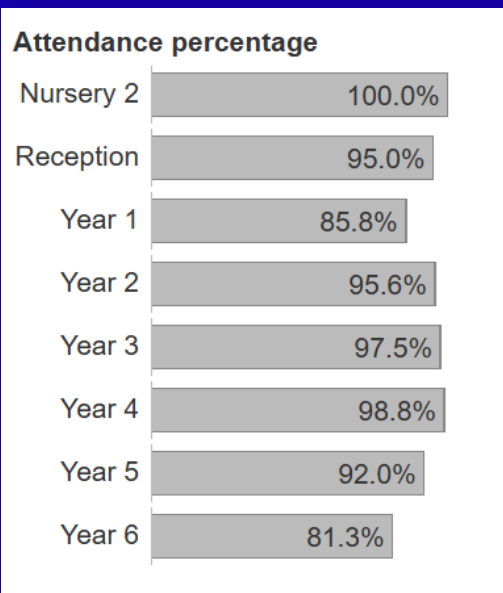
Menu change for last week of term, Friday Fish will be served on Wednesday.

		Break up
Fri 2nd January		Teacher Training Day
Mon 5th January		Back to School
Mon 26th January		Young Voices event in Birmingham



Attendance Update

Attendance % for last week



50% of children in our school have 100% attendance so far this academic year.

Last week, 90% of the children in our school were on time every day.

Last week, children being late for school amounted to 9 hours and 5 minutes lost.

Last week there were 34 days of education missed at our school.

How can I help my child enjoy school and attend regularly?

Be organised, have a plan, be consistent and involve your child!

You should:

- ensure they have an appropriate bedtime routine
- create good routines for mornings at home so that your child can arrive punctually and are properly equipped;
- avoid absence from school wherever possible – try to make doctors and dental appointments out of school hours
- make time to encourage and show interest in school work, friendships etc.
- attend school open evenings and functions
- Create a calm space for them to do homework, check they understand the homework and that it has been completed.
- share any education concerns your child or you may have with the school staff as soon as possible
- set realistic boundaries

Regular attendance at school means that your child can make the most of their education and improve their chances in adult life. School can also help your child's social skills such as making and developing friendships.

The link between attendance and attainment in school is clear. The more a child is in school the more they increase their opportunity to fulfil their potential.

GOOD ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



Every school day counts





School Premises Update

Our school building may not look very pretty at the moment, but great things are happening on the roof!

We are incredibly grateful that the Trust have prioritised our school for a new roof, a major (and very expensive) job that will ensure we are water tight for years to come.

Rain has slowed progress as everything needs to be completely dry before being sealed. The boards you can see in the picture are for insulation.

More roof workers have been drafted in to help and we are hoping to have the job finished well before Christmas.

Projects are still ongoing in other areas of the school. Mr Harris, our Caretaker, came in last weekend to continue to work on the school outdoor play equipment. Equipment inspections are carried out very regularly by trained inspectors and repairs are carried out as soon as we are able to buy the tools/supplies. The children love the equipment and we try to keep as much of it in use as possible.

The Shine Room is improving every day. We now have a Dark Den Cube installed, providing a calming and sensory environment for children who need it. Parents have also been very generous in donating sensory resources for all children who use the space, especially those with additional needs. Thank you so much for your kind donations.

Other projects ongoing are the re-fit of the old Ark building, where we are in the process of getting quotes for electrical and decking work (the old wooden deck/ramp needs a complete re-build), and of course the sheds.

Big thanks to Mr Hugill, Mr Harris and Mrs Boneham for everything they do to improve our school environment.



This powerful, poetic story shows Ana and her family having left everything they know and love to escape the turmoil of war. Ana struggles to settle into her new home with Olive and her family, and Olive has some adjustment struggles of her own, but when the girls draw together, Olive realises what Ana has had to sacrifice for the simple right to be safe. Little by little, Olive's kindness and love help bring colour back into Ana's world.

Miss Cullen's Recommended Reads



BOOK WORM



Written to be read aloud, *The Ickabog* is a fairy tale, set in an imaginary land, and is a complete stand-alone story unrelated to the author's other work. It will appeal to children between the ages of 7 and 9 but can be enjoyed by the whole family. The story will be translated into a number of other languages, and made available on the website shortly after the English language version appears.

Community Pages



AUTUMN TERM VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS & PROGRAMMES

Workshop/ Programme	Date and Time	Venue
Sleep and Routines	10th October 09:30 – 11:30	Virtual
Boundaries and Rules	15th October 10:00 – 12:00	Virtual
Routines	16th October 12:45-14:45	Virtual
Keeping your child in mind	16th October 17:30 – 19: 30	virtual
Understanding Children's Behaviour	23rd October 12:45 – 14:45	virtual
Parenting Together	28th October 10:00- 12:00	virtual
Sleep and Routines	6th November 09:30 – 11:30	virtual
Boundaries and Rules	6th November 12:30 -14:30	virtual
Routines	12th November 12:30 – 14:30	virtual
Understanding your teenager	14th November 09:30 – 11:30	Virtual



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Sleep and Routines	28th November 09:30 – 11: 30	virtual
Parenting Together	1st December 17:30 – 19:30	virtual
Understanding Children's Behaviour	9th December 10:00– 12:00	virtual



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Tailored signposting to ideas, resources and services

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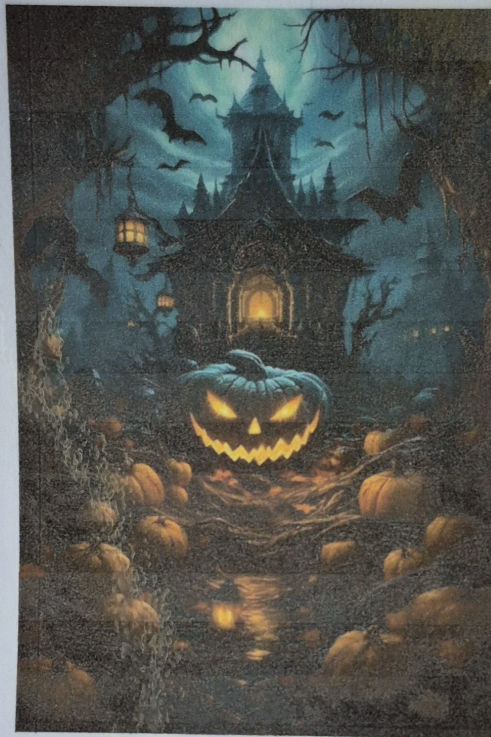


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THE SCOUTS CONJURING

Join the scouts on a night you'll never forget on a night that you will cower in fear of the story off a missing scout that mysteriously disappeared on the last camp



Entry fee £3 per person, raising money for the Stretton Scouts

Cupcakes, biscuits hotdogs and a BBQ

Lots of games to enjoy

Come to Plott Lane Park, Stretton on Dunsmore, CV23 9HL on Friday 24th October at 6:30pm for a night of spooky and terrifying events!!!!