

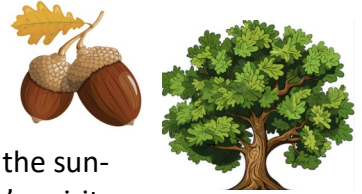


News from Great Aine Primary School



“From tiny acorns, mighty oaks do grow...”

20.3.26



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe another week has flown by! It has been so lovely to see the sunshine and enjoy a little warmth for a change—it has certainly lifted everyone's spirits.

The children thoroughly enjoyed our walk around the local area this week, where we discovered the Appleby Oak tree, proudly featured on our school badge. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring our school identity to life and connect with our surroundings.

We also had a very special visit to St Mary Magdalen Church for our Easter workshop. The children had a fantastic time making palm crosses and were delighted to enjoy some delicious palm-shaped biscuits—a lovely treat for all involved.

On Thursday, we were visited by Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service. The firefighters shared invaluable advice with the children about what to do in the event of a fire. There was great excitement as the children even had the chance to explore the fire engine! They were incredibly engaged throughout and gained so much from the experience.

This week, we also carried out a partial lockdown in school. This was a planned training exercise for both staff and children to ensure everyone understands what would happen in the unlikely event of a lockdown situation. These procedures are standard across all schools and are practiced twice each academic year. Reasons for a lockdown might include an intruder on site, a dangerous animal, a gas leak, or a similar situation. During the exercise, children remained calmly in their classrooms, with blinds closed and external doors secured. I am very proud of how sensibly and maturely the children responded.

Finally, we have loved celebrating Mrs Bradley's very special birthday this week! Both children and staff were treated to a wonderful selection of birthday cake—such a joyful occasion. We all send our very best wishes to Mrs Bradley for a very Happy Birthday.

There is just one more week to go until the Easter holidays. Please remember that Friday 27th March is a Teacher Training Day, and school will be closed to all pupils. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 13th April 2026.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss L. Williams

Headteacher

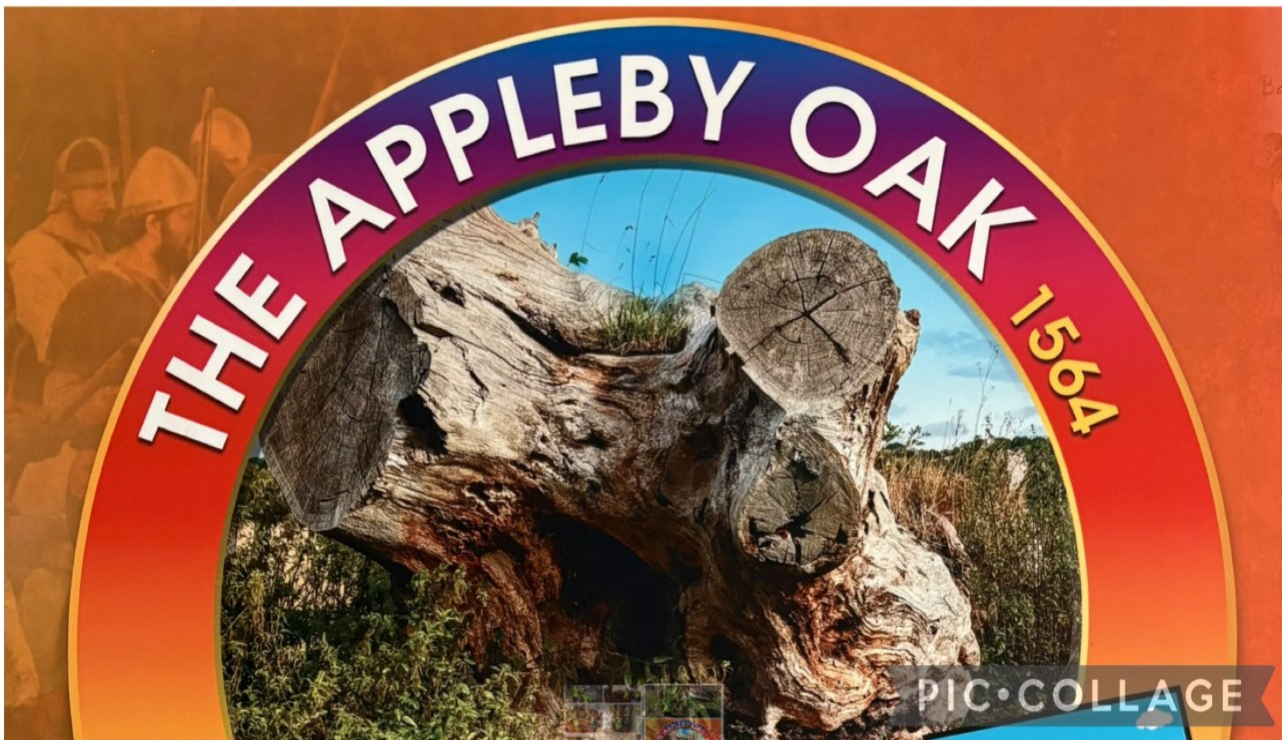
A trip to St. Mary Magdalen Great Alne



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The Appleby Oak



Warwickshire

Fire and Rescue Service visit



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Great Alne School Diary Dates – 2025-2026

Autumn term 2025

Monday 1st September 2025 **Teacher Training Day**

Tuesday 2nd September 2025 **Teacher Training Day**

Wednesday 3rd September – Children return for autumn term

Half term: Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025

Ends: Friday 19th December 2025

Christmas holiday: Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring term 2026

Monday 5th January 2026 **Teacher Training Day**

Tuesday 6th January – Children return for spring term

Half term: Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026

Ends: Thursday 26th March 2026

Friday 27th March 2026 **Teacher Training Day**

Spring (Easter) holiday: Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026

Summer term 2026

Starts: Monday 13th April 2026 – Children return for summer term

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday

Half term: Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026

Ends: Monday 20th July 2026 **Teacher Training Day**