



# News from Great Alne Primary School



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



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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I can hardly believe how quickly this term has flown by. The children have achieved so much, and it has been a joy to watch them grow in confidence and make such wonderful progress in their learning.

This week has been *Shakespeare Week*, and the school has been buzzing with excitement. The children have been learning all about the story of *Romeo and Juliet*, and we've spent time marvelling at Shakespeare's incredible talent—especially the fact that he wrote all of his plays and poems using nothing more than a quill. The children have also created their own Tudor houses and explored what life was like during Shakespeare's time, which has sparked some brilliant conversations and curiosity.

This morning, we were lucky enough to visit Great Alne Park, where the children enjoyed watching *Gnomeo and Juliet* in their beautiful 17 seater cinema. As the story is set in our very own nearby Stratford-upon-Avon, it felt like the perfect way to round off our Shakespeare celebrations.

Alongside all of this, we've been embracing the joy of Easter with an abundance of activities, including an Easter egg hunt, Easter art, and making Easter cards. It has been a truly lovely end to a very busy and rewarding term.

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful Easter holiday filled with rest, fun, and precious family time. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 13th April 2026**.

I am also delighted to share that I have booked a school trip to **Drayton Manor Park and Zoo** for **Monday 20th April**. A letter with full details will follow shortly. Thanks to the generosity of our Friends of School, there will be **no cost** for this visit.

It just remains for me to wish you all a very **Happy Easter**. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

*Miss L. Williams*



# Easter 2026

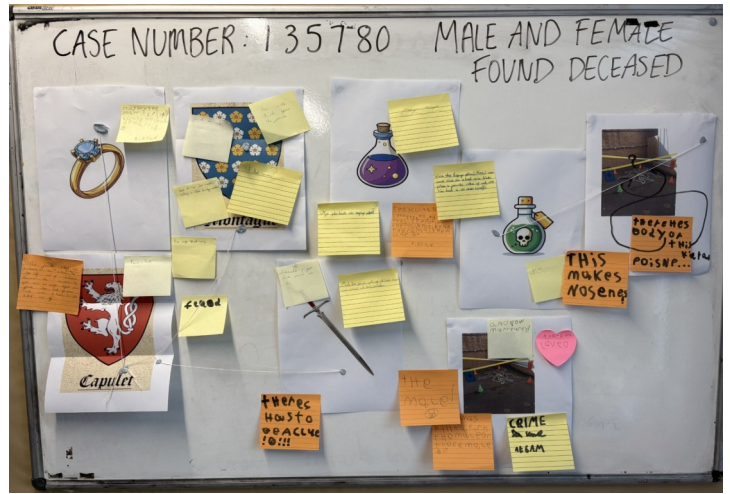
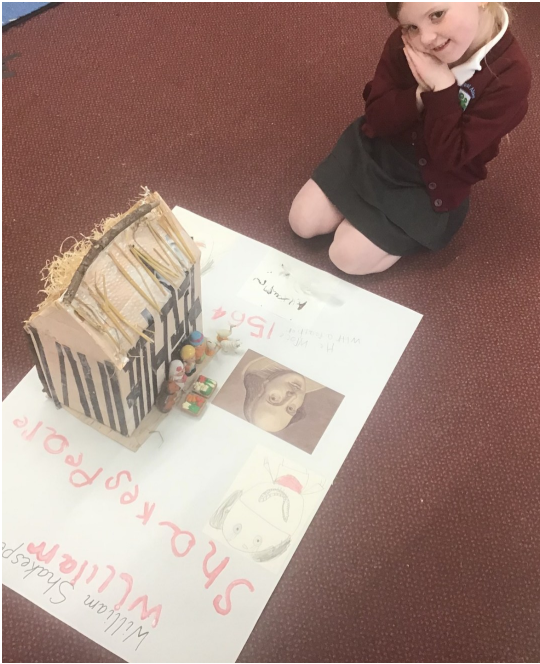


The children have visited church to learn about the Easter story. They have made palm crosses, cakes and Easter cards. They had a fabulous Easter egg hunt too!



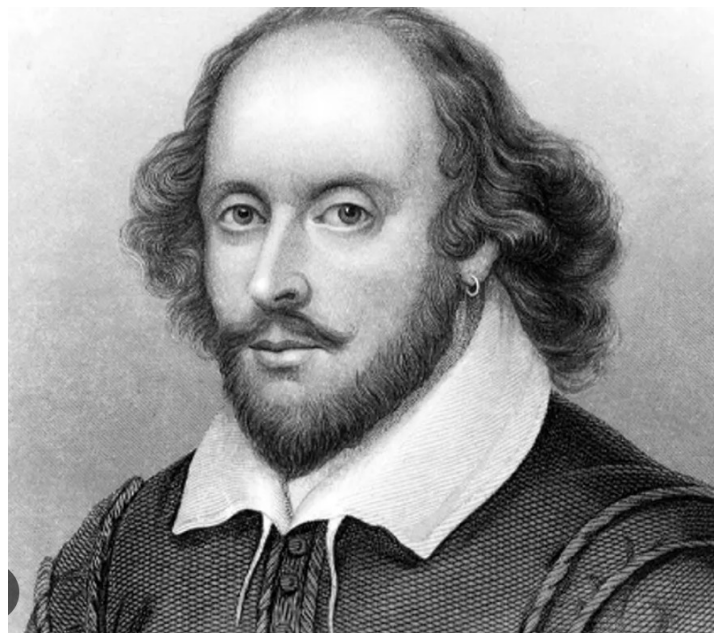


# Shakespeare week



The children have learnt all about Williams Shakespeare .

They have completed some lovely writing about Romeo and Juliet and watched the movie of Gnomeo and Juliet at the cinema.



# Summer Term Dates 2026

## Summer term dates – 2026

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** – all children return to school for summer term!

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**- Drayton Manor Park and Zoo whole school trip

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday Monday

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** – KS2 SATs week

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** – English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling paper 1 and 2

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May** – English Reading paper

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – Mathematics paper 1 and 2

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May** – Mathematics paper 3

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May** – Multi-cultural week

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – World Day for Cultural Diversity

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Break up for half term

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** – children return to school

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** – Year 4 Multiplication Check window opens (two weeks)

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June** – Phonics Screening week- Year 1 only

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – End of year school reports out to parents

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – Whole school change up day

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**- Last day of term

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)



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# Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme

**Help for residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of support.**

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## How can the Local Welfare Scheme help?

The discretionary scheme provides:

- Emergency support towards food, energy or other essentials as vouchers, food parcels from local/community food banks or with credit for energy.
- Help to people whose needs are more long-term, who are vulnerable through an ongoing set of circumstances, including:
  - care leavers
  - victims of domestic abuse
  - former armed forces personnel
  - those resettling in a community after a custodial term

This help may take the form of furnishing accommodation with basic furniture and appliances.

- Signposting to other agencies and organisations who can offer further support.



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## Who is eligible?

Applicants need to be:

- a legal resident in the UK
- aged 16 or over
- have no other access to funds or enough resources to pay for food or energy
- experiencing a situation which poses a serious health or safety risk to themselves and their family
- a resident of Warwickshire
- a member of the armed forces who can demonstrate a strong connection to Warwickshire

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## How to apply?

Call the Local Welfare Scheme on **0800 4081448** or **01926 359182** for a confidential discussion with a friendly advisor.

In order to assess needs, advisors will require certain information. To make an application to the scheme, applicants will need to be prepared to share information, such as:

- National Insurance number
- Household details
- Financial circumstances
- Access to other forms of financial support
- Circumstances and reasons for the claim
- Preventative measures taken by the applicant or partner

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## Opening Hours

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| Monday to Thursday | 9am to 5pm    |
| Friday             | 9am to 4.30pm |

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme)  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship)

*The council is committed to tackling and preventing fraud in all its forms. Where the council suspects that fraud may have occurred, it will investigate the matter.*





## Great Alne School Diary Dates – 2025-2026

### Autumn term 2025

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 **Teacher Training Day**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 **Teacher Training Day**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Children return for autumn term

Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

Ends: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Christmas holiday: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

### Spring term 2026

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 **Teacher Training Day**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Children return for spring term

Half term: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Ends: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 **Teacher Training Day**

Spring (Easter) holiday: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Summer term 2026

Starts: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Children return for summer term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday

Half term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Ends: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 **Teacher Training Day**