



# News from Great Aine Primary School



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

17.4.26



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It already feels as though Easter is a distant memory, and yet it has been such a pleasure to welcome the children back to school to begin the first half of the summer term. Staff were delighted to greet smiling faces and begin the learning for this half term

We began the week by sharing the beautiful story *Penguin Huddle*, which helped the children to think about the importance of friendship and the qualities that make a good friend. It was truly lovely to see how engaged the children were, listening so carefully and eagerly sharing their own thoughts and ideas. Their reflections showed real insight and empathy, and it was heartwarming to see them relating the story to their own experiences.

Our theme for Collective Worship this half term is **Friendship**, and the children have already embraced it with enthusiasm. They enjoyed talking about and identifying familiar friendship pairings from books, television, and films, sparking some wonderful discussions. The children were able to explain why these friendships work well and what we can learn from them, demonstrating a growing understanding of kindness, cooperation, and our school value- respect.

Throughout the week, the children have worked thoughtfully with one another, practising the values we have been discussing and showing care and consideration for their friends. It has been a joy to see such positive relationships in action across the school.

Class teachers will be sending out their curriculum letters shortly so you can see an overview of what your child will be taught this half term. It proves to be a busy one– with SAT’s (Year 6), trips out, Forest School, Multi cultural Week and end of year celebrations.

Please remember that the whole school will be visiting Drayton Manor Park and Zoo on Monday 20th April and the children do not need to wear school uniform for this trip. Let’s hope for a nice dry day! No money will be needed on this occasion. As the trip has been funded by Friends of School.

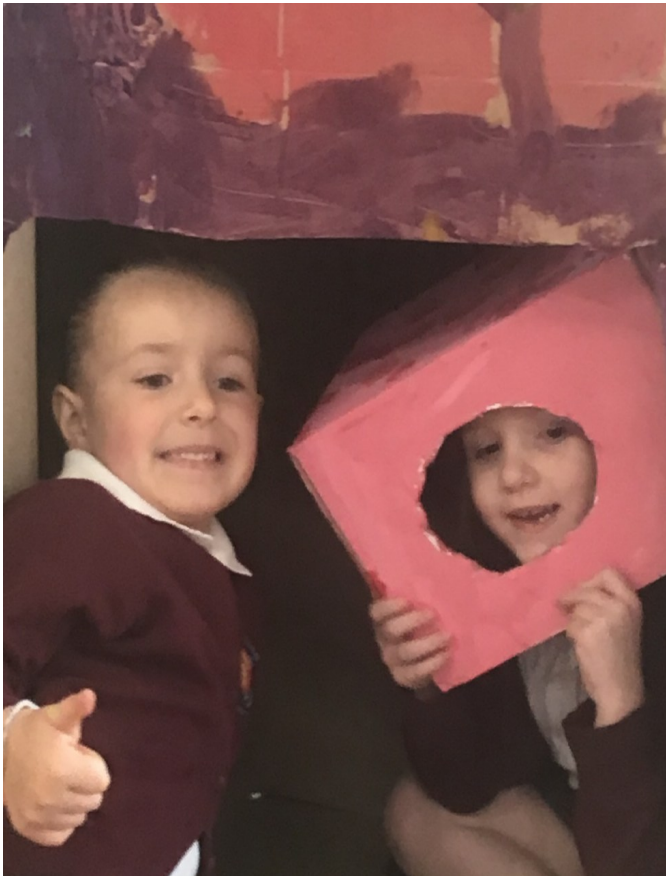
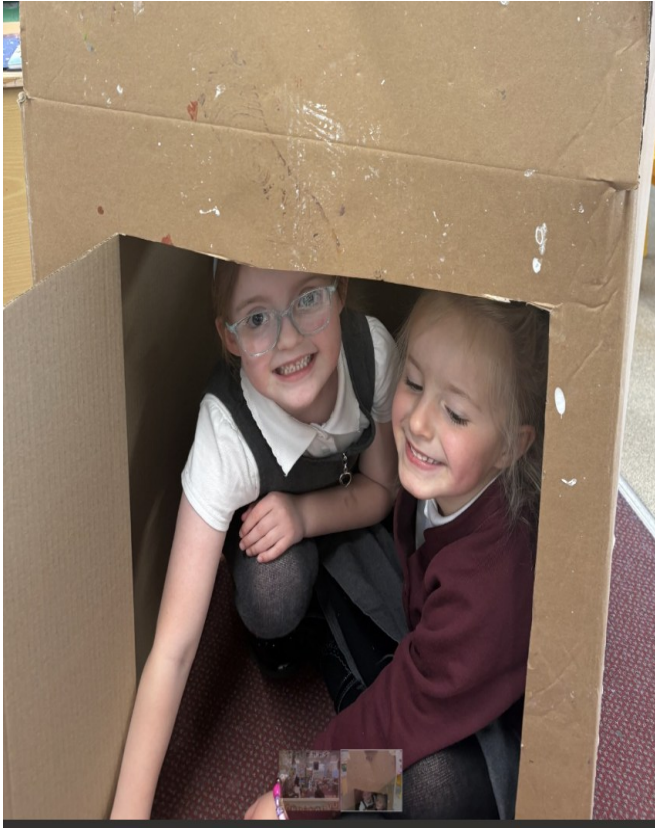
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are very much looking forward to the coming weeks and all the learning, growth, and memorable moments the summer term will bring. Have a lovely weekend,

*Miss L. Williams*

Headteacher



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# 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

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**