# NEWSLETTER

## 23 October 2026

*Ephesians 3:17 Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love*

## Message from Mrs Herrero

Even though this has been an 8 week half term it seems to have flown past!

In the last couple of weeks we've had some exciting events such as the Year 6 Bell Boating and an opera performance in our very own school. Next half term will be very special with Carol concerts and nativities galore.

I hope you all enjoy the half term with its beautiful Autumnal sunrises and sunsets and the glorious changing colours as Summer melts away.

## ATTENDANCE

**Congratulations to the following classes who have achieved the highest attendance in the last two weeks:**

**EYFS and KS1 –**
**Sparrows & Turtles 98.4%**

**Lower KS2 - Foxes 98.6%**

**Upper KS2 – Tigers 98.3%**




**Important Attendance Information to all Parents**

All unauthorised Leave of Absence requests and any other unauthorised absences will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council

Please also note medical evidence is required for us to be able to authorise
absences due to illness of more than 4 days.

# SPORTS NEWS

## Boys' football

On Tuesday 13th October, some of our boys footballers represented school at a 'Let's Play' event, hosted by Alcester Town FC. The evening gave the boys the opportunity to play 8 quick fire matches, against a range of different schools. Across the evening, the boys played some superb football, scoring multiple exceptional team goals as well as one or two individual 'worldies'. At the events conclusions, the boys had won 5 matches (all comprehensively), drawn 2 and lost just 1. Mr Shuker has already been in contact with the school who beat us to arrange a rematch at their earliest convenience!





# PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Preschoolers have continued to learn about autumn this week, culminating in learning a poem called Autumn Thought by Langston Hughes which the children enjoyed sharing with the Reception classes this morning. We have also looked closely at pumpkins this week, creating beautiful observational drawings for our new Autumn display. It's been a lovely end to a wonderful half term!





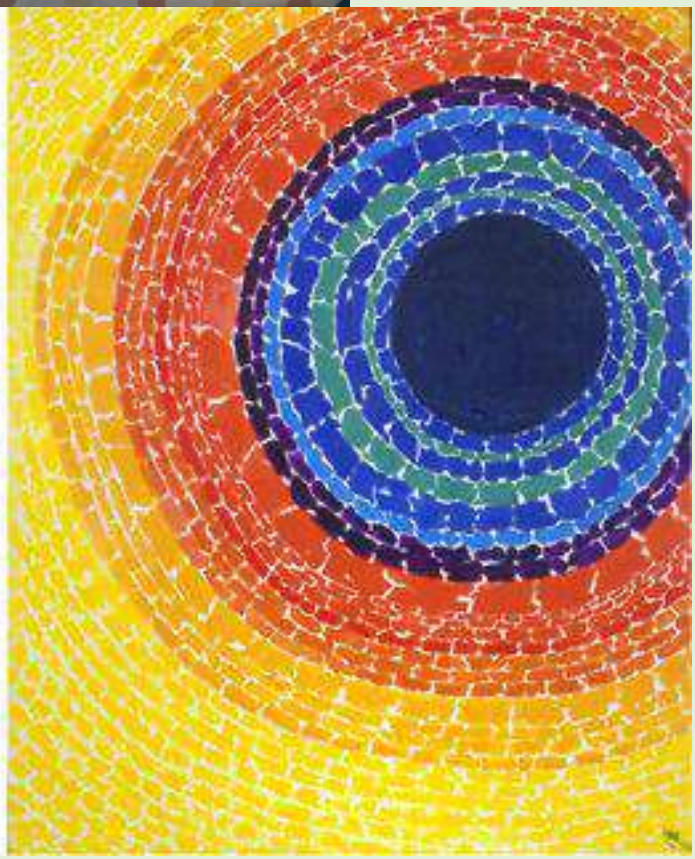


# STAR RISE SRP NEWS

In Star Rise SRP this week, the children have been learning about the artist Alma Thomas in celebration of Black History Month. They used water colours to paint their art pieces in the style of Alma Thomas' colourful repeated patterns inspired by nature.







# RECEPTION NEWS

What a wonderful first half term we have had in Reception! The children have settled beautifully into school life and are making fantastic progress in their learning. We have enjoyed lots of exciting enrichment activities, including making and eating our own bread as part of our Little Red Hen Literacy work, exploring the outdoors during our Forest School sessions and enjoying our weekly Toast Friday! It has been lovely to see the children growing in confidence, developing new skills and making friendships. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved this half term and look forward to another exciting term ahead!










# RECEPTION NEWS

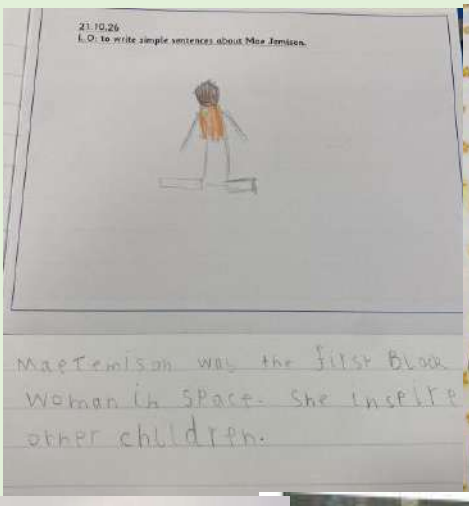







# YEAR 1 NEWS

Year One have been learning so much about space and space travel. We designed and made a lunar roving vehicle for Bob the astronaut. We painted the moon and then used adjectives to describe it. We also know that Mae Jemison was the first Black woman to travel into space. Alyssa even touched a piece of the moon when she visited the Space Center in Florida! Great work this half term Year One. Have a relaxing break !





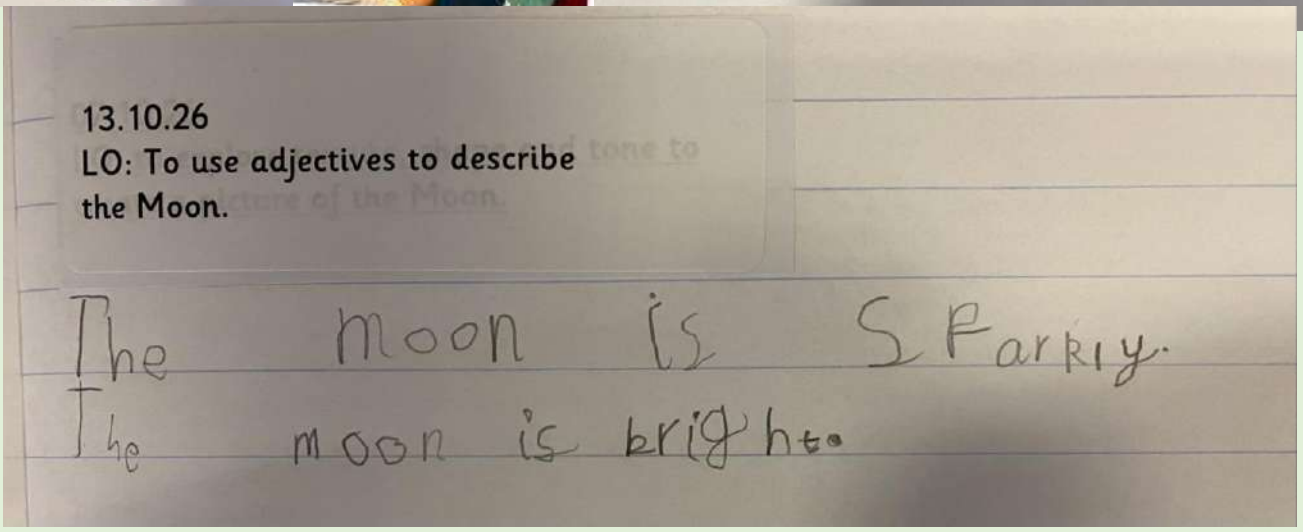










# YEAR 2 NEWS

After some careful designing and building, we put our bridges to the test! Inspired by the Three Billy Goats Gruff, Year 2 investigated how different structures could withhold the weight of the goats. Successful bridges were tested again with further weights. Perhaps we have some budding structural engineers in the making!





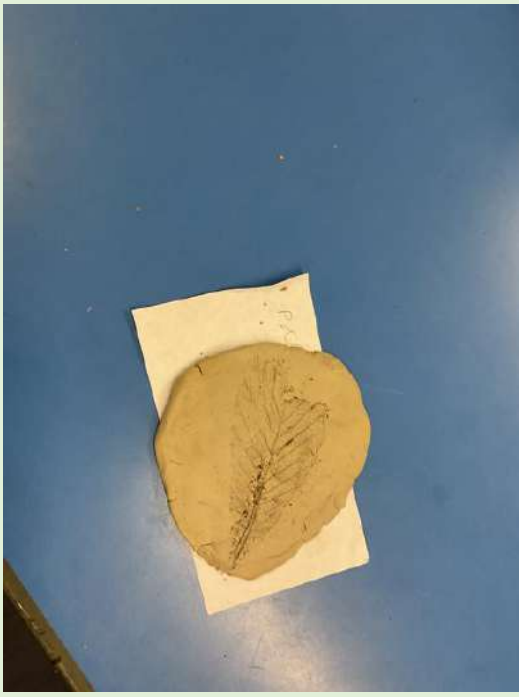



# YEAR 3 NEWS

In Year 3, we have been learning all about rocks. Last week, we learned about the most exciting type of rock: fossils.
We learned about different types of fossils and how they are formed. Then we had a go at making our own imprint fossils.
They are formed by soft organic matter pressing into sedimentary rock. Over time, the organic matter will decay but the imprint will stay in the rock. We found some organic material (leaves) and prepared our sedimentary rock (clay). With our hands we created pressure that comes from hundreds of years in the layers of rock in our planet.









# YEAR 4 NEWS

## All the Fun of the Mop!

Year 4 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Stratford's historic Mop Fair this week, soaking up the sights, sounds and excitement of this centuries-old tradition! The children watched the grand opening, complete with the Mayor's ancient proclamation, and gave a particularly enthusiastic cheer for Reverend Patrick Taylor!

A huge thank you to Lisa Campion, our former school receptionist, now working for the Town Council, who arranged a special treat for the children: a ride on the carousel!

With their feet (mostly) back on solid ground, the children turned their attention to art, sketching the colourful rides and attractions. The Mop organisers generously donated prizes for the best artwork, adding a little extra excitement to an already fantastic morning.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the visit possible. It was a fair-ly brilliant trip!

















# YEAR 4 NEWS

20.10.2026

We investigated how the temperature of water affects the rate of melting.

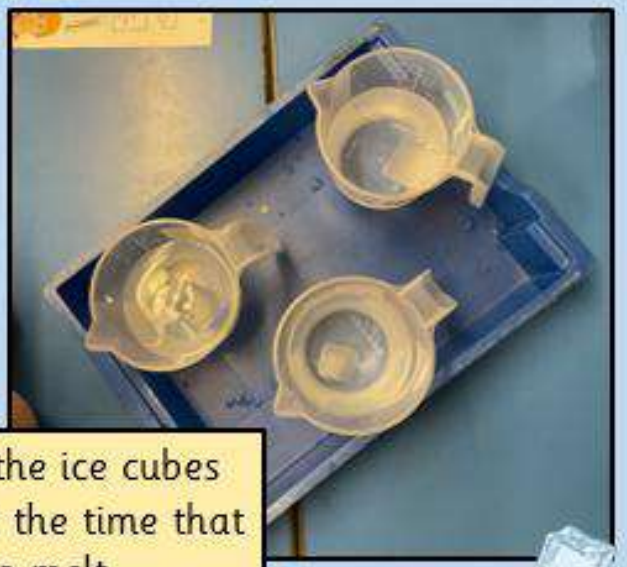




Step 1: fill three jugs with the same amount of water.
Blue: cold water
Yellow: warm water
Red: hot water

Step 2: place an ice cube in each beaker at the same time and start the stopwatch.







Step 3: observe the ice cubes closely and record the time that they take to melt.

Our investigation revealed that the hotter the water, the faster the ice cube melted.

# YEAR 5 NEWS

This week in Year 5, we learnt about factors in Maths. We arranged counters into equal rows and columns to identify factor pairs and explored why some arrangements did not work. We then enjoyed creating factor bugs to find all the factors of larger numbers.













# YEAR 6 NEWS

We are so thrilled that Miss Smith is back with Year 6 this year to teach music!

As you can see the children are loving playing the ukuleles again! We have missed the ukuleles (especially Mrs Prosser!), this week they learnt how to play 2 cords; A minor and C. Well done to all of them for their musical talent, effort and coordination.

Playing an instrument has so many benefits and is such a rewarding hobby at any age!



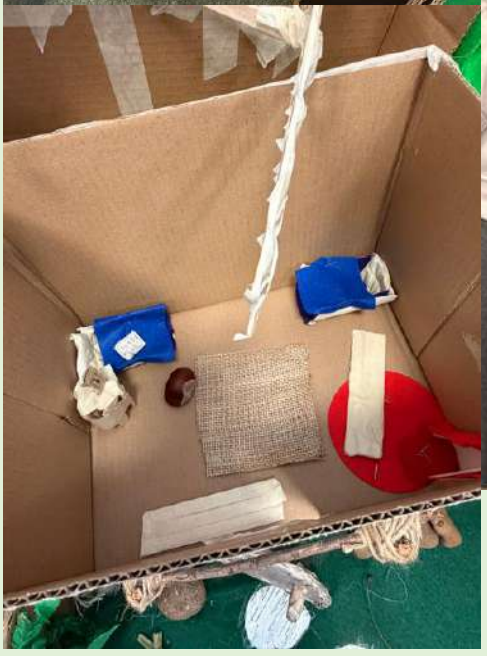
# YEAR 6 NEWS

Following on from our World War II learning, Bailey and Dorothy in Seahorses have made fantastic Anderson shelters in their own time.

As you can see the attention to detail is immense! They have even included a photo frame, plate of food, a bed and a rug.

These have been displayed in our Year 6 working corridor.
Wonderful work girls!



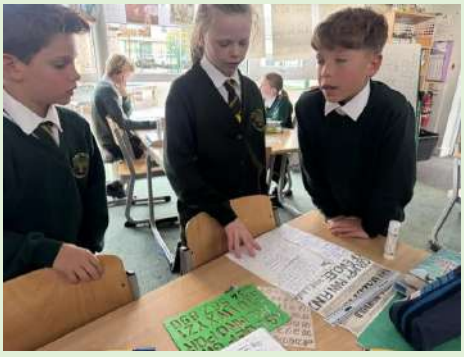




# YEAR 6 NEWS

## Little Weirworld Gazette





Our Year 6 classrooms turned into a newsroom as we worked on producing an edition of the "Little Weirwold Gazette". We were inspired by our class text "Goodnight Mister Tom", our family stories and our History topic on World War Two. We researched our article, worked in teams to draft, edit and publish our final piece. A copy of our newspaper can be found in our presentation books and in our school reception area. A special thank you to Mrs Thomas, grandmother of William Pitts in Y6, who inspired us further with an original copy of a newspaper published in 1938.








## Delightful Division




Year 6 have been working very hard on their division skills recently, specifically learning about the rules of divisibility. We've even had groups of children (and staff!) who have been working together at lunchtime in their own maths reasoning club to solve our "Delightfully Divisible" challenge. Our challenge can be seen on our new maths display in the Y6 corridor but we must warn you, it is trickier than it looks!

# YEAR 6 NEWS

## Bell Boating Regatta

Year 6 battled treacherous weather and 20 Warwickshire schools on Wednesday at the annual bell boating regatta. Their resilience, team spirit and enjoyment prevailed as they powered down the River Avon in their initial heats. Both team A and B made the finals with team A taking the lead in a hotly contested race. In the end team A had to settle for second place over Bidford Primary. However, Holy Trinity definitely come first for their unwavering positivity and bright smiles throughout a challenging but enjoyable day. Not to mention, Holy Trinity also had the quickest time overall out of all 20 schools! All children celebrated with their 2 trophies (the first time a school has ever won two trophies!), a hot chocolate and biscuit to warm up on return to school.










# GENERAL NEWS

## Nativity Costume Donations

As reception begin preparing for their Nativity performance, they would be very grateful for any donations of unwanted Nativity costumes that families may have at home. If you have any costumes that your child has outgrown or that are no longer needed, Reception would love to give them a new lease of life! Thank you so much for your continued support.

## Open the Book Assembly

We welcomed our first Open the Book of the new school year, and it was extra special as it was the first for our new Reception children too. They listened so brilliantly and enjoyed watching the story especially as it required audience participation as usual!

The bible story was of John the Baptist who lived in the wilderness and baptised anyone who wanted to repent their sins including Jesus which surprised John who thought it should be the other way round. As Jesus came out of the water, the Holy Spirit appeared behind Jesus like a dove with a voice declaring Jesus to be the Son of God.

Thank you to the pupils in year 6 who acted so brilliantly too!








# GENERAL NEWS

## Playground Opera

We've had the circus come to school, now we've had opera come to school!

Playground Opera by Longborough Festival Opera company very kindly hosted a Hansel and Gretel style Minecraft meets Jumanji opera workshop with some of the pupils from Year 5 and 6.
The children and opera company then performed the story for the whole school who also participated with the moves!

The production was absolutely amazing; the children, most of whom had never seen an opera were captivated by the fantastic operatic singing and performance.  The children who participated were brilliant too; they only had one hour to learn their part!

Thank you very much to Emma, Ben, Zoe, Willow, Ella, Anna, Beren and Laura from Longborough Festival Opera company who gave us this fantastic opportunity to bring out the Shakespearean thespian/operatic in our pupils and to bring opera into our school.

What a fantastic way

More information about their Playground Opera can be found at lfo.org.uk





# GENERAL NEWS

## Playground Opera











# GENERAL NEWS

## A message from the Stratford Foodbank

To all at Holy Trinity Primary School,

I just wanted to reach out and personally thank you for your Harvest donation.

As the cost of living continues to put pressure on many households, your support comes at a crucial time. Because of your kindness, local families facing hardship will receive emergency food.

Harvest is always a special time for our community. It is a season when people come together to share what they can, ensuring that no one has to face hunger alone. Your donation is helping to make that possible.

On behalf of everyone at Stratford-upon-Avon Foodbank, and the people whose lives you are helping to change, thank you for standing with us this Harvest.



# GENERAL NEWS

## Musical Help Needed!

Our school orchestra is in need of an extra pair of hands following the 'retirement' of our previous parent helper of 5 years. We rehearse on a Thursday most weeks from 2:30pm for approx. 40mins. You don't need to be a Grade 8 musician but knowing how to read music would be very helpful. If you are interested and are able to commit weekly then please get in touch with Ms J Smith via the office.

## Secondary School Applications

The application process to apply for a secondary school place is open. If you have a year 6 child, the deadline is 31st October to make your application.
Please see link below for information:
https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/422/applying-for-a-secondary-school-place




## Reception 2027 Open Mornings

We will be holding our Open Days on 9th, 16th, 17th and 24th November at 9.45am. (There is now only availability on 24th as other dates are now fully booked)

Please contact the office by emailing admin3204@welearn365.com to book a place

## FUNDRAISING NEWS



# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS









## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**2026**

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| 3 November | Parents evening 4 – 7.30pm |
| 4 November | Parents evening 4 – 7.30pm |
| 9 November | Year 6 Bikeability |
| 19 November | Rags to Riches charity clothing Collection |
| 9 December | Year 2 trip |
| 15 December | Reception trip |

**2027**

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| 8-12 February | Year 6 residential |
| 12-14 February | The Willows Friends Panto – Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs |
| 18 March | Rags to Riches charity clothing collection |

# TERM DATES

**2026**

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| 26-30 October | Half term – school closed |
| 9 December | Year 2 trip |
| 21 December 2026 – | |
| 1 January 2027 | Half term – school closed |

**2027**

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| 4 January 2027 | Training Day – school closed |
| 5 January 2027 | Return to school |
| 15-19 February | Half term – school closed |
| 22 February | Return to school |
| 26 March – 9 April | Half term – school closed |
| 12 April | Return to school |
| 3 May | Bank Holiday – school closed |
| 31 May – 4 June | Half term |
| 7 June | Training Day – school closed |
| 8 June | Return to school |
| 20 July | Last day of school year |
| 21 July | Training Day – school closed |

# DONATE HERE
## MOST NEEDED THIS MONTH

- Tinned custard
- Tinned stewed meat
- Washing up liquid
- Jelly
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned meat ravioli
- Squash
- Savoury snacks
- Tinned mixed vegetables

## THANK YOU

Stratford-upon-Avon Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Tel: 07736 929 029
Registered charity number: 1153297

01/10/2026

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Stratford's young talent brings The Snow Queen to the stage!

From the team behind *The Borrowers* and *The Spiderwick Chronicles*, Stratford Youth Theatre presents a thrilling new adventure featuring 30 local young performers and technicians. With such a large local cast, you may well recognise a familiar face on stage or behind the scenes!

When Gerda sets off to rescue her brother Kai from the Snow Queen, she embarks on a perilous journey full of adventure, strange characters and unexpected dangers.

A spectacular family treat at Rother Street Arts House from **Wednesday 28th to Saturday 31st October**.

**Tickets are on sale now:** https://rotherstreetarts.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173691588/events/428885378



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Message from Warwickshire Road Safety Education team

### BE BRIGHT BE SEEN THIS HALLOWEEN

If you're planning on trick or treating, or just going out and about this Halloween, please consider taking a torch or glow sticks, or adding something reflective to your outfits; anything to make it easier for others to see you.

When out and about, please be aware of your surroundings. If you can, stay on well-lit paths, and if there is no pedestrian crossing nearby, cross the road near a streetlight so that traffic can see you more easily.





# COMMUNITY NEWS



**Barnardo's Warwickshire**
**Children and Family Centres**
A coordination of services for families with children and young people aged 0-19 and up to age 25 with SEND

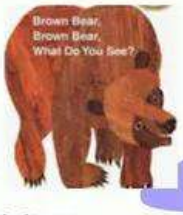


## BEAR EXPLORERS




**Monday 19 October 2026**
**09:30 - 11:00am**
**Stratford Children and Family Centre**






Fun, free session for children (aged 2-5 years) and their parents (younger siblings welcome). We're going on a Bear Hunt. This will include a story, singing, mark-making, sensory play, crafts and more!

Book on Eventbrite or
Contact Stratford Children and Family Centre
(01789 266624)
If you want to ask a question you can email
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BARNARDO'S Changing childhoods.

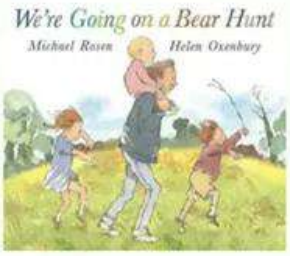
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CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTRE

# COMMUNITY NEWS






**Friday 30th October**

### Warhammer Games Café
£10.69 | 6.30-8.30pm | Age 12+



Join us for a chance to build, paint and play with Warhammer figures. Starter model kits and paints will be provided or bring your own models.

**Saturday 31st October**

### Nicola Baker
### Saving Snowflake
£9.62 | 10-11am | Age 8+

Journey to Whistledown Farm for a heart-warming adventure with the star of *Our Farm on the Dales*.




**Saturday 31st October**

### Myles McLeod and Evgenia Golubeva
### Fairytale Fiasco
£9.62 | 10-11am | Age 5+




A lively hour of stories turned upside down, with a draw-along, and the chance to create a brand-new comic version of a famous fairytale!

### Facepainting
FREE | 10.30-11.30am

FREE drop-in FUN!



**Saturday 31st October**

### Drop in and Do
### Halloween
Free | 10.30am-12.30pm | Age 4+






# Half Term Events for Families

## Adults GO FREE!

Go to stratlitfest.co.uk for full terms & conditions. All prices include booking fee.

Stratford Literary Festival
stratlitfest.co.uk

**Saturday 31st October**

### WORKSHOP Playbox
### Theatre of the Unexpected
£10.89 | 11.30am | Ages 7-11



This Halloween, join Playbox Theatre for an exhilarating, immersive theatre experience where imagination takes centre stage.

**Saturday 31st October**

### Zak Simmonds-Hurn
### Comic Workshop
£9.62 | 1.30pm | Age 7+

*Phoenix* comic's artist behind *Know Your Monsters*, *Dragon Guard* and *Legacy* helps you create characters and bring them to life in your own comic strip.



**Saturday 31st October**

### Dungeons & Dragons Games Café
£10.89 | 4-5.30pm | Ages 11-17



Borrow from us some dice and a ready-made character and get stuck in. No experience necessary – we'll help you all the way.

**Sunday 1st November**

### Neill Cameron
### Donut Squad
£12 | 11am | Age 7+




The legendary and bestselling *Phoenix* comic artist brings us the latest instalment of his bestselling graphic novel series, featuring fan-favourite sweet treats.





Stratford Literary Festival
stratlitfest.co.uk




**Sunday 1st November**

### WORKSHOP Sonia Leong
### Drawing Manga
£9.62 | 12.30pm | Ages 11-16

A must for Manga fans! Learn the basics of drawing and designing your own Manga characters.

## See the full programme and book at stratlitfest.co.uk!

# COMMUNITY NEWS

**October Holiday Camp!**

**Venue:** Allard Way, Coventry CV3 1HW

**Timings:** 9am – 3pm

**Dates:** Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October.

**Discount Company:** SCHOOL50

*Please note discount code is available till Friday 23rd October.*

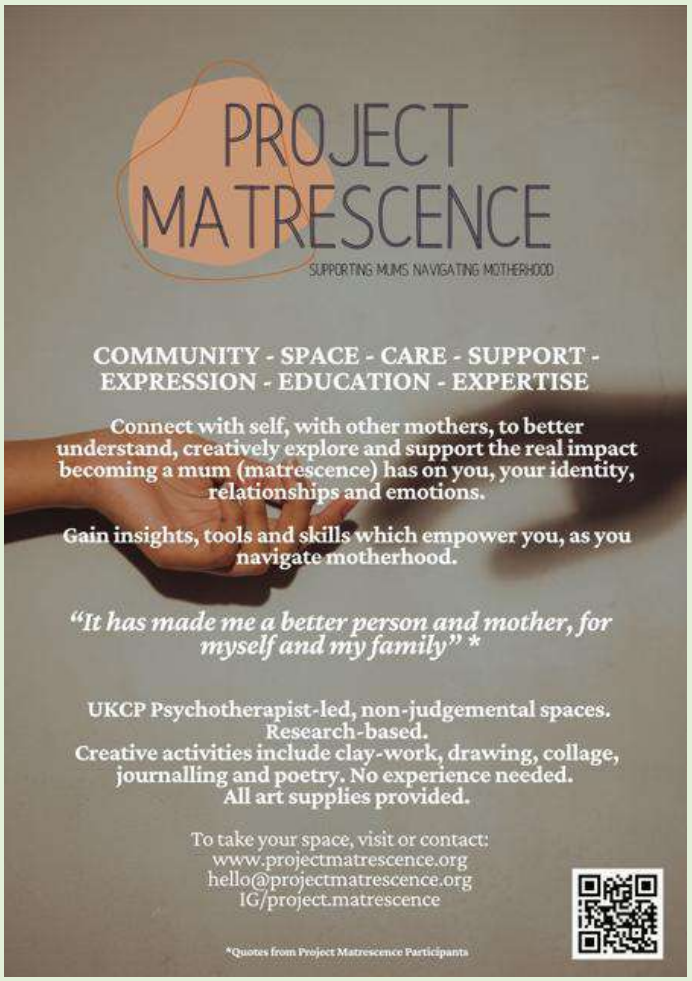
**Booking Link:**

**https://www.abler.io/shop/sbitc/holidaycamps/product/Q2x1YlNlcnZpY2U6Njc5NDE=**



# COMMUNITY NEWS




PROJECT MATRESCENCE

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**PROJECT MATRESCENCE:**

**supporting first-time mums navigate the transition to motherhood (matrescence)**

Becoming a mother (matrescence) is a unique time of change in a person's life. A time when you may experience transformation in some, or all aspects of yourself; physical, social, psychological and spiritual. Currently little acknowledges or addresses this major life transition, which can leave new mothers feeling shocked and unprepared, on top of the everyday challenges of new motherhood.

Project Matrescence is a collaboration between Room Psychotherapy (www.room-psychotherapy.com) and The Parenting Project (www.parentingproject.org.uk) aiming to support new mothers navigate their transition to and through early motherhood. Project Matrescence is a six-week psychotherapist-led circle providing a space for new mums (6-12 months postpartum) to connect with self, with other mums. New mums are invited to creatively explore the real impact of becoming a mother on identity, relationships and emotions in a safe, small group environment.

Through sharing experiences with others, without judgement, and creative exploration which may include clay work, genograms and poetry, participants can expect to increase awareness of their individual matrescence experience and understand how it impacts them and their relationships.

Project Matrescence is being delivered free for participants. It is a closed group, and numbers are strictly limited to a maximum of 12, therefore pre-booking is essential and subject to an initial consultation with the group facilitator. Terms and conditions apply.

This group is intended to be a therapeutic space for mothers and therefore children are not permitted into the group encounter. Childcare can be a barrier to finding space for self and therefore support can be provided upon request.

Crèche places will be available for babies aged 6-12 months for up to 9 babies

matrescence@room-psychotherapy.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

www.parentingproject.org.uk

www.room-psychotherapy.com

Instagram/project.matrescence