The TRIPLE CROWN Centre

Newsletter



23rd October 2026

Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy and rewarding autumn half term, I would like to celebrate the many positive experiences and achievements across our school community.

We are delighted with the improvements to our school environment. Our new art room and food room, redesigned central area and enhanced outdoor space are helping to create welcoming, inspiring environments where students can learn, develop new skills and enjoy their time at school. We look forward to seeing how students make the most of these improved facilities.

This half term has also been full of enriching activities that have extended learning beyond the classroom. Some of the highlights include:

- **Visit to Stratford-upon-Avon**: Students visited Shakespeare's birthplace, bringing their learning about one of England's most celebrated writers to life and discovering more about his life and legacy.
- **Animal Man Visit**: Students enjoyed an exciting hands-on experience, meeting and handling a range of animals. The visit sparked curiosity and provided an opportunity to learn more about the natural world.
- **Eco-Warriors Enrichment**: Our new Eco-Warriors group is helping students develop their understanding of environmental issues and sustainability, encouraging them to consider how they can make a positive difference to the world around them.
- **Weekly Visits to a Local Care Home**: Students have been building connections with members of the local community through regular visits to a local care home. These experiences provide valuable opportunities to develop communication skills, empathy and an understanding of different generations.
- **Food Sessions**: Students have been developing practical food preparation skills, building confidence and independence while learning valuable skills for everyday life.

It has been wonderful to see our students embracing these opportunities, trying new experiences and developing their confidence and independence.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support. We wish you a restful half-term break and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 2nd November.

Warm regards,

Rekha Shell-Macleod

Headteacher

Improvements to Our School Environment

We are delighted with the recent improvements to our school, including our refurbished art room, new food room and redesigned central area. These refreshed spaces provide welcoming and inspiring environments where students can explore their creativity, develop practical skills and enjoy spending time together. These improvements reflect our ongoing commitment to providing the best possible learning experiences and opportunities for all our students.







Yoga Enrichment

As part of our enrichment programme, pupils have been enjoying regular yoga sessions to support their wellbeing and personal development. The sessions provide a calm and positive space where pupils can practice mindfulness, improve their balance and coordination, and learn techniques to help manage stress and emotions. It has been wonderful to see pupils engaging so positively, developing confidence, focus, and resilience while taking time to look after their physical and mental wellbeing.

Mrs Lee

Dog Therapy

Our therapy dog, Treacle, has been busy supporting students throughout the half term. Spending time with Treacle can help to reduce anxiety, promote emotional wellbeing, and encourage positive interactions. She continues to be a firm favourite with both students and staff and plays an important role in creating a calm and nurturing environment across the school.

Mrs Lee

Food Technology Enrichment

Pupils have been enjoying using our newly designed Food Technology Room during enrichment sessions. As part of preparations for our Macmillan Coffee Morning, pupils worked together to bake a range of delicious cakes, developing their cooking skills while making a valuable contribution to a fantastic fundraising event. 🍰🧁

Mrs Lee







Stratford-upon-Avon

Students enjoyed a memorable day trip to **Stratford-upon-Avon,** the birthplace of William Shakespeare. Travelling by train, the group spent the day exploring the historic town and learning more about England's most celebrated writer.

The visit included a tour of **Shakespeare's Birthplace,** where students discovered fascinating details about his early life and the world in which he grew up. We spent time walking around Stratford-upon-Avon, admiring its historic buildings and interesting shops. At **New Place**, the site of Shakespeare's final home, students enjoyed lunch in the beautiful gardens before continuing their exploration of the town.

The sunny weather made the experience even more enjoyable, allowing everyone to make the most of the day. It was wonderful to see so many students take part and enjoy with friends an experience outside the classroom.

Miss Mist









Eco-Explorers

Our students have been actively exploring eco-initiatives by connecting with nature and caring for their environment. During a walk to the park, they identified plants and trees, collected litter to clean up the area, and crafted beautiful photo frames using natural twigs and pampas grass stems.

Mrs Kausar





Reading Intervention Success Across Triple Crown

During reading intervention sessions across Triple Crown, students have been engaged in reading 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' by John Boyne. Throughout the programme, students have shown excellent commitment, developing their reading confidence, comprehension skills, and ability to engage in thoughtful discussion.

The novel has provided valuable opportunities for students to explore themes of friendship, empathy, and respect, encouraging them to consider different perspectives and reflect on the importance of kindness and inclusion. We have been particularly impressed by the maturity and insight students have demonstrated when discussing the characters and events within the text.

A huge well done to all students involved for their enthusiasm, resilience, and positive participation. We look forward to continuing to foster a love of reading across Triple Crown and celebrating the progress our students make each day.

Quote of the Term: "What matters is not what people look like on the outside, but who they are on the inside."

Mrs Bano



The Grove Care Home

As part of our enrichment curriculum, students now have the opportunity of weekly work experience at The Grove care home in Solihull.

Students have so far decorated cakes with the residents and taken part in Tai Chi sessions. This experience is helping students develop their interpersonal, practical and employability skills. It's been heartening to see the rapport and trust being built with our students and the residents.

Miss Mist

Student Council Newsletter Update- October 2026

The student council is pleased to announce our student council members for this academic year! Our five council members are Finn, Ava-Marie, Oakley, Keane and Freya. We have already had two meetings this half-term where we have discussed the changes to the school environment over the Summer and pupils have been able to express their views convincingly and articulately before feeding back to their personal tutor groups.

The student council looks forward to helping all pupils at our school be heard through trip evaluations and pupil voice surveys, making sure their opinions are acknowledged and respected by staff and their peers. This year, our council members will also be taking the lead on presenting their ideas to staff and other students, which will help make this school a better learning environment for all of our students.

Mr Benton

Reading at Greswold Primary School

A big well done to Keane, Aalim, and Gracie for being so very engaged and professional when doing buddy reading with year 1 and 2 pupils at Greswold Primary.

Miss Mist



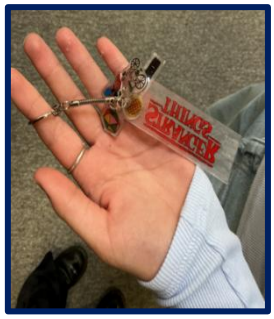
Crafts

Wednesday enrichment has seen students partake in a range of craft activities including hama bead designs, slime making and shrinkies – which have been turned into key chains for students.

Miss Sydenham







Artist Showcase

High quality pieces created by year 11 this half term in Art and Design




Art Enrichment

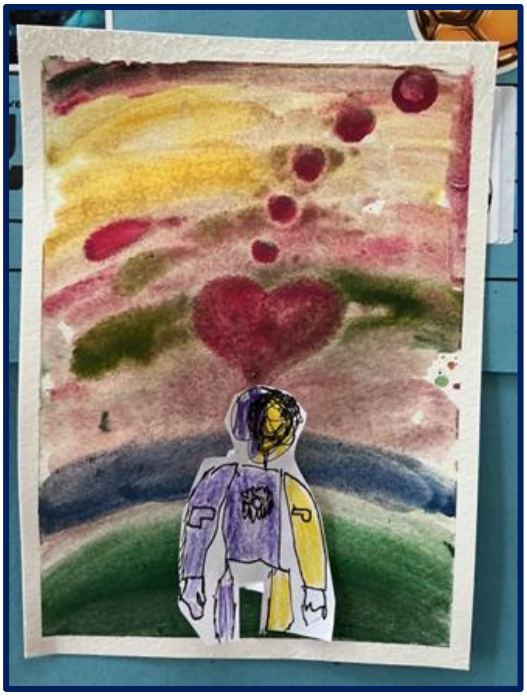
During therapeutic art enrichment we have been exploring colours and emotions to create colourful watercolour pieces for our emotion characters.
We have also designed and created our own wellbeing stones.













Animal man

We were lucky enough to be welcomed back in September by the Animal Man! Our students had a fantastic time getting up close to an incredible variety of creatures on their first day back after the long summer break. Our visitors included male and female Californian king snakes, a python, an alligator snapping turtle, three pygmy hedgehogs, two meerkats, two genets, three kookaburras, a barn owl and her baby, and even two tarantulas! It was a brilliant opportunity for students to see, hold and touch these amazing animals and enjoy a truly memorable experience. Our students did exceptionally well and showed incredible confidence and bravery. As you can see from the pictures, it was a day we won't forget in a hurry!

Please add some pictures to this- Debbie took them so should be able to tell you where they are.

Mrs Patel









Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 2026

On Tuesday 21st October, we enjoyed a wonderful Macmillan Coffee Afternoon at The Triple Crown Centre. Our talented students put their baking skills to the test, making a delicious selection of cakes that everyone thoroughly enjoyed baking – and, of course, eating!
It was lovely to see everyone come together to enjoy the treats and support such a worthwhile cause. A huge well done to all the students who took part, and thank you to everyone who contributed and donated.
Together, we raised an amazing **£90** for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you for helping us make a difference











Important Dates:

- Monday 2nd November – students return to school
- Monday 23rd November – INSET Day
- Wednesday 25th November – Year 11 Mock Exams start
- Friday 11th December – Panto Trip
- Friday 18th December – End of Term