



Headteacher Welcome

Students have enjoyed a variety of opportunities this half term, some of which you will read about in this edition of the newsletter. Our Year 11 and Post 16 students have started their final exams and we couldn't be prouder of how they have been focussed and prepared. We wish them all the best of luck as the exam season continues on our return from May half term break.



Smores and More at Forest School

On 29th April, our wonderful friends from Kingsbury Academy came to join our Outdoor Learning Preparation for Adulthood session. The sun was shining, the campfire was burning (some excellent firemaking and 'wafting' skills from all involved- well done Mr Powell for keeping it going!) and, of course, some marshmallow toasting and smores enjoyment. It was fantastic to see our Corley students yet again exemplifying the values of Inclusion and taking such care of our younger visitors, especially around the fire. They also assisted them in getting in and out of the hammocks- which were very much enjoyed- and guided them through all the activities. When we helped the Kingsbury students on the bus, we were immediately invited back to their Forest School for a Summer 2 visit so that this fantastic collaboration can continue- watch this space for the next outdoor encounter.



Student Council Walk-a-thon

On Friday 8th May, students participated in a Walk-a-thon organised by our student council. Students were asked to complete a total of 10 laps of the year 7 track, which is over a mile. Students worked together and demonstrated fantastic engagement and support for one another. All money raised during the event will go towards school funds. Student council will discuss how the money raised will be used. We are counting the donations and will inform you how much we raised once all monies have been received. Our last walkathon raised a fantastic £1750 and along with other fundraising activities throughout the year the student council purchased a set of 6 laptops and a charging station that will be accessible to students from September 2026.

Well done to everyone for their support, participation and perseverance. Thank you for all the sponsors received, it is greatly appreciated by our students.

STEM on Track: Stellantis Performance Academy Visit

On Friday 24th April, we were delighted to take part in an inspiring trip to the Stellantis Performance Academy, where our generous sponsors, Stellantis, hosted our students as part of our STEM on Track programme.

During this programme, students have been working hard to build our own go-karts, while developing a strong understanding of the STEM principles that underpin the engineering process. The visit to Stellantis brought this learning to life in an unforgettable way.

A real highlight of the day was that every member of our build team was given the opportunity to drive the go-karts. This was especially meaningful, as only eight students can be selected as drivers for the competitive race element of the programme, yet Stellantis ensured the experience was inclusive and accessible for all.

In addition to testing the karts, students enjoyed racing on the F1 simulator and took part in a valuable careers encounter, including a guided tour of the workshops and headquarters. This gave students a real insight into pathways within the motor industry, from motor technicians to a wide range of engineering, technical and media roles.

We are incredibly grateful to Stellantis for organising such a welcoming, inclusive and inspiring experience. The impact on our students' confidence, aspiration and understanding of future possibilities was clear to see.



STEM on Track: Test Day

On Thursday 7th May, Corley Academy STEM on Track teams were at the official test day at Whilton Mill Karting Track! The karts successfully passed the scrutineering process with flying colours, a true testament to the dedication, teamwork, and hard work our students have put into every stage of the build.

Our chosen drivers also took part in a professional track walk with driving coaches, gaining valuable insights before putting their knowledge into practice and taking the karts out on track for the very first time. The excitement was unforgettable, with one student describing the experience as simply *"amazing, incredible!"*

Experiences like these give our young people the opportunity to apply STEM skills in a real-world environment, build confidence, and create memories that will stay with them for years to come.

A huge thank you once again to the Stellantis Performance Academy for their continued support, transporting the karts, and sharing their expertise with our students throughout the day. Your experience and encouragement add an extra layer of inspiration and opportunity for our young people.



Police VR Workshops

On Tuesday 24th March, the Police came into school to run workshops with some students. During the workshops, students used VR headsets to explore a series of interactive scenarios. These scenarios presented real-life situations, and students were asked to decide what they would do in each case. The aim of the session was to help young people think about decision-making, consequences, and personal safety in a safe and engaging environment.



Positive Futures for Year 11 Students

The Mason Foundation came in to deliver workshops with our Year 11 students with a focus on careers, employment, and supporting students during the exam period, the sessions provided valuable opportunities for reflection, discussion, and personal development at such an important stage of our students' journey.

Workshops included Health and Wellbeing, Aims and Aspirations, Self-Advocacy and Confidence Building.



The sessions encouraged students to think positively about their futures, recognise their strengths, and develop the confidence and resilience needed both during exams and beyond school life.

We are incredibly grateful to The Mason Foundation for their continued support, guidance, and commitment to empowering young people with the skills and mindset needed for future success.

Well done to all of our Year 11 students for their engagement and maturity throughout the programme, we wish them every success as they continue through their exams and prepare for their next steps.



Class 3 Visit to Local Church

Class 3 visited the local parish Church and met with the Rector Steve Medley as part of our Humanities topic. He explained how the Church celebrates Easter and the preparations he was making to the building ready for Easter Sunday. We were very pleased to help him change the liturgical colours from purple to red and even had a go on the church organ!

Girls' Club

Our new Girls' Club, held every Thursday lunchtime, has already been a great success, with the girls thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to come together in a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment. The club promotes confidence, wellbeing, inclusion, and a strong sense of belonging, while giving girls the chance to develop personal hygiene and self-care skills, practise hairstyles and nail art, and build positive friendships across the school community.



Young Driver Day Experience

One of our Year 11 students celebrated her 16th birthday with a Young Driver Day Experience.

Evie had the chance to get behind the wheel and try something completely new. This was a brilliant opportunity for her to show **aspiration**, as she challenged herself and thought about future **independence**. She also showed **perseverance** by giving the experience a go and building her confidence.

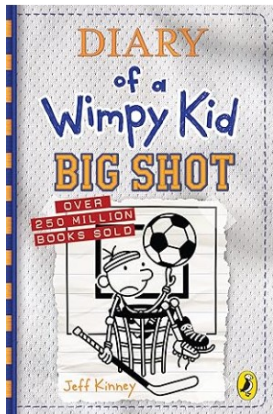
Evie should feel very proud of herself for taking part, trying her best and making special memories with her family .

Well done, Evie. We are very proud of you and hope you had a fantastic birthday!



Fantastic Fundraising!

Our fundraising continued this term with a non-uniform day held on 15th May 2026, raising money in aid of Mental Health Foundation. We raised **£89**. Thank you all very much for your generosity.



Recommended Read

Each newsletter we will feature a recommended read or a book review. In this edition of the newsletter, our recommendation comes from a Year 7 student:

"I like reading Diary of a Wimpy Kid books. This one was really fun and I especially liked it because it was about sports. I gave it to my friend to read afterwards because he likes Diary of a Wimpy Kid too."

National Trust Coventry Festival of Books



Coventry Festival of Books is about to write its very first chapter, and you're invited to be part of the story. Taking place over one spectacular weekend on 11th - 12th July 2026, this brand-new festival is the first of its kind for Coventry, transforming the city into a true book lover's paradise. From page-turning talks to hands-on workshops, immersive exhibits to creative activities, this is a full weekend celebration of books, literacy, art and history, with a few delightful plot twists along the way.

The Book Extravaganza will take over the National Trust's Charterhouse, hosting a buzzing bookish marketplace packed with indie authors, beautiful books, crafts, merchandise and curiosities for every kind of reader.

The event is free, but normal admission charges apply for the venue. Further information can be found on their [website](#).

Wishing all our students and families a restful half term.

We welcome our students back to school on Monday 1st June 2026