

The Stotty School News 16.5.2025



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Diary dates for the week ahead



Diary Dates for next week	
Monday 19 th May	Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams Multi Sport After School Club R/Y1/Y2
Tuesday 20 th May	Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams Lunchtime gardening club NO Multi Sport After School Club Yr 3/4/5/6 (Moved to Thursday this week)
Wednesday 21st May	Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams Optometrist to check Reception Children's vision Lunchtime 'Going Green Club' Rounders After School Club
Thursday 22 nd May	Teme & Rea Class will be attending a tennis festival at Lacon Childe School - within the school day Multi Sport After School Club Yr 3/4/5/6 - Thursday instead of Tuesday this week
Friday 23 rd May	Whole School Sponsored Walk Drama After School Club Last day of Summer Term 1
Upcoming Diary Dates	
26 th - 30 th May	Half Term - SGN Holiday Club due to run on the following days (subject to bookings): Tuesday 27 th / Wednesday 28 th / Thursday 29 th May
6 th June	Swimming lessons due to start - will continue on a Friday each week
16 th June	Severn Class trip to Enginuity
19 th June	Year 6 attending Crucial Crew
7 th July	Severn Class adventure day
8 th July	Corve Class adventure day
9 th /10 th July	Bikeability for Year 6 Children
16 th July	Rea Class Severn Valley Railway trip

Annual Ascension Day Sponsored Walk



We are planning to do our annual sponsored walk (around 4.5 miles) from the base of the Brown Clee to the summit (the highest point in Shropshire at 540 metres) on Friday 24th May 2024.

We make lots of links with the activity: appreciating our local environment and landscape (links with our assembly theme); mental health and well being - getting out and about with our friends; always doing the activity around Ascension day (Jesus' ascension into heaven). We also use the event to raise money for our FoSPS who do so much to help with projects, transport and books. Sponsorship forms have come home (sponsorship is a flat amount for the walk) and we would be grateful for your support in this fundraising.

The walk will happen within school hours with coaches taking us to the base just after 9am. Children will have a 'brunch' at the top (about 11.15am) before starting the descent. Once back at school (probably around 1.30 - 2pm) they will then have their lunch which they will have left in school. Below is what the children will need:

1. A packed lunch which will be eaten on their return **AND** a brunch snack (not too heavy!) for at the top which they will carry with them (if you are eligible for universal free school meals (reception / year 1 and year 2 children) or benefit related free school meals, please complete the form in the link below letting us know your child's choice:

https://forms.office.com/e/350dk969BB

- 2. A water bottle.
- 3. A ruck sack for their brunch, water bottle and possibly a coat (please make sure it has comfortable straps as we have had problems in the past with string straps beginning to make shoulders sore).
- 4 Appropriate clothing (non school uniform full length trousers to avoid ticks and nettles) and footwear (good trainers or walking shoes) for the walk. Dependent on the weather (we will send further advice the night before) they may need:
 - a sun hat and have had sun cream applied
 - a light weight coat or waterproof that can be fitted into their bag.

Burwarton Show 2025 - Schools Poster Competition



Burwarton Show is running a poster competition for Primary School Pupils. The poster needs to illustrate the pupil's view of farming and the countryside, and the importance of

agriculture in our daily lives. The theme for this year's Show is 'Society and Agriculture'. This indicates the strong relationship which should be between society and farming and the countryside, and how that links with the show.

The competition is open to KS1 & KS2 children, each entry can be either by a group of children or by an individual child, entries need to be poster size A3 page, the poster should be designed in pencil, felt tip pen, chalk or paint - please return entries to school by Friday 20th June. The School Council will then have the difficult job of deciding which 6 entries the school should submit.

Each school can enter up to 6 posters.

The winning Primary School will be awarded prizes of art materials to the value of;

1st Prize = £300 / 2nd Prize = £150 / 3rd prize = £100

This is being kindly sponsored by McCartneys LLP, Ludlow.

Please see attached competition guidelines.

Making A Difference By Looking After Our Planet

The school council, this year, were challenged to be 'agents of change'. So far they have: conducted pupil voice surveys to inform our lunchtime and after school clubs; they have contributed to the update of the lines on the playground and now they would like the school to consider taking responsibility for looking after our planet. As a result, they are organising A BIG LITTER PICK to:

- promote the importance of dealing with rubbish properly (and not just throwing it out car windows or dropping it on the street)
- help tidy up the environment where this is happening
- help look after plants and animals and their habitats

We are fortunate that our village has very little rubbish so to make a difference further afield children in all year groups have volunteered to take our litter picking equipment home each Friday and litter pick in their local area. A different volunteer in each year group will take their turn from now until the end of term (please return equipment by the next Friday). If it wasn't a convenient week for you please don't worry. We want everyone to stay safe so children know they need to:

- Do the litter picking with an adult at a convenient time.
- Wash your hands before and after picking litter. Clean your hands thoroughly before eating or drinking.
- Wear gloves or use the litter picker (use a litter picker for any glass and metal items).

- Don't touch or move any needles or drug-related items.
- Don't use your hands to squash or flatten down rubbish and be careful around bushes and brambles.
- Ensure any cuts or scrapes are clean and covered with a waterproof plaster before you start.
- Be aware of the risk of ticks and insects in long grass or bushes.
- Wear strong shoes and clothing fit for the weather.
- Don't try to pick litter from the road. Wear a high viz if near the road or on lanes.
- Avoid areas close to rivers and steep slopes, drops and ditches where you could easily fall.
- Don't overfill bin bags and avoid lifting heavy objects or sacks alone.
- Follow local rules and park safely and lawfully.
- Do not confront anyone you see littering.

Well done to Noah who has already got going on this. We'd love to see your pictures each week to celebrate that our children a doing something to make a difference.



SGN Half Term Holiday Club



SGN Holiday Club will be available on the following dates, subject to bookings:

Tuesday 27th May - 8am to 5.30pm (Pool Meadow)

Wednesday 28th May - 8am to 3.15pm (Bike and scooter)

Thursday 29th May - 8am to 5.30pm (Baking bread)

Please make bookings via Arbor as soon as possible (by the afternoon of Tuesday 20th May latest) to enable us to gauge viability.

Reception Class Vision Screening



On Wednesday 21st May the school Orthoptist will carry out a routine eye test on children who are in Reception Class.

If you agree to your child being screened you do not need to take any action.

If you wish to 'opt out' please complete the form which was emailed out to parents and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Forthcoming Trips / Activities

As well as the usual Lacon Festivals, during the Summer term we have several trips / activities taking place.

Please find below an overview of what is planned, so far



Swimming

During the second half of the summer term we will be taking Reception to Y4 to swimming lessons at Highley open air pool. Children will have six sessions (weekly on Fridays) starting week commencing 2nd June 2025.

More information will follow after Easter term but in the meantime we need to ask for a voluntary contribution of £22.50 per child (£11.25 for those children eligible for benefit related free school meals). We are extremely pleased to have managed to keep the price of the provision to the same as last year - it does represent great value for money as the session price works out at £3.75. The price has been significantly subsidised from the school's sport provision funding.



Crucial Crew

On Thursday 19th June, Year 6, children will be attending the Bridgnorth and South Shropshire Crucial Crew event at the Edgar Davies Ground in Bridgnorth. This is an annual event which helps to equip pupils to deal with some of the challenges they may face in later years after moving from primary to secondary education and beyond.

We are requesting a voluntary contribution of £10.15 per child attending this event which will go to Bridgnorth and Shropshire Crucial Crew to help with the cost of organising this event.



Adventure Days

On the 7th July Severn Class and on 8th July Corve Class will be attending a fun packed 'adventure day' at Shropshire Adventures - they will be taking part in laser tag / orienteering / climbing or archery and watersports.

These always prove to be very enjoyable days for the children. We will be asking for a voluntary contribution of £27 per child (£13.50 for those children who are eligible for benefit related free school meals), to enable the children to participate. This amount has been significantly subsidised by the school's sport provision funding.



Bikeability

On Wednesday 9th / Thursday 10th July **Year 6** children will be participating in the free 'Bikeability' training provided through Shropshire Council. Please ensure consent forms are completed and returned to enable your child to take part.

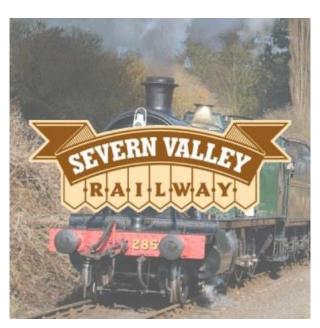


Enginuity

On Monday 16th June Severn Class will be visiting Enginuity, Ironbridge, where they will be doing a Power Buggies workshop. They will build and race a mini electric car inspired by the Coalbrookdale born inventor Thomas Parker who made the world's first working electric car.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £13.20 per child (£6.60 for those children eligible for benefit related free school meals) to cover the cost of entry / workshop and transport - once again we are very grateful to FoSPS for covering half of the cost of the transport for this trip.

We would appreciate it if you could make this contribution via Arbor as soon as possible please.



Severn Valley Railway

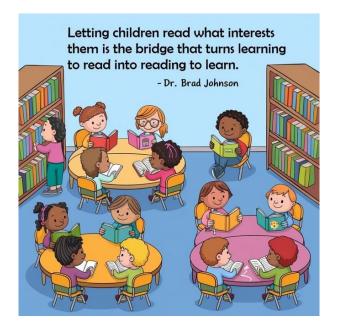
On Wednesday 16th July Rea Class will be transported to Kidderminster Station to catch the Severn Valley Railway steam train to Highley, where they have the opportunity to explore The Engine House. They will then do the return journey to Kidderminster station.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £19.45 per child (£9.73 for those children eligible for benefit related free school meals) to cover the cost of the journey, entry to the Engine House and transport - once again we are very grateful to FoSPS for covering half of the cost of the transport for this trip.

We would appreciate it if you could make this contribution via Arbor as soon as possible please.

Celebrating Reading





Reading

Reading with children is one of the most powerful gift parents can give. The development of language, creativity and cultural understanding from reading, discussing and sharing is HUGE so if you are giving this gift thank you for helping to keep this powerful, essential activity 'alive'. Reading is also very powerful as it reduces stress (for the child and the adult!).

Teme: 92%

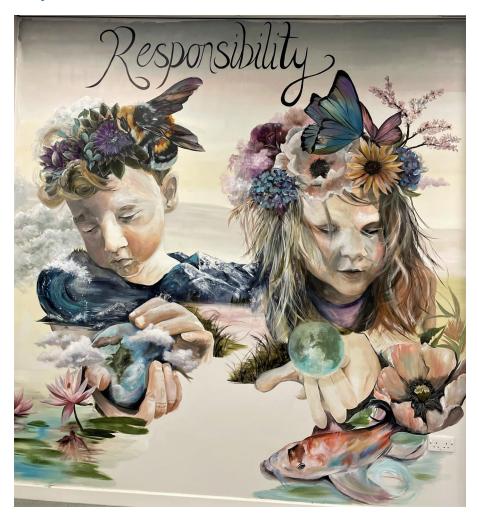
Rea: Yr1=100% / Yr2=93%

Corve: Yr3=70% / Yr4=92%

Severn: 96%

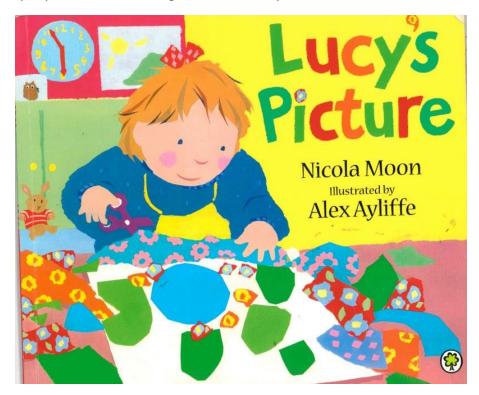
We would like to extend our thanks to Mrs Kennett / Mrs George and Mrs Dorrell for giving up their time to come into school to listen to the children reading. The children benefit enormously from this. Thank you.

Our Worship / Reflections this week:



Monday: We continued our new responsibility theme by reflecting on the miracle of creation and revisiting the creation story from the beginning of the Bible. We then enjoyed looking at the winning pictures in the <u>World Nature Photography Awards</u> (watch this space for news of our very own photography competition).

Tuesday: We enjoyed the story of Lucy's picture where a little girl made her blind grandfather a texture/picture so he could 'see' with his sense of touch. We reflected on using all of our senses to enjoy and appreciate our world and how it is important to make adaptions if people need to do things a different way.



Wednesday: Open the book bought us the story of Ascension (Jesus ascending to his father in Heaven from the Mount of Olives). We launched our Ascension day walk to the top of the Brown Clee!



Thursday: We looked at the news of the new Pope Leo (leader of the Catholic church). We learnt a little about him, how he was chosen and his message: to be kind, help migrants and the poor and take care of the Earth



EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News

Nursery News 16.05.2025

Summer 1 Term: In the Garden

This week, nursery have been learning about how some vegetables grow underground.

This week, we introduced listening for and saying the sound 'w'.



ronunciation Phrase - w

Pucker your lips and kee them small as you say

Talk for Writing Text:



Jasper's Beanstalk

Nursery Rhyme of the Week:



Incy Wincy Spir

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STARTING RECEPTION in SEPTEMBER 2025

The Kindred 2 School Readiness Survey $^{[2]}$ in January 2025 reported that 41% of parents hadn't heard about the term 'School Readiness' before their child joined reception.

School Readiness: Key skills to practice with your child before starting reception.

Practising these skills will make you child's journey to reception as positive as

possible. For a full list of these skills please visit www.startingreception.co.uk^[3].

Each week, I will highlight in the school news and ClassDojo some of these skills and provide activity ideas and information to support parents with practising these skills at home. Please speak to your child's key person for further information if required.

WEEK 3: Building relationships and communicating

Building relationships and communicating

Being with others

- Practising sharing and taking turns with toys
- Talking to them about how they are feeling and why
 Looking at story books together and speaking about
 what characters are feeling is a good way to do this
- Beginning to recognise what others are feeling, e.g. understanding if a friend is sad
- Encouraging them to set boundaries for themselves and others (e.g. knowing how to say 'no')

Using the phrase 'my turn, your turn'
The Royal Foundation Centre for Early Childhood's
Shaping Us Framework outlines how these skills

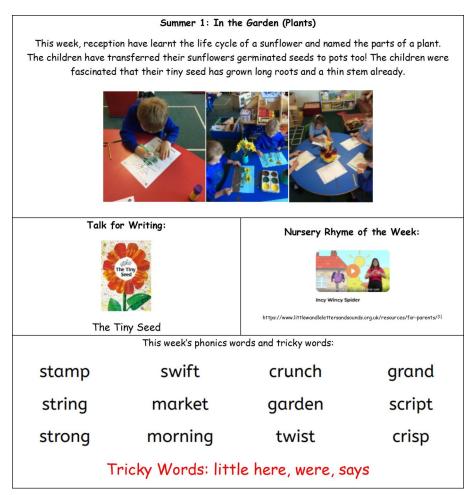
develop in early childhood^[4]

Top tips for enjoying stories together and book recommendations for starting school - Book Trust^[5] Learn how to support your child to make friends - Family Corner^[6]

Understand your child's social development – Words for Life $^{[7]}$ Practice sharing with toys – BB $\mathcal{C}^{[8]}$

1 - [1] https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/ [2] https://kindredsquared.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/School-Readiness-Survey-January-2025-Kindred-Squared.pdf [3] http://www.startingreception.co.uk/ [4] https://centreforearlychildhood.org/our-work/research/the-shaping-us-framework/ [5] https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/starting-school-and-reading-together/ [6] https://www.familycorner.co.uk/how-can-i-help-my-child-make-friends%20 [7] https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/milestones-4-year-olds/ [8] https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zxfbg7h

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Working Family Entitlements - Expansion to 30hrs from September 2025



From September 2025, eligible working parents will be able to access 30 hours of funded childcare a week, for 38 weeks of the year, starting from the term after their child turns 9 months old until they begin school.

Please visit www.child-carechoices.gov.uk to find out more about that is available.

Please see more information attached.

Rea Class News

Rea Phonics

Year 1

Revision in preparation for the phonics screening in June of:

- ue making oo and yoo as in blue and value.
- ew making oo and yoo as in chew and few.
- u-e making oo and yoo as in tune and cute.
- aw making or as in straw and yawn.

Year 2

- We normally just add the suffix -ness to the end of a root word. If the root word ends
 in y, we swap the y for an i. eg happy happiness
- We normally just add the suffix **-ment** to the end of a root word. If the root word ends in **y**, we swap the **y** for an **i**. eg merry merriment

Homework

- Reading Homework is to listen to your child read at least four times over the week.
 Please remember to write it in reading records.
- Year 2 have been tested on last week's spelling today. New spellings with the above rules will come home. Please practise little and often to help embed spellings.
- Numbots, teach your monster number skills or times tables rock stars (for year 2).

Maths

Year one - Mastering Number

First then and now stories relating to addition and subtraction.

Year two - Mastering number

Becoming fluent in knowing that a pair of adjacent odd numbers or a pair of
consecutive even numbers can be transformed into a double by increasing one
addend by 1 and decreasing the other by 1. eg 7 + 9 can be turned into 8 + 8 by
taking 1 from 9 and adding it to the 7.

Money

Year 1

 Consolidating that ten ones can be turned into 1 ten, in preparation for working with larger numbers.

Year 2

- Subtraction of two digit numbers from two digit numbers, and solving a variety of subtraction problems with this skill.
 - \circ eg 65 24 =
 - \circ $\,$ Mrs J Jones had £76. She spent £32 on a new chair. How much money does she have now.
 - \circ $\,$ In a class of 27 children, 13 are boys. How many are girls?

Please see information in the following link regarding the upcoming 'phonics screening' checks:

Phonics Screening

Corve Class - Sport Festival @ Lacon

On Thursday children in Corve Class enjoyed a sport festival at Lacon.









Parenting Signposts

Understanding Your Child Groups - Summer 2025

Understanding your child From toddler to teen

- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you need help and support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers with children of a similar age?

Join us for one of our free virtual or face-to-face groups, our next groups start:
Understanding Your Child Group 29th April 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am at Crowmoor Primary School, Shrewsbury
Understanding Your Child Group 30th April 2025 from 9.00am to 11.00am at Clee Hill Community Primary School
Understanding Your Child Group 30th April 2025 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm at Shrewsbury TBA
Understanding Your Child Group 30th April 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm at Betvlidere Primary School, Shrewsbury
Understanding Your Child Group 1th May 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Highley Community Primary School
Understanding Your Child Group 1th May 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams
Understanding Your Child Group 2th May 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at 5t Lucia Coff Primary School, Upton Magna
Understanding Your Child SEND Group 2th May 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams
Understanding Your Child SEND Group 2th May 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams
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All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

SEND groups are for parents/carers of Children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed to attend the groups.

To book a place email

Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk
or call 01743 250950

Find more free online courses at: inourplace.co.uk/shropshire





Sleep Tight Work Shops - Summer 2025

Does your child struggle with their Sleep?

Free Sleep Tight Groups

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups which run for 5 weeks and:

- Find out why sleep is important for our health and emotional wellbeing
- Get support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines
- Meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences

Our next groups start:

Sleep Tight SEND Monday 9th June 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm Virtually Via MS Teams

or

Sleep Tight Monday 16th June 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am Virtually via MS Teams

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To book a place email Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call 01743 250950



Parenting Help & Support Line

Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

01743 250950

Mon - Thurs, 9.30am - 4.30pm Fri, 9.30am - 3.30pm

No judgment, just support.



Shropshire Family Information Service



What is Shropshire Family Information Service:

The Shropshire Family Information Service (FIS) is a brilliant universal service. The FIS brings together loads of useful, local information for families, to help take the stress out of things like finding:

- Childcare or baby and toddler groups
- Holiday clubs, events and things to do as a family
- Parenting, relationships, and emotional health and wellbeing support
- Cost of Living info and advice

FIS use our social media channels to bring families news, events and handy information, which links through to our <u>Family Information Directory</u>. Families are welcome to contact us directly for help with anything to do with family life. We have created a brand new short video to explain who we are and what we do. You can view it here on YouTube https://youtu.be/7t1jBqJJTl8?si=LeOiNag8 LeSPzX0

What we would love you to do:

1. Follow us on social media. We use social media as a key tool for reaching parents and professionals, so give us a follow and we will follow you back.

Family Info Service Facebook

Family Info Service Instagram

Family Info Service Twitter

2. Subscribe to our newsletter https://orlo.uk/5RvZN

Solihull Approach - Understanding Your Child

Please watch the video in the link below - it explains brilliantly how good the parenting courses are:

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Bridgnorth Community Information Drop In Sessions



Highley Community Drop In Sessions



OneplusOne



Introducing the Separating better app, a **free** self-guided mobile app for separating parents, designed to facilitate a smoother separation journey and promote positive co-parenting. This app is filled with expert advice, video resources, practical parenting, and budgeting plans, as well as co-parenting tips. It offers an easy-to-follow journey where you can track your progress and unlock app sections as you go.

Find out more and download the mobile app, now:

https://www.oneplusone.org.uk/separating-

better?utm source=referral&utm medium=social&utm campaign=sbaffiliate

For face to face support, go to <u>Getting on better | Shropshire Council</u> and select Free Courses and Workshops.







Health Visiting Information

Every family with children under 5 has access to a health visitor.

Families can access advice and support up until the age of 5 years old by calling **The Single**Point of Access on 0333 358 3654.

If parents don't want to talk to someone, they can send a text and one of the team will get back to them on **07520 635212**

This is a Monday to Friday service 09:30am until 4pm where a Health Visitor is on the line to offer the appropriate advice and support and referrals can be made to the appropriate practitioner.

If parents need extra support or support for potty training, behaviour, sleep, eating we have two Healthy Child practitioner who they can be referred to who will come out to their home or to a clinic to support the family with these issues.

This referral can be completed through the single point of access and sent to the appropriate team.

If it is specialised targeted work the family will be seen by a Health visitor for example low mood or complex development issues, safeguarding or specialised referrals.

All children are seen universally at one years and at two years and they are offered a full health growth and development review via a letter with an appointment.

These are now completed at Cleobury Mortimer Health Centre, Ludlow or Bridgnorth depending on where they live.



PACC (Parent Carer Council) have created an information sheet of charities and organisations that can provide help and support.

Please let us know if you would like a copy.

Otherwise please contact PACC for support and information on info@paccshropshire.org.uk

Celebrating Children's Achievements



The children representing all the hard work and positive attitudes in our school this week.



Numbots:

Rea: Ned James

Corve: Monty Barklam



Time Tables Rock Stars:

Rea: Chloe Carter

Corve: Monty Barklam

Severn: Lillie Trenfield



Spelling Bee:

Bronze:

Silver:

Gold: Kai and Walt

Platinum: Chloe, Harriet F and Eva



Sports Stars:

Teme: **Wilfred** for his continued focus and perseverance to apply the 'top tips' to throwing underarm accurately / **Poppy** for throwing underarm accurately at a target.

Rea: **Tara** for her perseverance with ball control in football.

Corve: **Monty** for his excellent batting in rounders / **Cash** for thinking carefully about his positioning when fielding in rounders.

Severn: Jenson Shakespeare, Lana and Scarlett for spectacular catches in rounders.



Pride and Presentation: Award for pupil focus on presentation of work across the curriculum.

Teme:

Rea: Victoria for improvement in her letter formation and finger spaces.

Corve: Leo D for a careful, neat and detailed set of plans for an Iron Man story.

Severn: Jenson Shakespeare for his work in history.



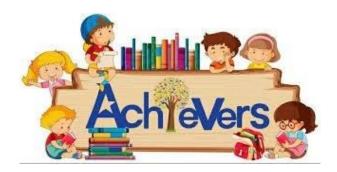
Great Sentence using words of the week:

Teme: My table in my bedroom has four corners. Alfie

Rea: Me and my sister aren't always perfect. Florence

Corve: My sister's eyes glistened when I showed her my sweets. Isla

Severn: My brother was being **mischievous** when he locked me in my bedroom. **Harrison**



Class Achievers:

Teme: All of Teme Class for fire safety at Forest Fun.

Rea: Isabella, Ada, Libby Grace and **Meghan** for showing of their bridging ten skills without equipment in mastering number assessments.

Corve: Fletcher for contributing great verb/adverb pairs to use alliteration / **Rosie** for excellent use of fractions and decimals to indicate tenths.

Severn: All of year 6 for their determination and resilience during their SATs this week / **Bella C** and **Ruby** for their work in history.



Growing Acts of Kindness

Children will be selected each week (up to one per year group) for acts of kindness.



Reception: Luke for his kind encouragement to his friend.

- Year 1: **Boyd** for caring when a friend was upset.
- Year 2: **Phoebe** for helping others get things ready in the classroom
- Year 3: James for helping find food for Shadow during gardening club.
- Year 4: **Ottilie** for cheering on the Corve Class team and taking photos at the festival at Lacon this week.
- Year 5: **Felicity** for her willingness to always help.
- Year 6: JJ for always helping to tidy up at breaktime.