



# The Stotty School News 23.5.2025 - Website



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## **Diary dates for the week ahead**



Diary Dates for next week	
27 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term - SGN Holiday Club: Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> - 8am to 5.30pm / Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> - 8am to 3.15pm / Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> May - 8am to 3.15pm
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of the second half of the summer term Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams Multi Skills After School Club - R/1/2 Rounders After School Club - Yr 3/4/5/6
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams Lacon Sports Coach for Corve & Severn Class Archery After School Club - Yr 3/4
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Corve Class will be attending a sports festival at Lacon Childe School - within the school day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Teme / Rea & Corve Class to attend swimming lessons at Highley - please see further information in the newsletter
Upcoming Diary Dates	
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Severn Class trip to Enginuity
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 attending Crucial Crew
4 <sup>th</sup> July	School and Community Fete
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Severn Class adventure day
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Corve Class adventure day
9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> July	Bikeability for Year 6 Children
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Rea Class Severn Valley Railway trip

## Swimming Lessons

We can confirm that we will be taking Reception to Y4 to swimming lessons at Highley open air pool next half term. Children will have six sessions (**weekly on Fridays**) **starting the first week back after half term**. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £22.50 per child (£11.25 for those children eligible for benefit related free school meals). Please note that the price of the provision has been significantly reduced through school and FOSPS funding.

Due to timings reception and year one children will need to take a packed lunch, which they will eat at Highley after they have done their swimming.

Yr2 / 3 & 4 children will have dinner as normal in school before going swimming.

As reception and year one children are eligible for universal free school meals, we are able to offer a packed lunch provided by the school (which will consist of a sandwich / bottle of water / piece of fruit and cookie) - **would you please complete the form in the link below if your child is in Reception or year 1** to inform if you would like the school to provide a packed lunch for your child - please complete the form even if you do not want the school to provide a packed lunch:

<https://forms.office.com/e/v2svpVycvr>

## Annual Ascension Day Sponsored Walk



*What a fantastic day - well done everyone. The children were amazing and we all appreciated our local area and the wonderful planet we live on. Enjoy the photographs and send in the sponsorship money as soon as you can after half term.*

*Thank you to those of you who have already handed in your sponsorship money - incredibly we have £356 already!!!*



















## After School Clubs

### After School Clubs - June / July 2025

In June / July 2025, the following after school clubs are being offered  
(3.15 - 4.15pm, unless otherwise stated):

Club	Club Tutor	Start Date	No. Wks	No. Places	For Year groups:	Cost £
<b>T1 Rugby</b> - a new non-contact form of the game from World Rugby that reflects the characteristics of rugby union.	Mrs Tracey Wood	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	5	16	3/4/5/6	£12.50
<b>Multi Sport Club</b>	Mrs Tracey Wood	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	5	16	Yr Rec/1/2	£12.50
Lunchtime Gardening	Mrs Kim Carter	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	5		Yrs 3/4	0
Rounders Club	Mrs Jackie Walker	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	5	20	Yrs 3/4/5/6	£12.50
Science Club	Mr Daniel Middleton	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	5	12	Yrs 5/6	£12.50
Going Green Club Lunchtime Times tables Club	Mr Chris Simpson	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	5		Yrs 3/4	0.00
Archery	Mrs Lisa Stokes	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	5	16	Yrs 3/4	£12.50
Drama Club	Mrs Jackie Walker	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	5	12	Yrs 3/4/5/6	£12.50

The following after school clubs are available to book via Arbor for the second half of the summer term:

Monday - T1 Rugby - Yrs 3/4/5/6

Tuesday - Multi Sport - R/1/2 / Lunchtime Gardening / Rounders - Yrs 3/4/5/6

Wednesday - Science - Yrs 5/6 / Go Green lunchtime club / Archery - Yrs 3/4

Friday - Drama - Yrs 3/4/5/6

**Please note the dates for the above clubs on Arbor as some start in the first week, others the second and several of the clubs do not run consecutive weeks.**

## 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.

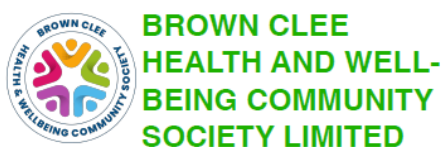
The winning Primary School will be awarded prizes of art materials to the value of;

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

This is being kindly sponsored by McCartneys LLP, Ludlow.

Please see attached competition guidelines.

Brown Clee Medical Practice - support its continuation.



As some of you may be aware Doctor Bassett, the principal partner, of The Brown Clee Medical Practice is looking to retire before the end of 2027 - the practice is therefore looking to attract new partners to ensure it continues.

The Brown Clee Health and Well-Being Community Society has been legally established to raise funds to buy and maintain the Brown Clee Medical Practice premises at Ditton Priors and Stottesdon with the goal of keeping the Practice based in Brown Clee, which is otherwise at risk as attracting new partners is increasingly difficult due to the required financial commitment.

Community ownership of the premises means any incoming GP Partners will not need to buy the buildings. This makes it a more attractive proposition for new Partners to join the Practice to provide the services the local community need.

They plan to use any surplus funds generated from rent and grants to support community led activities which improve the health and wellbeing of people within the catchment area. Their intention is to apply to register as a charity with HMRC.

The society is seeking new members, please see attached information and a membership application form.

Further information is available on the Society website: [www.browncleesociety.org.uk](http://www.browncleesociety.org.uk)

## 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 all the children that have volunteered so far. Enjoy the pictures below to celebrate our children a doing something to make a difference.













## School Council Nature Photography Competition



Children were so inspired by the World Nature Photography Competition that the School Council want to run their own competition. Winning photographs (judged by school council/supported by staff - all photos will be judged without knowing who took them) will, hopefully, be used to create a calendar that we will sell at Christmas to make money to donate to a wildlife charity that helps look after our world.

Children are invited to submit a photograph for one of the categories below to [admin@stottesdon-school.co.uk](mailto:admin@stottesdon-school.co.uk). Deadline for submissions is Monday 9th June. The only rules are:

1. Only one submission per child (please state the category)

2. Please avoid pet photographs (that is another competition!).

**Categories:**

1. Mammals
2. Amphibians and Reptiles
3. Invertebrates
4. Birds
5. Farming
6. Plants and Funghi
7. Water
8. Landscapes
9. Sky
10. Flowers
11. Black and White
12. Patterns/Art in Nature

Happy Photography!

## Staffing and Class Arrangements Next Year

As we approach the final term of the current academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to share with you updates regarding our staffing arrangements for 2025/26.

We are committed to providing the highest quality education and support for all our pupils, and part of that commitment involves ensuring we have the right team in the right places to meet all student needs. Please see the overview of staffing for 25/26 below:

- **Early Years Team** (Reception and Nursery): Mrs Rainbird-Hitchins, Mrs Smith, Rebecca Home, Sara Clulee, Lydia Keen and Hollie Tisdale
- **KS1 Team (Year 1 and Year 2)**: Mrs J Jones, Mrs Wood
- **Lower KS2 Team (Year 3 and Year 4)**: Miss Hall, Mrs McNamara, Mrs Carter and Miss Griffiths. Miss Hall joins us as new member of staff and brings experience of working in schools, a passion for education and a commitment to all pupils achieving their very best. Miss Hall will be visiting over the next half term so there will be opportunity for her to become familiar with our school and students to become familiar with her.

- **Upper KS2 Team (Year 5 and Year 6):** Mrs McKay, Mrs Carter, Mrs McNamara and Mrs Walker
- **Mrs Leverett Williams will continue to teach RE and Music across all classes and Mrs Jones will also continue a teaching timetable at KS2.**
- We will be saying farewell to both Mr Simpson and Mrs Martin who will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up new positions and opportunities. We will of course be celebrating and thanking them for their dedication as we head to our Leavers Service at the end of term.

We are confident that these changes will further strengthen our school community and enhance the learning experience for all our pupils. It is still early days, with a good chunk of this year to complete, but we know parents appreciate the information and we will begin transition work with children (including a moving up day at the end of June) so our children are ready for their new classes in September.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

## SGN Half Term Holiday Club



SGN Holiday Club will be available on the following dates:

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)

If you would like your child to attend please make bookings via Arbor 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 .....



### **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**

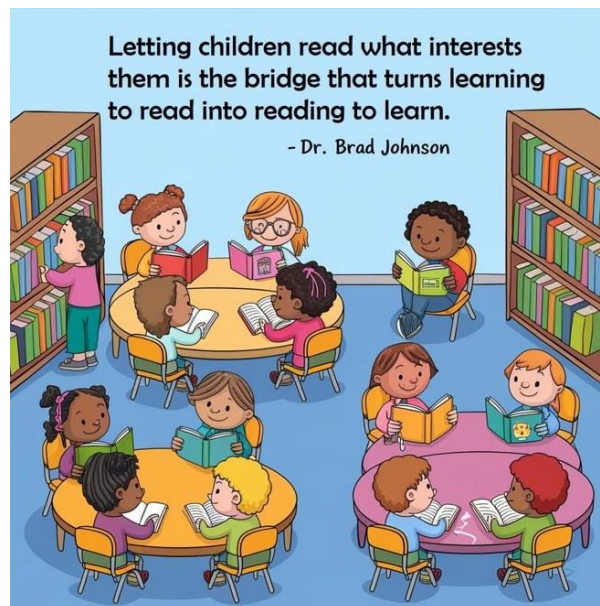
On Wednesday 16th July Rea Class will be transported to Kidderminster Station to catch the Severn Valley Railway steam train to Highley, where they have the opportunity to explore The Engine House. They will then do the return journey to Kidderminster station.

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



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### *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: 100%*

*Rea: 92%*

*Corve: Yr3=94% / Yr4=100%*

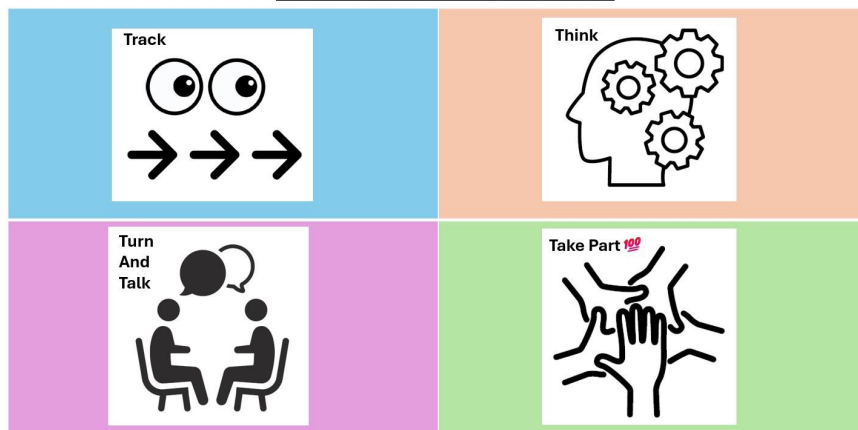
*Severn: 100%*

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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:

### In Our Team We.....



Monday: In our school we want **everyone** to do well and we **care about everyone succeeding**. As a result, we have introduced some things that will help everyone do well by helping them **focus and participate**: everyone take part; track the board/teacher/ text; ALL think hard to questions asked; ALL turn and talk about the questions. Classes have introduced the ideas and the message of **EVERYONE** participating is beginning to take hold.

Tuesday: We reflected on the wonder of new life around us (plants, animals and humans). We shared new life we had noticed and shared our wonder and appreciation.

Wednesday: Open the book bought us the story of Pentecost (God sharing his gift of the Holy Spirit). We talked about gifts we had waited for and shared.









Thursday: We recognised World Bee Day by looking at the importance of bees, their brilliance at working as a team and how they help the world by pollinating.





# EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News

Nursery News 23.05.2025

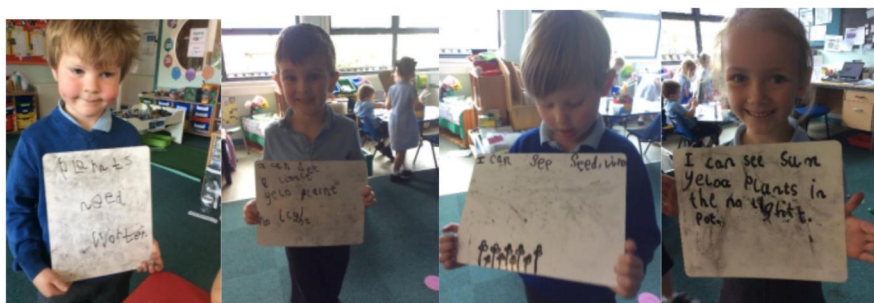
<p><b>Summer 1 Term: In the Garden</b></p> <p>This week, nursery have planting sunflowers, peas and tomato plants this week.</p> <div></div> <p>This week, we introduced listening for and saying the sound 'y'.</p> <div><p>Pronunciation Phrase - y Smile, tongue to the top of your mouth, say y without opening your mouth y y y</p></div>	
<p><b>Talk for Writing Text:</b></p> <div><p>Errol's Garden</p></div>	<p><b>Nursery Rhyme of the Week:</b></p> <div><p>Incy Wincy Spider</p><p><a href="https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/">https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/</a></p></div>
<div><p><b>STARTING RECEPTION in SEPTEMBER 2025</b></p><p>The Kindred<sup>2</sup> School Readiness Survey<sup>[2]</sup> in January 2025 reported that 41% of parents hadn't heard about the term 'School Readiness' before their child joined reception.</p><p><b>School Readiness:</b> Key skills to practice with your child before starting reception. Practising these skills will make your child's journey to reception as positive as possible. For a full list of these skills please visit <a href="http://www.startingreception.co.uk">www.startingreception.co.uk</a><sup>[3]</sup>.</p><p>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.</p><div><p><b>WEEK 4: Building relationships and communicating</b></p><div><p><b>Communication and language</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Singing along with songs and nursery rhymes</li><li>✓ Talking happily to others about activities, experiences and the world around them</li><li>✓ Showing they need help by speaking clearly (in basic English or sign language)</li><li>✓ Recognising the pattern of their name (so they can find it on their coat peg or jacket)</li></ul></div><div><p>You are your child's first teacher - help them learn how to write their name - Words for Life<sup>[4]</sup></p><p>Explore a range of approaches to language learning and development from NHS Start for Life<sup>[5]</sup></p><p>Build your child's imagination and language by making up stories together - BBC<sup>[6]</sup></p><p>Child's Progress checker - Speech &amp; Language UK<sup>[7]</sup></p></div></div></div>	

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://wordsforlife.org.uk/parent-support/when-should-my-child-be-able-to-write-their-name/> [5] <https://www.nhs.uk/start-for-life/toddler/learning-to-talk/learning-to-talk-3-to-5-years/> [6] <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zbkc47h> [7] <https://progress-checker.speechandlanguage.org.uk/>

## Reception News 23.05.2025

### Summer 1 Term: In the Garden

This week, reception have been carrying out experiments with cress seeds! We've been challenging the traditional rules of plant growth by planting seeds in some unconventional ways - in stones, complete darkness, and without water. The children have come up with their own hypotheses through daily observations. "Will plants grow without water?" "Can they push through stones?" These are just some of the brilliant questions reception children have been exploring.



#### Talk for Writing: The Tiny Seed



#### Nursery Rhyme of the Week:



Incy Wincy Spider

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

This week's phonics words and tricky words:

farming	forest	blanket	children
freshness	present	windmill	lunchbox
shampoo	wooden	finger	printer

**Tricky Words: there, when, what, one.**

## 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.

From May 2025, all eligible working parents of children who will be at least nine months old on or before 31st August will now be able to apply for their 30 hours childcare. Please visit [www.child-carechoices.gov.uk](http://www.child-carechoices.gov.uk) to find out more and register for your code.

## Teme & Rea Tennis Festival @ Lacon

On Thursday this week children from Teme and Rea Class attended a tennis festival at Lacon Childe School.











## Rea Class News

### Friday 23rd May 2025 Rea Class Newsletter

Rea Phonics	
<b>Year 1</b> Revision in preparation for the phonics screening in June of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ea making e as in head.</li><li>• ir making ur as in skirt</li><li>• ou making ow as in cloud</li><li>• oy making oi as in enjoy</li></ul>	
<b>Year 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We normally just add the suffix -ful to the end of a root word. If the root word ends in y, we swap the y for an l and add ful. eg beauty – beautiful.</li><li>• 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</li></ul>	
Homework	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading Homework is to listen to your child read at least four times over the week. Please remember to write it in reading records.</li><li>• Year 2 have been tested on last week's spelling Yesterday. New spellings with the above rules will come home. Please practise little and often to help embed spellings.</li><li>• Numbots, teach your monster number skills or times tables rock stars (for year 2).</li></ul>	
Maths	
<b>Year one – Mastering Number</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recapping the five and a bit structure in missing number equations. eg 7 - ___ = 2.</li></ul>	
<b>Year two – Mastering number</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Related facts eg 7 + 2 = 9 so 70 + 20 = 90</li></ul>	
Place value and subtraction	
<b>Year 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consolidating that ten ones can be turned into 1 ten, in preparation for working with larger numbers.</li></ul>	
<b>Year 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Subtraction of two digit numbers from two digit numbers, and solving a variety of subtraction problems with this skill.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Subtraction word problems.</li></ul></li></ul>	

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

[Phonics Screening](#)

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am at Crowmoor Primary School, Shrewsbury  
 Understanding Your Child Group 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 from 9.00am to 11.00am at Cleve Hill Community Primary School  
 Understanding Your Child SEND Group 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm at Shrewsbury TBA  
 Understanding Your Child Group 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm at Belvidere Primary School, Shrewsbury  
 Understanding Your Child Group 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 from 09.30am to 11.30am at Highley Community Primary School  
 Understanding Your Child Group 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 from 09.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams  
 Understanding Your Child Group 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at St Lucia CofE Primary School, Upton Magna  
 Understanding Your Child SEND Group 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 from 09.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams  
 Understanding Your Child Group 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 from 1.15pm to 3.15pm at Christ Church CofE Primary School, Cressage

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](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk)  
 or call 01743 250950

Find more free online courses at:  
[inourplace.co.uk/shropshire](http://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 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm  
 Virtually Via MS Teams

or

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

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Find out  
 more here



## 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



Hello from the **Family Information Service** (FIS for short).  
Our job is to give you the info and resources you need to help your family life run a little smoother. We can help with:

- Childcare - finding it and advice on paying for it
- Local baby and toddler groups
- Events, clubs, activities, and fun things to do in the school holidays, for all ages
- Getting parenting and family support
- Finding health and wellbeing support

We cover everything and anything to do with family life, so if you have a question, chances are we'll be able to help, or if we can't, we'll point you in the direction of someone who can.

Follow us on social media for all the latest news and info.

@ShropshireFamilyInfo  
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[www.shropshire.gov.uk/fis](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/fis)

## 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 [Family Information Directory](#). 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/7t1jBqJJI8?si=LeOiNag8\\_LeSPzX0](https://youtu.be/7t1jBqJJI8?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:

[lotdef s02 O6b Full ugc2b \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s02O6bUgc2b)

**NHS**

ONLINE COURSES FOR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, CARERS AND TEENS

**Discover the Solihull Approach series**

Understanding...

English more languages available powered by Google Translate

Enjoy a fresh new look on mobiles

optional voice-over where available

and much more!

Do you live in the Shropshire or Telford & Wrekin area? Locally funded

1. Scan QR or visit [www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk)  
2. Enter the Access Code\*  
3. Begin learning

Access Code: **DARWIN18**

\*Sign in or registration required

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## Bridgnorth Community Information Drop In Sessions

# Family Drop-In

Here to help

Free information, advice and support

You can chat, have a drink and see how we can all help you with:

• Family Life	• Housing Support	• Home fire safety
• Children's health and wellbeing	• Domestic abuse support	• Healthy living advice
• Drug and alcohol support	• Financial advice	• Help with getting back to work

**Bridgnorth Youth Centre**  
45 Innage Lane, Bridgnorth WV16 4HS

**Every Tuesday from 1.30pm—4pm**



Supporting families with children aged 0-19 years (up to 25 years for young people with special educational needs and disabilities)

We aim to make it easier for you to ask for help and get support when you need it.

 Shropshire Council  
[www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)

 Shropshire Supporting Families through Early Help



## stay and play

### FAMILY INFORMATION DROP IN

**Every Tuesday**  
**1pm until 3pm**  
**starting 3rd December 2024**

**Bridgnorth Library,**  
**67 Listley St, Bridgnorth WV16 4AW**



[shropshire.gov.uk/early-help](http://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help)

 Shropshire Council

## Highley Community Drop In Sessions

# Community Drop-ins

## How can we help you?

Come along to:  
Highley Library, Halo Severn Centre, Bridgnorth Road,  
Highley, WV16 6JG

The fourth Friday  
of each month  
9.30am-12.30pm



Free information, advice  
and support around;

- Housing support
- Getting older
- Family Life
- Domestic Abuse
- Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) support
- Parenting support
- Finance support
- Healthy living, and much more!

Sponsored by:



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## 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](https://www.oneplusone.org.uk/separating-better?utm_source=referral&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=sbaffiliate)

For face to face support, go to [Getting on better | Shropshire Council](#) and select Free Courses and Workshops.



**Arguing better**

Disagreements are a normal part of life, and most couples argue from time to time. How you deal with disagreements can make a big difference to you, your partner, and your children.

This free online course can help you learn to manage difficult conversations, avoid conflict, and improve things for your whole family.


Create your free account at [www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents](https://www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents) or scan the QR code

To access the course, you will need a good internet connection and a smartphone, tablet, or computer.



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An online course for separating parents to help manage conflict and minimise the impact on children

## Getting it right for children

When separated parents argue, it's common for children to feel like they are caught in the middle. This free online course is designed to help separated parents communicate better with each other and parent co-operatively after parting.

You will learn positive communication skills like staying calm, seeing things differently, and speaking for yourself so that you can sort out disagreements with your child's other parent and find solutions together. You can do the course on your own, at your own pace.



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An online course for new and expectant parents

## Me, You and Baby too

Tiredness and stress are common when you're caring for a baby. If parenthood is leading to more arguments between you and your partner, this free online course could help.

With tips and advice on how to talk about difficult topics, share stress, and prevent arguments, this short course will help you and your partner navigate challenging times together.



Create your free account at [www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents](http://www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents) or scan the QR code

To access the course, you will need a good internet connection and a smartphone, tablet, or computer.

### 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.

**PARENT CARER COUNCIL**  
**PACC**  
Supporting your voice  
SHROPSHIRE


**Accessing Support**

Knowing how to access support and who to speak to can be overwhelming and difficult at times. We have created this information sheet of charities and organisations that can provide help and support. You can also contact PACC for support and information on [Info@paccshropshire.org.uk](mailto:Info@paccshropshire.org.uk)

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**Shropshire IASS**  
Information Advice & Support Service


We provide information, advice and support to parents and carers of children aged 0 to 25, and young people aged 16 to 25 who have, or may have, special educational needs or disabilities (SEND).



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**autism west midlands**


We are the leading charity in the West Midlands for Autistic adults, children, young people and those who love and care for them. Our passionate, expert staff and volunteers work across a range of age groups and abilities.



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**contact** For families with disabled children


We're here for families wherever they live in the UK, and whenever they need us.



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**SHROPSHIRE LOCAL OFFER**


The SEND local offer is a single place for information, services, and resources for children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and/or disabilities, their families, and the practitioners who support them.



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**PREPARATION PACC FOR ADULTHOOD**


The PACC Preparation for Adulthood (PFA) Navigator service is available to help SEND families understand the options available for young people with SEND on their preparation for adulthood journey.



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**IPSEA**  
Independent Provider of Special Education Advice

IPSEA is a registered charity in England that provides free legal advice and support to families of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).



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](mailto: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: **Chloe Carter**

Corve: **James Home**



**Time Tables Rock Stars:**

Rea: **Florence Andrews**

Corve: **Francesca Ralph**

Severn: **Maxwell Middleton**



**Spelling Bee:**

Bronze:

Silver:

Gold: **Elliot DG**

Platinum:



**Sports Stars:**

Teme / Rea / Corve & Severn: **The whole school** for their fantastic effort during the sponsored walk today.





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

Teme: **Poppy** for her good use of finger spaces.

Rea: **Calvin** for focus on his handwriting in RE.

Corve: **Leon D** for careful accurate writing with well-placed punctuation

Severn: **Gabriel** for his work in English.



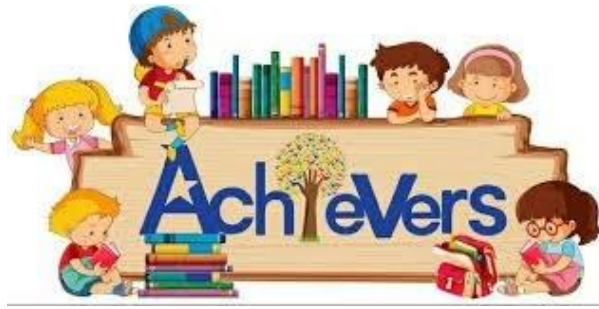
Great Sentence using words of the week:

Teme: My daddy is **bigger** than me. **Margot**

Rea: My puppy, Ivy, is **faithful** to me. **Phoebe**

Corve: The Iron Spider felt **discombobulated**, powerless and weak. **Evelyn**

Severn: The **callous** teenagers went to the graveyard and began ruining the graves leaving them **desecrated**, with family members left mourning for their loved ones. **Lorelei**



### **Class Achievers:**

**Teme:** **Oliver** for his focus in phonics and independent writing.

**Rea:** **Florence** for great focus on her editing in her story / **Tara** for editing to include more adjectives in her story.

**Corve:** **Lincoln** for writing a great number story question in maths – answering questions is one thing, but coming up with your own shows real mastery! / **Isabelle Butler** for accurate careful work in maths, working with tenths and hundredths.

**Severn:** **Bella L** and **Lottie** for their work in English / **Florence** and **Gabriel** for their progress in typing / **Elliot** for making amazing games on the computer for Teme Class.



### **Growing Acts of Kindness**

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

## Growing Acts Of Kindness

This is our kindness tree.

It is our symbol to celebrate acts of kindness in our school.  
Each week adults will nominate people across the school for acts of kindness.

These acts can be anything from picking up a coat to inviting someone to play your game.

Nominated people will be announced in achievers.

Nominated people will pop their name on a leaf and attach it to our kindness tree.

Help us grow kindness 😊

Help our school be full of kind acts 😊

Thank you to our Chair of Governors for donating our tree.

Reception: **Harry** for helping his friend with undoing buttons when the friend found it tricky.

Year 1: **Victoria** for sharing her equipment.

Year 2: **Harriet F** for comforting someone when they were upset.

Year 3: **Esther CS** for supporting a classmate in art.

Year 4: **Spencer** for offering a tissue to a classmate when he could see she was upset.

Year 5: **Felicity** for helping on the playground.

Year 6: **Bella L** for helping her peers in Science.