

The Stotty School News 12.9.2025



Stottesdon CofE Primary School

Part of <u>The Shropshire Gateway Educational Trust</u>

Tel: 01746 718617

Email: admin@stottesdon-school.co.uk

If viewing on a phone and you can't see all the text just swipe up on the writing.

Diary dates for the week ahead



Diary Dates for next week						
Monday 15 th September	Severn Class Gymnastics with Momentum Gymnastics Corve Class Parents Meeting @ 3.30pm Gymnastics After School Club					
Tuesday 16 th September	Lunchtime Choir Club Severn Class Parents Meeting @ 3.30pm Multi Sport After School Club Netball After School Club					
Wednesday 17 th September	Lunchtime Gardening Club T1 After School Rugby Club					
Thursday 18 th September						
Friday 19 th September	School Photographer Severn Class Football Festival - Children will be transported to Lacon Childe, within the school day - Children will need shin pads, trainers (no metal studs), water bottle and coat					
Upcoming Diary Dates						
Wed. 24 th September	Severn Class STEM Show @ RAF Cosford					
Friday 3 rd October	Harvest Festival @ St. Mary's Church @ 9.15am					
Tues 21 st / Thurs 23 rd October	Parent / Pupil / Teacher Consultations					
Mon.27 th - Fri. 31 st Oct	Half Term					
Monday 3 rd November	PD Day					
Wed. 17 th December	Nursery Christmas 'Stay & Play' @ 1.30pm					
Thurs. 18 th December	KS1/Reception Christmas Celebration in Church @ 1.30pm					
Fri. 19 th December	KS2 Christmas Celebration in Church @ 1.30pm					
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of Term					

School Photographs



If anyone would like sibling photographs with children NOT attending the school / nursery, would you please arrive at 8.30am. Please make your way to the school hall via the pathway off the school car park.

Children attending the school / nursery will be taken from lessons during the morning to have sibling and individual photographs.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs - September / October 2025

In September / October 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 €
Gymnastics	Annie Wain from Momentum Gymnastics	Monday 15 th September 2025	5	16	Уr 3/4/5/6	12.50
Multi-Sports	Mrs Tracey Wood	Tuesday 16 th September '25	5	16	Уr R/1/2	12.50
Lunchtime Choir	Mrs Esther Leverett Williams	Tuesday 16 th September '25	5		Уr 1/2/3/4 /5/6	0
Netball	Mrs Jackie Walker	Tuesday 16 th September '25	5	20	Уr 3/4/5/6	12.50
Lunchtime Gardening	Mrs Kim Carter	Wednesday 17 th September '25	5		Yr 3/4/5/6	0
T1 Rugby	Mrs Tracey Wood	Wednesday 17 th September '25	5	16	Уr 3/4/5/6	12.50

After School Clubs will start next week, apologies for not getting them out to you sooner.

After School Clubs on offer this half term are:

Gymnastics on Monday - Years 3/4/5/6

Multi Sports on Tuesday - Years R/1/2

Netball on Tuesday - Years 3/4/5/6

T1 Rugby on Wednesday - Years 3/4/5/6

The following clubs will be available at lunchtime:

Choir - Tuesday

Gardening - Wednesday

All clubs run once a week for a period of 5 weeks - please book via Arbor as soon as possible.

Class Welcome Meetings



Staff would like to invite with you to welcome meetings on the dates below. This is an opportunity for parents to be in classrooms, meet staff and the school share key information for the year so please take note of dates and times. Those that are unable to attend will be sent the information:

Corve Class: Monday 15th September @ 3.30pm

Severn Class: Tuesday 16th September @ 3.30pm

Updated approaches to transcription (handwriting, spelling, punctuation)

We are actioning developments from our Ofsted areas for improvement and we said we would keep you updated with changes. We will seep changes into the school news as we go along so here is the first:

We are going to move away from a weekly spelling test (research shows that children may get it right in the test but then don't apply it). We would agree that we are seeing this. Our new adapted approach will be as follows:

- 1. Share with parents the themes of spellings being covered (this will be in the school news for younger children and in book bags for older children)
- 2. Continue daily inputs for spelling so children have regular practise
- 3. Increase low stake spelling quizzes (not tests) so children have to regularly recall spellings, rules and patterns
- 4. Increase mixing up the spellings (rather than one pattern) to help children remember and retrieve what they have already been taught not just the weekly theme (we started to do this last year with good effect)

5. Increase the amount of dictation we do with children to get them practising spellings in context.

We will keep you informed of the impact of our new approach.

Great Athletes



We're excited to be welcoming a top GB athlete to the school on Thursday 25th September with Great Athletes!

All pupils will take part in a **sponsored fitness circuit** led by the athlete, and come home with some important and inspiring lessons learned during a **motivational assembly** and **Q&A** session.

The event will both connect the pupils to an extraordinary athlete role model and raise money for new sports equipment to improve physical activity in the school, as well as supporting both athletes and para-athletes, so that they can continue to inspire the next generation.

Last week children were given a sponsorship form for them to use to help raise money for the event. You can sponsor your child by

visiting: https://sportal.greatathletes.org/events/landing. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code to go directly to the online sponsorship page.



As a thank you, pupils will receive the following thank-you gifts for meeting these milestones:

Raise anything: A5 sheet of motivational stickers

Raise £5 or more: sheet of stickers, plus a blue Great Athletes wristband

Raise £15 or more: all of the above, plus a red wristband with the athlete's signature

Raise £30 or more: all of the above, plus a signed athlete poster

Please ensure that the sponsorship form and money are returned to the school office **1** week after the event has taken place.

Please also make sure that your children come to school on the event day with their PE Kits!

Thank you in anticipation of creating a terrific and memorable event.

Date for the diary: Youth Awareness Day Thursday 16th October



Date: Thursday, 16th October

Theme: "Blue for Youth"

Purpose: To raise awareness and funds for youth-focused causes across Shropshire and

Telford & Wrekin.

What's Happening on the Day?

All participating schools are invited to:

Wear Something Blue

Students and staff are encouraged to wear a blue item of clothing to show unity and support for young people.

Make a Donation

Each student is asked to bring a small donation to contribute to the Youth Awareness Day fund. All proceeds will go toward supporting youth initiatives and local charities in Shropshire.

Celebrating Music Across The Trust



We are participating in an **SGET music celebration** to share and celebrate our love of music across the Trust. The event will be on **Thursday 9th October starting at 3.45pm** to be held at Lacon Childe School. Children from Severn class will be performing songs and ensemble pieces they have learnt in school and have opportunity to hear other schools doing the same.

We will transport children to **Lacon Childe during the afternoon** for a quick rehearsal at no cost to parents. The celebration will last approximately an hour (finishing at 4.45pm).

Severn class parents are invited to come and enjoy the music but will have limited places so please reserve no more than 2 tickets per family via the Form below. **Children will need to be**collected from Lacon at 4.45pm if you are unable to make the concert.

Please complete the form to confirm collection from Lacon at 4.45pm and if you have any requests for tickets:

https://forms.office.com/e/fjxQx2Vf0v

Flu Immunisation



On Monday 22nd September the Immunisation Team will be coming into school to administer the Nasal Flu Vaccinations.

Would you please complete the eConsent (which was within the letter sent out earlier this week - copy of which is attached) **by Monday 15th September.**

Information regarding the Children's flu vaccine can be found in the link below:

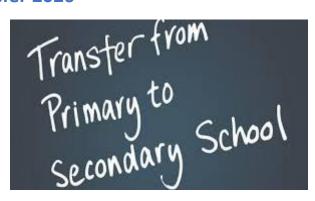
Flu Vaccine

Acceptable Use Agreement



Thank you for those of you who have completed the form acknowledging the Acceptable Use Agreement, if you have not already done so would you please complete the form as requested as soon as possible.

Secondary Transfer 2026



The online application facility for parents of year 6 students who are eligible to transfer to secondary school in September 2026 is now open as detailed in the letter sent out to parents of year 6 children earlier this week.

Below is the message from The School Admissions Team:

This is the link - Apply to start or transfer school | Shropshire Council which takes you to the Shropshire Council Admissions website. Details about secondary school open evenings can be found in the Parents' Guide to Education in Shropshire booklet, on the same website.

Closing date for applications is 31st October 2025.

Applications received by Shropshire Council after the closing date will be classed as late, which may result in your child being disadvantaged, so please ensure you make your application on-time. Late applications will not be processed until all on-time applications have been offered.

Please note your child's cohort is larger than in previous years. You can name up to four schools on your application - we encourage parents to make full use of these preferences. If only one preference is named, and we cannot offer this, we will have no choice on National Offer Day but to offer a place at the next nearest school with a vacancy, which could be a considerable distance from your home address.

Kind Regards

The School Admissions Team

Only those children who reside in Shropshire should apply via the Shropshire Council website. If any non-Shropshire resident applies via the Shropshire Council website, it will be discarded. Failure to apply to the correct Local Authority may cause an application to be late.

Earrings

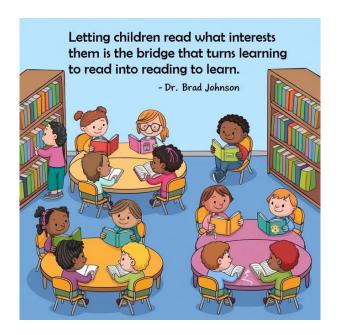


Can we remind parents that only watches and stud earrings are to be worn in school.

We are however noticing some children have multiple piercings - we would like to advise that children are only allowed **one plain stud in each ear** (any additional ear piercings should be empty - this is the same expectation as in secondary schools so good to be consistent) .

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: 82%

Rea: 76%

Corve: 44%

Severn: 80%

Our Worship / Reflections this week:



Monday: Children watched a video from our visiting athlete <u>Nekoda Smythe-Davis - Great</u> <u>Athletes</u> and reflected on the Judo sporting values.



Tuesday: We began our theme of hope by understanding the importance of hope (believing that good things will happen) and some of the symbols used for it in different cultures and religions. We reflected on our hopes for ourselves, others, our family and in the world.

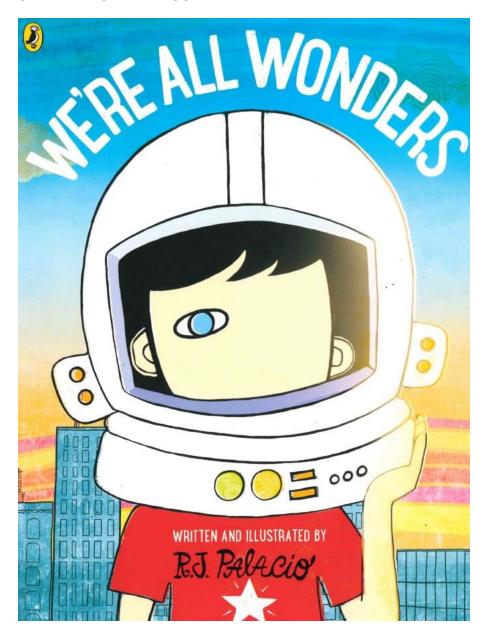
No Outsiders



Everyone different, everyone welcome.

Wednesday: We returned to our No Outsiders theme by considering how we are all wonderfully different. The book 'We're All Wonders' helped us reflect that being trendy, tall, short, curly-haired, pale, dark-skinned, big nosed, big forehead, where glasses or freckled

doesn't make someone better or worse. We pledged to treat everyone with kindness and respect - NO MATTER HOW THEY LOOK.





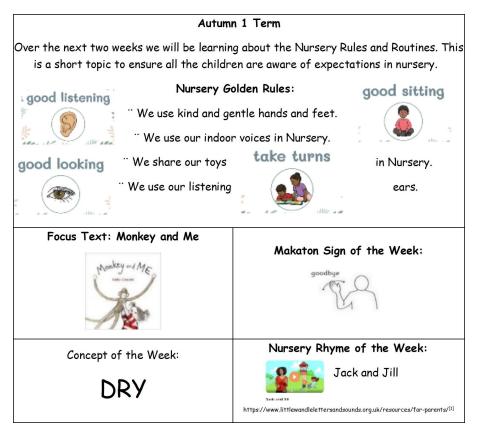
Thursday: We launched our Jigsaw theme across the school. We focused on the power of our words and actions, and how they can be used to show kindness to others. To illustrate this, we used a simple but powerful demonstration: squeezing toothpaste onto a plate and then trying to put it back into the tube. Of course, it couldn't be done — and that was the point.

We reflected that just like the toothpaste, once our words or actions are out, we can't take them back. Unkind words and hurtful actions can't be undone, so it's important to think carefully and choose kindness whenever we speak or act.



EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News

Nursery News 12.09.2025



1 - [1] https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/

Reception News 12.09.2025

Autumn 1 Term - Marvellous Me

This week in Reception, we've launched our new topic: 'Marvellous Me' – a celebration of everything that makes each child unique and special!

To begin our journey, we've been exploring the theme of **families**. The children have loved talking about who is in their family, sharing stories, and drawing pictures of their loved ones. It's been wonderful to see them take pride in their family connections and learn that families come in all shapes and sizes.

Through circle time, stories, and creative activities, we've encouraged the children to think about what makes their family special. This has helped build a sense of belonging and community in our classroom, and we've had some lovely conversations about siblings, grandparents and pets.

Thursday's Reception Welcome Meeting PowerPoint is now uploaded on ClassDojo.



This week's text:

The Colour Monster Goes to School

Nursery Rhyme of the Week:

1,2, 3, 4, 5 Once I caught a fish alive

https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/[1]

This week we have started the Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) with the children. This is a short, practical and online assessment carried out one-to-one. It is delivered in English and administered within the first 6 weeks of a pupil starting reception.

The RBA is an age-appropriate assessment of early mathematics and early literacy, communication and language at the beginning of the primary school journey.

DfE will use the data from the RBA to create primary school progress measures, which will show the progress schools make with their pupils from reception until the end of key stage 2 (KS2).

Please be assured that the assessment is completed in a relaxed and supportive way, and most children see it as a fun activity!

If you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to speak to come and speak with Mrs Rainbird-Hitchins

2 - [1] https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/

Rea Class News

Rea Phonics

Year 1

 Recap of our phase five sounds ai oa, ee, igh, ow, ur, er, or, ar, ng, nk, air, ear, oo (book) and oo (zoom).

Year 2

- Phase 5 review:
 - o /ai/ a-e ai ay a eigh ea ey aigh.
 - o /ee/ y ea ee e ie ey e-e.
 - o /igh/ igh i-e i y ie.
 - o /oa/ ow o o-e oa oe ou.

Spellings

If you wish to support your child with spelling at home:

Year 1 have been practising:

- Decodable words feel, right, food, hard, sort, took, down, hear, light zoom.
- Tricky words go, my, into and out.

Year 2 have been practising:

- Decodable words straight, grey, family, believe, time, bright, alone, show, grey, reply, happy.
- Tricky words people, eye, most, whole, great.

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.
- Spellings optional practise.

Maths

- Mastering number
 - $\circ \;\;$ Year 1 recapping our bonds to five after the holiday.
 - O Year 2 Finding five hiding in 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10
 - Number counting

Year 1

- Counting on from a given number.
- · Starting counting at different numbers.
- Knowing we can arrange numbers in different ways and our altogether number will remain the same.
- Knowing that the final number that we say represents how many.

Year 2 only

- Understanding that one ten is equal to ten ones.
- Counting in tens
- · Representing multiples of ten.
- Knowing the structure of the number names for our multiples of ten.

Forces in STEM @ RAF Cosford



On Wednesday 24th September children from Severn Class will be attending a 'Forces in STEM day' at RAF Cosford.

This is a fun packed day includes a science show and engages children in all things STEM.

Children will need a water bottle, packed lunch and coat.

Admission is free of charge, however we are asking for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the transport of £5.55 per child (those children eligible for FSM £2.78). As always we are very grateful to FoSPS for subsidising the cost of the transport.

Parenting Signposts

Understanding Your Child Groups - Autumn 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 September 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually Via MS Teams
Understanding Your Child Group 29th September 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Ludlow Primary School
Understanding Your Child Group 1th October 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm at Whitchurch Cofe Infants School
Understanding Your Child SEND Group 2th October 2025 from 9.00am to 11.00am at Woodlands School Wem
Understanding Your Child Group 2th October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Sunflower House Shrewsbury
Understanding Your Child Group 2th October 2025 from 9.30am to 3.00pm at Whittington Primary School
Understanding Your Child SEND Group 3th October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually Via MS Teams

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

Shropshire Supporting



Sleep Tight Work Shops - Autumn 2025

Does your child struggle with their sleep? **Free Sleep Tight Groups** Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups 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

SEND Group Tuesday 23rd September 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams

Group Wednesday 24th September 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams

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



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 Public Health Nursing Team



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 <u>LeSPzXO</u>

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)



Bridgnorth Community Information 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.







Pharmacy First can help families – a new service available in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

Pharmacy First can help families with minor illnesses and seven common conditions. If appropriate, treatment can be offered without a prescription for seven common conditions, and it can be quicker to see a pharmacist than a GP. Normal prescription charges and exemptions (those who do not have to pay, including children) will apply.

A pharmacy is a great place to get healthcare advice and treatment. Pharmacies are easy to reach, usually located within local communities, and often open evenings and weekends. This service may help children and colleagues get well and back to nursery/school/work quicker.



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.



Spelling Bee:

Bronze:

Silver:



Sports Stars:

Teme: **Arthur F** for listening and focusing in PE during the 'fire and ice' routine.

Rea: Ophelia P for great ball control.

Corve: Isla & Esther for brilliant demonstrations during netball in PE.

Severn: Izzy P & Gabby for great focus, determination and enthusiastic actions during early morning dance.

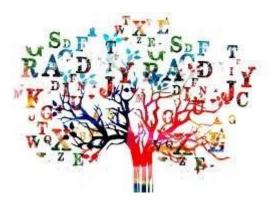


Pride and Presentation: Award for pupil focus on presentation of work across the curriculum.

Rea: Victoria for her handwriting.

Corve: **Joey** for super prediction on the story of James and the Giant Peach - lovely handwriting too.

Severn: Izzy for her work in maths.



Great Sentence using words of the week:

Teme: My toys are under my bed. Caleb

Rea: Once there was a bold boy. Boyd

Corve: The mountainous, ginormous peach was towering over the big tree! Phoebe S

Severn: As I began the game, a **disclaimer** popped up to warn me that the flashing lights might cause seizures. **Jenson**



Class Achievers:

Teme: **Daisy** for her growing confidence in participation during our maths carpet discussions this week.

Rea: Bella E, Alfie and Chloe for their focus, being ready for learning.

Corve: Ella, Isla, Libby-Grace, Leon, Mason, Lincoln, Monty, Ned, Raith, Ralph and Walt for fantastic first lesson on coding objects with sound, movement and collision.

Severn: Ellie, Cash, Fletcher, Gabby, Noah, Ottilie, Ruby and Lucas for great revisiting of coding skills in their new year group.



Children selected for growing kindness.

Reception: **Arthur** for helping his class peers find the equipment they need during our activities this week.

- Year 1: **Poppy** for being helpful to others.
- Year 2: Chloe for putting others before herself.
- Year 3: **Eva** for being supportive and helping another pupil with their work.

- Year 4: Monty B for being kind, polite and helpful towards other members of the class.
- Year 5: **Lucas** for lovely manners.
- Year 6: **Charlie** for checking all equipment is on site after each break.