

# The Stotty School News 19.9.2025



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### Diary dates for the week ahead



Diary Dates for next week	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Nasal Flu Immunisations Severn Class Gymnastics with Momentum Gymnastics Teme Class Forest Fun Gymnastics After School Club
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Lunchtime Choir Club Netball After School Club
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Severn Class STEM Show @ RAF Cosford - Children will need packed lunch, water bottle and waterproof coat Lunchtime Gardening Club T1 After School Rugby Club
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Para Olympian Visit - Fitness circuits and inspirational assembly
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Teme Class Multisport Festival - Children will be transported to Lacon Childe, within the school day - Children will need trainers, water bottle and coat
Upcoming Diary Dates	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Harvest Festival @ St. Mary's Church @ 9.15am
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> / Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parent / Pupil / Teacher Consultations
Mon.27 <sup>th</sup> - Fri. 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	PD Day
Wed. 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas 'Stay & Play' @ 1.30pm
Thurs. 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1/Reception Christmas Celebration in Church @ 1.30pm
Fri. 19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Celebration in Church @ 1.30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term

### Packed Lunches and Hot Dinners



Across schools we need to adhere by school food standards for food throughout the school day. During the summer some changes came in to the early years standards and this has led to some amendments in the hot meal menu that you might have noticed (e.g. baked beans being available once a week rather than every day).

Schools are also expected to encourage parents and carers to provide children with packed lunches that complement the nutritional standards. As a result we promote healthy balanced packed lunch options using the principles of the Eatwell Guide and our Packed Lunch Guidelines. Packed lunches should include:

- starchy foods these are bread, rice, potatoes, pasta and others \* Reception and Nursery aged children nutrition guidance states to avoid flavoured dried rice, pasta and noodle products e.g. packets and pots of instant flavoured noodles, pasta and rice
- protein foods including meat, fish, eggs, beans and others
- a dairy item this could be cheese or a yoghurt
- vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit
- a healthy drink such as water, milk or 100% fruit juice (no fizzy drinks) \*Reception and nursery aged children nutrition guidance states to avoid sugary drinks (including fruit juices, squash and smoothies).

Packed lunches should include only one small chocolate bar, one small snack or crisps and should not include sweets. \* Reception and Nursery aged children nutrition guidance states to avoid foods high in saturated fat, salt, and/or sugars like cakes, sweet and savoury pastries, biscuits, crisps, chocolate and other confectionary.

We may contact parents if packed lunches are not suitable (e.g. has more than one item high in fat, salt or sugar) for additional support with providing a nutritious lunch. Parents may find the following websites helpful: <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes">https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes</a>

Please label lunch boxes clearly with the child's name to avoid cross contamination.

Reception and nursery aged children nutrition guidance states all food must be prepared in a way to prevent choking. The Food Standards Agency poster may help with this: <a href="https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2021/09/Early-Years-Choking-Hazards-Table FINAL 21-Sept-2021.pdf">https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2021/09/Early-Years-Choking-Hazards-Table FINAL 21-Sept-2021.pdf</a>

Parents are also encouraged to pack an ice pack inside their child's lunchbox.

Following food safety guidance, we will not reheat food brought in from home.

### London Residential



As recognised by Ofsted, children in Severn class will have the fantastic opportunity to take part in our biannual residential trip to London.

The trip is due to take place from Tuesday 9th June 2026 to Friday 12th June 2026.

Thank you to those of you that paid the deposit earlier this year to enable us to secure accommodation.

We have now opened up the trip on Arbor to enable you to pay the remaining balance of £314 via instalments (please note this is an approximate figure, as we are not in a position to finalise costs at present).

### Severn Trent Water Assembly



On Monday children enjoyed an assembly with Rob Jansen, the Education Officer from Severn Trent.

Children learnt all about water from start of finish, beginning with the water cycle. They looked at recycling waste water and how to look after the environment.

Children received a commitment certificate for promising to only put the 3Ps (paper, pee and poo) down the loo and use water wisely.













# Lacon Childe School Open Events



### Sports Partnership Offer



As part of our sports offer we aim to give children a range of opportunities to children in classes, across classes, outside of school hours, and across schools. These opportunities offer festival and competition style events to support children in their enjoyment and achievement of sport. Activities will have a range of intent which can be seen on the overview which we will include in next week's school news.

### **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: <a href="https://sportal.greatathletes.org/events/landing">https://sportal.greatathletes.org/events/landing</a>. 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.

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

### Flu Vaccine

### NCMP Height and Weight Screening



On Wednesday 1st October 2025 the School Nursing Team will be coming into school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme to carry out height and weight checks of children in Reception and Year 6.

An email was sent out regarding this on Wednesday. If you are happy for your child to be measured you do not need to do anything, however if you do not want your child to be measured please complete the 'opt out' form in the letter that was emailed to you and return it to the school office as soon as possible. A paper copy of this form is available from the office should you need it.

### **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.

Link: https://forms.office.com/e/Qu0S4fq8mU

### **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.

### **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: 90%

Rea: 90%

*Corve: 97%* 

**Severn: 100%** 

### Our Worship / Reflections this week:

Monday: Severn Trent Water Assembly



Tuesday: We continued our theme of hope by looking at the rainbow (symbols of hope appearing after storms - light follows darkness). We reflected on the story of Noah's Ark and how the rainbow was God's promise and it symbolised a fresh start. We reflected on how we would try and be someone's rainbow this week and bring hope by being kind, helpful or encouraging.

Wednesday: It was lovely to see the Open the Book team. We started the year with the story of creation and reflected on what we really valued and treasured in our wonderful world.



Thursday: Rule Change for Voters - Our assembly focused on democracy. We discussed the voting age being reduced to 16 from 18 and how we could prepare for this and what we already do to ensure democracy: school council votes, movie nights, after school clubs and decisions in class.

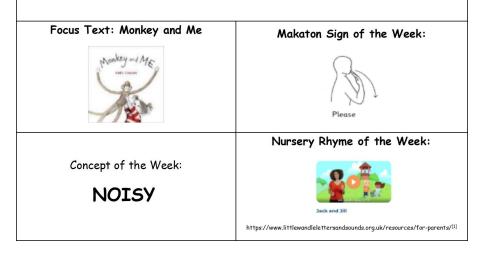


### **EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News**

### Nursery News 19.09.2025

### Autumn 1 Term

This week in Nursery, the children have been exploring the topic of our bodies. Through songs, stories, and hands-on activities, they've been learning about different body parts and what they do. From head, shoulders, knees and toes to drawing self-portraits, to measuring who is the tallest in our class.



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

### Reception News 19.09.2025

### Autumn 1 Term - Marvellous Me

This week, Reception have been busy learning all about our bodies. The children have been naming different body parts and discovering the important jobs each one does from how our eyes help us see to how our legs help us run and jump! Through songs, stories, and fun activities, they've been exploring how our bodies work and why they're so special.

### 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's phonics sounds:



Pull your lips back and make the I sound at the back of your mouth III



Open your lips a bit, put your tongue behind your teeth and make the **nnnnn** 



Put your lips together and



Blending sounds to make CVC words:

$$d - a - d$$

$$s - a - d$$

$$p - a - n$$

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

### Forces in STEM @ 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 benefit related FSM £2.78).

As always we are very grateful to FoSPS for subsidising the cost of the transport.

### Computer Workshop



On Wednesday 8th October children in Severn Class will be attending a morning computer coding workshop at Telford in association with Harper Adams University and RoarTech Education. Children will have the opportunity to combine hands on LEGO robotics with computing programming.

The workshop is fully funded, however we are asking for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the transport of £4.40 per child (those children eligible for benefit related FSM £2.20). Again we are very grateful to FoSPS for subsidising the cost of the transport.

### **Parenting Signposts**

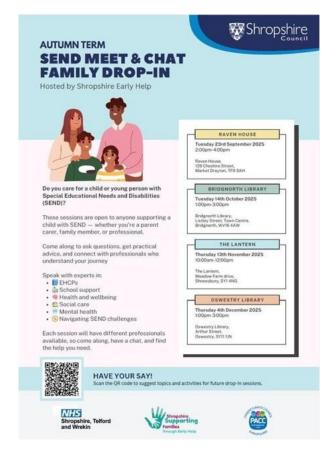
SEND Meet and Chat Drop-in Sessions:

Tuesday 23rd September - Raven House, Market Drayton

Tuesday 14th October 2025 - Bridgnorth Library

Thursday 13th November - The Lantern, Shrewsbury

Thursday 4th December - Oswestry Library



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 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually Via MS Teams
Understanding Your Child Group 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Ludlow Primary School
Understanding Your Child Group 1<sup>th</sup> October 2025 from 10.20pm to 2.45pm at Whitchurch CofE Infants School
Understanding Your Child SEND Group 2<sup>th</sup> October 2025 from 9.00am to 11.00am at Woodlands School Wem
Understanding Your Child Group 2<sup>th</sup> October 2025 from 9.00am to 11.30am at Sunflower House Shrewsbury
Understanding Your Child Group 2<sup>th</sup> October 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Whittington Primary School
Understanding Your Child SEND Group 3<sup>th</sup> October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually Via MS Teams



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 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams or Group Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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

Find out more here

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# 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 <a href="https://youtu.be/7t1jBqJJTl8?si=LeOiNag8">https://youtu.be/7t1jBqJJTl8?si=LeOiNag8</a> 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 <a href="https://orlo.uk/5RvZN">https://orlo.uk/5RvZN</a>

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.



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





# 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 cooperatively 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.



Create your free account at www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents or scan the QR code To access the course, you will need a good internet





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 <a href="mailto:info@paccshropshire.org.uk">info@paccshropshire.org.uk</a>

### **Celebrating Children's Achievements**





### Numbots.

Corve: James Home



### **Sports Stars:**

Teme: **Tommy** for good leadership during our PE session playing follow the leader.

Rea: **Tara** for expressive dance on our journey to space.

Corve: Leo R for being positive, enthusiastic and willing to demonstrate new skills in Netball.

Severn: Maxwell for great exploration of travel during gymnastics.

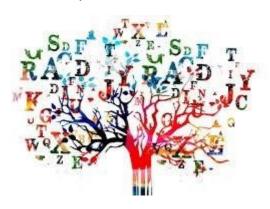


# Pride and Presentation: Award for pupil focus on presentation of work across the curriculum.

Rea: Kai for organised, neat and correctly formed letters in his maths book.

Corve: **Isla** for brilliant improvement on her handwriting which is showing in all her class work books.

Severn: Tabitha for her work in History.



### **Great Sentence using words of the week:**

Teme: I have **more** toys than my sister. **Daisy** 

Rea: Suddenly it went dark and inky. Victoria

Corve: I was curious why there was a mountainous peach in my garden. William

Severn: The majestic sun set over the mountains. Evelyn



### **Class Achievers:**

Teme: **Esme** for showing fantastic focus and attention during carpet time inputs.

Rea: **Arthur** for getting straight on with his work and then being very successful in his repeated addition of multiples of ten / **Kitt** for showing lots of different ways of representing numbers in maths.

Corve: **Ella**, **Eva**, **Harriet**, **Phoebe R**, **Walter**, **Lincoln** for always working hard and being ready to learn.

Severn: **Sofia** for her reading in whole class guided reading / **Ellie**, **Teddy**, **Evelyn**, **Elia** and **Felicity** for creative artwork about the creation story / **Holly** for amazing progress in her first ocarina lesson.



Children selected for growing kindness.

Reception: **Monty** for helping a friend when they were upset.

Year 1: Margot for allowing a friend to go in front of her.

Year 2: Tara for helping one of her friends when she could see she was upset.

- Year 3: **Ada** for being kind and sharing her battery with other pupils to allow them to light their light bulb.
- Year 4: Ralph for returning a younger child's ball during breaktime.
- Year 5: **Fletcher** for helping another pupil save a word document.
- Year 6: **Tabitha** for helping Mrs Williams with her musical instruments.