



# The Stotty School News 28.11.2025



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## Diary dates for the week ahead



Diary Dates for next week	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Momentum Gymnastics for Corve Class Momentum Gymnastics After School Club for R/1/2 Arithmetic After School Club for Yr 6
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Bags 2 School - Bags to go under the canopy before 9am Due to SIAMS inspection ELW Private Music Lessons will move to Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December Lunchtime Choir Lacon Sports Coach for Corve & Severn Hockey After School Club for Yrs 3/4/5/6
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	ELW Private Music Lessons Lunchtime Homework Club for Yrs 3/4/5/6 Lego After School Club - Open to all
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Severn Class trip to Cadbury World - children will need a PACKED LUNCH, water bottle and waterproof coat Cookery After School Club - Yrs 3/4/5/6
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Children who have put themselves forward from Corve & Severn Class will be attending a Xcountry Festival at Lacon, children will need a water bottle and waterproof coat - within the school day
Upcoming Diary Dates	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	FoSPS Movie Night
Wed. 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Non Uniform Day - Christmas Themed 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

## School Council Announcement: School Desktop Calendar For Sale - help us raise funds for environmental charities



**STOTTESDON CofE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
PART OF FOUR STONES GATEWAY



**ACHIEVING  
TOGETHER**

# 2026

Children were so inspired by the World Nature Photography Competition that the School Council ran their own competition. The winning photographs have been used to create this calendar to help us to raise funds to donate to a wildlife charity that helps look after our world.

*The School Council are very excited to announce that the new calendar for 2026 is now available to order on Arbor.*

*It contains all of the nature photography competition winners from last year - one for each month.*

*The desktop calendar is only £5 and a great gift for your family and friends.*

*Parents are able to order via Arbor and then collect at the school office.*

*Any money raised from the sale of the calendar will be split between 3 different world wide environmental charities:*

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- *WWF which protects animals and habitats*
- *Coalition for Rainforest Nation who are protecting rainforests*
- *The Clean Air Task Force who are working to keep air clean and reduce pollution*

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*We hope you will embrace and support our initiative.*

*Many thanks,*

*The School Council*

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## **Bags 2 School - Tuesday 2nd December**



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*We are having a 'bag 2 school' collection on Tuesday 2nd December.*

*Please ensure filled bags are left under the shelter by 9am on the morning of collection day.*

*Below are a list of items which can be included in the bags for collection:*

*Clothes / paired shoes / handbags / hats / bags / scarves and ties / bras / jewellery / socks / belts.*

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## Parking



We would appreciate your cooperation in ensuring safe and considerate parking around the school.

Please:

- **Keep access to nearby properties clear** at all times.
- **Avoid parking on pavements**, as this can obstruct pedestrians/those on mobility scooters and create hazards.
- **Do not park close to junctions**, which can reduce visibility and increase risk for drivers and pedestrians.

Your support helps us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

## Shropshire Winter HAF Programme 2025



Shropshire Council are working in partnership with local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to run exciting holiday clubs this winter.

From 20 December 2025 to 5 January 2026, HAF eligible children and young people are invited to take part in a range of fun free activities, happening at holiday clubs from across the county.

**Core Eligibility:** Children and young people aged 4 (in reception class) to 16 who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals.

Many of the HAF programmes also include paid places for children and young people who don't meet the eligibility criteria. These spaces are generally very heavily subsidised and have been highlighted in the What's On Guide.

All the bookings are being made direct with the organisations running the clubs.

A list of clubs and timetable is available in the **Winter what's on guide and online here [Activities and events | Shropshire Council](#)**

Each eligible child and young person is able to attend 4 x sessions over the winter holidays.

## Thermomix



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*We are excited to announce that we had delivery of the new Thermomix machine last week, thank you to all those of you that attended the demonstration delivered by Fran Hinves which enabled us to have this free machine.*

*FoSAPS are planning to use the machine at the Christmas Movie Night to make smoothies for the children.*

*Huge thanks to FoSAPS, especially Meg Williams, for taking the time to arrange this and for attending the training to set it all up.*

*We are sure the machine will prove to be a valuable asset to the school.*

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**Our Worship / Reflections this week:**



**S**ervice is....



**S**pending time on others

**E**njoying giving help

**R**esponsibility in action

**V**olunteering willingly

**I** second, you first

You are what you do, not what you say you will do.  
(C. G. Jung)

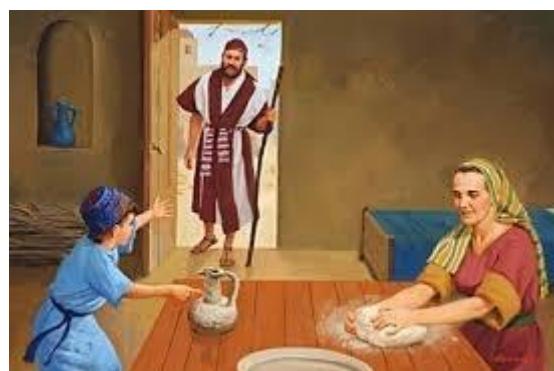
**C**ommitting to a task

**E**veryone offering their talents and gifts

No joy can equal the joy of serving others.  
(Sai Baba)

Think of a time when helping someone else made you feel joyful.

Monday: We performed a poem to tell the story of how the widow fed Elijah even though she was down to her last bit of flour and oil (she trusted in God to help - her jug and jar didn't empty!). We reflected on the joy it gave her to help someone (even though she thought it was her last meal) as well as the joy Elijah felt to be helped. Serving brings joy to those who serve and those who receive.



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*Tuesday: We continued our theme of humility and service by thinking about giving with 'no strings attached'. Our older children acted out a little play to show what this means: serving/helping without expecting anything back. We reflected on just doing things for others purely just to help/be kind/serve and with no other reason.*

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Wednesday: Open the book brought us the story of the annunciation (the announcement by Angel Gabriel to Mary that she would have God's son). We reflected on the weight and importance of this significant news and how Mary and Joseph must have felt. We thought about the 'do not be afraid....' and how sometimes in our lives things happen that make us scared, worried or even panicked (falling over; can't do something; something shocking or sad in our lives). At these times, it is sometimes helpful to take a breath, not be afraid and trust in God and people around us that it will be okay.



Thursday: We looked at the story in the news about McDonald's changing the colours of their famous Happy Meal box in the UK, making it white on three sides, for children to colour and design it themselves. The company said the new boxes encourage creativity and

let children express their ideas and feelings through drawing. Four million of the new 'colour your own' boxes have been given out as a trial to see how children respond.

We reflected on the way we express ourselves can have impact on others. When we use our creativity to share kind, thoughtful, or joyful messages, we can help people feel connected and understood.



## PE Kits



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Would parents please ensure children have **non branded PE kits in school** please. This is really important to prevent peer pressure to have certain brands and expensive products.  
We want all children to feel equal and confident.

Children are required to change for P.E. and need:

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- plain black or navy shorts,
- a white tee-shirt,
- trainers
- a bag to keep them in.

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***During the winter months we ask children to bring a pair of plain black/navy jogging bottoms and a plain black/navy sports jumper for when the weather is colder.***

***If children have their ears pierced, would parents please ensure they only wear plain studs in school.***

***Children should be able to take their own earrings out for PE (from 6 weeks after having their ears pierced - if within 6 week period they can have their ears taped). This is really important as accidents of earrings getting caught whilst doing sport are well known. Please help your child be able to take out and put in their earrings independently.***

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## **Four Stones Gateway Trust Photography Competition**



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***This year marks an exciting new chapter as The Four Stones Multi-Academy Trust and The Shropshire Gateway Trust come together to form Four Stones Gateway Trust, bringing together seven schools across Worcestershire and Shropshire.***

***To celebrate this union, we're inviting students, and staff to take part in a Photography Competition that captures the spirit of our new Trust.***

*The theme is 'Togetherness' we'd love to see photos that show what togetherness means to your child, from friendships, celebrations, to the beautiful landscapes that connect Worcestershire and Shropshire. Do encourage them to take part and represent their Year group, school and community.*

*Winning entries will be showcased on our new Trust social media pages and featured in our launch celebrations. Please follow us @fourstonesgateway on Instagram and X.*

*Let's celebrate our new beginnings, and the power of togetherness.*

*Students and parents can get further information from the slides sent with the school news.*

*Please send competition entries to [admin@stottesdon-school.co.uk](mailto:admin@stottesdon-school.co.uk) (by 30th January 2026)*

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## **Community Governor Vacancy**



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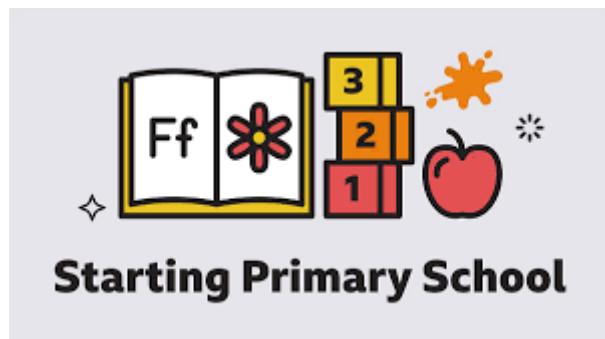
*Would you like to join the local governing body at Stottesdon CofE Primary School as a community governor?*

*We currently have a vacancy, please see the attached leaflet for further information.*

*Please contact Hannah Coleman, Governance Professional, at [hannah.coleman@laconchilleschool.co.uk](mailto:hannah.coleman@laconchilleschool.co.uk) for an application form or if you have any queries.*

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## Applying for Primary School place for September 2026



Children can start school in reception at the beginning of the academic year following their fourth birthday. Therefore, children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 can start primary school from September 2026.

Shropshire residents should make their applications for English state schools using the Shropshire online portal. Local authorities co-ordinate applications. Use our [guidance notes](#) to help you make your application. If you have any queries or encounter any difficulties completing your application, please contact the School Admissions Team by email: [school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk)

**Please note that the online facility is open from 3 November 2025. You must apply by 15 January 2026.** If there's a reason why your application is late, eg due to a house move, please email [school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk) to advise - there may be exceptional reasons to be considered.

Please see further information in the link below:

[Starting infant or primary school | Shropshire Council](#)

## Chorley Chapel Warm Hub



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*Chorley Chapel will be holding a 'warm hub' on the following date:*

*Saturday 13th December*

*The Chapel will be open from 11 till 1pm, serving bacon/sausage sandwiches, toasted teacakes etc.*

*If there are any children who would like to be helpers (writing menus, taking orders, serving tables, clearing up) on any or all of the above dates please email the office to let us know.*

*Children would need to arrive at 10.45pm and stay until approx. 1pm. Mrs Jones will be there to supervise and support.*

*This is a fantastic way to feel part of the community and get involved in multi-generational events.*

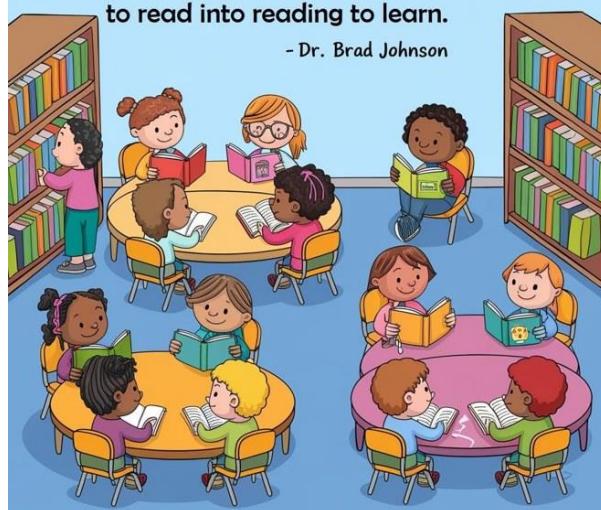
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## Celebrating Reading



**Letting children read what interests them is the bridge that turns learning to read into reading to learn.**

*- Dr. Brad Johnson*



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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: 90%**

**Corve: 94%**

**Severn: 97%**

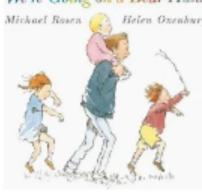
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## EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News

### Nursery News 28.11.2025

Autumn 2 Term: Weather and Celebrations		
This week, the children enjoyed joining Reception in the afternoons for shared learning experiences. Together, we explored the theme of sunny weather and rainbows through a range of fun and creative activities. The children enjoyed discovering how rainbows are formed and expressing their ideas through art, stories, and outdoor play.		
Little Wandle Text: Monster's Clothes 	Makaton Sign of the Week:  Excited	Phonics Sound of the Week:  Bring your lips together, push them open and say p p p
Concept of the Week: <b>OUT</b>	Nursery Rhyme of the Week: <b>Humpty Dumpty</b> 	
<a href="https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/">https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/</a>		

## Reception News 28.11.2025

<p><b>Talk for Writing Text:</b></p> <p><i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i> Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury</p>  <p><i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i></p>	<p><b>Mastering Number:</b> This week, the children explored activities that helped them understand the purpose of counting - finding out 'how many' objects there are. They practised naming the objects as they counted, for example, "Can you bring me six crayons?" to make the idea of quantity clear. The children revisited one-to-one correspondence by matching objects to their representations and developed their understanding of cardinality - knowing that the last number counted tells us the total. They even applied this concept to more abstract things like claps and jumps!</p> <p>The children explored linking quantities up to five with their corresponding numeral and investigated what happens when objects are rearranged, learning that the quantity stays the same.</p>							
<p><b>This week's phonics:</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Pronunciation Phrase - sh Show me your teeth and push the air out shshshshsh</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Pronunciation Phrase - th Voiced: Tongue on your teeth, teeth almost closed to make a 'buzzing' th Unvoiced: Tongue on your teeth and push the air out th</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Pronunciation Phrase - ng Open your mouth a bit and then use your tongue at the back of your mouth to say ng ng ng</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Pronunciation Phrase - nk Open your mouth a bit and then use your tongue at the back of your mouth to say nk nk nk</p> </div> </div> <p><b>Reading and blending the following words:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>shell</td> <td>dish</td> <td>this</td> <td>moth</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ring</td> <td>thing</td> <td>pink</td> <td>sink</td> </tr> </table>	shell	dish	this	moth	ring	thing	pink	sink
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## Best Start in Life



The Best Start in Life campaign, aims to increase awareness of the importance of early years in a child's development and the role of early years education.

Please visit their website (formerly Childcare Choices): <https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/>

The website contains a wealth of information from pregnancy through to starting school.

## Severn Class trip to Cadbury's World

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*On Thursday 4th December children in Severn Class will be visiting Cadbury World in Birmingham.*

*The trip will take place within the school day, children will be having an educational tour plus a talk on the Maya theory of creation, experiencing the opportunity to dress up in traditional Maya clothes.*

*We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £16.35 per child (those children eligible for benefit related free school meals £8.18).*

*Thank you to FoSPS for subsidising the cost of the transport.*

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## Parenting Signposts

### You and Me, Mum Group

An 8 week course to help understand how domestic violence impacts on you and your children.

Every Wednesday from 14th January - 11th March



**You and Me, Mum Group**

**This 8-week course** will help you understand how domestic violence impacts on you as a parent and how it affects your children. The course objectives are to empower, support and develop further understanding of your role as a mother in addressing the needs of your children and young people

To book and secure your place on this course please call **01743 250400**

Every Wednesday from  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
09:30-11:30am  
Venue: Shrewsbury SY1

Facilitated by  
Early Help and Support Team with Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service



### SEND Meet and Chat Drop-in Sessions:

Thursday 13th November - The Lantern, Shrewsbury

Thursday 4th December - Oswestry Library

**AUTUMN TERM**  
**SEND MEET & CHAT**  
**FAMILY DROP-IN**

Hosted by Shropshire Early Help



**Do you care for a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?**

These sessions are open to anyone supporting a child with SEND — whether you're a parent carer, family member, or professional.

Come along to ask questions, get practical advice, and connect with professionals who understand your journey

Speak with experts in:

- EHCPs
- School support
- Health and wellbeing
- Social care
- Mental health
- Navigating SEND challenges

Each session will have different professionals available, so come along, have a chat, and find the help you need.

**RAVEN HOUSE**  
Tuesday 23rd September 2025  
2:00pm-4:00pm  
Raven House,  
129 Cheshire Street,  
Market Drayton, TF9 3AH

**BRIDGNORTH LIBRARY**  
Tuesday 14th October 2025  
1:00pm-3:00pm  
Bridgnorth Library,  
Lutley Street, Town Centre,  
Bridgnorth, WV16 8AW

**THE LANTERN**  
Thursday 13th November 2025  
10:00am-12:00pm  
The Lantern,  
Meadow Farm Drive,  
Shrewsbury, SY1 4NG

**OSWESTRY LIBRARY**  
Thursday 4th December 2025  
1:00pm-3:00pm  
Oswestry Library,  
Arthur Street,  
Oswestry, SY11 1JN

**HAVE YOUR SAY!**  
Scan the QR code to suggest topics and activities for future drop-in sessions.

**NHS**  
Shropshire, Telford  
and Wrekin

**Shropshire Supporting Families**  
through Early Help

**PACC**  
Parenting and  
Community  
Collaboration

## Understanding Your Child Group - January 2026 - Clee Hill Community Academy

Face to face group - Understand your child SEND commencing on Thursday 15th January 2026 @ Clee Hill Community Academy from 9am to 11am - every Thursday for 10 weeks (excluding the school holidays).

## 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 our free face-to-face group

**Understanding Your Child SEND**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**9.00am to 11.00am**

**Clee Hill Community Academy**

**Tenbury Road, Ludlow SY8 3NE**

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  
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or call 01743 250950

Find more free online courses at:  
[inourplace.co.uk/shropshire](http://inourplace.co.uk/shropshire)



## 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>st</sup> October 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm at Whitchurch CofE Infants School  
Understanding Your Child SEND Group 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 from 9.00am to 11.00am at Woodlands School Wem  
Understanding Your Child Group 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Sunflower House Shrewsbury  
Understanding Your Child Group 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Whittington Primary School  
Understanding Your Child SEND Group 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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## 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**

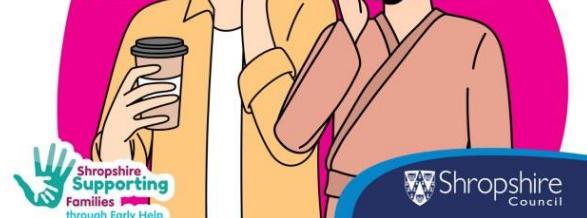
or

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

Find out more here



Shropshire Council

### 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



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](https://www.facebook.com/ShropshireFamilyInfo)  
[@ShropshireFamilyInfo](https://www.instagram.com/ShropshireFamilyInfo)  
[@ShropFamilyInfo](https://twitter.com/ShropFamilyInfo)

[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/7t1jBqJTI8?si=LeOINag8\\_LeSPzX0](https://youtu.be/7t1jBqJTI8?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>

BeeU Emotional Health and Wellbeing



Are you a parent/carer to a child under the age of five?

Are you concerned about meeting their emotional needs or some challenging behaviours that you are seeing?

Would you like to have a better relationship with your baby or child?

Do you worry about your bond or attachment with your baby or child?

Do you worry that you are not able to meet the needs of your baby or child?

Here at BEEU we can help you explore the answers to some of these questions and many more issues that you may be affected by

Our practitioners can offer a listening ear and help you make sense of some of the thoughts and feelings you have around your relationship with your baby/child.

We may also be able to offer a therapeutic intervention if you wish and is appropriate

We have two practitioners who are trained in Video Interaction Guidance (VIG) therapy which is an evidence-based approach to supporting better relationships with parents and their baby/infants in the early years. You can find out more about VIG at [What is VIG? | AVIGuk](#)

If you would like to find out more about our service and if it is right for you or would like to speak to one of our practitioners please contact BeeU via email:  
[beeuearlyyears@mpft.nhs.uk](mailto:beeuearlyyears@mpft.nhs.uk)

We welcome contact from parents/carers directly.

Togetherness for better emotional health (previously known as the Solihull Approach):

Togetherness is an online learning environment developed by psychologists and health practitioners providing accessible learning about emotional health and wellbeing, proven to positively impact mental health, behaviour and relationships.

To find out more about the free online courses please visit:

<https://inourplace.co.uk/shropshire/>

For more information on the change from 'Solihull Approach' to 'Togetherness' please visit:  
<https://inourplace.co.uk/becoming-togetherness/>



### How to sign up:

Residents can access these courses for free by entering the Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Access Code:

**DARWIN18**

at [inourplace.co.uk](https://inourplace.co.uk).

**inourplace** 

**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.



## COFFEE & CHAT

Stay & Play

Every Tuesday

1pm until 3pm

Bridgnorth Library, 67 Listley Street,  
Bridgnorth, WV16 4AW

All families within the local area welcome

Free information, support & advice around:

Family Life

Housing & Finance

Special Education Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)

Parenting Support

Training & Employment

Domestic Abuse Support

And much more...

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## 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!

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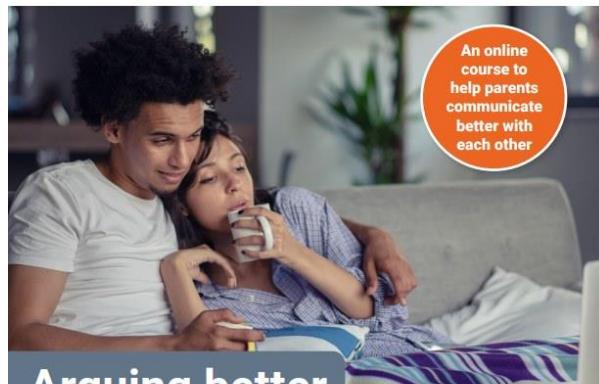


Introducing the Separating better app, a **free** self-guided mobile app for separating parents, designed to facilitate a smoother separation journey and promote positive co-parenting. This app is filled with expert advice, video resources, practical parenting, and budgeting plans, as well as co-parenting 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](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.



## 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.

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***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.

**Worried about your child's health?**

**Think 'Pharmacy First'**

You can now get treatment for a variety of common conditions and minor illnesses from your local community pharmacy.

Your pharmacy can help with:

- Earache (ages 1-17)
- Infected insect bites (from age 1)
- Impetigo (from age 1)
- Sore throat (from age 5)
- Hay fever (all ages)
- Conjunctivitis (all ages)

If you don't know whether a pharmacist can help with what you need, give them a call first or just pop in.

If you get a prescription through your pharmacy, you'll never pay more than if you had seen your GP.

## 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.

**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)

**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).

**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.

**contact** For families with disabled children

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

**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.

**PACC Preparation for Adulthood (PFA) Navigator**

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.

**IPSEA** Information for all 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



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

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### **Numbots**

Rea: **Bella Evans**

Corve: **Ned James**



### **Times Tables Rock Stars**

Corve: **Grace Richards**

Severn: **Felicity Robertson**



### **Spelling Bee**

Bronze:



**Sports Stars:**

Teme: **Caleb & Monty** for their great partnership work during our snowy dance.

Rea: **Freddie** for good footwork and ball control in football.

Corve: **Raith** for perseverance and engagement in football.

Severn: **Cash** and **Harrison** for great focus, control and technique during PE football. Special mention for **Esme** from Mrs Stokes. **Fletcher** and **Holly** for their excellent focus during PE dance.

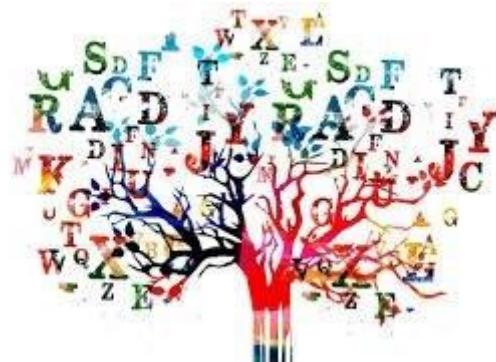


**Pride and Presentation: Award for pupil focus on presentation of work across the curriculum.**

Rea: **Arthur R** for his presentation in his dictated sentence.

Corve: **Ada** for her RE work.

Severn: **Evelyn** for her work in maths.



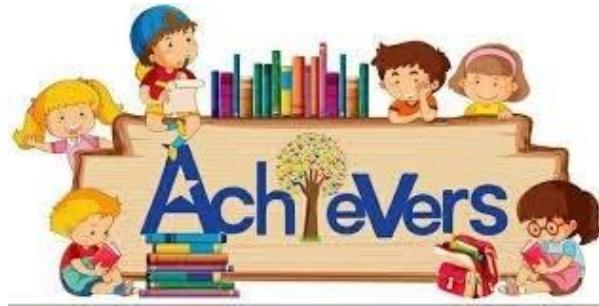
### Great Sentence using words of the week:

Teme: 'My sister goes to bed in the day for a nap'. **Esme**

Rea: I have a teeny-weeny, tiny fear and he **protects** me. **Halsey**

Corve: I **misheard** my mum and carried on playing. **Ned**

Severn: I found an **immense** fish in the pond. **Isabelle B**



### Class Achievers:

Teme: **Arthur F** and **Esme E** for their independent effort in writing a list of CVC words during literacy. Both demonstrated using their phonic spelling strategies by breaking words into individual sounds first.

Rea: **Boyd** and **Margot** for accuracy of spelling, punctuation, and handwriting in their dictation.

Corve: **All of Corve Class** for being great ambassadors for the school on their trip to Enginuity.

Severn: **Alfie C** for making a fantastic start on the Ocarina, Mrs Leverett Williams was impressed with his focus / **Holly** and **Harrison** for their focus in all lessons. .



Children selected for growing kindness.

Reception: **Caleb** for his thoughtfulness in noticing a friend needed a little bit of help and assisting them in wiping up spilled water at lunchtime.

Year 1: **Margot** for helping a class mate with his coat, as he had hurt his hand.

Year 2: **Chloe** for helping other pupils in her class.

Year 3: **Isabella C** for helping another pupil find their glasses when they had lost them.

Year 4: **Lincoln** for tidying away games he hadn't been playing with.

Year 5: **Esme** for thinking of others needs.

Year 6: **Harrison** for actively encouraging other pupils.