



The Stotty School News 20.12.2024



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Diary dates for the week ahead



Diary Dates for next week	
Monday 23 rd December to Monday 6 th January	School / Nursery - Closed for Christmas Holidays PD Day
 Monday 6 th January 2025	SGN Holiday Club Open 8am to 5.30pm
Tuesday 7 th January	1 st Day of Spring Term - Welcome back - HAPPY NEW YEAR! Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams
Wednesday 8 th January	Tempest Photography - Class Photographs Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams
Thursday 9 th January	Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams Severn Class Indoor Athletics Festival at Lacon - within the School Day
Friday 10 th January	
Upcoming Diary Dates	
Tuesday 11 th February	Parents Evening
Thursday 13 th February	Parents Evening

Christmas Celebrations

Wow what wonderful celebrations they were! Fantastic to see such confident, happy children. Well done and thank you to everyone (children, teachers and parents) that have helped bring this together. Enjoy a sample of pictures below:













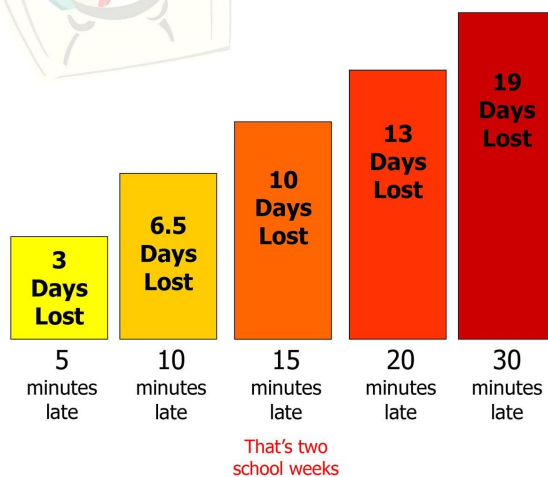




Termly Reports

We have now moved to termly reports (the Autumn term ones have gone out today). We feel that telling you how your child has done on the curriculum each term (which we send out at the beginning of the term) is much more helpful to you and easier for us as we deliver the units/chunks of learning. Please continue to enjoy books and reading over the Christmas break and if you have any queries from the reports we will be really pleased to catch up with you on our return in 2025.

Late arrivals and Attendance



Lost Minutes = Lost Learning

Attendance Team | Education, Quality Assurance and Intervention Service

Unfortunately we have noticed a big increase in the number of children frequently arriving late into school.

It may only be a matter of minutes but, it has been proven to have a negative impact on learning.

We do realise that circumstances can happen outside your control but, we would be grateful if you would start the New Year with doing your utmost to ensure children arrive at 8.40am when the school opens, ready for registration at 8.45am and our first lesson at 8.50am.

Reports have attendance and lateness figures and the graphic below is useful to give a prospective.



Arbor Tax Free Top Ups



Please may we remind parents that if you wish to book Wrap Around Care sessions etc using your Tax Free Childcare Accounts for the first week of the Spring Term, you will need to request the payment as soon as possible to allow the Finance Team to get it credited to the Arbor system.

The Finance Team are not in over the Christmas holidays to credit the Arbor accounts.

Interoception & Communication

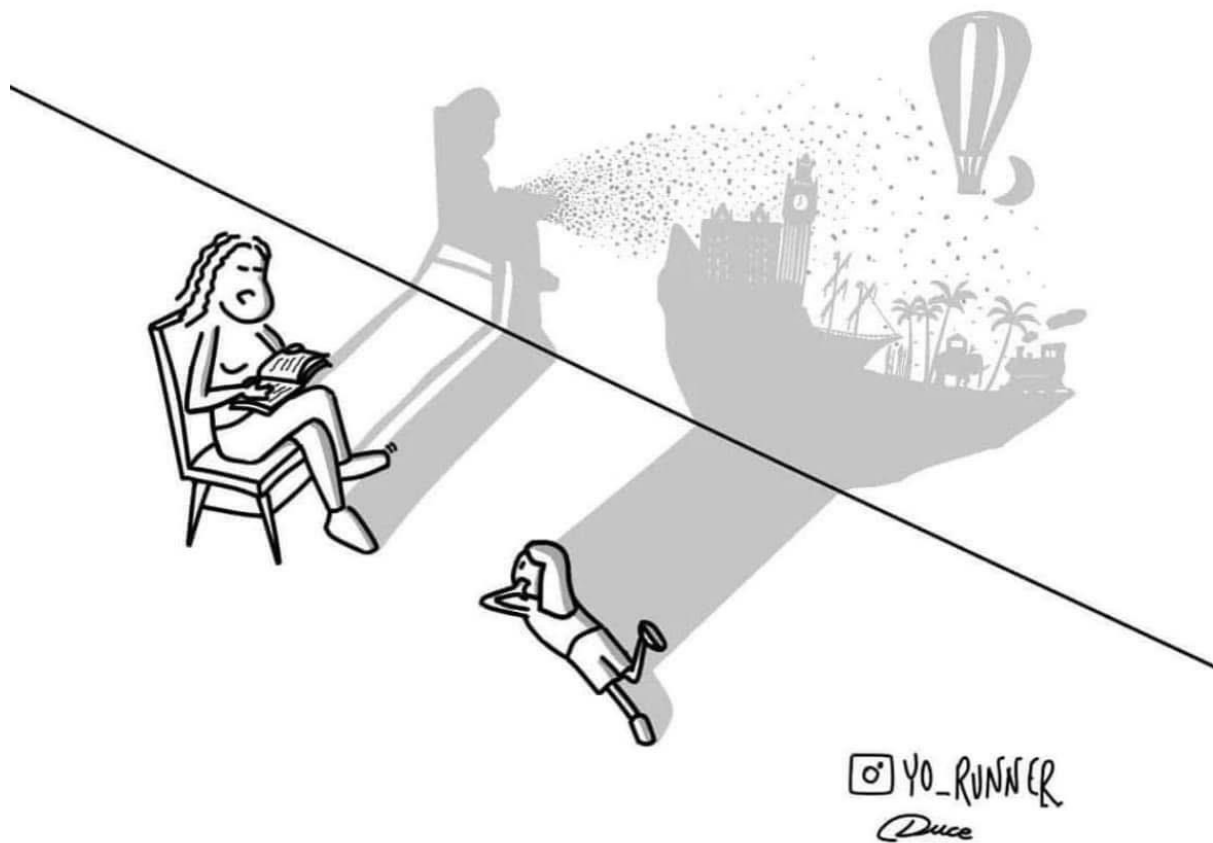


Following on from staff training as part of our PINS project (Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) we have started doing exercises that help children learn to identify internal changes in their own body linked to emotion, temperature, toileting, feelings of hunger/thirst/sickness necessary for self-regulation. This 'reading of our internal signs' is crucial for everyone. Take a look at the exercises below. We are doing 4 a week - can your children tell you about them? Have a go at them at home and develop a language to talk about 'body sensing'. A link to the activities is here (scroll down): : [Interoception Activities](#) twice a day (just 30 seconds of doing and talking)

 <p>Activity 17: Cat/ Cow Stretch *Large space needed</p>	 <p>Activity 18: Knee to Chest Stretch *Large space needed</p>	 <p>Activity 19: Shoulder Stretch *Requires two books per child needed</p>	 <p>Activity 20: Butterfly wings *Carpet space or hall space needed</p>
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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!).

Time: 70%

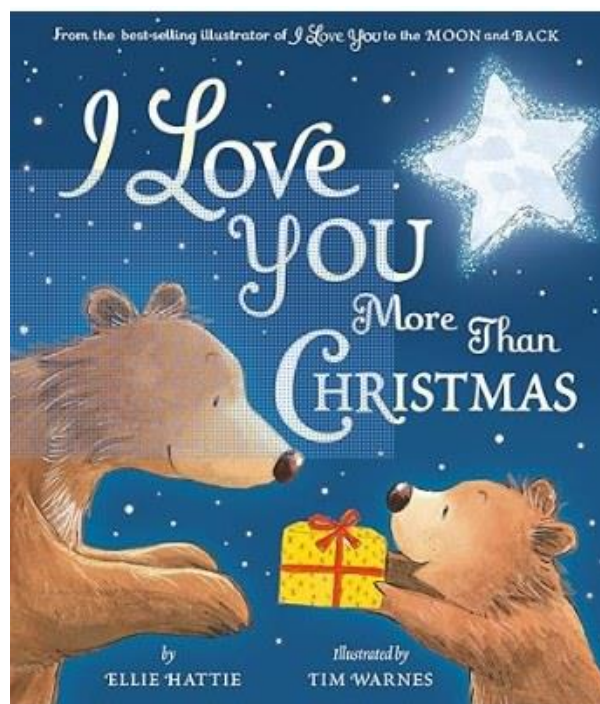
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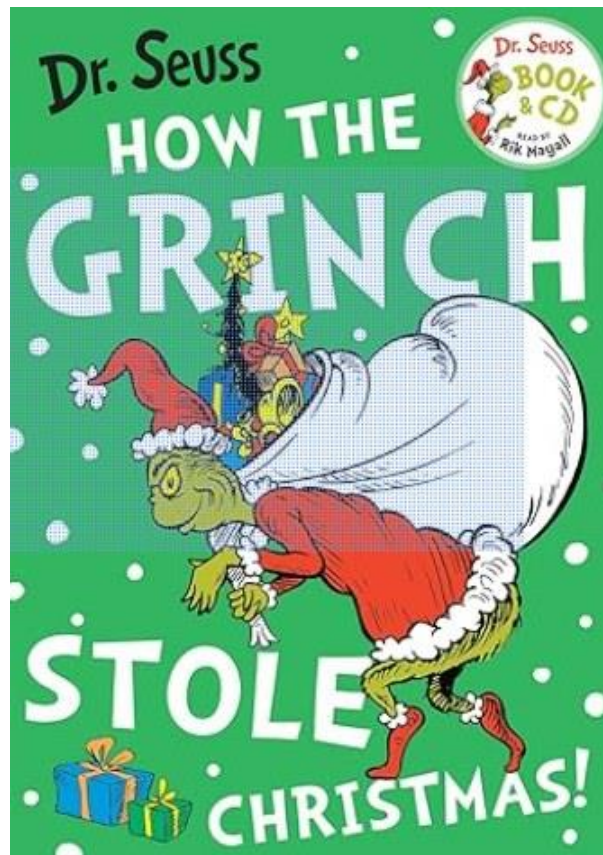
Severn: 93%

Our Worship / Reflections this week:

Monday: Children considered Christmas traditions around the world from Mexico to Japan to Iceland - did you know they carve radishes into nativity scenes in Mexico?! We reflected on how Christmas is a happy occasion for Christians and non-Christians alike. We reflected that, across the world, people may have different beliefs and traditions and that is great.



Tuesday: We continued to enjoy books and poetry about Christmas with 'I Love You More Than Christmas' which helped us reflect on how it is the people we do all the wonderful Christmas activities with that is the most important part of the season. It is sharing love and kindness with each other that is the best gift.



Wednesday: We shared the story of How The Grinch Stole Christmas and the importance of spreading love, joy and happiness



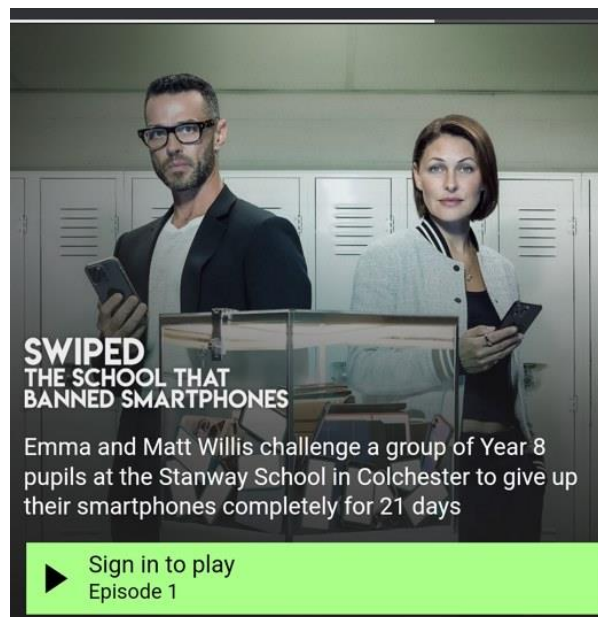
We finished our assemblies with four themes of Christmas - sending messages, going on journeys, visitors, receiving gifts - and considered how these link back to the themes of the Christmas story and God's gift of his son. Happy Christmas everyone.

Online Safety Blog by Severn Class



Severn Class have been learning about blogs and continue to build on their understanding of online safety. There is some great information and advice - just click [here](#).

Smartphones



Recently aired on Channel 4 'Swiped - the school that banned smartphones' is an interesting, and thought provoking watch.

Spring Term After School Clubs

◇ **After School Clubs - January / February 2025**
 In January / February 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 €
Monday SATS Club - 3.15 to 4pm	Mrs Caroline McKay	Monday 13 th January 2025	4	12	Yr 6	0
Craft Club	Mrs Tracey Wood	Monday 13 th January 2025	5	12	Yr R/1/2	€12.50
Lunchtime Choir	Mrs Esther Leverett Williams	Tuesday 14 th January 2025	5		Yr 1/2/3/4/5/6	0
Tag Rugby - If possible, please wear football boots and have a spare set of clothes as this club will ideally take place on the school field.	Mr Dan Wood	Tuesday 14 th January 2025	4	16	Yr 3/4/5/6	10.00
Cooking	Mrs Jackie Walker	Wednesday 15 th January 2025	5	12	Yr 3/4/5/6	12.50
Thursday SATS Club 3.15 to 4pm	Mrs Caroline McKay	Thursday 16 th January 2025	4	12	Yr 6	0
Lunchtime Computing	Mrs Katie Jones	Friday 17 th January 2025	5	16	Yrs 1/2	0

The following clubs are now available on Arbor for the first half of the Spring Term:

After School SATs Club - Monday - Yr 6's

After School Craft club - Monday - R / Yr1 & Yr 2

Lunchtime Choir - Tuesday - Yrs 1/2/3/4/5/6

After School Tag Rugby - Tuesday - Yrs 3/4/5/6

After School Cooking - Wednesday - Yrs 3/4/5/6

After School SATs Club - Thursday - Yr 6's

Lunchtime Computing - Friday - Yrs 1 & 2

The clubs will start week commencing 13th January 2025 and will run weekly for 4 or 5 weeks (please check dates on Arbor)

Winter HAF (Holiday & Food) Programme 2024



HAF
 Holiday Activities and Food

**Winter Holiday Fun and Food in Shropshire
 Book Now!**

Over the Winter holidays, HAF eligible children and young people aged 4 (reception class) to 18, are invited to attend free clubs happening across the county.

Food and drink will be provided at all the clubs.

A unique code and information about how to book a free place at a holiday club/s will be provided from school.

"Safe, enjoyable, fun and great to have somewhere for children to be." Parent.

Many holiday clubs have paid spaces available for those not eligible for HAF. Find out more:

Web: www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf
 Email: HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk

Bookings for the Winter / Christmas HAF programme are now open.

Please see attached booklet for more information regarding available activities and booking information.

There are still spaces available on the Winter Shropshire HAF programme, at several holiday clubs.

Children and young people aged 4 to 16, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals and those who meet the wider HAF eligibility criteria, can access free places at holiday clubs and activities.

Children and young people will have the chance to socialise with friends, take part in fun and engaging activities, be enjoy delicious food

Watch the Winter promo film to find out more: <https://youtu.be/r9xWtH1H8jo>

SGN Christmas Holiday Club



SGN Christmas Holiday Club will be available on the following date:

Monday 6th January - 8am to 5.30pm - Baking cakes

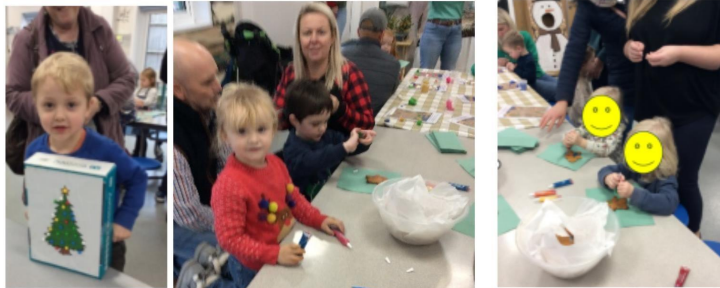
Sessions are available to book via Arbor.

As advised earlier this week, unfortunately we have had to withdraw the sessions in December, due to lack of bookings.

EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News

Nursery News 20.12.2024

Nursery Christmas Stay and Play



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

Talk 4 Writing Text:



Naughty Bus





Nursery Rhyme of the Week:



Ring-a-ring-a-roses

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

Reception News 20.12.2024

Merry Christmas from Teme Class.	
	
Talk for Writing:  Naughty Bus	Nursery Rhyme of the Week:  Ring-a-ring-a-roses https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/
This week's phonics: Review Week focusing on spotting digraphs	
	

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

Postponed - Reception Class Vision Screening



We have had a call from the school Orthoptist to say they will not be visiting on Thursday 18th December to carry out routine eye test on the children who are in Reception Class. They will be in touch in the New Year to arrange another date - we will update you when we receive this date.

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

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

Shropshire SEND



Please take a look at [Shropshire's SEND Newsletter \(Issue 31 - November 2024\)](#) which is co-produced by Shropshire Council, Shropshire Integrated Care Board and PACC. The newsletter aims to provide easy access to key information for SEND families, as well as an opportunity for parent carers to hear from each other about their experiences.

Shropshire SEND Local Offer.

The [Shropshire 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. It's been designed with a family's needs at the heart of the process.

Parenting Signposts

Understanding Your Child Groups - Spring 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 SEND Group Monday 27th January 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am
at Wilfred Owen School, Shrewsbury, SY2 5SH

Understanding Your Child SEND Group Monday 27th January 2025 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Virtually Via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child Group Wednesday 29th January 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am
at Meole Brace Primary School, Shrewsbury, SY3 9HG

Understanding Your Child Group Friday 31st January 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am
Virtually Via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child Group Friday 31st January 2025 from 1.15pm to 3.15pm
at Christ Church Primary School, Cressage, SY5 6DHH

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

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

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

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



Sleep Tight Work Shops - Spring 2025

Does your child struggle with their Sleep? Free Sleep Tight Groups

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

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

Our next groups start:

Sleep Tight SEND Thursday 16th January 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am
at Keystone Academy, Shrewsbury, SY3 8XQ

Sleep Tight Wednesday 22nd January 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm
at Crowmoor Primary School, Shrewsbury, SY2 5JJ

Sleep Tight SEND Wednesday 5th March 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm
Virtually Via MS Teams

Sleep Tight Thursday 6th March 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am
Virtually via MS Teams

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Find out
more here



Parenting Help & Support Line

Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

01743 250950

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

No judgment, just support.



Shropshire Family Information Service

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

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

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

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

 @ShropshireFamilyInfo
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www.shropshire.gov.uk/fis

What is Shropshire Family Information Service:

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

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

FIS use our social media channels to bring families news, events and handy information, which links through to our [Family Information Directory](#). Families are welcome to contact us directly for help with anything to do with family life. We have created a brand new short video to explain who we are and what we do. You can view it here on YouTube https://youtu.be/7t1jBqJJI8?si=LeOiNag8_LeSPzX0

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:

[otdef_s02_O6b Full ugc2b \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otdef_s02_O6b)

The image is a promotional graphic for the 'Solihull Approach' online courses. At the top, it features the NHS logo and the text 'ONLINE COURSES FOR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, CARERS AND TEENS'. Below this, a banner reads 'Discover the Solihull Approach series' and 'Understanding...'. A language selector is set to 'English', with a note that more languages are available via Google Translate. A central image shows a smartphone displaying the 'inourplace' app interface, with a callout bubble stating 'Enjoy a fresh new look on mobiles'. To the right, a vertical list of course topics includes: '...pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby', '...your baby', '...your child', '...your child with additional needs', '...your teenager's brain', '...your feelings (for teenagers only)', and '...your relationships'. At the bottom, there is a QR code, a list of steps to access the courses (1. Scan QR or visit www.inourplace.co.uk, 2. Enter the Access Code*, 3. Begin learning), and a note that sign-in or registration is required. The graphic also includes a 'Darwin18' access code and a 'Prepaid' logo.

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

Bridgnorth Youth Centre
45 Innage Lane, Bridgnorth WV16 4HS

Every Tuesday from 1.30pm—4pm



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

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

Shropshire Council www.shropshire.gov.uk

Shropshire Supporting Families through Early Help

Highley Community Drop In Sessions

Community Drop-ins

How can we help you?

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

The fourth Friday of each month
9.30am-12.30pm



Free information, advice and support around;

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

Sponsored by:

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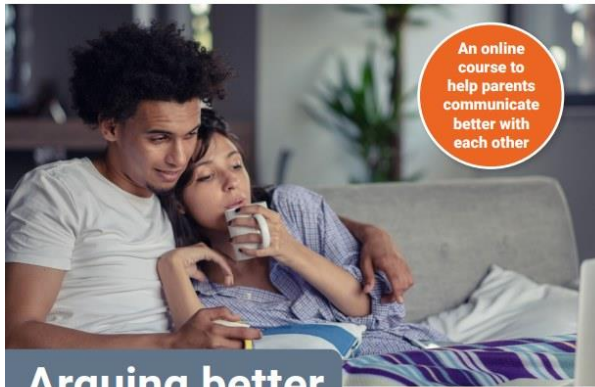


Introducing the Separating better app, a **free** self-guided mobile app for separating parents, designed to facilitate a smoother separation journey and promote positive co-parenting. This app is filled with expert advice, video resources, practical parenting, and budgeting plans, as well as co-parenting 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 [Getting on better | Shropshire Council](#) and select Free Courses and Workshops.



An online course to help parents communicate better with each other

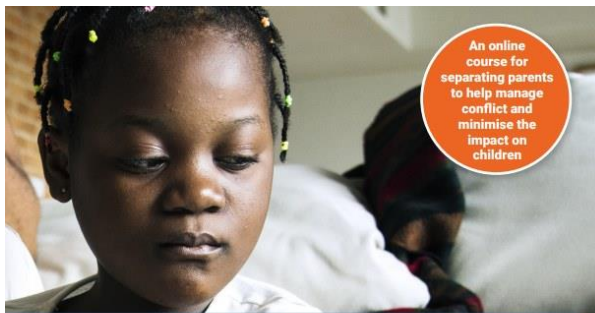
Arguing better

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



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

Getting it right for children


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

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



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






An online course for new and expectant parents

Me, You and Baby too

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

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



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

Health Visiting Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for all your support this term. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and we'll see you in 2025.....

