

# The Stotty School News 07.03.2025 - Website



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### Diary dates for the week ahead



Diary Dates for next week	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams Corve & Severn Class to see 'The Parable Keeper' a production by 4 Front Theatre Company at Cleobury Mortimer- within the school day SATs After School Club - 4pm finish Fitness / Circuit After School Club
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams Lunchtime Choir Craft After School Club
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Bag2School Collection - Bags to be left under the playground shelter by 8.45am Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams Lunchtime Computing Club CANCELLED - Lacon Sport Coach for Corve and Severn Class CANCELLED - Hockey After School Club
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Severn Class Netball at Lacon Childe - within the school day SATs After School Club - 4pm finish Cookery After School Club - would children please bring a plastic tupperware type container
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Forest Fun Session for Reception & Nursery Children Lunchtime Gardening Club Netball After School Club - 4.30pm finish
Upcoming Diary Dates	
Monday 31st March	Rea Class Trip to Thinktank, Birmingham
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Nursery / Reception Class Trip to Dudley Zoo
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	FoSPS Movie Night
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Celebration in St. Marys Church, Stottesdon

# London Residential 2026



Parents of children in Year 4 and Year 5 will have received a letter today regarding the London 2026 residential trip, which will take place from the 9th to the 12th June 2026.

This trip is a fantastic opportunity which those children who have taken part previously have thoroughly enjoy.

Although it seems a long way off, to enable us to secure accommodation we need to pay a deposit by the 6th March 2025 to the YHA at Cheshunt.

We would be grateful if parents would pay the deposit requested via Arbor please.

# Parental Queries Related to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

With Miss Robinson's absence (SENDCo) please continue to liaise with class teachers with any queries or concerns. Information will be passed onto Mrs Jones, who is currently covering the role, and Mrs Rainbird-Hitchins, who is leading on up and coming annual reviews.





The Football Association and their partner, Barclays, are committed to providing equal access and opportunities to girls in the curriculum and through extra curricular provision. This is delivered through their Barclays Girls' Football School Partnerships to ensure that all girls can participate in our national sport.

England Women continue to inspire a nation after being crowned European Champions in 2022. They ensure that all girls can dream of one day being a Lioness by having the opportunity to play at school.

We are pleased to have received the Equal Access School plaque to acknowledge that we are providing equal access to girls' football at our school.



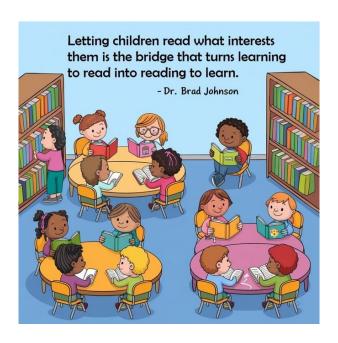






# **Celebrating Reading**





#### Reading

Reading with children is one of the most powerful gift parents can give. The development of language, creativity and cultural understanding from reading, discussing and sharing is HUGE so if you are giving this gift thank you for helping to keep this powerful, essential activity 'alive'. Reading is also very powerful as it reduces stress (for the child and the adult!).

Teme: 82%

Rea: 87%

**Corve: 86%** 

Severn: 86%

#### World Book Day

On Thursday, to celebrate World Book Day, children came into school either dressed as a character from their favourite book or in their PJ's ready to 'snuggle up with their favourite book' - they all looked fabulous.

We would like to say a special 'Thank you' to Mrs Ginny Allen for sourcing and collecting all of the books for the children - she even travelled as far as Hereford to collect some of them!! THANK YOU















# Our Worship / Reflections this week:



Monday: Children considered how, as friends, we build one another up with positive, encouraging comments. They also reflected on how one unkind, thoughtless comment can really knock people down.

Tuesday: We reflected on the traditions and reasons for pancake day/Shrove Tuesday - the day before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Lent is a time when, traditionally, Christians gave up rich foods such as eggs, milk and sugar. Lent is the time when Christians remember Jesus' 40 days in the desert leading up to his death and resurrection.



Wednesday: Open the book bought us the story of 'The Four Friends' which is the story in our mural. Children reflected on being dedicated and sometimes needing to find ways around problems (solutions). We also recognised that today was Ash Wednesday. We shared the ashes from burnt palm crosses the previous Easter and how Christians reflect on things they are sorry for (and want to do better) as they are blessed with a cross from the ashes.





Thursday: Children celebrated a love of books and World Book day. Older and younger children enjoyed reading books together and a virtual author talk was shared.

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

## Nursery News 07.03.2025

#### Spring 2 Term: Wild Animals

This week, nursery have been learning about animals which live in hot countries. The children have been exploring globes and maps noticing the sea is blue and the land is green.

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



Pronunciation Phrase - u

Open your mouth wide and say **u u u** 

#### Talk for Writing:



Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?

#### Nursery Rhyme of the Week:

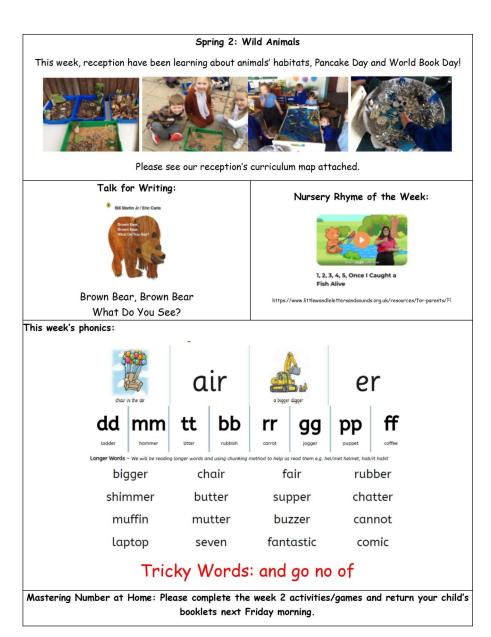


1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive

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#### Nursery / Reception Trip to Dudley Zoo



On Friday 4th April 2025, children in Nursery and Reception are going on a trip to Dudley Zoo - information regarding the trip was sent our prior to half term.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £ 12.50 to cover the cost of the trip, (50% of this for those children who are entitled to benefit related free school meals) - once again we are very grateful to FoSPS for covering half of the transport cost.

Thank you to those of you who have made your contribution via Arbor, if you do not want your child to participate please let the office know.

The trip will take place within the school day, children will need a waterproof coat, water bottle and a packed lunch.

#### Forest Fun



Children in Reception (Teme Class) and Nursery children who are aged 3 years old and above (who attend Nursery on a Friday), will be attending Forest Fun sessions on a Friday afternoon on the following dates:

14th / 21st March

Would you please consent to your child attending these sessions on Arbor as soon as possible.

Children will need wellies and waterproof clothing for these sessions - please ensure children bring them into school on a Friday morning in a separate bag.

#### Rea Class News

#### Rea Phonics

#### Year 1 - have been learning

- 'tch' making the 'ch' sound as in pitch and match.
- · 'ture' making 'ch' as in picture and nature.
- 'al' making the 'ar' sound as in calm.
- a making the 'ar' sound as in father.

#### Year 2 have been continuing their learning of:

- spelling words where 'a' makes the 'o' sound as in want and watch.
- Spelling words where 'ar' making the or sound as in warm and quarter.

#### Homework

- Reading Homework is to listen to your child read at least four times over the week. Please remember to write it in reading records.
- We have sent mastering number home learning packs home following the workshops.
   Homework is to complete the activities for 10 minutes, 5 times per week and fill in the
   home learning diary. Can packs come into school next Friday to celebrate our
   homework this week, and we will add week two resources to the pack. It would be
   lovely to have photos of your children playing the games for the newsletter.
- Year two have spellings based on 'a' making the 'o' sound after a w and 'ar' making the 'or' sound after a 'w' or 'qu'.

#### Maths

#### In maths this week, we have been continuing:

#### Year one - Mastering Number

 Continuing work on how even numbers are made up of two odd or two even numbers.

#### Year two - Mastering number

• Continuing our in depth look at bridging ten when subtracting.

#### Addition, triangles and quadrilaterals

Year 1

Subtracting a one digit number from a two digit number eg 13 – 5. We split the five into 3 and 2. 13-3 = 10 and 10-2=8

Year 2

Using our bridging to subtract a one digit number from a two digit number bridging ten. eg 42 - 5 = 42-2 = 40 and 40 -

Knowing 38 needs 2 to make 40. 5 is split into 2 and 3, 40 plus 3 is equal to 43.

#### Rea Class Trip to Thinktank, Birmingham



On Monday 31st March 2025, children in Rea Class will be visiting Thinktank, Birmingham.

During their visit they will take part in two workshops:

- Destination Space, One Big Journey Show
- Night Dome Show

They will also be able to experience different zones of the museum (including Mini Brum) during the day.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £ 23.70 per pupil (those pupils eligible for benefit related free school meals are 50% less) to cover the cost of transport and entry.

Once again we are very grateful to FoSPS for funding half of the transport costs.

Children will need a packed lunch (if you have not ordered one through the school), a waterproof coat and a water bottle.

NB: Would parents please arrange for their child to be in school for 8.30am as we would like them on the bus ready to depart at 8.45am prompt.

#### 'The Parable Keeper' Musical



Mr Mark Greaves from Cleobury Community Hub has very kindly organised a performance by the 4Front Theatre Company at St. Mary's Church, Cleobury Mortimer on Monday 10th March 2025.

Children from Corve and Severn Class will be attending the performance of 'The Parable Keeper'.

The 4Front Theatre Company are a Christian based professional theatre company that bring stories from the bible to life through acting, song and audience participation.

#### The Parable Keeper

The Parabularium is home to all sorts of antiques, curiosities and oddities, and that's just the staff! Yet for the shop's enigmatic owner: the Parable Keeper, there is no greater treasure than a well-told story.

This 1 hour musical extravaganza explores many of the parables of Jesus, bringing them to life like never before through energetic songs, interactive storytelling and lots of laughs. Suitable for all ages!

The cost of the performance and hire of St Mary's Church will be completely covered by Cleobury Community Hub, for which we are extremely grateful.

We would also like to extend our thanks to FoSPS for covering the cost of the transport for this trip.

# **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, SY39HG

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



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 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Keystone Academy, Shrewsbury, SY3 8XQ Sleep Tight Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm

at Crowmoor Primary School, Shrewsbury, SY2 5JJ
Sleep Tight SEND Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm

Virtually Via MS Teams Sleep Tight Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am 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



# 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**



#### 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\_LeSPzX0">https://youtu.be/7t1jBqJJTl8?si=LeOiNag8\_LeSPzX0</a>

#### 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>

Please find link below to the February newsletter, which contains things to do during half term, new stay and play sessions, training to become a young leader and more:

Shropshire Family Information Service February Newsletter

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** 

Autism West Midlands have confirmed they will be attending the Highley Community drop in on Friday 28th February.

# **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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#### **Meet n Chat SEND**



#### 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





#### **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**



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



#### Numbots:

Rea: Arthur Ralph

Corve: **Skyler Tomanek** 



**Time Tables Rock Stars:** 

Rea: Florence Andrews

Corve: Isla Luke

Severn: **Teddy Hadley** 



**Spelling Bee:** 

Bronze: Ada & Halsey

Silver: Boyd, Tara, Kai, Ella, Grace, Arthur & Hollie D



#### **Sports Stars:**

Teme: Kitt for persevering to improve his 'dish' and 'teddy bear roll'.

Rea: Kai for consistent rolling in gym.

Corve: Ralph, Rosie, Evelyn, Spencer & Cash for their focus and determination to apply the teaching points given to help them to improve their 'straddle' jump / Mrs Stokes picked out Aubrey and Lincoln for their impressive rugby skills.

Severn: **Lottie Boo** for great involvement during the netball at Lacon / **Aaron** for great achievement & **Elliot** for great perseverance during PE with Mr Simpson.



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

Teme: **Bella W** for her focus and effort with letter formation and her writing sitting on the lines neatly.

Rea: Tara for accurately sized letter writing in her new English book with guidelines.

Corve: Phoebe Strong for beautifully presented maths work.

Severn: Elia for handwriting



Great Sentence using words of the week:

Teme: Concept Cat is **above** the phonics box. **Harry** 

Rea: The inside of the volcano was uninhabited because it was too hot. Boyd

Corve: I hastily ate all the cookies before my brother came in the room. Esther

Severn: I made sure I had perfectly **coiffed** hair before I went to a fancy restaurant. **Lottie Boo** 



#### **Class Achievers:**

**Teme:** Alfie for recognising when a double was shown and explaining why during our maths morning challenges.

**Rea: Chloe** for her careful spelling in her independent writing / **Florence** for her focus and determination in maths.

**Corve: Phoebe S** for over coming her nerves in Tag Rugby / **William** for always being ready to learn / **Mason** for trying so hard to improve his handwriting / **Reggie** and **Hugo** for their commitment to learning their times tables.

**Severn:** Hollie, Samuel, Tabitha, Maxwell and Gabriel for their fantastic progress in computing when using excel spreadsheets / Gabriel, Tabitha, Hollie and Lana for their creative letters in R.E.

A special mention to **Phoebe Roberts**, who attended Crufts yesterday with her miniature long haired dachshund puppy Daisy.

They came 5th out of 12 entries - Well Done!





Growing Acts of Kindness

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

# Growing Acts Of Kindness This is our kindness tree. It is our symbol to celebrate acts of kindness in our school. Each week adults will nominate people across the school for acts of kindness. These acts can be anything from picking up a coat to inviting someone to play your game. Nominated people will be announced in achievers. Nominated people will pop their name on a leaf and attach it to our kindness tree. Help us grow kindness (a) Help our school be full of kind acts (a) Thank you to our Chair of Governors for donating our tree.

#### Reception:

- Year 1: Halsey for her lovely manners.
- Year 2: **Phoebe R** for explaining eloquently to others that it is the taking part that counts.
- Year 3: Theo for being supportive to a child with their IT work.
- Year 4: Cash for helping a child in tag rugby.
- Year 5: Lillie for offering to help Mrs Stokes in P.E.
- Year 6: Elliot for looking after a younger pupil when she fell over in the playground.