

The Stotty School News 21.03.2025



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Diary dates for the week ahead



Diary Dates for next week	
Monday 24 th March	Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams SATs After School Club – 4pm finish Fitness / Circuit After School Club
Tuesday 25 th March	Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams Lunchtime Choir Craft After School Club
Wednesday 26 th March	Primary Schools Swimming Gala - Children participating need to be in school early, ready for prompt 8.45am departure. Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams Lunchtime Computing Club Lacon Sport Coach for Corve and Severn Class Hockey After School Club
Thursday 27 th March	Corve Class Tennis Festival 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 28 th March	Lunchtime Gardening Club Netball After School Club - 4.30pm finish
Upcoming Diary Dates	
Monday 31st March	Rea Class Trip to Thinktank, Birmingham - Children need to be in school early ready for prompt departure.
Friday 4 th April	Nursery / Reception Class Trip to Dudley Zoo
Friday 4 th April	FoSPS Movie Night
Friday 11 th April	Easter Celebration in St. Marys Church, Stottesdon @ 1.30pm

Corve Class Staffing



Sadly, Miss Robinson, a valued member of our teaching staff, has made the difficult decision of resigning from her position at the end of this term.

Miss Robinson has been an integral part of our school community, and her dedication to students has been truly commendable.

We are grateful for the positive impact she has had on our students' education and development in both Corve Class and in the SENDCo role.

During our Easter Celebration at St. Mary's Church, Stottesdon on 11th April at 1.30pm we will be celebrating Miss Robinson's time at Stottesdon with a presentation. If you would like to contribute to a gift, please pop into Reception / Mrs Meredith with your cash donation.

To ensure that there is continuity in the classroom Mr Simpson will be taking up the class teacher role (with Mrs Carter, Mrs Leverett-Williams and Mrs Katie Jones supporting where necessary) for the rest of the year.

We appreciate your understanding and support during this time of change.

Taking Feedback From Our Stakeholders



Annually we revisit our stakeholder (parents, pupils, staff) questionnaires to help inform our school evaluations and development plans. We have recently rechecked in on some key areas with our pupils and were really pleased with the outcomes:

1. 81% of pupils felt they learnt well because people in class behave well. This is a strong improved figure (up 15%). We have really pushed all children thinking about being ready to learn, following teacher instructions and giving our best effort and focus. There will, of course, be some children that need more support and I was very impressed to see one child write 'if some people don't behave I still learn in my bubble' – this is the ultimate as in our inclusive environment there will be those who are struggling and having a tough day but our adults will support them and it is for

- the other children to do what they need to do. We will of course continue to support and challenge this ongoing and important area of our work.
- 2. **85% of pupils felt that the behaviours of pupils around school is good.** Again, this is a strong improved figure (up 25%). Children know the expectations around the school site (99% agreed with this) and we are consistent in our approaches to this. Where children do choose inappropriate behaviours (e.g. running inside, how we are choosing to play)that is because they are still developing ownership and accountability for their choices.
- 3. **93% of pupils feel safe in school.** Again an increase of 8%. Of course our expectation is that we want it to be 100% and we will continue to strive for this. Questionnaires are anonymous but we are confident that children know there is someone to talk to (or can use the worry box) to share any worries or concerns (again a very high response to this in the questionnaire).
- 4. **93% of pupils feel they get on well with other children.** Again an increase of 15% and of course it is another statement we want to be 100%. However young children do find making 'an overall' judgement hard and we have to understand that having a fall out, disagreement, wobble in our play is normal in this age of development and it is about teaching children to manage and problem solve this.
- 5. **96% of children like school.** This in an incredibly high figure (we have to remember that there is still those who are 'too cool for school' and on the back of the pandemic liked being at home). Our school puts a lot of effort into 'really caring and making it fun'. The presentation of learning, range of clubs, activities and enrichment are testament to this. It is fantastic that so many, on the whole, like school as the learning and preparation for life that we do is really important.

(please note that 1.4% is one pupil)

Parent Questionnaire

Your views are important to us so as part of our annual evaluation processes, we would welcome parents completing the following questionnaire

here: https://forms.office.com/e/eriWZ7C5Wa

Understanding Your child



Clee Hill Community Primary School are hosting free face-to-face 'Understanding your Child' groups on a Wednesday for 10 weeks from 30th April 2025 with the Shropshire Parenting Team.

This is an excellent local opportunity which we strongly recommend for any parent, if you can make the timings work.

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

Inappropriate Social Media Platforms for Primary Children



Thank you to those parents who take age ratings seriously and are clear with their children that social media platforms (Whatsapp, Tiktok, Snapchat, Facebook etc) are not appropriate until they are much older. Primary age children ARE NOT old enough to deal with:

- the distortion of reality it affects how they understand the world.
- the upset or hurt when it is not used appropriately.
- the low self-esteem and mental health problems that is shown to result.

Our young minds need to be developing in an age appropriate way and there are amazing other things they could be doing with their time. Below are two important links of further information. If any parent would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Helping Children Deal with Bullying & Cyberbullying | NSPCC

Social media guides - UK Safer Internet Centre

Head Lice



Unfortunately we have become aware that a few children have got / had these unwelcome visitors. To avoid the spread would children please:

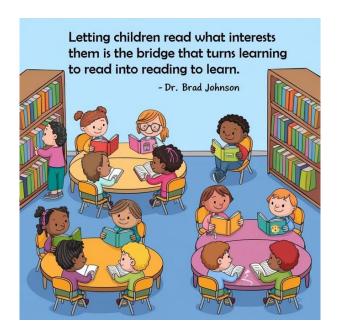
- refrain from sharing / swapping hats
- · keep long hair tied back in a pony tail

We would appreciate your support in trying to eradicate these critters - please be vigilant and treat as necessary. Please note children should not be absent from school for head lice. This is not an authorised absence and regular treatment (head lice comb and treatment shampoo) should happen outside of school hours. Please click on the link below for more information:

NHS Information

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: 85%

Rea: Yr1=100% / Yr2=93%

Corve: 86%

Severn: 89%

We would like to extend our thanks to Mrs Kennett / Mrs George and Mrs Dorrell for giving up their time to come into school to listen to the children reading. The children benefit enormously from this. Thank you.

Our Worship / Reflections this week:



Monday: Children reflected on the United Kingdom (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland) and the celebration of St. Patrick's day - a celebration of Irish culture with parades, special foods, music, dancing, drinking and a whole lot of green.



Tuesday: We listened to the story 'A Friend for Little Bear' by Harry Horse. Little Bear started to 'collect things' to be happy until he realised that what was most important was his friend (wooden horse) and not all the things he had collected. Children reflected on not taking friends for granted and valuing what is really important.



Wednesday: Open the book bought us the story of 'The Triumphal Entry' or Palm Sunday (the first day of the Holy Week). We reflected on Jesus' choices to come on a donkey even though he was God's son. Children reflected on what Jesus might have been showing (what makes a good leader, humility, service).

Thursday: As part of neurodiversity week children watched this video <u>Autism acceptance</u> 2022 The Neuro Bears and talked about how we are all different, have different needs and do things in different ways. Some of our differences are easy to see and some are not......AND THAT IS OKAY!



EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News

Nursery News 21.03.2025



This week, nursery have been exploring animals who have patterns.



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



Pronunciation Phrase - h

Open your lips a little; put your teeth on your bottom lip and push the air out to make the sound fffff fffff

Little Wandle Language Book:



Hello Friend

Nursery Rhyme of the Week:

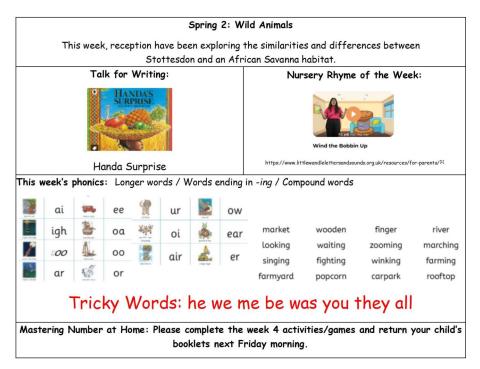


Wind the Bobbin Up

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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.

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

Reception Children (not nursery) are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal, would you please complete the form in the link below to let us know if you would like a packed lunch provided by the school or if you will be bringing a packed lunch from home:

Rea Class News

Rea Phonics

Year 1 - have been:

· Learning how to read pseudo words.

Year 2 have been continuing:

• When to swap a 'y' for an 'i' before adding the suffix es. eg fly will change to flies, but toy will stay as toys because 'oy' is a digraph.

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 five 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 changing the y to an i and adding es.

Maths

In maths this week, we have been continuing:

Year one - Mastering Number

Placing the numbers between 0 and 20 on an empty numberline, using 10 as a
midpoint between 0 and 20, 5 as a midpoint between 0 and 10, and 15 as a midpoint
between 10 and 20 as a guide.



Year two - Mastering number

• Using addition to help us subtract when bridging ten. eg 9 needs something to make 13.

Multiplication

Year 1

Counting forwards and backwards in 10s and 5s

Year :

Understanding and writing multiplication equations and beginning to connect these to times tables facts for the 2 times tables.

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.

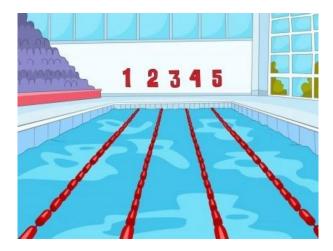
We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £ 23.70 per pupil (those pupils eligible for benefit related free school meals are 50% less) to cover the cost of transport and entry.

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

Children will need a packed lunch, 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.

Primary Swimming Gala



The primary school swimming gala is due to take place on Wednesday 26th March 2025.

The event will be held at Teme Leisure, Ludlow. SY8 1DR.

Those children participating will be transported to the event within the school day, please ensure they arrive early as they will need to leave at 8.45am promptly.

They will require:

- Swimming costume (no bikinis) / Trunks
- Swimming cap (if children wear them)
- 2 x Towels (one for pool side)
- Water bottle
- Packed lunch
- Fruit snack

Parents are welcome to come along and support, the gala is due to start at 9.30am.

SGN Easter Holiday club



SGN Easter Holiday Club are open on the following dates available during the Easter holidays:

Monday 14th April 8am - 5.30pm - Baking Easter Nests

Tuesday 15th April 8am - 5.30pm - Bike & Scooter Club

Wednesday 16th April 8am - 3.15pm - Easter Crafts

Thursday 17th April 8am - 5.30pm - Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday 22nd April 8am - 5.30pm - Pool Meadow

Wednesday 23rd April 8am - 3.15pm - Baking Cookies

Thursday 24th April 8am - 5.30pm - Bike & Scooter Club

If you would like to book your child into any of the sessions on the above dates please do so via Arbor.

Please note - if there is not sufficient uptake to make the service viable, we may need to reduce opening.

To enable us to gauge viability we would be grateful if you would make bookings as soon as possible please.

Spring / Easter HAF (Holiday Activities & Food) Programme 2025



Bookings for the Spring / Easter HAF programme are now open. Those children who receive benefit related FSM (free school meals) will have been given the relevant code to enable them to book.

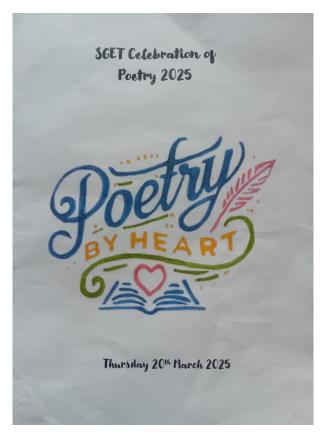
Children who are aged 4, who attend the nursery are unfortunately **NOT eligible for the HAF programme**. Eligible children aged 4+, who are in full time education in a Reception Class, can attend the programme.

As well as free places at clubs many of the HAF programmes also include paid places for children, these are generally heavily subsidised and are highlighted in the What's on Guide.

The Spring / Easter HAF What's on Guide is available on line:

https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf/haf-holiday-clubs/

SGET Celebration of Poetry 2025



On Thursday evening this week the following children took part in a poetry evening at Lacon Childe School:

Bella L, Hollie, Lorelei, Bea, Elliot, Noah, Maxwell, Lillie, Elia, Fletcher, Cash, Skyler, Lincoln & Oliver

The evening was a huge success, the children, along with others from across the Trust, performed brilliantly.

We are very proud that the above children wrote their own poems.

Thank you to parents and carers for supporting the event.

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 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

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 https://youtu.be/7t1jBqJJTl8?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

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



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.







Health Visiting Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



PACC (Parent Carer Council) have created an information sheet of charities and organisations that can provide help and support.

Please let us know if you would like a copy.

Otherwise please contact PACC for support and information on info@paccshropshire.org.uk

Celebrating Children's Achievements



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



Numbots:

Rea: Harriet Foster

Corve: James Home



Time Tables Rock Stars:

Rea:

Corve: Sofia Mladezic

Severn: Lillie Trenfield



Spelling Bee:

Bronze: **Tabitha**

Silver: Calvin & JJ

Gold:



Sports Stars:

Teme: **Wilfred & Freddie** for their sensible approach, attitude and perseverance to achieve the end goal when using tools at Forest Fun – drill, hammer and saw.

Rea: **Libby Grace** for good control in her gymnastics work.

Corve: **Joey, Theo, Frankie, William, Esme** for taking on board the teaching points to help them achieve success when performing a variety of gymnastic rolls / **Oliver, Lucas, Isabelle B** for success in perfecting the dish to arch and teddy bear roll / **Lincoln** for his enthusiasm in Tag Rugby.

Severn: **Tabitha** for fantastic footwork in netball / **Charlie** for great interceptions in netball.



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

Teme: Luke S for his neat sentence writing for weekend news.

Rea: **Boyd** for his neat presentation in Maths.

Corve: James for his homework, a short report about the food tasting lesson we did in DT.

Severn: Bella L for her work in geography.



Great Sentence using words of the week:

Teme: I had a race with my brother, Skyler was second. Cordelia

Rea: I saw a torrent in the waterfall. Calvin

Corve: The wicked God devoured the planet. Leon D

Severn: Ancient artefacts are worth a lot of money. Gabriel



Class Achievers:

Teme: Freddie for his increase in positive attitude to complete tasks this week! Keep it up!

Rea: Meghan for fantastic progress / Kai for his counting in multiples of 2, 5 & 10.

Corve: Esther, Joey & Cash for beautifully thought out and presented ideas in RE / Aubrey for is determination to finish his animation on Purplemash / Leo for being a focused mathematician / Fletcher for working so hard to improve his homework.

This week it has been so lovely to have the whole class back together - spending time with our friends, learning as one and caring for each other.

Severn: Teddy for his progress in grammar / JJ for his modern day Macbeth story.



Growing Acts of Kindness

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



Reception: **Bella E** - "You first, me last" letting her friends go first and Bella waiting her turn .. to get her coat, water bottle, reading wallet, and lining up.

- Year 1: Tara for being helpful to those on her table.
- Year 2: Libby Grace for always being kind and helpful
- Year 3: Mason for holding the door open for Miss Griffiths and the rest of the class.
- Year 4: Isabelle for encouraging others in Tag Rugby.
- Year 5: Charlie for always being helpful.
- Year 6: Aaron for helping another pupil to understand the rules of a game.