

The Stotty School News 28.03.2025 (Website)



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Diary dates for the week ahead



Diary Dates for next week	
Monday 31 st March	Rea Class trip to Thinktank Birmingham – Children need to be in school just after 8.30am for prompt departure. Children will need a packed lunch / water bottle & coat. Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams SATs After School Club – 4pm finish Fitness / Circuit After School Club
Tuesday 1 st April	Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams Lunchtime Choir Craft After School Club
Wednesday 2 nd April	Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams Lunchtime Computing Club Lacon Sport Coach for Corve and Severn Class Hockey After School Club
Thursday 3 rd April	Severn Class Multi Sport 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 4 th April	Nursery / Reception Class Trip to Dudley Zoo Lunchtime Gardening Club FoSPS Movie Night - 3.15pm to 5.15pm - The Wild Robot - please book via the office
Upcoming Diary Dates	
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.



SEND

We are pleased to announce that after Easter Mrs Rainbird-Hitchins will be taking up the role of SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator). We know that Mrs Rainbird-Hitchins will be an asset in this role and I'm sure everyone will support her as she takes on this new area (she will continue as Early Years lead and teacher). As always we are very happy to discuss any concerns and our website has an overview of our provision <u>SEND</u> <u>Stottesdon CofE Primary School</u>.

PINS Programme



We are excited to announce the continuation of our partnership with the PINS Programme (Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools). Last June, with support from PACC, we began exploring the idea of setting up a parent/carer network for parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) or those with concerns about neurodiversity. No diagnosis or EHCP is required.

As the new SENDCo, Mrs Rainbird Hitchins is eager to continue growing our SEND parent/carer forum, with termly coffee mornings or afternoon meetings that are friendly and helpful for all parents and carers of children with SEND or neurodiversity concerns. Again, no diagnosis or EHCP is necessary.

The forum will provide opportunities to meet, chat, offer support, tips and suggestions, and plan further opportunities to strengthen our SEND parent/carers.

Please click the link <u>https://forms.office.com/e/i8zDXZesUiif</u> if this is something you are interested in attending in May 2025.

Shropshire Parent and Carer Council



The Shropshire Parent Carer Council would like to extend their thanks to parents that they have met in school who have shared their experiences during their first year of the PINs project.

They would be grateful if you would complete a second survey to enable them to evaluate the effectiveness of the project.

The survey is open to all parents so that a whole school overview can be collected.

The survey will be open for two weeks from Thursday 27th March until Friday 11th April.

The individual information provided will only be accessible to PACC Shropshire. Your individual survey response will NOT be shared. The only time information will be shared is if it raises a concern for someone's safety.

Please follow this link to complete the survey.

https://forms.office.com/e/9Emm4x4sr8

FoSPS



Movie Night

Open to Reception children upwards, the next movie night is Friday 4th April.

£5 per ticket, to include squash and snacks, please pay at the office.

Easter Raffle Donations

If you would like to donate any Easter confectionery for the raffle at the end of term please leave in reception by the 4th April - many thanks from FoSPS.

Forthcoming Trips / Activities

As well as the usual Lacon Festivals, during the Summer term we have several trips / activities taking place.

Please find below an overview of what is planned, so far



Swimming

During the second half of the summer term we will be taking Reception to Y4 to swimming lessons at Highley open air pool. Children will have six sessions (weekly on Fridays) starting week commencing 2nd June 2025.

More information will follow after Easter term but in the meantime we need to ask for a voluntary contribution of £22.50 per child (£11.25 for those children eligible for benefit related free school meals). We are extremely pleased to have managed to keep the price of the provision to the same as last year - it does represent great value for money as the session price works out at £3.75. The price has been significantly subsidised from the school's sport provision funding.



Bikeability Balance Training

On 28th / 29th April Reception Class and Year 1 children will be taking part in Bikeability Balance Training.

This is free training through Shropshire Council which provides children with the foundation skills and confidence needed to ride a bicycle.



Sponsored Walk

On Friday 23rd May we are hoping to arrange a 'sponsored walk', children will be transported to the bottom of the Brown Clee, they will then walk to the Trig Point at the top of the Brown Clee and down again.



Crucial Crew

During week commencing 16th June, Year 6, children will be attending the Bridgnorth and South Shropshire Crucial Crew event at the Edgar Davies Ground in Bridgnorth. This is an annual event which helps to equip pupils to deal with some of the challenges they may face in later years after moving from primary to secondary education and beyond.

We are requesting a voluntary contribution of £10.15 per child attending this event which will go to Bridgnorth and Shropshire Crucial Crew to help with the cost of organising this event.



Adventure Days

On the 7th July Severn Class and on 8th July Corve Class will be attending a fun packed 'adventure day' at Shropshire Adventures - they will be taking part in laser tag / orienteering / climbing or archery and watersports.

These always prove to be very enjoyable days for the children. We will be asking for a voluntary contribution of £27 per child (£13.50 for those children who are eligible for benefit related free school meals), to enable the children to participate. This amount has been significantly subsidised by the school's sport provision funding.



Bikeability

On Wednesday 9th / Thursday 10th July **Year 6** children will be participating in the free 'Bikeability' training provided through Shropshire Council. Please ensure consent forms are completed and returned to enable your child to take part.

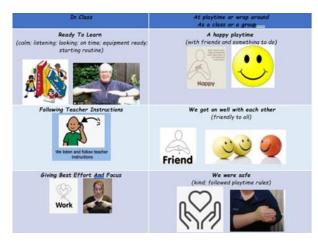


Visit to Wroxeter

We are looking into arranging a visit for Corve Class to Wroxeter Roman City. However, we are yet to confirm a date.

Once we have details we will share them with you.

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: <u>https://forms.office.com/e/eriWZ7C5Wa</u>

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 <u>Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk</u> 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:

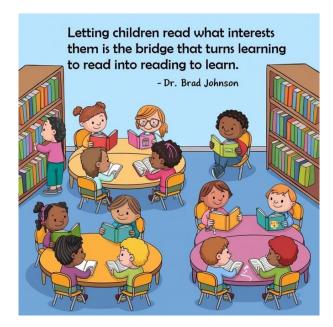
- the distortion of reality it affects how they understand the world.
- the upset or hurt when it is not used appropriately.
- the low self-esteem and mental health problems that is shown to result.

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

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: 81%

Corve: Yr3=100% / Yr4=92%

Severn: Yr5=81% / Yr6=100%

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 the story of David (from David and Goliath) and his friend Jonathan (the King's son). When David was older and the king became jealous of his popularity, Jonathan had a really tricky problem of what to do (his father wanted to get rid of David - his friend). We talked about what we use when decisions get tricky (for example in the playground when we fall out) and our values of honesty, trust, reliability. Children considered about making the right choice through considering 'what is right'.



Tuesday: We continued to think of our choices and showing kindness with the story of 'The helpful servant'.



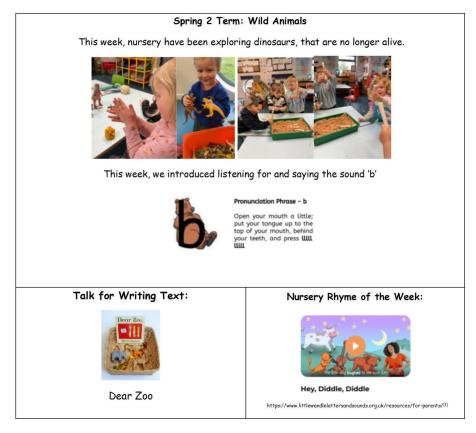
Wednesday: Open the book bought us the story of 'The Last Supper'. We reflected on special meals (and their reasons) we have with our families. We also thought about service (Jesus washed other people's feet to show no one was too important to serve) and we thought about how we help/serve others.



Thursday: All pupils had a focus on Mother's day and what we can do for our mums!

EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News

Nursery News 28.03.2025



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

Reception News 28.03.2025



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

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:

Would parents of 2 Yr old children please ensure they bring a car seat for their child.

Rea Class News

Rea Phonics	
Year 1 – have been learning:	
 ear making the ur sound as in learn, search and earth 	
 wr making the r sound as in wrong and wrist 	
 st making the s sound as in castle and listen. 	
 sc making the s sound as in science, muscle and scent. 	
 the schwa sound as in collar, actor and colour. 	
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.	
 ey making the ee sound in monkey and donkey. 	
Next week, we will have our spelling assessment for the term.	
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. Please keep the games and resources for you to continue to use	
at home. It would be lovely to have photos of your children playing the games for the	
newsletter.	
• Year two will have their end of term spelling assessment this Friday, so please practise	
some of the spelling rules from this term so far.	
Maths	
Year one – Mastering Number	
 Different ways to record addition calculations, and understand the part part whole 	
2 + 4 = 6 4 2 $6 = 4 + 2$	
model. $6 = 2 + 4$	
Year two – Mastering number	
 Choosing strategies for subtracting a one digit number from a teens number. 	
15-6=9	
Multiplication, addition and subtraction	
Year 1 Counting money using our knowledge of 2s, 5s and 10s. Doubling	
Year 2	
Practising our times tables and adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers.	
Rea Class Trip	
Please be at school for 8:30 on Monday morning, so we can leave at 8:45 promptly.	
Your child will need:	
 packed lunch water bottle 	
coat and sensible shoes	

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 \pm 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



A 'very well done' to all the children who took place in the primary school swimming gala, which took place on Wednesday 26th March 2025 at Teme Leisure, Ludlow. SY8 1DR. They were a credit to the school.

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-holidayclubs/

SGET Celebration of Poetry 2025





On Thursday evening last 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 children from Stottesdon 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 All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start Find a list of date excluding the School Holidays. local groups here 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

Shropshire Supporting Families through Early Help



Sleep Tight Work Shops - Spring 2025



Parenting Help & Support Line



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



SY8 1RT

PACC

NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

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: <u>https://www.oneplusone.org.uk/separating-</u> <u>better?utm_source=referral&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=sbaffiliate</u>

For face to face support, go to <u>Getting on better | Shropshire Council</u> 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 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.



www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents or scan the QR code





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: Tara Mladezic

Corve: Monty Barklam



Time Tables Rock Stars:

Rea: Florence Andrews

Corve: Joey Simmonds

Severn: Tabitha Keen



Spelling Bee:

Bronze: Ellie & Charlie

Silver: Libby Grace

Gold: Eva & Phoebe R



Sports Stars:

Teme: **Margot & Cordelia** for creating, practising and performing their sequence of gymnastic rolls.

Rea: Victoria great improvement in control with rolling.

Corve: **All of Corve Class** for the group sequences that they performed, along with the support and positive responses they gave when observing each other.

Severn: **Maxwell** for being an 'all round' team player and leader in the PE session with Mrs Stokes.



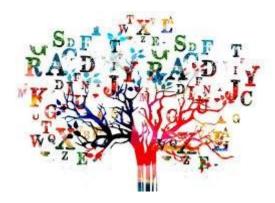
Pride and Presentation: Award for pupil focus on presentation of work across the curriculum.

Teme: **Cordelia** for her neat handwriting in her mother's day card.

Rea: Phoebe Roberts for her handwriting in her English book.

Corve: **Spencer** for beautiful accurate joining in English.

Severn: **Elliot** for his explanation text in English.



Great Sentence using words of the week: Teme: I was **next** to get in the car. **Alfie** Rea: Noi saw something in the sand that was in the **distance. Raith** Corve: Mr Simpson was **adamant** that I do my work. **Cash** Severn: I saw an **embossed** stone in the museum. **Maxwell**



Class Achievers:

Teme: Finley for his fantastic suggestion of a rhyming pair in Talkboost / **Wilfred** for his pattern spotting with odd and even numbers in maths this week.

Rea: Ophelia for great focus in phonics / Phoebe R for her understanding of how to be helpful and be a good learner in the classroom.

Corve: All year 3 children for mastering our new method for multiplication / **Frankie** for her perseverance in maths.

Severn: Ellie, Samuel, Lillie & Jenson St for thoughtful and creative ideas in RE.



Growing Acts of Kindness

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



Reception: Alfie for his kindness to others at tidy up time.

Year 1: Arthur R for offering to help a friend.

Year 2: Calvin for helping tidy our classroom.

Year 3: Monty & James for including others in their games.

Year 4:

Year 5: Lillie for always wanting to help others find lost items.

Year 6: Elliot for helping his peers understand their position on the netball court.