



# The Stotty School News 7.11.2025



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## Diary dates for the week ahead



Diary Dates for next week	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Momentum Gymnastics for Corve Class Momentum Gymnastics After School Club for R/1/2 Arithmetic After School Club for Yr 6
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service @ 10.45am St. Marys Church, Stottesdon - Everyone welcome to join - <b>If any of the children has a relative who has died in (any) war, could they bring a small piece of paper with the name written on it, then we will pin /tie them onto a prayer tree next to the war memorial. Also, if they would like to make a wreath and lay it, that would be fine</b> ELW Private Music Lessons Lunchtime Choir Lacon Sports Coach for Corve & Severn Hockey After School Club for Yrs 3/4/5/6
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	ELW Private Music Lesson Lunchtime Homework Club for Yrs 3/4/5/6 Lego After School Club - Open to all
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Rail Safety Assembly Cookery After School Club - Yrs 3/4/5/6
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	
Upcoming Diary Dates	
Sat. 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Chorley Chapel Warm Hub
Wed. 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas 'Stay & Play' @ 1.30pm
Thurs. 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1/Reception Christmas Celebration in Church @ 1.30pm
Fri. 19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Celebration in Church @ 1.30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term

## Four Stones Gateway Trust: Merger Update



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



**FOUR STONES  
GATEWAY TRUST**

Four Stones Gateway Trust is a family of like-minded schools that collaborate to provide mutual support, share their good practice and learn from each other. Our students deserve the best and we do this most effectively by working together.



**ACHIEVING  
TOGETHER**



Diocese of  
**Hereford**



From the start of this term, our school is now part of the Four Stones Gateway Trust (a merger of two Trusts). This is excellent news to support capacity and effectiveness for the benefit of our children. There is more information from our CEO Mark Pollard in the letter attached to this School News. As well as being Headteacher of Stottesdon, I will now take an executive role of Director of Primary in the newly formed Trust.

## 2026 / 2027 Term Dates

### TERM DATES – Academic Year 2026/27 End on 16 July

#### Autumn Term 2026

<b>TED 1</b>	<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026</b>
TERM STARTS	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026
HALF TERM	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2026 – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2026
<b>TED 2</b>	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2026 (secondary only)</b>
TERM ENDS	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026

#### Spring Term 2027

TERM STARTS	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2027
<b>TED 2</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027 (primary only)</b>
HALF TERM	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2027 – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2027
TERM ENDS	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2027

#### Summer Term 2027

TERM STARTS	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2027
HALF TERM	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2027 – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2027
<b>TED 3 (TDD)</b>	<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>TED 4 (TDD)</b>	<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>
TERM ENDS	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2027
<b>TED 5</b>	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2027</b>
<b>TED 6</b>	<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2027</b>
<b>TED 7</b>	<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027</b>

## Stottesdon CofE Primary School's Governing Body



**Rob Kennett MBE**  
Chair of Governors

Community  
governor appointed  
October 2023

Link governor for  
Humanities  
(History, Geog, PE,  
French, PSHE) &  
Christian Vision &  
Ethos

Rob holds the degree of Master of Education (Training and Evaluation) and a Doctorate in Education (Global Educational Policy) from the University of Hull. He is the founder and Director of a Training Company that delivers programmes both nationally and internationally. He was awarded a MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2009. He is married and he is passionate about history and gardening.



**Sarah Home**  
Vice-chair of  
Governors

Foundation  
governor appointed  
July 2024

Link governor for  
Safeguarding,  
EYFS & SIAMS

Sarah is a director of Willowdene Rehabilitation, a local rehabilitation service providing specialist interventions across the criminal justice and health sectors. She previously worked as a secondary science teacher before taking a role developing training opportunities at Willowdene. Sarah is passionate about the value of education and lifelong learning. Sarah has a background in medical research and trained as a secondary science teacher. She joined Willowdene in 2005, providing numeracy and literacy training to adults at risk. Sarah is responsible for managing 40 members of staff and working with a number of agencies to achieve the best outcomes for the most at risk in our society. Safeguarding children and adults is a priority within her work whilst promoting physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. Sarah has four children and has enjoyed seeing three of her children flourish during their time at Stottesdon.



**Daniel Middleton**

Parent governor  
appointed June  
2021

Link governor for  
STEM (Science,  
DT, Maths, IT)

Daniel is a lecturer of biology at Halesowen College, teaching biology on a variety of courses. He also teaches some chemistry. He brings analytical skills from working within scientific laboratories prior to starting teaching in 2006, as well as all the skills, knowledge of education from teaching, to the governing board. He is interested in how students are prepared for their next steps, both within the primary school and beyond; the use of awards, achievements and other forms of praise, the avoidance of bias in their use and the teaching of science (from both the teachers' and pupils' perspectives).



**Jane Jones**

Staff governor  
appointed in  
October 2023

Jane is the Key Stage 1 Teacher within our school. She brings knowledge of the curriculum, how children learn and the day to day workings of the school to the governing board. Her interests lie in the teaching and learning, children and staff wellbeing.



**Lauren Walker**

Parent governor  
appointed  
November 2024

Link governor for  
Inclusion  
(SEND/PP/P/LAC)  
& English

Lauren is a senior leader at a Pupil Referral Unit in Worcester with lead responsibility for teaching and learning, curriculum, interventions and English. With over 20 years experience in SEMH and SEND teaching, she has knowledge of the curriculum and the education sector. Lauren is passionate to support every child's needs throughout their learning journey and has a strong ethos that places the child as the central focus. All children deserve the best possible outcomes and schools are best placed to help them reach these.

## Community Governor Vacancy



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

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

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

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## School Council 2025 - 2026



**Our newly formed School Council have now had their first meeting and will be sharing their plans shortly.**

### **School Council 2025 - 2026:**

Rec: Esme Evans

Yr 1: Kitt Hadley

Yr 2: Tara Mladezic

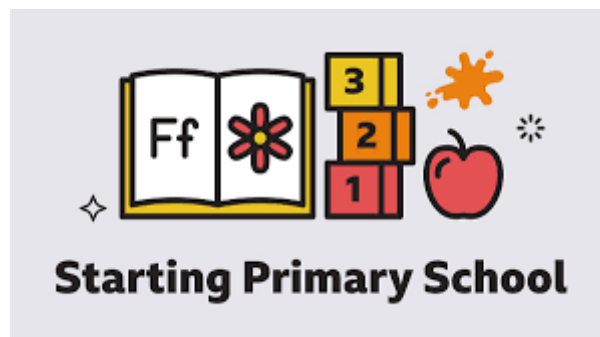
Yr 3: Harriet Foster

Yr 4: Esther Casswell-Saleh

Yr 5: Esme Green

Yr 6: Felicity Robertson / Noah Wilson

## Applying for Primary School place for September 2026



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



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

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

Please see further information in the link below:

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

## T4U - Shoebox Appeal



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*Once again we would like to invite you to participate in the T4U Shoebox Appeal.*

*Each shoebox is given out in poor communities in Eastern Europe bringing much need joy and excitement.*

*Mr Pearson, the local co-ordinator has said they are specifically in need of plasters.*

***If you would like to participate please ask the office for a leaflet.***

*Shoeboxes need to be handed into the office as soon as possible please.*

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## Link with Legacy School



*Our school is linking with the Legacy School in Bangalore to explore differences and similarities in where we live, our schools, food, traditions, weather and so much more. We are communicating with video so enjoy the introductory video Severn Class have made about our school:*

<https://youtu.be/57oNNObSV68>

## Lunchtime / After School Clubs

### After School Clubs - November / December 2025

In November / December 2025, the following after school clubs are being offered  
(3.15 - 4.15pm, unless otherwise stated):

Club	Club Tutor	Start Date	No. <del>Wks</del>	No. Places	For Year groups:	Cost £
Gymnastics	Annie Wain from Momentum Gymnastics	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	5	16	Yr R/1/2	12.50
Arithmetic Club	Mrs Caroline McKay	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	5	18	Yr 6	0
Sport Club - Hockey	Mrs Lisa Stokes	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	5	16	Yr 3/4/5/6	12.50
Lunchtime Choir	Mrs Esther Leverett Williams	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	5		Yr 1/2/3/4/5/6	0
Lego	Mrs Tracey Wood	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	5	20	Open to all	12.50
Lunchtime Homework Club	Mrs Caroline McKay	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	5		Yr 3/4/5/6	0
Cookery	Mrs Jackie Walker	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	4	12	Yr 3/4/5/6	10.00

*The following clubs will be available next half term, starting week commencing 10th November 2025:*

*Monday - Gymnastics - R/1/2*

*Monday - Arithmetic - Yr6*

*Tuesday - Sport Club - Hockey - 3/4/5/6*



*Tuesday - Lunchtime Choir - 1 -6*

*Wednesday - Lego - Open to all*

*Wednesday - Lunchtime homework club - 3/4/5/6*

*Thursday - Cookery - 3/4/5/6 (FULL)*

*If you would like to sign your child up for any of the above clubs, please do so via Arbor (clubs will appear under the trips section).*

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## **Christmas Card Competition**



Stuart Anderson (Member of Parliament for South Shropshire) would like to invite pupils to take part in his Annual Christmas Card Competition. This is an opportunity for children to showcase their creativity and imagination.

The competition is open from 1st November to 30th November 2025.

To enter:

- Create a festive design on a plain piece of paper, including on the reverse, the child's names, age and school
- Send it by post to: Stuart Anderson MP, 75a High Street, Bridgnorth. WV16 4DX
- Or email it to: [stuart.anderson.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:stuart.anderson.mp@parliament.uk)

The winning design will feature on the front cover of his official Christmas e-card. The winner's name, age, and school will also appear on the card.

## **Meal Balances on Arbor**

We would respectfully request that parents keep their child's lunch account topped up on Arbor please.

We cannot continue to allow debts to accrue, therefore should your meal account go into debt we will have no option but to put a stop on the account and you will not be able to

order a hot meal. (Obviously this only applies to children in Nursery, Corve and Severn class as children in Teme and Rea Class are entitled to Universal Free School Meals).

**Please remember to book your meals in advance as we head to next term.**

**Remember: The deadline for ordering is 2pm the previous day in order to help the kitchens with quantities and their own ordering.**

## Chorley Chapel Warm Hub



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

*Saturday 15th November / Saturday 13th December*

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

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

*Children would need to arrive at 10.45pm and stay until approx. 1pm. Mrs Jones will be there to supervise and support on the 13th December, Mrs Carter has very kindly volunteered to support the children on 15th November.*

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

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## Poppy Appeal



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*Once again, we are supporting the Royal British Legion in their Poppy Appeal fundraising campaign.*

*Should children wish to support this campaign, the following items will be on sale at breaktime from Tuesday 4th November.*

*Poppy keyring (£1) / festival wrist band (£2.50) / snap bands (£1.50) / paper poppies (50p)*

***Please note that children will be attending a service at our Church on 11th November 2025 @ 10.45am: if anybody would like to come and join us, you will be most welcome. If any of the children have a relative who has died in (any) war, they are invited to bring a small piece of paper with the name written on it , to pin onto a prayer tree next to the war memorial (if anyone would like to make a wreath and lay it, that would also be welcome).***

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## **Cauliflower Cards**



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*This week we have received the mugs that were ordered through Cauliflower Cards.*

*We just wanted to share a photograph of some of the mugs that were delivered.*

*They are absolutely fabulous - what a wonderfully creative lot you are!*

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## Recent Local Incident and School Safety Procedures



You may be aware of a recent critical incident (lockdown) that occurred in the local Worcestershire area. While this incident did not take place on or near our school site, we understand that it may have caused some concern within our community.

The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff are our top priorities. We want to reassure you that we have clear and well-practised procedures in place to deal with a range of emergency situations, including lockdowns. These procedures are designed to ensure that everyone knows how to respond calmly and safely should we ever need to secure the site.

We regularly carry out lockdown drills, alongside our fire evacuation drills, so that both students and staff are familiar with what to do. During a lockdown, staff follow established protocols to ensure all students are kept indoors, doors are secured, and normal activity is paused until an all-clear is given.

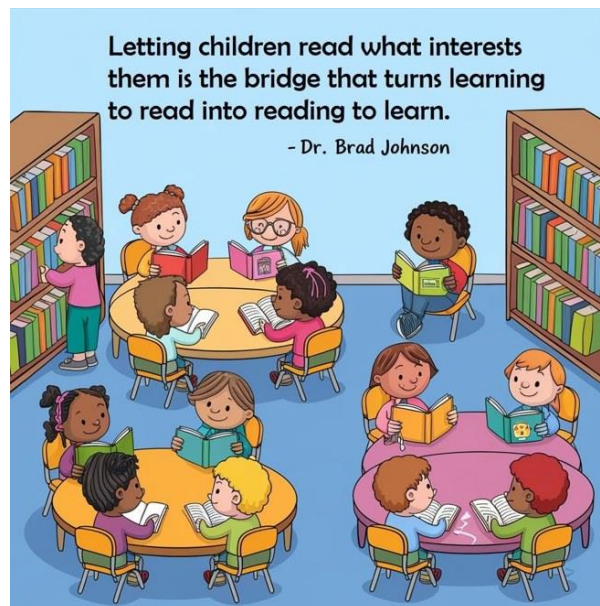
**It is important to note that, in the event of a real lockdown or emergency, parents and carers should not come to the school or contact students directly. While this instinct is completely understandable, doing so could interfere with emergency services and make it harder for staff to manage the situation safely. The school will communicate updates through our usual channels as soon as it is safe and advised to do so.**

Following the recent local incident, we have reviewed our security measures and emergency procedures in line with guidance from the DfE and emergency services. We are satisfied that our existing arrangements remain robust and effective.

We recognise that news of local incidents can be unsettling. If your child has been affected or wishes to talk about their concerns, our pastoral and safeguarding teams are available to provide support.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we work together to keep our school a safe and reassuring environment for everyone.

## Celebrating Reading



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### *Reading*

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

*Teme: 91%*

*Rea: 100%*

*Corve: 91%*

*Severn: 90%*

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## Our Worship / Reflections this week:

Tuesday: We learnt about how our family of schools has grown and reflected on our golden rules so we can support everyone to succeed.



Wednesday: Open the book bought us Psalm 23: The Shepherd Song - a poem written by King David. We reflected on how Shepherds look after sheep and that there are people in our lives who look after and watch out for us. Children reflected on how Christians see God as a father or shepherd watching out for us all. Children reflected on how they could be a shepherd to their friends and watch out for them and help them when they need it.









Thursday: Children were encouraged to think about things that they are good at whilst understanding that everyone is good at different things. Children celebrated differences and how to appreciate that we are all different.
















## EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News

Nursery News 07.11.2025

<b>Autumn 2 Term: Weather and Celebrations</b>  This week, the children joined the Reception class in the afternoons for shared learning experiences. Together, they enjoyed sessions in PE, Music, and explored the "Understanding the World" topic, focusing on Bonfire Night and seasonal weather changes.		
<b>Talk for Writing Text:</b> Rosie's Hat 	<b>Makaton Sign of the Week:</b>  Happy	<b>Phonics Sound of the Week:</b>   "Show your teeth and let the s hiss out ssssss"
<b>Concept of the Week:</b>  <b>WET</b>		<b>Nursery Rhyme of the Week:</b>   <small><a href="https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/">https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/</a><sup>[1]</sup></small>

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## Reception News 07.11.2025

<p><b>Talk for Writing Text:</b></p> <p><i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i> Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury</p>  <p>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</p>	<p><b>Mastering Number:</b> This week in maths, we've been building on comparing quantities. The children have been encouraged to look closely at two sets of objects and match them one-to-one. This helps them notice when both sets have the same number of items, or when one has more or fewer.</p> <p>We're also focusing on using clear mathematical language. You might hear your child talking about "more than," "fewer than," or "an equal number" as they describe what they see.</p>												
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## Best Start in Life



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

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

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

## Shropshire Music Service



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*On Wednesday this week children from Corve and Severn Class, along with pupils from Clee Hill and Cleobury Mortimer, attended a live performance by Shropshire Music Service for this year's Live Music Week at Lacon Childe.*

*A band of professional musicians delivered an inspirational mix of musical performance, explanation and interaction, covering a wide range of genres.*

*This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to enjoy a live music performance.*

*We are grateful to those of you that have made the voluntary contribution of £2.75 per pupil (thank you to FoSPS for subsidising the cost of the transport) to help to cover the cost of the event and transport (50% reduction for those pupils who are eligible for benefit related FSM).*

*If you have not already done so, we would appreciate it if you would make your contribution via Arbor please, under the trips section.*

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## Corve Class Trip to Enginuity



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*On Friday 28th children in Corve Class will be visiting Enginuity in Coalbrookdale, they will have the opportunity to explore the museum as well as attending a 'Jitterbug' workshop.*

*We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £14.48 per pupil (thank you to FoSPS for subsidising the cost of the transport) to cover the cost of the entry fee and transport (50% reduction for those pupils who are eligible for benefit related FSM).*

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

*Would you please make your contribution via Arbor, under the trips section.*

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## Severn Class trip to Cadbury's World

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

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

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

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


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## Parenting Signposts

SEND Meet and Chat Drop-in Sessions:


Thursday 13th November - The Lantern, Shrewsbury

Thursday 4th December - Oswestry Library



# AUTUMN TERM SEND MEET & CHAT FAMILY DROP-IN

Hosted by Shropshire Early Help



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


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

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

Speak with experts in:

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

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



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

### RAVEN HOUSE

Tuesday 23rd September 2025  
2:00pm-4:00pm

Raven House,  
125 Cheahere Street,  
Market Drayton, TF9 3AH

### BRIDGNORTH LIBRARY

Tuesday 14th October 2025  
1:00pm-3:00pm

Bridgnorth Library,  
Listley Street, Town Centre,  
Bridgnorth, WV16 4AW

### THE LANTERN




Thursday 13th November 2025  
10:00am-12:00pm

The Lantern,  
Meadow Farm drive,  
Shrewsbury, SY1 4NG

### OSWESTRY LIBRARY

Thursday 4th December 2025  
1:00pm-3:00pm

Oswestry Library,  
Arthur Street,  
Oswestry, SY11 1JN

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

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



## Understanding your child From toddler to teen

- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you need help and support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers with children of a similar age?

Join us for our free face-to-face group

**Understanding Your Child SEND**

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

**9.00am to 11.00am**

**Clee Hill Community Academy**

**Tenbury Road, Ludlow SY8 3NE**

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

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

To book a place email  
[Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk)  
or call 01743 250950

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



Understanding Your Child Groups - Autumn 2025

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Join us for one of our free virtual or face-to-face groups, our next groups start:

Understanding Your Child Group 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually Via MS Teams  
Understanding Your Child Group 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Ludlow Primary School  
Understanding Your Child Group 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm at Whitchurch CoE Infants School  
Understanding Your Child SEND Group 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 from 9.00am to 11.00am at Woodlands School Wem  
Understanding Your Child Group 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Sunflower House Shrewsbury  
Understanding Your Child Group 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Whittington Primary School  
Understanding Your Child SEND Group 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually Via MS Teams

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

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

To book a place email  
[Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk)  
or call 01743 250950

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



Sleep Tight Work Shops - Autumn 2025

## Does your child struggle with their sleep?

### Free Sleep Tight Groups

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups and

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

**SEND Group Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams**  
or

**Group Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams**

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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 Public Health Nursing Team



## Shropshire Family Information Service

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

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

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

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

@ShropshireFamilyInfo  
 @ShropshireFamilyInfo  
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[www.shropshire.gov.uk/fis](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/fis)

## What is Shropshire Family Information Service:

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

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

FIS use our social media channels to bring families news, events and handy information, which links through to our [Family Information Directory](#). Families are welcome to contact us directly for help with anything to do with family life. We have created a brand new short video to explain who we are and what we do. You can view it here on YouTube [https://youtu.be/7t1jBqJJl8?si=LeOiNag8\\_LeSPzX0](https://youtu.be/7t1jBqJJl8?si=LeOiNag8_LeSPzX0)

**What we would love you to do:**

1. Follow us on social media. We use social media as a key tool for reaching parents and professionals, so give us a follow and we will follow you back.

[Family Info Service Facebook](#)

[Family Info Service Instagram](#)

[Family Info Service Twitter](#)

2. Subscribe to our newsletter <https://orlo.uk/5RvZN>

BeeU Emotional Health and Wellbeing



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you would like to find out more about our service and if it is right for you or would like to speak to one of our practitioners please contact BeeU via email:

*beeuearlyyears@mpft.nhs.uk*

We welcome contact from parents/carers directly.

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

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

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

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

For more information on the change from 'Solihull Approach' to 'Togetherness' please visit:

<https://inourplace.co.uk/becoming-togetherness/>



### How to sign up:

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

Access Code:

**DARWIN18**

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

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**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.



[www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)



## COFFEE & CHAT

Stay & Play

**Every Tuesday**

**1pm until 3pm**

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

All families within the local area welcome

Free information, support  
& advice around:

- Family Life
- Housing & Finance
- Special Education Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)
- Parenting Support
- Training & Employment
- Domestic Abuse Support
- And much more...

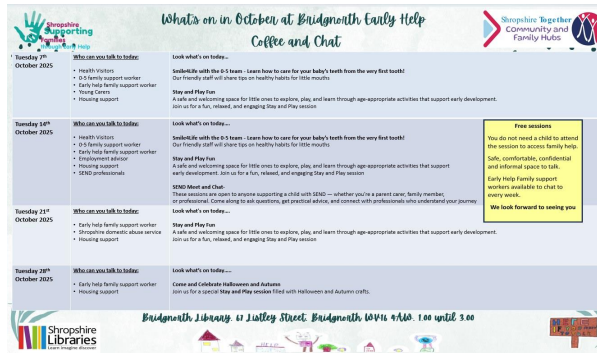


[shropshire.gov.uk/early-help](http://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help)

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED  
"PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SEALED  
CUP/TRAVEL MUG"







## 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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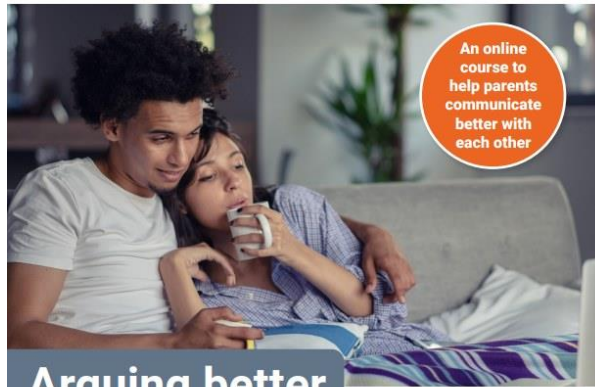


Introducing the Separating better app, a **free** self-guided mobile app for separating parents, designed to facilitate a smoother separation journey and promote positive co-parenting. This app is filled with expert advice, video resources, practical parenting, and budgeting plans, as well as co-parenting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

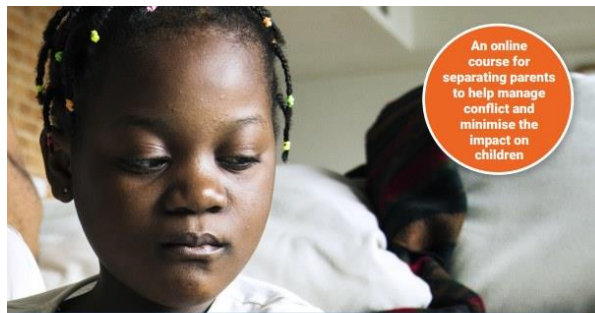
## Arguing better

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](http://www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents) or scan the QR code  
To access the course, you will need a good internet connection and a smartphone, tablet, or computer.



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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An online course for new and expectant parents

## Me, You and Baby too

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

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



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

***Pharmacy First can help families – a new service available in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin***

Pharmacy First can help families with minor illnesses and seven common conditions. If appropriate, treatment can be offered without a prescription for seven common conditions, and it can be quicker to see a pharmacist than a GP. Normal prescription charges and exemptions (those who do not have to pay, including children) will apply.

A pharmacy is a great place to get healthcare advice and treatment. Pharmacies are easy to reach, usually located within local communities, and often open evenings and weekends. This service may help children and colleagues get well and back to nursery/school/work quicker.

**Integrated Care System**  
Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

**NHS**  
Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

Kiley, Alex, Chelsie, Jayne, Jasdeep, Karen

**Worried about your child's health?**  
**Think 'Pharmacy First'**

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

Your pharmacy can help with:

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

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

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

## Health Visiting Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

**PARENT CARER COUNCIL  
PACC  
Shropshire**

**Accessing Support**

Knowing how to access support and who to speak to can be overwhelming and difficult at times. We have created this information sheet of charities and organisations that can provide help and support. You can also contact PACC for support and information on [info@paccshropshire.org.uk](mailto:info@paccshropshire.org.uk)

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**Shropshire IASS**  
Information, Advice & Support Service

We provide information, advice and support to parents and carers of children aged 0 to 25, and young people aged 16 to 25 who have, or may have, special educational needs or disabilities (SEND).

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**autism  
west midlands**

We are the leading charity in the West Midlands for Autistic adults, children, young people and those who love and care for them. Our passionate, expert staff and volunteers work across a range of age groups and abilities.

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**contact**  
for families with disabled children

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

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**SHROPSHIRE  
LOCAL OFFER**

The SEND local offer is a single place for information, services, and resources for children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and/or disabilities, their families, and the practitioners who support them.

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**PREPARATION  
PACC  
FOR ADULTHOOD**

The PACC Preparation for Adulthood (PFA) Navigator service is available to help SEND families understand the options available for young people with SEND on their preparation for adulthood journey.

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**IPSEA**  
Independent Provider of Special Education Advice

IPSEA is a registered charity in England that provides free legal advice and support to families of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

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

Please let us know if you would like a copy.

Otherwise please contact PACC for support and information on [info@paccshropshire.org.uk](mailto:info@paccshropshire.org.uk)

## Celebrating Children's Achievements





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

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### **Numbots**

Rea: **Boyd Dorrell**

Corve: **Leon Dorrell**



### **Times Tables Rock Stars**

Corve: **Aubrey MacNaughton**

Severn: **Noah Wilson**



### **Sports Stars:**

Teme: **Renley & Anderson** for their control in their firework movements during dance.

Rea: **Victoria** for good and improved ball control.

Corve: **Florence** for always being ready for the next instruction.

Severn: **Esme G** for excellent toe taps / **Ellie** for awesome dribbling & **Harrison** for great determination to dribble past a group of defenders during the football PE session with Mrs Stokes.

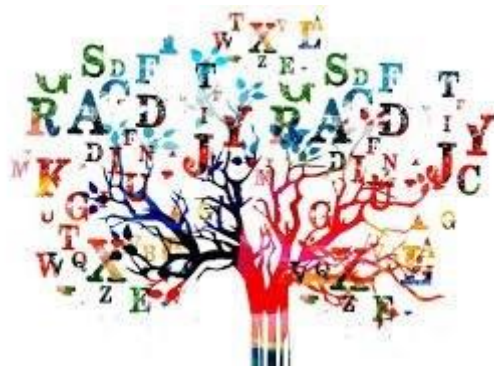


**Pride and Presentation:** Award for pupil focus on presentation of work across the curriculum.

Rea: **Victoria** for her handwriting in English.

Corve: **Reggie** for taking care with his layout of column addition.

Severn: **Ellie** for handwriting in English.



**Great Sentence using words of the week:**

Teme: Theo and I have the **same** bed. **Caleb**

Rea: You can hear the **whistle** and **warble** of the bird like a tune. **Tara**

Corve: My mum had an **informal** chat with me. **Frankie**

Severn: My mum said the house was **immaculate**. **Charlie**



**Class Achievers:**

Teme: **Tommy** for his focus in reading sessions.

Rea: **Freddie** for his focus and independence this week / **Ophelia** and **Chloe** for great focus in maths.

Corve: **Harriet** and **Isabella** for great contributions to class discussions in PSHE.

Severn: **Noah**, **Spencer**, **Elia**, **Oliver**, **Lucas** and **Charlie** for their progress in maths.



Children selected for growing kindness.

Reception: **All of Teme Class** for helping Nursery children when they join their class.

Year 1: **Alfie** for helping other's tidy the classroom.

Year 2: **Arthur R** for helping explain kindly to younger children in computing.

Year 3: **Florence** for being a good friend helping another pupil with the next steps of an instruction.

Year 4: **Leon** for good sportsmanship during football.

Year 5: **Sofia** for comforting one of the younger pupils when they were upset.

Year 6: **Felicity** for checking a friend was ok following a fall in PE.