



The Stotty School News 6.9.2024



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Diary dates for the week ahead



Diary Dates for next week	
Monday 9 th September	Private music lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams Rea Class parents' meeting @ 3.30pm
Tuesday 10 th September	Private music lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams Teme Class parents meeting @ 3.30pm
Wednesday 11 th September	Private music lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams Severn Class parents meeting @ 3.30pm
Thursday 12 th September	Severn Class Lacon Childe Football Festival - Children must have shin pads - within the school day Corve Class parents meeting @ 3.30pm
Friday 13 th September	Nasal Flu Vaccinations - Please ensure you have completed the econsent form Kidderminster Harriers in Corve & Severn Kidderminster Harriers after school club - 3.15 - 4.15pm
Upcoming Diary Dates	
Friday 4 th October	Harvest Festival @ 9.15am
Wed. 23 rd October	Photographer
Tues. 22 nd / Thurs 24 th Oct	Parents Evenings
Mon. 28 th Oct - Friday 1 st November	Half Term
Monday 4 th Nov.	PD Day - School closed to pupils
Wed. 18 th Dec.	Nursery Christmas Stay & Play @ 1.30pm
Thurs. 19 th Dec.	KS1 Christmas Celebration @ 1.30pm
Fri. 20 th Dec.	KS2 Christmas Celebration @ 1.30pm Last day of term



Welcome back everyone! It has been lovely to see everyone again and welcome/include new children and families in Reception and across the school.

It was lovely to see children catching up on each other's news as they reengaged with classmates. Thank you for ensuring children looked smart and equal in their uniforms; this is an important precedent that prevents distraction on the wrong things (the same applies to water bottles, pencil cases etc). Below are some important key messages to support us working together for the best outcomes for children:

Curriculum and welcome meetings

Children have begun launching into their curriculums (please see attached a PDF copy – all curriculum details can also be found on website class pages here: <https://stottesdon-school.co.uk/learning/curriculum>). I know staff would welcome touching base with you at welcome meetings next week to meet face to face and share key information for the year so please take note of dates and times. Those that are unable to attend will be sent the information.

Term Dates

Term dates will also come out with this school news; these can always be found under the office section of our website: <https://stottesdon-school.co.uk/general-office/term-dates>. The school news will also keep you updated with the key diary dates section at the start.

Attendance

Attendance was excellent last year (only a small minority were less than the 90% threshold) – well done – this really does make a difference to children's achievement as the learning is planned to carefully build and progress. Children obviously find learning much easier if their routine and the progression is logical. Thank you for also making sure children arrive on time. Lessons/practise starts straight away (8.45am) so being ready for this is a really a supportive role that parents give to their children.

If your child is unwell and not able to attend school, please email or phone the office as soon as possible and then keep us updated on any subsequent days. We care about all our children and if we don't know why someone isn't in we have a duty to phone, check and follow up.

Holidays in term time are an unauthorised absence (190 school days and 175 other days for holidays). If you have exceptional circumstances for a leave of absence please complete a request in advance (4 weeks if possible). Forms are available from the office. For further information please see our attendance policy (in line with national guidance) [here](#).

Reading

And finally, I want to finish the introduction to the year with a reminder of single most important thing we can all gift to our children: a love of reading which underpins and inspires the growth of imagination, vocabulary, cultural understanding and so much more.

Why is it important to set up regular reading routines?

Setting up the routines of regular reading gives children both the skills to read (mechanics) and inspires pupils to enjoy stories and information. Our school routine prioritises both the teaching and enjoyment of reading by reading in school everyday, leading guided reading in groups or classes and daily phonics (in younger classes). We also do class book clubs to help enthuse children about the books they could be reading for enjoyment. Books, funded by FOSPS, are used to create book budgets

that children and their teachers spend for the term in order to buy appealing texts for them to enjoy - like their very own bookshop! As we start the academic year, we encourage parents to also set home routines that include regular reading and enjoyment of books (at bedtime; whilst cooking in the kitchen etc.). Children come home with two reading books: one which they can read (which practises the mechanics) and one which is for sharing and enjoyment. Both are really important. **We expect children to be reading at home at least 4 times a week (little and often has the most impact - it doesn't matter which book or if it is another at home). Classes will continue to track this and celebrate in the school news and with an additional playtime if the whole team achieves it - please support by logging in reading diaries and help us create a 'buzz' for this crucial activity. Where children aren't doing this crucial regular practice we will use time slots in school (breaktime and lunchtime) to support this vital part of their development.**

So what did staff do on the PD Days?


You might be interested to know what staff used their professional development (PD) days for on Monday and Tuesday. Staff worked hard to get ready for the term and ensured we were all up to date with our safeguarding training, the priorities for our continual improvement, the importance of routines (everyone feels better when they know what's going to happen!) and the latest educational research to ensure our provision is up to date and meeting the needs of all children. We also have a focus on doing things in the most efficient and effective way to support staff workload and help teachers give as much of their time to preparation and delivery.

Thank you for reading this central communication tool which comes out weekly with the aim of being a 'one stop shop' for as much information as possible.

Katie Jones, Headteacher



WORDS HAVE POWER



'Parents who engage their children in books prepare them to become committed, enthusiastic readers.

.....

Book related talk introduces children to language they might not hear in ordinary conversation.....

Research looking at the impact of parents reading with their children by 5 years old. Number of words encountered:

- Never read to: 4662 words
- 1 – 2 times a week: 63,570 words
- 3 – 5 times a week: 169,520 words
- Daily: 296,660 words
- 5 books a day: 1,483,300 words'



[Katie Jones Headteacher Email](#)



Please note that our headteacher still has the email head@stottesdon-school.co.uk but she also has the email ceo@sget.org.uk due to her dual role (Chief Executive Officer of the Shropshire Gateway Education Trust). Both emails are interlinked but we wanted to clarify in case of any confusion.

Nasal Influenza Immunisation

Earlier today we sent out an email containing important information from the immunisation team.

Would you please complete the econsent form:

<https://www.shropscommunityhealth.nhs.uk/rte.aspx?id=11910&vax=FLU&school=Stottesdon%20CofE%20Primary%20School&sc=142312>

*as soon as possible (**deadline is 9am on Tuesday 10th September**) as the team are due to come into Stottesdon on Friday 13th September.*

FoSPS - Parent Survey

All families of pupils at our school are members of the PTA - FoSPS.

The FoSPS committee are keen to know your thoughts on how FoSPS can benefit your child(ren) at school and would be very grateful if you could please take a moment to fill out this survey:

<https://form.jotform.com/fosps96/fosps-parent-survey-form>

The survey is a simple 10 question tick box form that takes 1-2 minutes.

Tesco Stronger Starts - In Store Vote



Calls out for votes to get a share of Tesco's Stronger Starts fund

Stottesdon CofE Primary School is bidding for a cash boost from the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme.

Stronger Starts provides grant awards of up to £1,500 to local community projects, with a particular focus on children and young people.

Three groups in every community have been shortlisted to receive grant awards and Tesco customers can vote for the group they think should take away the top award in their local Tesco store.

We are pleased to say that our application to Tesco Stronger Starts has been successful and has been put forward to a customer vote in store.

We would like to improve the health and wellbeing benefits associated with daily physical exercise by doing a daily mile project.

Voting is due to commence from 1st July until the end of September.

You will be able to place your vote at the following stores:

2368 Cookley Kiddminster Exp Small unit DY10 3SA

2770 Kidderminster Large unit DY11 6SW

3263 Foley Pk Kidderminster Exp Small unit DY11 7BQ

3265 Spennells Kidderminster Exp Small unit DY10 4DZ

4512 Bewdley Load St Exp Small unit DY12 2AW

5165 Bewdley Hill Kidd Exp Small unit DY11 6BS

5634 Kidderminster Com Exp Small unit DY10 1QG

6638 Stourport Large unit DY13 9FB

6777 Kidderminster S R Exp Small unit DY10 2PR

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

Please help to let us be in with a chance of securing this funding.

Our Worship / Reflections this week:

Wednesday: We welcomed back everyone in our 'Stotty family' and revisited what makes everyone happy, safe and learning in our school. This included golden rules and class contracts/promises.



Thursday: We revisited our arrangements for our zoned playground (co-designed with the children last summer). There really is a lot of choice to keep children busy and happy so thank you to all those that have contributed resources to this.

Friday: The school participated in the Big Celebration Assembly which focused on the importance of celebrating our differences and overcoming adversity. After some of the events in the summer, it is really important we revisit our messages of communities where everyone feels welcome, included, happy and safe - a very important British Value.





Mutual Respect & Tolerance

We respect and learn from each other's differences.
We always treat others as we want to be treated.



better
together

Celebrating Reading




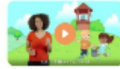


Reading

Well done for those that are reading 4 x or more a week and logging it in reading diaries. Please keep regular reading and enjoyment of books a high priority.

EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News

Nursery News 06.09.2024

<p>Autumn 1 Term: Once Upon a Time</p> <p>Welcome back after the summer holidays. We hope you all had a lovely and busy break; a special welcome to all the new children and their families who are joining us this term. We look forward to working closely with you over this year to support your child in the nursery.</p> <p>Over the next two weeks we will be learning about the Nursery Rules and Routines. This is a short topic to ensure all the children are aware of expectations in nursery.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nursery Golden Rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. We use kind and gentle hands and feet. .. We walk inside Nursery. .. We use our insides voices in Nursery. .. We share our toys in Nursery. .. We use our listening ears. <p>Over the next seven weeks we will be exploring the topic 'Once Upon a Time'. Please see our curriculum map attached for further detail. Our Learning Wall and ClassDojo Story will record our learning. Please feel free to look at this to aid your discussions with children about their nursery experiences.</p> <p>If you have any ideas or interests that you feel would add value to this topic, please speak to a member of our team. Also, if you have any concerns or queries at all about your child's learning or progress, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff so we can work together to ensure your child is developing well at a pace that is appropriate to them.</p>	
 <p>Talk for Writing: The Three Billy Goats Gruff</p>	<p>Makaton Sign of the Week:</p>  <p>more</p>
<p>Concept of the Week:</p> <p>BIG</p> 	<p>Nursery Rhyme of the Week:</p>  <p>Jack and Jill</p> <p><small>https://www.littleandlettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/</small></p>

Reception News 06.09.2024

Autumn 1 Term: Once Upon a Time



Thank you for a fantastic first week in school everyone! All of Reception have done so well with walking into school with huge smiles on their faces and adjusting to a new routine and expectations in school.

This week we have focused our learning on our class golden rules and new routines, getting to know our teachers and class peers, attending assembly and changing for PE.

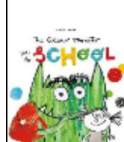
Remember to:

- To name all items brought into school - this includes water bottles and jumpers/cardigans.
- Support your child's reading by sharing a book together at home at least 4 times a week.
- Please send water only in your child's drink bottle.

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Tuesday 10th September 2024 3:30pm - 4:00pm

Reception Parent's Welcome Meeting



This week's text:

The Colour Monster Goes to School

Nursery Rhyme of the Week:



Down at the Station

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

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Parenting Signposts

Understanding Your Child Groups - Autumn 2025

- 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?

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



SOLIHULL APPROACH

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS From Toddler to Teen

Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Monday 30th September 2024 from 9.15am to 11.15am Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child starts on Monday 30th September 2024 from 3.00pm to 5.00pm at Mardol Hub, Shrewsbury, SY1 1PR

Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 from 9.15am to 11.15 at Louise House, Shrewsbury, SY3 9JN

Understanding Your Child starts on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child starts on Thursday 3rd October 2024 from 9.15am to 11.15am at Wilfred Owen School, Shrewsbury, SY2 5SH

The groups are delivered Virtually via MS Teams or Face to Face at a venue in Shropshire.

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 on one of our groups or for further information on the groups we run please contact the Parenting Team by: Emailing: Parenting.Team@shropshire.gov.uk or call us on telephone: 01743 250950
All our groups are free to Shropshire Council residents.



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Understanding Your Child starts on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child starts on Friday 3rd October 2024 from 1.15pm to 3.15pm at Christchurch Primary School, Cressage SY5 6DH

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Does your child struggle with their sleep?

Free Sleep Tight Workshops

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face workshops 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 Workshops start:

Sleep Tight on Thursday 19th September 2024 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm Virtually via MS Teams

Sleep Tight SEND Friday 20th September 2024 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Wilfred Owen School, Shrewsbury, SY2 5SH

Sleep Tight SEND on Thursday 7th November 2024 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm Virtually via MS Teams

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

Find out more here



Parenting Help & Support Line

Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

01743 250950

Mon - Thurs, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Fri, 9.30am - 3.30pm

No judgment, just support.



Shropshire Family Information Service



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

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

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



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

www.shropshire.gov.uk/fis

Solihull Approach - Understanding Your Child

ONLINE COURSES FOR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, CARERS AND TEENS

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optional voice-over where available

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- ...your baby
- ...your child
- ...your child with additional needs
- ...your teenager's brain
- ...your feelings (for teenagers only!)
- ...your relationships

and much more!

Do you live in the Shropshire or Telford & Wrekin area? Locally funded

1. Scan QR or visit www.inourplace.co.uk
2. Enter the Access Code*
3. Begin learning

*Sign in or registration required

Access Code: **DARWIN18**

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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.

Shropshire Council www.shropshire.gov.uk

Shropshire Supporting Families through Early Help

OneplusOne



Separating better

Prioritise your child's happiness with the Separating better app from OnePlusOne

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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=saffiliate

For face to face support, go to [Getting on better | Shropshire Council](#) and select Free Courses and Workshops.



An online course to help parents communicate better with each other

Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life, and most couples argue from time to time. How you deal with disagreements can make a big difference to you, your partner, and your children.

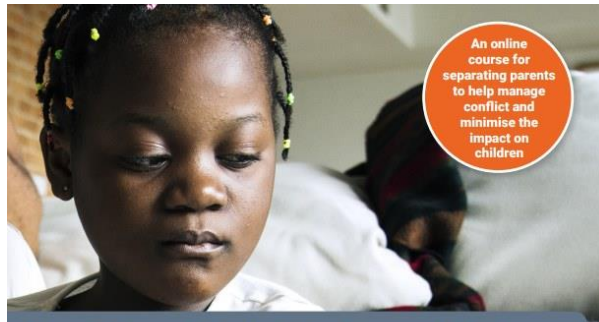
This free online course can help you learn to manage difficult conversations, avoid conflict, and improve things for your whole family.

Create your free account at www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents or scan the QR code

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



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

Getting it right for children

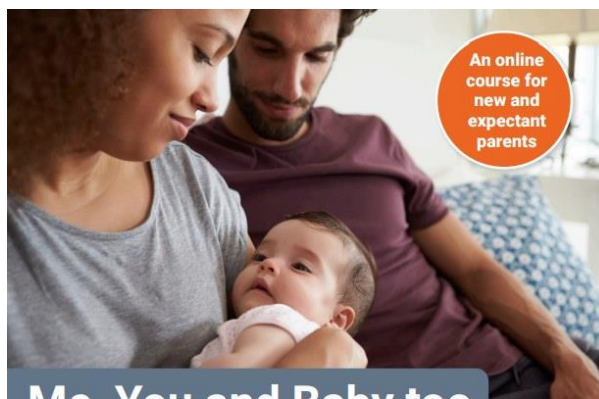
When separated parents argue, it's common for children to feel like they are caught in the middle. This free online course is designed to help separated parents communicate better with each other and parent co-operatively after parting.

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.



Create your free account at www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents or scan the QR code

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

Health Visiting Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Achievers



All of Teme Class for their positive start in Reception.

Charlie, Ella, Leo, Mason and Joey for their fantastic start to Stottesdon.

Florence for her excellent pony care during the holidays at Pony Club.
