

The Stotty School News 4.7.2025



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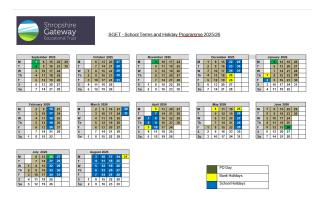
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Diary dates for the week ahead



| Diary Dates for next week | | | | | | | |
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| Monday 7 th July | Corve Class Adventure Day @ Shropshire Adventures - Children will need: Packed lunch/water bottle/waterproof coat/sun hat/suncream (depending on weather)/long trousers ie jogging bottoms or jeans/towel/change of clothes for water sports ie t-shirt and shorts. Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams. T1 Rugby After School Club. | | | | | | |
| Tuesday 8 th July | Severn Class Adventure Day @ Shropshire Adventures - Children will need: Packed lunch/water bottle/waterproof coat/sun hat/suncream (depending on weather)/long trousers ie jogging bottoms or jeans/towel/change of clothes for water sports ie t-shirt and shorts. Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams. Lunchtime gardening club. Multi Skills After School Club - R/1/2 Rounders After School Club - Yr 3/4/5/6 | | | | | | |
| Wednesday 9 th July | Year 6 Bikeability Training - Children will need a roadworthy cycle and a cycle helmet. Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams. 'Go Green' lunchtime club. Lacon Sports Coach with Corve & Severn Class Archery After School Club - Yr 3/4 Science After School Club - Yr 5/6 | | | | | | |
| Thursday 10 th July | Year 6 Bikeability Training - Children will need a roadworthy cycle and a cycle helmet. Reception Children September 2025 taster day. | | | | | | |
| Friday 11 th July | Teme / Rea & Corve Class to attend swimming lessons at Highley - please see further information in the newsletter Drama After School club - Yr 3/4/5/6 | | | | | | |
| Upcoming Diary Dates | | | | | | | |
| 15 th July | Sports Morning - Due to start @ 9am | | | | | | |
| 16 th July | Rea Class Severn Valley Railway trip | | | | | | |

2025/2026 School Term and Holiday Programme



Please find attached updated term dates for 2025 / 2026.

You will note there is an additional PD day on 26th June 2026.

Also attached is the updated Lacon Childe School version, the PD Days on this differ slightly from the primary schools version in order to support a mock marking and moderation with other secondaries (8th December instead of 3rd November)

Leaving Gift



Sadly, Mrs Karen Martin will be leaving us at the end of this term. Karen has been a valued member of our staff since 2011 so

we would like to purchase a leaving gift to thank her for all her hard work and commitment during the last 14 years.

If you would like to contribute towards this gift please hand your donation into the office as soon as possible.

Hair Styles / Peer Pressure and Social Media Influences

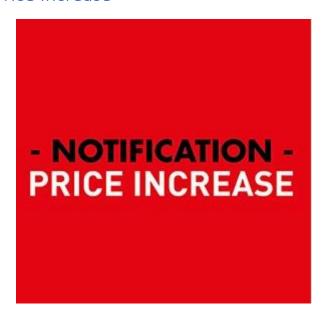
Schools and parents working together is really key in supporting children navigate relationships and pressures especially in todays online world.

Our uniform states that - 'Long hair should be tied up daily, in a simple hairband to match school colours. Short hair cuts should not be less than a grade 2'.

Uniform is an important way of children being equal and removing the pressures of fashion and trends. However, fashions and trends are coming into children's worlds much more intensely, and at a younger age, than ever before whether this be for water bottles, short skirts (mentioned last week) or hair styles.

Our school, staff and children are passionate about that we are all welcome, valued and unique no matter what we look like however, sadly, the peer pressure to have perceived, trendy hair styles for boys has led older children to be unkind and mean to others if they think that someone's mullet is not up to scratch. This is not acceptable and we are obviously dealing with this. We ask for parents support by talking to children at home and guiding children in keeping an appropriate perspective of what is important.

School Meals - Price Increase



From September 2025, due to rising costs, the Trust has taken the decision to raise the cost of a school meal to £2.80 for early years pupils (Nursery) and £3.00 for children in KS2 (Corve and Severn Class).

Those children in Reception / Year 1 and Year 2 are all entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

School Uniform



We would like to remind parents / children of the appropriate length of girls skirts. Skirts should be knee length but we have noticed there are some very short skirts creeping in (and some of this is choice rather than growth spurts). This is an important part of school uniform to get right in order to maintain pupil's dignity and appropriateness (not revealing too much). We particularly ask our older pupils to set the example to our younger pupils and we ask for parents support in helping pupils maintain a professional approach to coming to school and an expectation that then extends into Secondary. From next week we will be communicating directly with parents if we feels skirts are too short.

Summer HAF Programme



Please find attached the HAF Summer programme.

This is available for children and young people aged 4 (in reception class or equivalent) to 16, who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals. Families will need to use their HAF code when making a booking, this code has been sent to relevant families earlier this week.

SGN Summer Holiday Club



SGN Summer Holiday Club will be open on the following dates, subject to bookings:

Monday 21st July to Thursday 24th July

Monday 28th July to Thursday 31st July

W/C 4th August - Holiday Club closed

W/C 11th August - Holiday Club closed

Monday 18th August to Thursday 21st August

Tuesday 26th August to Thursday 28th August

Tuesday 2nd September

Please find attached schedule with prices and timings.

If you would like to book your child/ren into any of the sessions, please do so via Arbor - **FROM MONDAY.**

We will gauge viability towards the end of term and advise if any of the sessions need to be reduced or cancelled.

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: 83%

Corve: 77%

Severn: 97%

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.



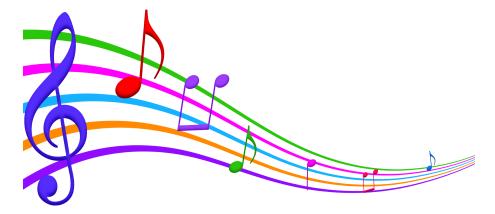
Would everyone please have a good search at home for any reading books books belonging to the school - the class libraries have reduced greatly. It would be nice to have them fully stocked for the beginning of the Autumn Term.

Our Worship / Reflections this week:



Monday: Children had a moving up assemblies where we thought about preparing for journeys (e.g. holidays). We related this to preparing for our next year in school and how the morning would be used to begin to learn new routines, make new relationships with

staff and children, understand what we need to keep do for our next year of school. Children had a great morning but if you have any queries please don't hesitate to liaise with staff.



Wednesday: Open the book bought us the story of Cornelius. We reflected on that God was there for everyone.



Thursday: Communication - we looked into and reflected on what we can learn from people who communicate in different ways.

Making A Difference By Looking After Our Planet

Well done to all the children that have volunteered for our big litter pick so far. Enjoy the pictures below of the most recent children being 'agents of change'.





Making a difference by helping out in the community



On Sunday 13th July 2 - 4pm there is a cream tea community event. If there are any children who would like to be helpers (writing menus, preparing cream teas, taking orders, serving tables, clearing up) email the office to let us know. Children would need to arrive at 1.45pm and stay until 4pm. Mrs Jones will be there to supervise and support. This is a fantastic way to feel part of the community and get involved in multi-generational events.

School Council Nature Photography Competition



Children were so inspired by the World Nature Photography Competition that the School Council wanted to run their own competition. Well done to all those that participated. The school council had a tough time selecting the winning entries but below are the fantastic photos and the photographers for each category that were chosen. We will now work to creating a Christmas calendar and the school council are going to debate the environmental charities to donate to.

Categories:

1. Mammals: Lillie Trenfield

2. Amphibians and Reptiles: Self portrait by Shadow

3. Invertebrates: Fletcher Middleton

4. Birds: Bea Gittins

5. Farming: Harrison Cook

6. Plants and Funghi: Libby Grace Walker

7. Water: Felicity Robertson

8. Landscapes: Grace Richards

9. Sky: Maxwell Middleton

10. Flowers: Francesca Ralph

11. Black and White: Tabitha Keen

12. Patterns/Art in Nature: Kitt Hadley

Happy Photography!

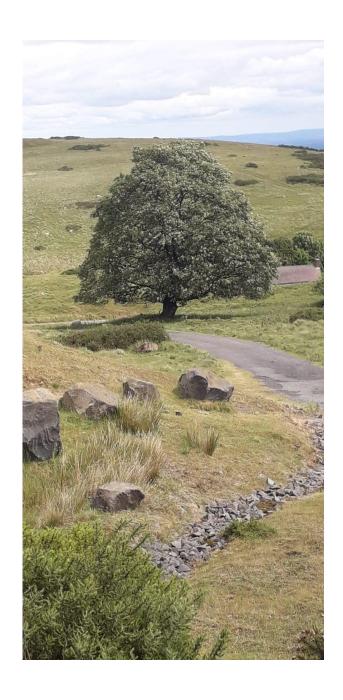
























Forthcoming Trips / Activities

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



Adventure Days

On the 7th July Corve Class and on 8th July Severn Class (**PLEASE NOTE THE DAYS HAVE SWAPPED**) 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.

Children will need:

Packed lunch / Water bottle / Waterproof coat / sun hat / sun cream (depending on weather) / long trousers ie jogging bottoms or jeans / towel / change of clothes for water sports ie t-shirt & shorts



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.



Severn Valley Railway

On Wednesday 16th July Rea Class will be transported to Kidderminster Station to catch the Severn Valley Railway steam train to Highley, where they have the opportunity to explore The Engine House. They will then do the return journey to Kidderminster station.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £19.45 per child (£9.73 for those children eligible for benefit related free school meals) to cover the cost of the journey, entry to the Engine House and transport - once again we are very grateful to FoSPS for covering half of the cost of the transport for this trip.

We would appreciate it if you could make this contribution via Arbor as soon as possible please.

EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News

Nursery News 04.07.2025

Summer 2 Term: Journeys and Holidays

This week, nursery have been learning about signs of summer.

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



Pronunciation Phrase - x

Mouth open, then push the cs/x sound through as you close your mouth cs cs cs (x x x)

Talk for Writing Text:



Whatever Next!

Nursery Rhyme of the Week:



One, Two, Buckle My Shoe

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

STARTING RECEPTION in SEPTEMBER 2025



The Kindred² School Readiness Survey^[2] in January 2025 reported that 41% of parents hadn't heard about the term 'School Readiness' before their child joined reception.

School Readiness: Key skills to practice with your child before starting reception. Practising these skills will make you child's journey to reception as positive as possible. For a full list of these skills please visit www.startingreception.co.uk^[3].

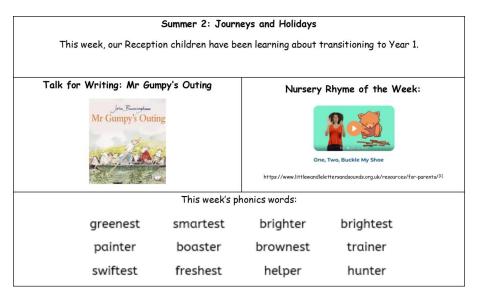
Each week, I will highlight in the school news and ClassDojo some of these skills and provide activity ideas and information to support parents with practising these skills at home. Please speak to your child's key person for further information if required.

WEEK 9: Brushing teeth

- Developing healthy routines around brushing their teeth with fluoride toothpaste twice a day (you'll need to supervise this until they are at least 7)
 - Toothbrushing SOS with the singing dentist $^{[4]}$

2 - [1] https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/ [2] https://kindredsquared.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/School-Readiness-Survey-January-2025-Kindred-Squared.pdf [3] https://www.startingreception.co.uk/ [4] https://www.startingreception.co.uk/ [4] https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/26jbydm

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3 - [1] https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/

Teme & Rea Class DT



Teme and Rea Class are working towards making a fresh fruit salad as part of their DT curriculum.

They will be practicing how to use equipment safely to cut, peel and chop before designing their very own combination of fruits.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £1 per child to cover the cost of fruit needed. (The contribution is to be made via Arbor please).

Please can you send in a NAMED Tupperware (or similar) container with a lid to avoid spills in which they can mix, dress and bring home their salad.

They will need their container on Thursday 17th July.

Rea Class News

Rea Phonics

Year 1

- dge making j as in bridge.
- y making I as in myth.
- ge making j as in large.
- ti making sh as in fiction.
- ssi and si making sh as in mission and mansion.

Year 2

• Completing spelling and grammar assessments for the year.

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. This we week have worked hard in our reading assessments well done.
- Year 2 spellings. We have had our spelling assessments for the year this week. Well done you have worked hard. Please practise your tricky words.
- Numbots, teach your monster number skills or times tables rock stars (for year 2).

Maths

Mastering number – retrieval of all our bonds and why our number bonds are useful
to us.

Showing off our learning

Year 1 and year 2

• We have been completing our arithmetic and reasoning assessments. Well done.

Parenting Signposts

Understanding Your Child Groups - Summer 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 Group 29th April 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am at Crowmoor Primary School, Shrewsbury
Understanding Your Child Group 30th April 2025 from 9.00am to 11.00am at Clee Hill Community Primary School
Understanding Your Child Group 30th April 2025 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm at Shrewsbury TBA
Understanding Your Child Group 30th April 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm at Betvidere Primary School, Shrewsbury
Understanding Your Child Group 1th May 2025 from 09.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams
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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
or.call 01743 250950

Find more free online courses at: inourplace.co.uk/shropshire





Sleep Tight Work Shops - Summer 2025

Does your child struggle with their Sleep?

Free Sleep Tight Groups

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups which run for 5 weeks and:

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

Our next groups start:

Sleep Tight SEND Monday 9th June 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm Virtually Via MS Teams

or

Sleep Tight Monday 16th June 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am Virtually via MS Teams

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

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



Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line 01743 250950

Mon - Thurs, 9.30am - 4.30pm Fri, 9.30am - 3.30pm

No judgment, just support.



Shropshire Family Information Service



What is Shropshire Family Information Service:

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

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

FIS use our social media channels to bring families news, events and handy information, which links through to our <u>Family Information Directory</u>. Families are welcome to contact us directly for help with anything to do with family life. We have created a brand new short video to explain who we are and what we do. You can view it here on YouTube https://youtu.be/7t1jBqJJTl8?si=LeOiNag8 <u>LeSPzXO</u>

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

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





OneplusOne



Introducing the Separating better app, a **free** self-guided mobile app for separating parents, designed to facilitate a smoother separation journey and promote positive co-parenting. This app is filled with expert advice, video resources, practical parenting, and budgeting plans, as well as co-parenting tips. It offers an easy-to-follow journey where you can track your progress and unlock app sections as you go.

Find out more and download the mobile app, now:

https://www.oneplusone.org.uk/separating-

better?utm_source=referral&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=sbaffiliate

For face to face support, go to <u>Getting on better | Shropshire Council</u> and select Free Courses and Workshops.







Health Visiting Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Please let us know if you would like a copy.

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

Celebrating Children's Achievements



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



Numbots:

Rea: Kai Plumb

Corve: Spencer Christie



Time Tables Rock Stars:

Rea: Florence Andrews

Corve: Theo Walker

Severn: Ellie Davies



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Bronze:

Silver:

Gold:

Platinum:



Sports Stars:

Teme: Luke for his perseverance and improvement in water confidence and skills.

Rea: **Meghan** for swimming a width with flotation aids.

Corve: Joey and Izzy for their exceptional effort at the Athletics at Lacon this week.

Severn: **All of the athletics team** for great sportsmanship and determination.



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

Teme: Harry for his clear and consistent finger spaces in his independent writing.

Rea: **Ophelia** for her careful drawing and cutting of scales in our transition work about 'Only one you'.

Corve: William for making real effort with joining his letters. We love to see great joins!

Severn: Harriet for her work in English.



Great Sentence using words of the week:

Rea: I saw a whale devour loads of mini fish. Florence

Corve: Midas was full with regret when he realised he could not even play with his own

daughter. Mason

Severn: The man detonated the bomb. Archie



Class Achievers:

Teme: Wilfred for his adapted version of *Mr Gumpy's Outing*, introducing a new passenger to the boat.

Rea: Leo R for great focus in maths / Ada for enthusiasm in history / Boyd for his retrieval of vocabulary in science.

Corve: Hugo for terrific work in our spelling assessments this week / **Evelyn** for beautiful, ambitious sentences in our King Midas English unit.

Severn: Florence, Lana and Maxwell for great team work in lessons.



Children selected for growing kindness.

Reception: **Freddie** for showing lovely manners by stopping in the corridor and letting someone else go first.

Year 1: **Arthur** for including others in a playtime game.

- Year 2: **Grace** for helping a classmate with their water.
- Year 3: **Theo** for helping a classmate tie their laces.
- Year 4: **Spencer** for helping a classmate who had lost their pencils.
- Year 5: Florence for always being so helpful in class.
- Year 6: JJ for always being ready to help.