

The Stotty School News 11.7.2025 (website)



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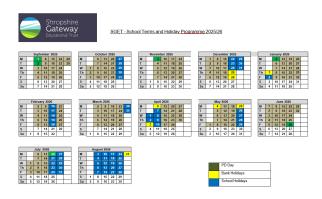
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Diary dates for the week ahead



Diary Dates for next week				
Monday 14 th July				
Tuesday 15 th July	Sports Morning - 9am start Would children please bring a t-shirt in their house colour: Highland - Green Shetland - Blue Shire - Yellow Dartmoor - Red			
Wednesday 16 th July	Rea Class Visit to Severn Valley Railway - within the school day - would children please bring: • Packed lunch • Water bottle • Waterproof coat or sun hat / sun cream depending on the weather.			
Thursday 17 th July				
Friday 18 th July	Leavers Service @ 9.30am - St. Marys Church, Stottesdon. Nursery Sports afternoon and graduation - starting at 1.30pm Last day of the summer term			
Upcoming Diary Dates				
Mon. 21st - Thurs 24th July	SGN Summer Holiday Club			
Mon. 28 th - Thurs 31 st July	SGN Summer Holiday Club			
W/C 4.8.2025 & W/C 11.8.2025	Holiday Club Closed			
Mon. 18 th - Thurs 21 st August	SGN Summer Holiday Club			
Tues. 26 th - Thurs 28 th August	SGN Summer Holiday Club			
Tuesday 2 nd September	SGN Summer Holiday Club			
Wednesday 3 rd	Welcome Back!			
September	1st Day of the Autumn Term 2025			

2025/2026 School Term Dates



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

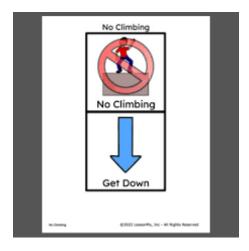


Sadly, Mrs Karen Martin will be leaving us at the end of this term. Karen has been a valued member of our staff since 2011 so

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.

Climbing on Playground Boxes



Can we ask parents, especially at collection time, to ensure that their children do not climb or sit on the PE/playground containers in the playground please.

The reasons for this are:

- a. We are concerned for the safety of the children. The middle playground box is against the roadside wall and if a child were to lose their balance they could topple over the wall into the road. This is a rule in school and it is confusing to children if this is not maintained at all times.
- b. The boxes are quite expensive (£300-400 each) and children sitting on them increases chances of damage/warping this has begun to happen to the box by the shed.

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 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.

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.

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.

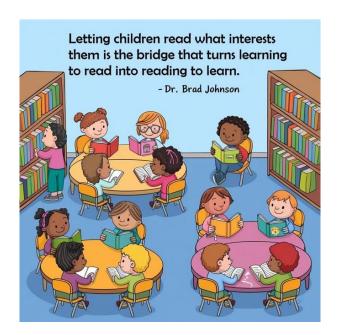
If you would like to book your child/ren into any of the sessions, please do so via Arbor.

To enable us to gauge viability for the first two weeks would you please make bookings by the 14th July 2025.

We are aware it is a big commitment for parents to pay for both July and August so we will delay making a decision on the last two weeks of holiday club until the beginning of August.

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: 77%

Rea: 87%

Corve: 80%

Severn: 86%

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:





Tuesday: We considered daisies! A beautiful, resilient flower that just keeps coming back. We talked about resilience and that when things don't go right we can 'get up, not be defeated and blossom'....just like the daisies.

Wednesday: Open the book bought us the story of The Philippian Jailer. We reflected on how God is always there for us and how we try to be there for other people.



Thursday: Children considered what makes somewhere a good place to live following the news that scientists in Australia discovered that human beings lived in high mountain caves nearly 20,000 years ago.

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 Through Fundraising - support this great idea.....

Hugo and Grace Richards are taking on the 'Kid's Summer Challenge for Young Lives V's Cancer'.

The challenge is 1 mile per day in August, but Hugo and Grace have increased this to 2 miles a day!, they can walk, run, bike or swim it.

Young Lives Vs Cancer help families find the strength to face whatever cancer throws at them, please follow the link below to make a donation and show your support:

https://fundraise.younglivesvscancer.org.uk/s/24275/24951

Making a difference by helping out in the community



On Sunday 13th July 2 - 4pm there is a cream tea community event at Chorley Chapel. If there are any children who would like to be helpers (writing menus, preparing cream teas, taking orders, serving tables, clearing up) please 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 multigenerational events.

Forthcoming Trips / Activities



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 11.07.2025



The Kindred 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].

Please see a copy of the PowerPoint from our 'Welcome to Reception' meeting on 10th July 2025 attached to this email.

1 - [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/

Reception News 11.07.2025

Summer 2: Potatoes!

Our Reception children have had a fantastic time getting hands-on in the garden as part of the Cleobury Gardeners competition! They've been busy digging up potatoes, giving them a good wash, weighing and chopping them, and of course—taste testing their delicious harvest. It's been a wonderful way to explore food from garden to plate! The judges were very impressed with our growing skills and knowledge.

This week's phonics words:				
greenest	smartest	brighter	brightest	
painter	boaster	brownest	trainer	
swiftest	freshest	helper	hunter	

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 very grateful to FoSPS who have kindly agreed to cover the cost of the fruit needed.

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

- our making or as in your and pour.
- augh making or as in daughter and caught.
- ore making or as in snore and before.
- oar making or as in board and soar.

Year 2

• Word building with all of our different rules for suffixes taught this 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.
- Your homework book (year 2) will come home next week with your other books. Try to regularly look at this and choose a word to practise over the next week and in the summer holidays to keep your skills going ready for year three.
- 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

- Practising telling the time to the hour and half hour, thinking about where the hour and minute hands will be.
- Place value of 2-digit numbers eg 43 ones is 4 tens and 3 more ones.

Year 2

- Telling the time to the hour and half hour.
- Knowing that the minute hand moves faster than the hour hand.
- Reading 5-minute intervals on a clock.
- Knowing that when the minute hand is pointing at 4 (for example), that That 4 x 5 equals 20, so that is 20 minutes past.
- Reading the time (past) to the nearest five minutes.

Corve & Severn Class Adventure Days

Children in Corve and Severn Class thoroughly enjoyed their respective Adventure Day's at Shropshire Adventures at the beginning of this week, as you can see from the photographs below.

































Severn Class End of Year Picnic



On the last day of term Severn Class (years 5 and 6) will be having a shared picnic buffet on the field (weather permitting).

Each of the children have put their name down on a list saying what they will be bringing in to share.

Therefore year 5 and 6 children will not need to order a hot lunch or bring in a packed lunch on Friday 18th July (would you please amend their requirements on Arbor accordingly - many thanks).

NB: YEAR 6 CHILDREN ONLY - NON-UNIFORM

Bikeability

This week children in Year 6 undertook bikeability training, they all passed their Level 2 with flying colours.





Parenting Signposts

Understanding Your Child Groups - Autumn 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 September 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually Via M5 Teams
Understanding Your Child Group 29th September 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Ludlow Primary School
Understanding Your Child Group 1** October 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm at Whitchurch Cofe Infants School
Understanding Your Child SEND Group 2** October 2025 from 9.00am to 11.00am at Woodlands School Wem
Understanding Your Child Group 2** October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Sunflower House Shrewsbury
Understanding Your Child Group 2** October 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Whittington Primary School



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 23rd September 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams

Group Wednesday 24th September 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am 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



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



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: Phoebe Roberts

Corve: Lucas Kench



Time Tables Rock Stars:

Rea:

Corve: Mason Dorrell

Severn: Ellie Davies



Spelling Bee:

Bronze: Monty, Rosie, Mason, Isla, William, Frankie, Phoebe, Ralph, Evelyn, Isabelle, Lucas, Ottilie, Fletcher, Izzy, Scarlett, Gabe, Jenson St, Lillie & Teddy

Silver: Esther, Reggie, Leon, James, Aubrey, Hugo, Skyler, Theo, Spencer, Oliver, Leo D, Esme, Sofia & Florence G

Gold: Raith, Florence A, Lincoln, Joey & Cash

Platinum: Bella L & Elliot



Sports Stars:

Teme: **Cordelia** and **Margot** for applying and implementing the skills taught in previous weeks to further improve their throwing, jumping and sprinting skills.

Rea: **Leo P** and **Isabella** for designing a jumping circuit.

Corve: Lucas and Lincoln for progress and bravery in swimming.

Severn: All of Severn Class for their teamwork at Shropshire Adventures.

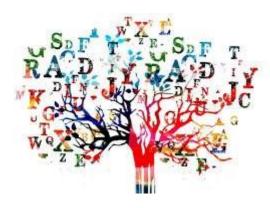


Pride and Presentation: Award for pupil focus on presentation of work across the curriculum.

Rea: Leo Price for his neat writing in English - his neatest ever.

Corve: **Esther** for showing excellent care in every piece of writing.

Severn: Harriet for her writing in English.



Great Sentence using words of the week:

Teme: I am going to play in my sand pit later. Oliver

Rea: I was cogitating about my maths. Ella

Corve: King Midas was eagerly waiting to try his golden touch. Lucas

Severn: The **callous** teenagers smashed the building up. **Harriet**



Class Achievers:

Teme: All of Teme Class for being helpful 'class Buddies' on Thursday helping our new cohort settle in.

Rea: Calvin for wonderful focus in maths - being quick to finish and accurate in his work / **Eva** for focusing on different sentence types in her English / **Tara** for being resilient about improving English writing.

Corve: Hugo and **Ottilie** for great focus and creativity when writing our new versions of a classical story.

Severn: Elliot and **Jenson Shakespeare** for their recount writing in English.



Children selected for growing kindness.

Reception: Margot for always being polite and remembering her manners.

Year 1: **Tara** for caring about a friend when they weren't feeling themself and trying to cheer them up.

Year 2: Ada for helping a friend who didn't feel very well.

Year 3 / Year 4: William and Spencer for being supportive partners in pair work.

Year 5: **Bella C** for teaching a younger pupils sports skills.

Year 6: JJ for helping to clear playground equipment away.