

The Stotty School News 5.9.2025



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Diary dates for the week ahead



Diary Dates for next week						
Monday 8 th September						
Tuesday 9 th September						
Wednesday 10 th September	Rea Class Parent Welcome Meeting @ 3.30pm					
Thursday 11 th September	Teme Class Parent Welcome Meeting @ 4.30pm					
Friday 12 th September						
Upcoming Diary Dates						
Friday 19 th Sept.	School Photographer					
Friday 3 rd October	Harvest Festival @ St. Mary's Church @ 9.15am					
Tues 21 st / Thurs 23 rd October	Parent / Pupil / Teacher Consultations					
Mon.27 th - Fri. 31 st Oct	Half Term					
Monday 3 rd November	PD Day					
Wed. 17 th December	Nursery Christmas 'Stay & Play' @ 1.30pm					
Thurs. 18 th December	KS1/Reception Christmas Celebration in Church @ 1.30pm					
Fri. 19 th December	KS2 Christmas Celebration in Church @ 1.30pm					
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of Term					

Welcome Back



It has been lovely to have the 'school family' back together and welcome new pupils in Reception and other year groups. We thank parents for preparing them so well and respecting uniform requests so the children feel equal and pressures are reduced. Children have worked really well with staff and their friends to get into routines so everyone can be happy and learning - this will continue to build over the coming weeks until it is embedded. All children are achievers this week as everyone has worked together and ensured we are setting the routines for being happy and learning.

If parents are able to attend Welcome Meetings (below) it is a really useful time to meet and share key information.

We have now had the final report from Ofsted and we are pleased to share that we are a good school with outstanding personal development. We are really pleased with the report and the acknowledgement of the many positive aspects of our work:

- '....happy...kind...caring'
- 'ambitious'
- '....enable them to be successful'
- '...behave well....play kindly'
- 'range of exciting opportunities'
- 'Children enjoy learning...'
- Strong reading provision
- Strong starts in the early years
- Strong curriculum offer
- 'provision for pupils' wider development is exceptional'
- 'The school is receptive to new ways of thinking and embraces change and challenge to improve their school.'

We have two clear areas of development:

- 1. Ensuring all pupils can write fluently (support with handwriting, spelling and grammar).
- 2. Consistently addressing gaps and misconceptions pupils' may have.

We have already begun working on these areas within our PD training and will share actions and updates with parents so you know what we are doing to ensure our school continues to improve and be the best it can be.



Class Welcome Meetings



Staff would like to invite with you to welcome meetings on the dates below. This is an opportunity for parents to be in classrooms, meet staff and the school 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.

Reception Class (Teme): Thursday 11th September @ 4.30pm

Rea Class: Wednesday 10th September @ 3.30pm

Corve Class: Monday 15th September @ 3.30pm

Severn Class: Tuesday 16th September @ 3.30pm

Great Athletes



We're excited to be welcoming a top GB athlete to the school on Thursday 25th September with Great Athletes!

All pupils will take part in a **sponsored fitness circuit** led by the athlete, and come home with some important and inspiring lessons learned during a **motivational assembly** and **Q&A** session.

The event will both connect the pupils to an extraordinary athlete role model and raise money for new sports equipment to improve physical activity in the school, as well as supporting both athletes and para-athletes, so that they can continue to inspire the next generation.

In children's bags is a sponsorship form for your child to use to help raise money for the event. You can sponsor your child by

visiting: https://sportal.greatathletes.org/events/landing. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code to go directly to the online sponsorship page.



As a thank you, pupils will receive the following thank-you gifts for meeting these milestones:

Raise anything: A5 sheet of motivational stickers

Raise £5 or more: sheet of stickers, plus a blue Great Athletes wristband

Raise £15 or more: all of the above, plus a red wristband with the athlete's signature

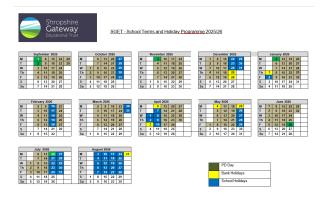
Raise £30 or more: all of the above, plus a signed athlete poster

Please ensure that the sponsorship form and money are returned to the school office **1** week after the event has taken place.

Please also make sure that your children come to school on the event day with their PE Kits!

Thank you in anticipation of creating a terrific and memorable event.

2025/2026 School Term Dates



Please find attached updated term dates for 2025 / 2026 and 'dates for the year'.

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)

Flu Immunisation



On Monday 22nd September the Immunisation Team will be coming into school to administer the Nasal Flu Vaccinations.

Would you please complete the eConsent (which was within the letter sent out earlier this week - copy of which is attached) by Monday 15th September.

Information regarding the Children's flu vaccine can be found in the link below:

Flu Vaccine

Acceptable Use Agreement



Earlier today we sent out a link to the September 2025 Acceptable Use Agreement, would you please complete the form as requested as soon as possible.

Link: https://forms.office.com/e/Qu0S4fq8mU

Secondary Transfer 2026



The online application facility for parents of year 6 students who are eligible to transfer to secondary school in September 2026 is now open as detailed in the letter sent out to parents of year 6 children earlier this week.

Below is the message from The School Admissions Team:

This is the link - Apply to start or transfer school | Shropshire Council which takes you to the Shropshire Council Admissions website. Details about secondary school open evenings can be found in the Parents' Guide to Education in Shropshire booklet, on the same website.

Closing date for applications is 31st October 2025.

Applications received by Shropshire Council after the closing date will be classed as late, which may result in your child being disadvantaged, so please ensure you make your

application on-time. Late applications will not be processed until all on-time applications have been offered.

Please note your child's cohort is larger than in previous years. You can name up to four schools on your application - we encourage parents to make full use of these preferences. If only one preference is named, and we cannot offer this, we will have no choice on National Offer Day but to offer a place at the next nearest school with a vacancy, which could be a considerable distance from your home address.

Kind Regards

The School Admissions Team

Only those children who reside in Shropshire should apply via the Shropshire Council website. If any non-Shropshire resident applies via the Shropshire Council website, it will be discarded. Failure to apply to the correct Local Authority may cause an application to be late.

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.

Burwarton Show Horticultural Poster Competition



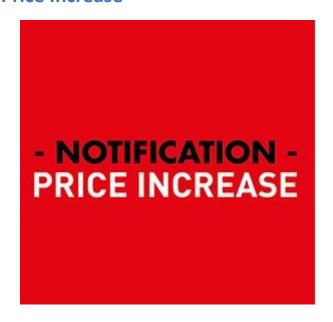


Well done to the Nursery (co-ordinated by Lydia Keen) who took part in the Horticultural Show competition at Burwarton.

They won second and fourth place!

Both posters were displayed on Show day, as you can see they looked amazing.

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.

Below are new menu's for the Autumn Term

Week one	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main meal	Chicken, sage stuffing and gravy bap	Chicken korma	Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding	Meatballs in tomato sauce	Fish fingers
Main vegetarian/vegan meal	Buttermilk guorn, sage stuffing and gravy bap	Vegetarian curry with lentils	Broccoli cheese	Meatless balls in tomato sauce	Quorn fingers
Light bite	Jacket potato with choice of cheese, tuna mayo with green beans	Jacket potato with choice of cheese, tuna mayo or baked beans and peas	Jacket potato with choice of cheese, tuna mayo with mix vegetables	Jacket potato with choice of cheese, tuna mayo with sweetcorn	Jacket potato with choice of cheese, tuna mayo with peas
Salad option	Egg salad	Garlic and herb chicken salad in a wholemeal wrap	Tuna cucumber salad	Ham salad wholemeal wrap	Salmon fish cake with salad
Vegetables	Green beans	Wholegrain rice and peas with naan bread	Roast potatoes, mix vegetables and gravy	Pasta, sweetcorn	Wedges, peas with choice of ketchup or mayonnaise
Dessert	Butterscotch angel delight	Greek yoghurt with mix berries	Orange Jelly	Greek yoghurt with pineapple chunks	Crackers with soft cheese

Please speak to the Catering team if you have any concerns or questions about the contents of our dishes zoe.corry@laconchildeschool.co.ul

Week two	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main meal	Sausages	Chicken tikka curry	Pork and sage stuffing	Chicken and peppers tomato pasta sauce	Fish burger
Main vegetarian/vegan meal	Quorn sausages	Lentil and vegetable curry	Quorn fillet	Tomato and basil sauce	Veggie burger
Light bite	Jacket potato with choice of cheese, tuna mayo with green beans	Jacket potato with choice of cheese, tuna mayo or baked beans with peas	Jacket potato with choice of cheese, tuna mayo with mix vegetables	Jacket potato with choice of cheese, tuna mayo with sweetcorn	Jacket potato with choice of cheese, tuna mayo with sweetcorn and peas
Salad option	Herby tomato pasta salad	Chicken mayonnaise lettuce on wholemeal wrap	Ham and cheese salad	Cream cheese, ham and lettuce on wholemeal wrap	Tuna sweetcorn salad
Vegetables	Cheesy mash, green beans	Wholegrain rice and peas with naan bread	Garlic new potatoes, mix vegetables and gravy	Pasta and sweetcorn	Sweetcorn and peas
Dessert	Chocolate angel delight	Greek yoghurt with mix berries	Orange jelly	Greek yoghurt with pineapple chunks	Crackers with soft cheese

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Celebrating 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!).

With Heavy Hearts: The Passing of School Governor and Trust Director



Sadly, as many of you are aware, over the summer our Vice Chairman of Governors and Director of the Trust, Mr Chris Tibbits, suddenly passed away.

Chris was a wonderful community advocate, a colleague and friend, he will be greatly missed.

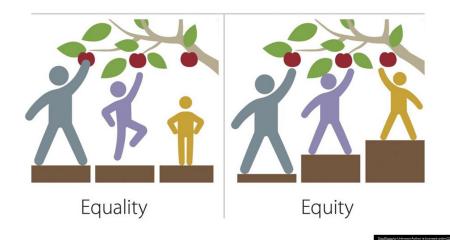
We send our deepest sympathy and love to his family at this difficult time.

Our Worship / Reflections this week:



Wednesday: We welcomed everyone back and reflected on our logo and our Golden Rules





Thursday: We reflected that being fair doesn't always mean giving everyone the same thing - it means giving everyone what they need to succeed. We care about everyone succeeding in our school and that means that sometimes we need something more or different.



EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News

Nursery News 05.09.2025

Autumn 1 Term

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.

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.



Nursery Golden Rules:

" We use kind and gentle hands and feet.

" We use our indoor

" We share our toys in

Golden Rules: good sitting



voices in Nursery.

Nursery.

" We use our listening ears.

Focus Text:

Short picture books focusing on setting up routines for how we listen to stories in a group.

Concept of the Week:

BIG



Makaton Sign of the Week:



Nursery Rhyme of the Week:



Jack and Jill

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Reception News 05.09.2025

Autumn 1 Term

Thank you all for a fantastic first week!
Reception have made a brilliant start—walking into school each morning with big smiles and showing great enthusiasm as they settle into their new routines and expectations.



- Exploring our class golden rules
- Getting familiar with daily routines
- · Building relationships with teachers and peers.
- Attending assembly
- Practising changing for PE

It's been a joy to see how well the children are adapting and engaging. Well done, Reception!

Remember to:

- To name all items brought into school this includes water bottles and jumpers/cardigans.
- Please send water only in your child's drink bottle.

Reception Parent's Welcome Meeting - Thursday 11th September 2025 4:30pm



This week's text:

The Colour Monster Goes to School

Nursery Rhyme of the Week:

1,2, 3, 4, 5 Once I caught a fish alive

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Rea Class News

Rea Class News

Welcome to all new and existing Rea class parents. We have had a lovely start to the term in class. We would like to invite you to a Welcome meeting in Rea class at 3:30pm on Wednesday 10th September, during which we will cover:

- Our curriculum map for this term.
- Timetables and routines.
- Phonics and reading in Rea class.
- Writing and handwriting in Rea class.
- Maths in Rea class

Should you be unable to attend, we will send out a digital information pack and if you have any questions please speak with Mrs J Jones, in person, via email or a phone call at the end of the day.

Reading

All children have read to an adult in school this week and have brought home their reading record and a book.

Next week, we will start our reading practise groups. It would be helpful if you could send in the reading record and reading book every day to facilitate this.

Weekly information

Each week, in the newsletter, we will send information about:

- Phonics covered in class during the week.
- Mastering number focus during the week.
- Main maths lesson learning during the week.
- How to support your child's learning at home that week.

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 MS Teams
Understanding Your Child Group 29th September 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Ludlow Primary School
Understanding Your Child Group 1th October 2025 from 10.20pm to 2.45pm at Whitchurch CofE Infants School
Understanding Your Child SEND Group 2th October 2025 from 9.00am to 11.00am at Woodlands School Wem
Understanding Your Child Group 2th October 2025 from 9.00am to 11.30am at Sunflower House Shrewsbury
Understanding Your Child Group 2th October 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Whittington Primary School
Understanding Your Child SEND Group 3th October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually Via MS Teams



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 or 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

Find out more here

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Supporting

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 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

Solihull Approach - Understanding Your Child

Please watch the video in the link below - it explains brilliantly how good the parenting courses are:

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Bridgnorth Community Information Drop In Sessions





Highley Community Drop In Sessions



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.



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

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



Create your free account at www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents or scan the QR code To access the course, you will need a good internet connection and a smartphone, tablet, or computer.





Getting it right for children

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

You will learn positive communication skills like staying calm, seeing things differently, and speaking for yourself so that you can sort out disagreements with your child's other parent and find solutions together. You can do the course on your own, at your own pace.



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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