

# The Stotty School News 10.10.2025 (Website)



Stottesdon CofE Primary School

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# Diary dates for the week ahead



Diary Dates for next week		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Severn Class Gymnastics with Momentum Gymnastics Teme Class Forest Fun Gymnastics After School Club	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	ELW Private Music Lessons Lunchtime Choir Club Netball After School Club	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Private Music Lessons Lunchtime Gardening Club T1 After School Rugby Club	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Youth Awareness Day - Theme: 'Blue for Youth' - Wear something blue to show unity and support for your people - each student is asked to bring a small donation to contribute to the Youth Awareness Day fund. Proceeds will go toward supporting youth initiatives and local charities in Shropshire.	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	FoSPS Thermomix Demonstration @ 3.15pm in the School Hall.	
Upcoming Diary Dates		
Week Commencing 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent / Pupil / Teacher Consultations	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	FoSPS AGM - to take place in the School Hall @ 6.30pm	
Mon.27 <sup>th</sup> - Fri. 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Half Term	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	PD Day	
Wed. 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas 'Stay & Play' @ 1.30pm	
Thurs. 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1/Reception Christmas Celebration in Church @ 1.30pm	
Fri. 19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Celebration in Church @ 1.30pm	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term	

#### School Council



# Meal Balances on Arbor

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

We cannot continue to allow debts to accrue, therefore should your meal account go into debt we will have no option but to put a stop on the account and you will not be able to order a hot meal. (Obviously this only applies to children in Nursery, Corve and Severn class as children in Teme and Rea Class are entitled to Universal Free School Meals).

As from 13th October any lunch accounts in debt will be put on hold.

# Parent, Pupil, Teacher consultations



Parent, Pupil, Teacher consultations are due to take place week commencing 20th October 2025.

Slots are available to book on Arbor, please ensure bookings are made before 17th October.

These meetings are for sharing information with you and your child to allow us all to work together in achieving the highest standards for your child. Your support is extremely valuable.



On Friday 17th October there will be a Thermomix Demonstration which FoSPS will be hosting in the school hall from 3.15pm to 4pm.

Everyone welcome (parents / grandparents / friends / teachers) - the more the better as if we can get over 25 people to attend the school will be awarded with a Thermomix machine.

# FoSPS - AGM - Contact Details





# Half Term Holiday Club



Attached is the holiday club for October half term.

Subject to bookings we will be open on the following dates:

Monday 27th October - 8am to 5.30pm

Tuesday 28th October - 8am to 5.30pm

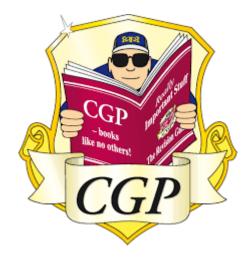
Wednesday 29th October - 8am to 3.15pm

Thursday 30th October - 8am to 5.30pm

Monday 3rd November - 8am to 5.30pm

If you would like your child to attend any of the sessions please book via Arbor.

# **CGP Revision Books**



The following study guides, as recommended by Mrs McKay during the class welcome meeting, are available to order on Arbor in the school shop:

KS2 Maths SATS Question Book - Ages 10-11 (for 2026 tests) = £2.90

KS2 Maths Year 5 Targeted Question Book = £3.05

KS2 English Year 6 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling book = £3.90

KS2 English Year 5 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling book = £3.90

Please place your order by Monday 3rd November 2025 at the latest

# **Before and After School Pick Up**

To support everyone's safety and a calm start to the day, can we please ask that at drop off and pick up children stay with parents or are calmly chatting until doors are opened or until off site. It is a busy time (lots of different ages) and we have explained to children that it is not a playtime (equipment should be in boxes). Many thanks for your support in this.

# School Group Photographs



Message from Tempest Photography:

Have you ordered your child's group school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Wednesday 15th October 2025.** Order through the

Tempest website using your unique link (which was sent out last week) or visit <u>www.tempest-orders.co.uk</u>

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Many thanks.

# Absence



Every day at school counts. The evidence is clear - even a few days of missed school can have a significant impact on a child's education and future prospects.

A real concern is the rise in persistent absence – this means missing more than 10% of school days.

#### How attendance affects attainment

Recent research by the Department for Education shows just how closely attendance and attainment are linked.

At primary school, children who attend school nearly every day in Year 6 (95-100% attendance) are 30% more likely to reach the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to similar pupils who attend 90-95% of the time.

#### What can you do to help

As a parent or carer, you have an important role in making school attendance a priority. Only keep your child off school when they are genuinely too ill to attend. Book medical appointments and holidays outside of school time whenever possible. Talk to us if you're having difficulties with attendance.

#### Circumstances and criteria for issuing penalty notices

When the national threshold is met, the local authority may consider issuing a penalty notice (£80/£160 per parent depending on how quickly the penalty is paid) for irregular school attendance in the following circumstances:

When a pupil has been recorded as absent for 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) within 10 school weeks, with one of, or a combination of, the following unauthorised absence codes:

G (holiday not authorised)

N (no reason yet provided for absence)

O (absent from school without authorisation)

U (late after registration closed)

- The sessions can be consecutive or accumulative over a 10-week period.
- The period of 10 weeks can also span different terms or school years on a rolling basis.
- When a pupil has been absent without authorisation for the purpose of a holiday in term time and the headteacher has not granted leave of absence.
- When a pupil has been found in a public place during school hours without reasonable justification during the first five days of a fixed period or permanent exclusion.
- When a pupil has been absent without authorisation for other reasons, such as birthdays, family events, shopping trips, etc., and the local authority believes that a penalty notice would be appropriate and in the public interest.

#### If penalty notices aren't paid

If penalty notices remain unpaid after the 28-day deadline, the council issues court proceedings (under Section 4441 of the Education Act 1996) and you may be prosecuted for the offence and subject to a fine up to £2,500 and/or up to 3 months imprisonment.

# Lacon Driving Team Needs Your Help!



Lacon Childe School are hiring casual drivers – full training provided!

Are you looking for a flexible and rewarding way to support your local school community?

We are currently recruiting casual drivers to help continue our vital transport service for students who live in areas not covered by County Transport. We are looking for drivers who can do am, pm or both or some daytime driving.

Main hours of work are 7.45 – 8.45am and 3.15-4.15p.m. Salary NJC point 4 £25,185 fulltime equivalent, £13.05 per hour

Help us keep this vital service running – and be part of something that matters . If you are interested or just want to know more please contact <a href="mailto:viv.hulme@laconchildeschoool.co.uk">viv.hulme@laconchildeschoool.co.uk</a>

# Free School Meal Entitlements

# Could your child be entitled to a



Who qualifies for government free school meals?

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the benefits below. Please note that eligibility is confidential but schools do receive additional funding in budgets to support and target education as necessary (e.g. this leads to 50% reduction in trips and activities). Please apply if you are eligible as it means we get more funding to support your children:

- Universal credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of pension credit
- Child tax credit (provided you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working tax credit run-on paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit

#### Free school meal transitional protections

Transitional protections apply from 1 April 2018, until the end of the 2025/26 school year. Pupils becoming eligible for free school meals under the benefits-based criteria in this time, will continue to receive free meals until the end of the 2025/26 school year.

This applies, regardless of any change in household circumstances, including an increase in earnings above the eligibility threshold.

From the start of the 2026/27 school year, the Department for Education will introduce new eligibility criteria meaning that all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit will be entitled to receive a free meal. It is their intention to end transitional protections alongside this change in threshold, with eligibility for all pupils reverting to whether they meet the eligibility criteria regardless of whether they were previously protected. They will issue further guidance ahead of September 2026.

#### To apply please follow the instructions on the page in the link below:

Apply for free school meals | Shropshire Council

# London Residential



As recognised by Ofsted, children in Severn class will have the fantastic opportunity to take part in our biannual residential trip to London.

The trip is due to take place from Tuesday 9th June 2026 to Friday 12th June 2026.

Thank you to those of you that paid the deposit earlier this year to enable us to secure accommodation.

We have now opened up the trip on Arbor to enable you to pay the remaining balance of £314 via instalments (please note this is an approximate figure, as we are not in a position to finalise costs at present).

# Sports Partnership Offer



School Sports. South Shropshire	
	Non-competitive sports - focusing on enjoyment and
Inspire	participation
Engage	Friendly competition whilst focusing on supporting, learning and developing new skills
Compete	Competition across schools

As part of our sports offer we aim to give children a range of opportunities to children in classes, across classes, outside of school hours, and across schools. These opportunities offer festival and competition style events to support children in their enjoyment and achievement of sport. Activities will have a range of intent which can be seen on the overview which we will include in next week's school news.

# Shropshire Music Service Ensemble 'Stompers'



Shropshire Music Service run a number of groups across Shropshire. These give students of all levels the chance to learn and play together, and perform regularly.

'Stompers' is a beginner instrumental group which takes place on a Tuesday at Cleobury Mortimer Primary School from 4pm - 5pm.

It is free of charge, you will require your own instrument.

Children are welcom of any ability, aged from four to 18 inclusive.

Please click on the 'register now' button in the link below: <u>Ensembles | Shropshire Music</u> Service

#### **Great Athletes**



Thank you to all those of you that have supported this event, you all did incredibly well, we will let you know the total raised as soon as Great Athletes confirm.

The money raised will go towards new sports equipment to improve levels of physical activity in our school!

# **Secondary Transfer 2026**



# Secondary Application deadline – 31 October 2025

The closing date for secondary applications is 31 October 2025 which falls in the half-term holidays. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to submit an application as soon as possible but before the deadline date. This will ensure that if you encounter any problems, you can be supported/helped and to submit your application on time. There is no grace period for late applications. The link for the website is – <a href="Transferring to secondary school">Transferring to secondary school</a> | Shropshire Council

The School Admissions Team strongly encourage parents to make use of their four preferences. Please see the Parents' Guide to Education in Shropshire Booklet for further information. The link to the document is <a href="Parents">Parents</a> guide to education | Shropshire Council

If you have already made an application and wish to add additional preferences/ change the order of preference, please contact <a href="mailto:school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk">school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk</a>

# Spy Dog Series Book Alert



We have been made aware that several titles in the Spy Dogs, Spy Pup, and Spy Cat series by Andrew Cope contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. Instead, the link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material, containing pornographic content with no age restrictions.

We have removed copies of the book from our school library and classroom book corners.

Above are images of some of the front covers in the series to help you identify the books should you have any at home. We advise you remove them immediately. Should any be the property of the school, please return them and we will dispose of them accordingly.

# **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: 100%

Rea: 100%

Corve: Yr3=87 / Yr4=100%

Severn: 93%

# Our Worship / Reflections this week:

Monday: We talked to the children about developing our outdoor play in line with sensory regulating, encouraging our use of the DT curriculum outside the classroom, and science curriculum knowledge of materials which encourages imaginative, inclusive and adventurous play for all children. We reflected on how we keep ourselves and others safe.



Tuesday: We considered that as well as being part of the Stottesdon family and St Mary's church family, that we are also part of the Diocese of Hereford family. We enjoyed an assembly from Mark Harrington, Diocese of Hereford Education Advisor about being Christlike. We reflected on our values and how we choose to be. We also thought about what people would copy about how we choose to be.



Wednesday: Open the book brought us the story of 'Abraham' and we reflected on how it feels to have to wait for something important and exciting.



Thursday: We look at the story of Ellie Goldstein, who is the first person with Down's Syndrome to become a contestant on Strictly Come Dancing.

People who prove others wrong can teach us many things; from never giving up and believing in ourselves, to supporting each other in reaching our goals.



# **EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News**

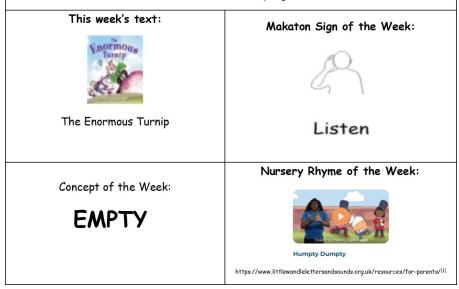
# Nursery News 10.10.2025

#### Autumn 1 Term

This week, the nursery children have been focusing on 'Gentle Hands' as part of our PHSE sessions. We can use gentle hands and understand that it is

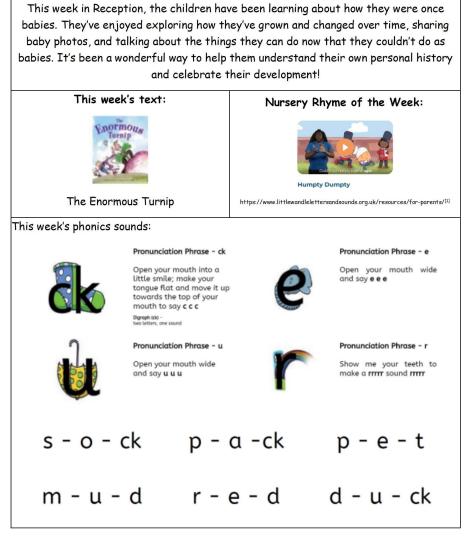
good to be kind to people. We know that everyone can sometimes get upset or angry especially if someone is stopping us from doing something we want to do. It's ok to get upset or angry...it's not ok to use our hands to hit or push because that can

hurt. Jerrie Cat has been reminding the children to use their words: say No or Stop and use the hand stop signal.



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

# Reception News 10.10.2025



Autumn 1 Term - Marvellous Me

2 - [1] https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/

# Corve Class Netball Festival

On Friday 10th October children in Corve Class attended a netball festival at Lacon Childe. They had a fantastic afternoon, learning netball skills.









# Computer Workshop

On Wednesday 8th October children in Severn Class attended a morning computer coding workshop at Telford in association with Harper Adams University and RoarTech Education. Children enjoyed combining hands on LEGO robotics with computing programming.





















# Severn Class trip to Cadbury's World

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

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

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

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

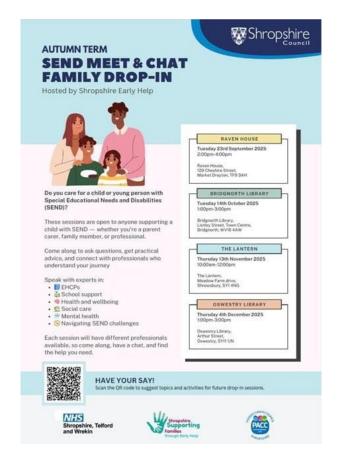
# **Parenting Signposts**

SEND Meet and Chat Drop-in Sessions:

Tuesday 14th October 2025 - Bridgnorth Library

Thursday 13th November - The Lantern, Shrewsbury

Thursday 4th December - Oswestry Library



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:



# Does your child struggle with their sleep? **Free Sleep Tight Groups** Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups and

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

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

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 <a href="https://youtu.be/7t1jBqJJTl8?si=LeOiNag8">https://youtu.be/7t1jBqJJTl8?si=LeOiNag8</a> <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**





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

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

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



#### **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 <a href="mailto:info@paccshropshire.org.uk">info@paccshropshire.org.uk</a>

# **Celebrating Children's Achievements**





#### **Numbots**

Rea: Boyd Dorrell

Corve: Mason Dorrell



#### **Times Tables Rock Stars**

Corve: Florence Andrews

Severn: Sofia Mladezic



#### **Sports Stars:**

Teme: River and Renley for their spatial awareness during PE.

Rea: Oliver D and Finley for good mirroring in dance.

Corve: Monty for brilliant defending and interception skills in Netball.

Severn: Charlie, Gabby and Oliver for tight hand stand shapes during gymnastics.



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

Rea: **Boyd** for his English.

Corve: Ralph for amazing handwriting and paragraphing in his English work.

Severn: **Spencer** for his work in English.



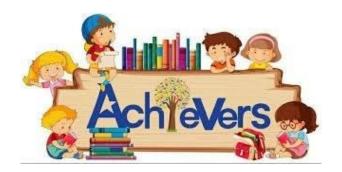
# **Great Sentence using words of the week:**

Teme: I went upstairs quickly to brush my teeth and go to bed. Monty J

Rea: He was running around and around until he fell off the moon. Chloe

Corve: There was a **pandemonium** in the prison when all the cells got unlocked accidently. **Joey** 

Severn: I used a disguise to get into my sister's room. Isabelle B



#### **Class Achievers:**

Teme: Anderson for amazing rhythmic recall in music.

Rea: **Arthur** & **Tara** for great understanding of place value in maths.

Corve: Ned, Leon, Grace, Frankie, Meghan and Esther for creative RE artwork.

Severn: **Esme** for her work in English / **Ruby** for focus and independence at Harper Adam's Lego coding day.



Children selected for growing kindness.

Reception: **Hollie L** for helping a friend when they were struggling to get their 'all in one' on for Forest Schools.

- Year 1: Cordelia for being supportive during computing and Numbots.
- Year 2: Ophelia for comforting her friend they were poorly.
- Year 3: Phoebe R for giving flowers from the garden to Michelle and Mrs Meredith
- Year 4: Frankie R for giving flowers from the garden to Michelle and Mrs Meredith.
- Year 5: Cash for looking after one of the younger pupils when they got hurt at playtime.

Year 6: **Gabby** for supporting a fellow pupil during gymnastics.