

The Stotty School News 17.10.2025 (Website)



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Diary dates for the week ahead



Diary Dates for next week		
Monday 20 th October	Please note: There will not be any after school clubs this week. Severn Class parent, pupil, teacher consultations	
Tuesday 21st October	ELW Private Music Lessons Teme / Rea / Corve & Severn Class parent, pupil, teacher consultations	
Wednesday 22 nd October	ELW Private Music Lessons Corve Class parent, pupil, teacher consultations FoSPS AGM - to take place in the School Hall @ 6.30pm	
Thursday 23 rd October	Severn Class Jumping Jaxx with Lisa Stokes Teme / Rea / Corve & Severn Class parent, pupil, teacher consultations	
Friday 24 th October	Severn Class Hockey Festival at Lacon Childe School - within the school day - please ensure children have a water bottle and coat	
Upcoming Diary Dates		
Mon.27 th - Fri. 31 st Oct	Half Term	
Monday 3 rd November	PD Day	
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Service @ 10.45am St. Marys Church, Stottesdon – Everyone welcome to join	
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	

2026 / 2027 Term Dates

TERM DATES – Academic Year 2026/27 End on 16 July

Autumn Term 2026

TED 1	Tuesday 1st September 2026
TERM STARTS	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026
HALF TERM	Monday 26th October 2026 – Friday 30th October 2026
TED 2	Monday 7th December 2026 (secondary only)
TERM ENDS	Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term 2027

TERM STARTS	Monday 4th January 2027
TED 2	Monday 4th January 2027 (primary only)
HALF TERM	Monday 15th February 2027 – Friday 19th February 2027
TERM ENDS	Thursday 25th March 2027

Summer Term 2027

TERM STARTS	Monday 12th April 2027
HALF TERM	Monday 31st May 2027 – Friday 4th June 2027
TED 3 (TDD)	Friday 25th June
TED 4 (TDD)	Monday 28th June
TERM ENDS	Friday 16th July 2027
TED 5	Monday 19th July 2027
TED 6	Tuesday 20th July 2027
TED 7	Wednesday 21st July 2027

School Council



The votes have been counted and verified - School Council 2025 - 2026:

Rec: Esme Evans

Yr 1: Kitt Hadley

Yr 2: Tara Mladezic

Yr 3: Harriet Foster

Yr 4: Esther Casswell-Saleh

Yr 5: Esme Green

Yr 6: Felicity Robertson / Noah Wilson

Link with Legacy School



Our school is linking with the Legacy School in Bangalore to explore differences and similarities in where we live, our schools, food, traditions, weather and so much more. We are communicating with video so enjoy the introductory video Severn Class have made about our school:

https://youtu.be/57oNNObSV68

Youth Awareness Day



Thank you to everyone for supporting 'Youth Awareness Day' yesterday.

You helped to raise an incredible **£117.20** which will be sent to the Shropshire Community Foundation for young people across the country.





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.

Chorley Chapel Warm Hub



Chorley Chapel will be holding a 'warm hub' on the following dates:

Saturdays 18th October / Saturday 15th November / Saturday 13th December

The Chapel will be open from 11 till 1pm, serving bacon/sausage sandwiches, toasted teacakes etc.

If there are any children who would like to be helpers (writing menus, taking orders, serving tables, clearing up) on any or all of the above dates please email the office to let us know.

Children would need to arrive at 10.45pm and stay until approx. 1pm. 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.

Poppy Appeal



Once again, we are supporting the Royal British Legion in their Poppy Appeal fundraising campaign.

Should children wish to support this campaign, the following items will be on sale at breaktime from Monday 20th October.

Poppy keyring (£1) / festival wrist band (£2.50) / snap bands (£1.50) / paper poppies (50p)

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

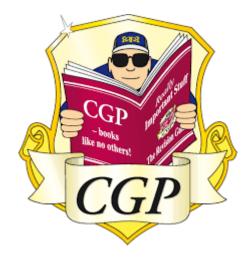
Wednesday 29th October - 8am to 3.15pm

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.

Absence / Lateness



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

We have looked at attendance this term and we are really pleased with attendance (well done everyone) and how this is positively supporting students.

However, a real concern is the rise in lateness. There has been 92 late arrivals since the beginning of term and this really negatively impacts how children settle in the morning and their access to support.

Please make sure children arrive between 8.40am and 8.45am.

Where patterns are concerning we will be emailing parents to ensure they are aware of this.

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 viv.hulme@laconchildeschoool.co.uk

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).

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 – <u>Transferring to secondary</u> school | <u>Shropshire Council</u>

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 <u>Parents' guide to education | Shropshire Council</u>

If you have already made an application and wish to add additional preferences/ change the order of preference, please contact school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk

Spy Dog Series Book Alert











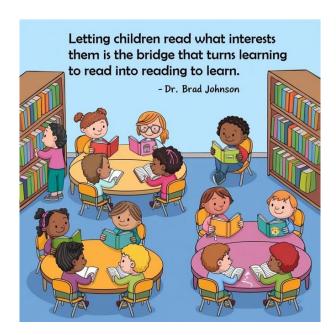
We have been made aware that several titles in the Spy Dogs, Spy Pup, and Spy Cat series by Andrew Cope contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. Instead, the link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material, containing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

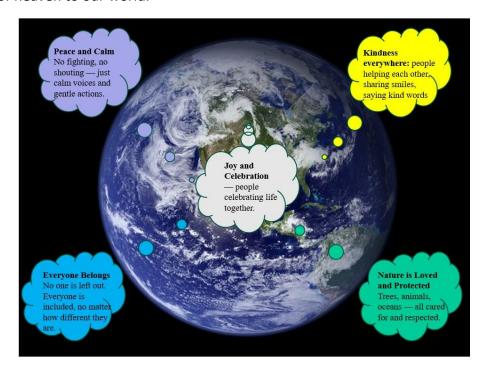
Rea: Yr1 = 92% / Yr2=100%

Corve: Yr3 = 87% / Yr4 = 100%

Severn: 97%

Our Worship / Reflections this week:

Monday: We reflected on what it would be like if we could make Earth more heavenly (Heaven on Earth). Children used our values (the murals) really well) as they reflected on world issues. We reflected on that every time we are kind, peaceful and loving we bring a little bit of heaven to our world.



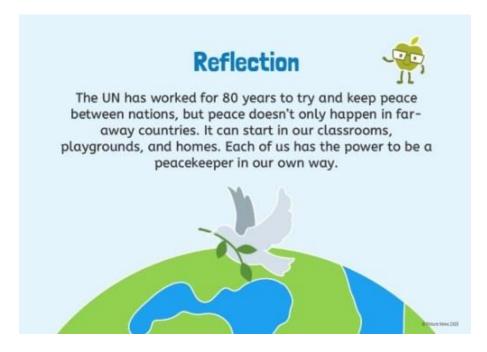
Tuesday: We learnt about our link with the Legacy school in Bangalore and shared our video that we've sent. We look forward to receiving theirs.

Wednesday: Open the book brought us the marriage of Isaac and we reflected on how sometimes we have big decisions to make and who helps us make those decisions.



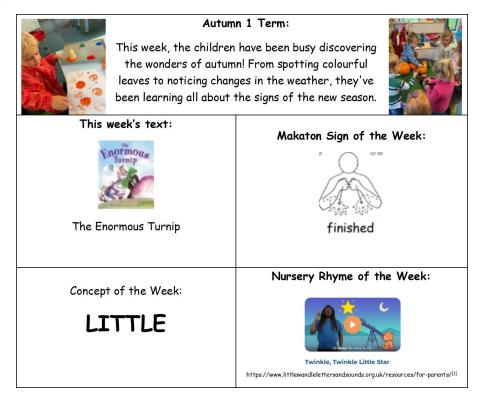
Thursday: What makes a good peacekeeper?

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the United Nations (UN). Leaders and communities around the world are reflecting on how important working together is in solving problems.



EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News

Nursery News 17.10.2025



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

Reception News 17.10.2025



Autumn 1 Term -This week, the children in Reception have been learning all about the season of Autumn. They explored the changes in nature, such as falling leaves, cooler weather, and the beautiful colours of the trees. Through stories, outdoor walks, and creative activities, the children



discovered how animals prepare for winter and how we celebrate this season. It's been a wonderful week full of curiosity, observation, and seasonal fun!

This week's text:



Owl Babies

Nursery Rhyme of the Week:



Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

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

This week, we took a little pause from learning new sounds and focused on revisiting the ones we've already explored. Our recent assessments showed i, n, g, u, needed a bit more practice.

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

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).

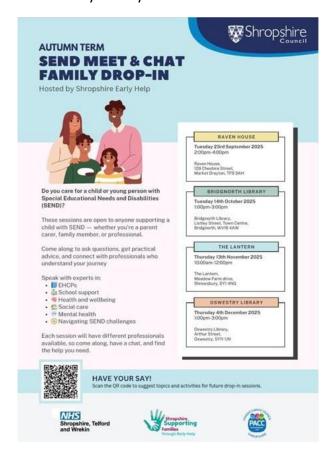
Thank you to FoSPS for subsidising the cost of the transport.

Parenting Signposts

SEND Meet and Chat Drop-in Sessions:

Thursday 13th November - The Lantern, Shrewsbury

Thursday 4th December - Oswestry Library



Understanding Your Child Group - January 2026 - Clee Hill Community Academy

Face to face group - Understand your child SEND commencing on Thursday 15th January 2026 @ Clee Hill Community Academy from 9am to 11am - every Thursday for 10 weeks (excluding the school holidays).

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 our free face-to-face group
Understanding Your Child SEND
Thursday 15th January 2026
9.00am to 11.00am
Clee Hill Community Academy
Tenbury Road, Ludlow SY8 3NE

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





Understanding Your Child Groups - Autumn 2025

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- 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 10.245pm 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 9.30am to 11.30am at Sunflower House Shrewsbury
Understanding Your Child Group 2th October 2025 from 9.00pm 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

Find a list of

local groups here

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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

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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_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

Togetherness for better emotional health (previously known as the Solihull Approach):

Togetherness is an online learning environment developed by psychologists and health practitioners providing accessible learning about emotional health and wellbeing, proven to positively impact mental health, behaviour and relationships.

To find out more about the free online courses please visit: https://inourplace.co.uk/shropshire/

For more information on the change from 'Solihull Approach' to 'Togetherness' please visit: https://inourplace.co.uk/becoming-togetherness/



How to sign up: Residents can access these courses for free by entering the Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Access Code: DARWIN18

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at inourplace.co.uk.

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.







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 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: Wilf James

Corve: Ella Dorrell



Times Tables Rock Stars

Corve: Aubrey MacNaughton

Severn: Isabel Plumb



Sports Stars:

Teme: **Daisy** and **Anderson** for great participation in their PE game.

Rea: Alfie for great expression in dance.

Corve: **All of Corve Class** for being fantastic ambassadors for Stottesdon School at the Lacon netball festival last Friday.

Severn: **Leo D, Spencer and Felicity** for great hand and body positions when performing a cartwheel / **Tabitha** and **Fletcher** for being in space and calling for the ball during netball / **Izzy** for stealing and intercepting the ball during netball.



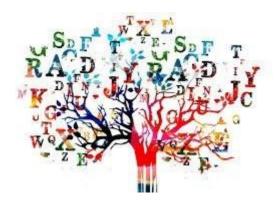
Pride and Presentation: Award for pupil focus on presentation of work across the curriculum.

Teme: Monty for his neat and detailed drawing of an owl.

Rea: Halsey for her English.

Corve: **Isabella** for super maths work, working independently. Presentation has shown she took great care to help her work her maths problems out.

Severn: Holly for work in English.

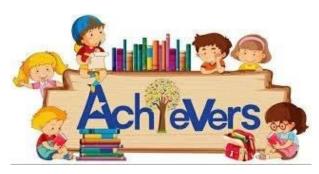


Great Sentence using words of the week:

Rea: Adults gasping, legs walking, arms rubbing. Kai (poem)

Corve: There was a marvellous aroma coming from the kitchen. Leon D

Severn: The man **plummeted** down a sewer, screaming for help. **Cash**



Class Achievers:

Teme: **Renley** for his focus and attention on the carpet in Phonics this week.

Rea: **Oliver** for fantastic progress in phonics / **Kai** for his focus in reading sessions / **Luke** for his fantastic explanation in science.

Corve: Reggie, Leon, Eva and Harriet for a brilliant persuasive advert piece.

Severn: **Sofia**, **Izzy** and **Teddy** for their typography art work.



Children selected for growing kindness.

Reception: Daisy for cheering up her friend when she was sad.

Year 1: **Poppy** for helping when a friend was upset.

Year 2: Chloe for patiently helping a younger pupil in computing.

Year 3: Walt for fantastic, kind sportsmanship when playing football.

Year 4: Ralph for offering his play equipment to another child who was upset.

Year 5: Cash for sharing his Legami pens with his table buddy during RE.

Year 6: Maxwell for supporting his peers with their school council presentations.