

# The Stotty School News 24.10.2025



### Stottesdon CofE Primary School

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# Diary dates for the week ahead



| Diary Dates for next week                                   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October to 31 <sup>st</sup> October | Half Term   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November                             | PD Day - School closed to pupils.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November                            | ELW Private Music Lessons<br>Lacon Sports Coach for Corve & Severn  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup><br>November                       | ELW Private Music Lessons Shropshire Music Service live performance at Lacon. Children will be transported - within the school day.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November                           |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November                             | Corve Class football festival at Lacon Childe School - within the school day - please ensure children have a water bottle and coat (shin pads are required if you have them). |  |  |  |  |  |
| Upcoming Diary Dates  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November                           | Remembrance Service @ 10.45am St. Marys Church, Stottesdon – Everyone welcome to join   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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  |  |  |  |  |  |

# 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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<br>HALF TERM | Monday 4th January 2027 (primary only) 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 A (TDD) | Manufact 00th Luna                          |
| 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

# Lunchtime / After School Clubs

### After School Clubs - November / December 2025

In November / December 2025, the following after school clubs are being offered (3.15 - 4.15pm, unless otherwise stated):

| Club                                    | Club Tutor                                | Start Date                                  | No.<br>Wka | No.<br>Places | For Year<br>groups:   | Cost € |
|---|---|---|------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Gymnastics                              | Annie Wain from<br>Momentum<br>Gymnastics | Monday 10 <sup>th</sup><br>November 2025    | 5          | 16            | Уr<br>R/1/2           | 12.50  |
| Sport to be confirmed with the children | Mrs Lisa Stokes                           | Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup><br>November 2025   | 5          | 16            | Уr<br>3/4/5/6         | 12.50  |
| Lunchtime Choir                         | Mrs Esther<br>Leverett Williams           | Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup><br>November 2025   | 5          |               | Уr<br>1/2/3/4<br>/5/6 | 0      |
| Lego                                    | Mrs Tracey Wood                           | Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup><br>November 2025 | 5          | 20            | Open to all           | 12.50  |
| Lunchtime Homework<br>Club              | Mrs Caroline<br>McKay                     | Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup><br>November 2025 | 5          | 1             | Yr<br>3/4/5/6         | 0      |
| Cookery                                 | Mrs Jackie Walker                         | Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup><br>November 2025  | 4          | 12            | Уr<br>3/4/5/6         | 10.00  |

The following clubs will be available next half term, starting week commencing 10th November 2025:

Monday - Gymnastics - R/1/2

Tuesday - Sport Club - 3/4/5/6

Tuesday - Lunchtime Choir - 1 -6

Wednesday - Lego - Open to all

Wednesday - Lunchtime homework club - 3/4/5/6

Thursday - Cookery - 3/4/5/6

If you would like to sign your child up for any of the above clubs, please do so via Arbor (clubs will appear under the trips section).

# **Christmas Card Competition**



Stuart Anderson (Member of Parliament for South Shropshire) would like to invite pupils to take part in his Annual Christmas Card Competition. This is an opportunity for children to showcase their creativity and imagination.

The competition is open from 1st November to 30th November 2025.

### To enter:

- Create a festive design on a plain piece of paper, including on the reverse, the child's names, age and school
- Send it by post to: Stuart Anderson MP, 75a High Street, Bridgnorth. WV16 4DX
- Or email it to: stuart.anderson.mp@parliament.uk

The winning design will feature on the front cover of his official Christmas e-card. The winner's name, age, and school will also appear on the card.

# Youth Awareness Day







### 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).

Please remember to book your meals in advance as we head to next term.

Remember: The deadline for ordering is 2pm the previous day in order to help the kitchens with quantities and their own ordering.

### Chorley Chapel Warm Hub



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

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.

Thank you to Harriet and Leo for helping out on Saturday 18th October.



# 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 Tuesday 4th November.

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

Please note that children will be attending a service at our Church on 11th November 2025 @ 10.45am, if anybody would like to come and join us, you will be most welcome.

### **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

### 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 – <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 <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 <a href="mailto:school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk">school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk</a>

# **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: 91%

Rea: 90%

**Corve: 100%** 

Severn: 93%

# Our Worship / Reflections this week:

Monday: We looked at the Lord's Prayer (through sign language and understanding its meaning). We reflected on how people pray or reflect in different ways and that the Lord's prayer is a prayer of hope.



### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Amen.

Tuesday: We discussed ways of keeping safe and feeling comfortable during Halloween - not everyone likes people in scary costumes knocking on doors saying trick or treat.



Wednesday: Open the book bought us the fantastic story of David and Goliath. We reflected on how small people can make a difference and that having the courage speak up, when something is not right, is really important.



Thursday: We considered Diwali - a Hindu celebration known as the 'festival of lights'. We revisited the story of Rama and Sita with good or light triumphing over darkness or evil. We reflected on connections to our theme of hope this term.



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

# Nursery News 24.10.2025



This week, the children have continued discovering the wonders of autumn!

Have a great half term break everyone!



This week, we began creating our own stories and bringing them to life through role play on the carpet.

Encouraging the children to use the opening phrase 'Once upon a time'.



Concept of the Week:

WET

Makaton Sign of the Week:



Nursery Rhyme of the Week:



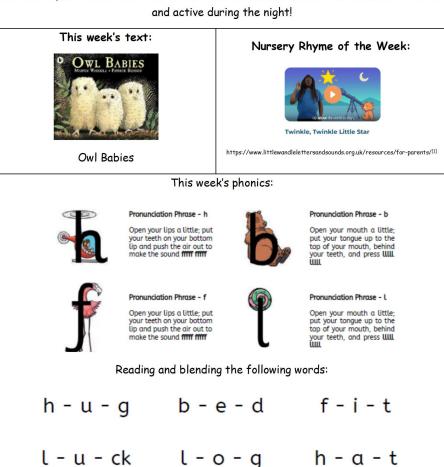
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### Reception News 24.10.2025

### Autumn 1 Term -

This week, the children in Reception have been learning all about animals that hibernate and how they prepare for their long winter sleep. Building on our work with the story Owl Babies, the children have been fascinated to discover that some animals are awake and active during the night!



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

# Shropshire Music Service

On Wednesday 5th November children from Corve and Severn Class have been invited, along with pupils from Clee Hill and Cleobury Mortimer, to attend a live performance by Shropshire Music Service for this year's Live Music Week at Lacon Childe.

A band of professional musicians will be delivering an inspirational mix of musical performance, explanation and interaction. The band will cover a wide range of genres.

This is an wonderful opportunity for the children to enjoy a live music performance.

Children will be transported to and from the event which will take place within the school day.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2.75 per pupil (thank you to FoSPS for subsidising the cost of the transport) to help to cover the cost of the event and transport (50% reduction for those pupils who are eligible for benefit related FSM).

Contributions to be made via Arbor please, under the trips section.

## Corve Class Trip to Enginuity



On Friday 28th children in Corve Class will be visiting Enginuity in Coalbrookdale, they will have the opportunity to explore the museum as well as attending a 'Jitterbug' workshop.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £14.48 per pupil (thank you to FoSPS for subsidising the cost of the transport) to cover the cost of the entry fee and transport (50% reduction for those pupils who are eligible for benefit related FSM).

Children will need a packed lunch, water bottle and coat. The trip will take place within the school day.

Would you please make your contribution via Arbor, under the trips section.

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually Via MS Teams
Understanding Your Child Group 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Ludlow Primary School
Understanding Your Child Group 1<sup>th</sup> October 2025 from 10.245pm to 2.45pm at Whitchurch CofE Infants School
Understanding Your Child SEND Group 2<sup>th</sup> October 2025 from 9.00am to 11.00am at Woodlands School Wem
Understanding Your Child Group 2<sup>th</sup> October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Sunflower House Shrewsbury
Understanding Your Child Group 2<sup>th</sup> October 2025 from 9.00pm to 3.00pm at Whittington Primary School
Understanding Your Child SEND Group 3<sup>th</sup> October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually Via MS Teams

Find a list of

local groups here

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



# 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

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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\_LeSPzX0">https://youtu.be/7t1jBqJJTl8?si=LeOiNag8\_LeSPzX0</a>

### 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 <a href="https://orlo.uk/5RvZN">https://orlo.uk/5RvZN</a>

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: <a href="https://inourplace.co.uk/shropshire/">https://inourplace.co.uk/shropshire/</a>

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



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

# **Celebrating Children's Achievements**



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



### **Numbots**

Rea: Arthur Ralph

Corve: Ella Dorrell



**Times Tables Rock Stars** 

Corve: Phoebe Strong

Severn: Noah Wilson



### **Sports Stars:**

Teme: All of Teme Class for their progress in PE this half term.

Rea: All of Rea Class for their fantastic effort during PE this half term.

Corve: **Frankie, Rosie, Florence, Grace, Ella** and **William** for brilliant work and effort during out Stone Age dance and mirroring movements.

Severn: **Harrison** for reading the game, being in space and communicating well / **Bella C** for working really well within her team and being ready to receive and pass the ball / **Cash** for being all over the court and communicating well within his team / **Holly** for great focus during hockey at Lacon / **Sofia** for determination and team spirit during the hockey at Lacon.

Well done to those pupils in **Shire** in Severn Class - they were the overall winner of the house netball matches.



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

Rea: Cordelia for her handwriting.

Corve: Frankie for brilliant Stone Age cave painting artwork for our History.

Severn: Jenson for his RE mindmap.



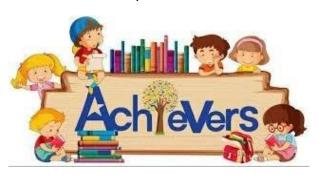
### **Great Sentence using words of the week:**

Teme: My fridge is near to my toaster. Tommy

Rea: The fire is burning and blazing. Margot

Corve: The history lesson was fascinating when we learnt about the Stone Age. Eva

Severn: I was aghast when I won the lottery. Maxwell



### **Class Achievers:**

Teme: Hollie for her great progress in Talk Boost.

Rea: **Boyd** for his explanations of how we know a two digit number is greater than or less than another / **Luke** for his understanding of the equivalence of 10 1ps and 1 10p.

Corve: **Raith** for a brilliant character description in English, using a simile / **Mason, Joey, Esther, Lincoln, Ned, Ralph, Rosie** and **Skyler** for coding a great interactive scene with movement, instructions and collision.

Severn: **Bea, Holly, Isabelle, Cash, Maxwell, Noah, Oliver, Ruby, Scarlett, Tabitha, Teddy, Spencer** and **Charlie** for developing programming independence using variables (timers, scores and strings).



Children selected for growing kindness.

Reception: Monty for being a fabulous classroom helper.

Year 1: Margot noticing when a friend needed help.

Year 2: Kai helping a younger pupils on his table.

Year 3: **Phoebe R** for being kind to another pupil for looking after a pupil when they were feeling poorly, making them laugh and cheering them up.

Year 4: Esther for helping another child when they needed help with their work.

Year 5: **Esme** for doing up another pupil's shoe laces.

Year 6: Holly for helping to put the laptops away after computing without being asked.