



# The Stotty School News 21.11.2025



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## Diary dates for the week ahead



Diary Dates for next week	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Momentum Gymnastics for Corve Class Momentum Gymnastics After School Club for R/1/2 Arithmetic After School Club for Yr 6
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	ELW Private Music Lessons Lunchtime Choir Lacon Sports Coach for Corve & Severn Hockey After School Club for Yrs 3/4/5/6
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	ELW Private Music Lessons Lunchtime Homework Club for Yrs 3/4/5/6 Lego After School Club - Open to all
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Cookery After School Club - Yrs 3/4/5/6
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Corve Class visiting Enginuity</b> - children will need a PACKED LUNCH, water bottle and waterproof coat - within the school day Severn Class Volleyball Festival at Lacon, children will need a water bottle and waterproof coat - within the school day
Upcoming Diary Dates	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Bag 2 School - Bags to go under the canopy before 9am
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

## Bags 2 School - Tuesday 2nd December



*We are having a 'bag 2 school' collection on Tuesday 2nd December.*

*Please ensure filled bags are left under the shelter by 9am on the morning of collection day.*

*Below are a list of items which can be included in the bags for collection:*

*Clothes / paired shoes / handbags / hats / bags / scarves and ties / bras / jewellery / socks / belts.*

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## **Our Worship / Reflections this week:**

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*Monday: We launched our theme of humility and service. Children reflected on what service means and the talents they have to serve others (good at listening - helping with solutions to friendship problems; singing - joining the choir to bring joy at Christmas; organisation - taking responsibility for a role in school; sport - organising games for all to enjoy on the playground.... etc).*

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# Service is....

**S**pending time on others

**E**njoying giving help

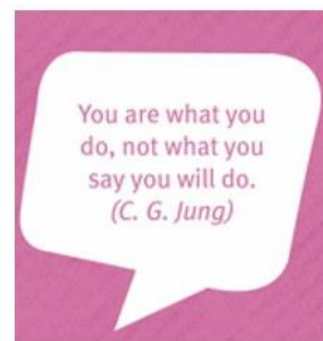
**R**esponsibility in action

**V**olunteering willingly

**I** second, you first

**C**ommitting to a task

**E**veryone offering their  
talents and gifts



Tuesday: We revisited and reflected on our No Outsiders theme through the theme of not judging people for their size (big or little, short or tall – we respect and include all). A great video helped us in this: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=regiwpu4YXc>

# No Outsiders



**Everyone different,  
everyone welcome.**

Wednesday: Open the book bought us the story of Zechariah and we reflected on people being there for us when something 'big' or different is going to happen.

Thursday: Children reflected on how technology can support us, include us, and help us reach our goals. But sometimes, too much help can change what a challenge means.

## Reflection



Technology can support us, include us, and help us reach our goals. But sometimes, too much help can change what a challenge means.



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## PE Kits



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*Would parents please ensure children have **non branded PE kits in school** please. This is really important to prevent peer pressure to have certain brands and expensive products. We want all children to feel equal and confident.*

*Children are required to change for P.E. and need:*

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- *plain black or navy shorts,*
  - *a white tee-shirt,*
  - *trainers*
  - *a bag to keep them in.*
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***During the winter months we ask children to bring a pair of plain black/navy jogging bottoms and a plain black/navy sports jumper for when the weather is colder.***

*If children have their ears pierced, would parents **please ensure they only wear plain studs in school.***

***Children should be able to take their own earrings out for PE (from 6 weeks after having their ears pierced - if within 6 week period they can have their ears taped). This is really important as accidents of earrings getting caught whilst doing sport are well known. Please help your child be able to take out and put in their earrings independently.***

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## Four Stones Gateway Trust Photography Competition



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*This year marks an exciting new chapter as The Four Stones Multi-Academy Trust and The Shropshire Gateway Trust come together to form Fours Stones Gateway Trust, bringing together seven schools across Worcestershire and Shropshire.*

*To celebrate this union, we're inviting students, and staff to take part in a Photography Competition that captures the spirit of our new Trust.*

*The theme is 'Togetherness' we'd love to see photos that show what togetherness means to your child, from friendships, celebrations, to the beautiful landscapes that connect Worcestershire and Shropshire. Do encourage them to take part and represent their Year group, school and community.*

*Winning entries will be showcased on our new Trust social media pages and featured in our launch celebrations. Please follow us @fourstonesgateway on Instagram and X.*

*Let's celebrate our new beginnings, and the power of togetherness.*

*Students and parents can get further information from the slides sent with the school news.*

*Please send competition entries to [admin@stottesdon-school.co.uk](mailto:admin@stottesdon-school.co.uk) (by 30th January 2026)*

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## Stottesdon CofE Primary School's Governing Body



**Rob Kennett MBE**  
Chair of Governors

Community  
governor appointed  
October 2023

Link governor for  
Humanities  
(History, Geog, PE,  
French, PSHE) &  
Christian Vision &  
Ethos

Rob holds the degree of Master of Education (Training and Evaluation) and a Doctorate in Education (Global Educational Policy) from the University of Hull. He is the founder and Director of a Training Company that delivers programmes both nationally and internationally. He was awarded a MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2009. He is married and he is passionate about history and gardening.



**Sarah Home**  
Vice-chair of  
Governors

Foundation  
governor appointed  
July 2024

Link governor for  
Safeguarding,  
EYFS & SIAMS

Sarah is a director of Willowdene Rehabilitation, a local rehabilitation service providing specialist interventions across the criminal justice and health sectors. She previously worked as a secondary science teacher before taking a role developing training opportunities at Willowdene. Sarah is passionate about the value of education and lifelong learning. Sarah has a background in medical research and trained as a secondary science teacher. She joined Willowdene in 2005, providing numeracy and literacy training to adults at risk. Sarah is responsible for managing 40 members of staff and working with a number of agencies to achieve the best outcomes for the most at risk in our society. Safeguarding children and adults is a priority within her work whilst promoting physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. Sarah has four children and has enjoyed seeing three of her children flourish during their time at Stottesdon.



**Daniel Middleton**

Parent governor  
appointed June  
2021

Link governor for  
STEM (Science,  
DT, Maths, IT)

Daniel is a lecturer of biology at Halesowen College, teaching biology on a variety of courses. He also teaches some chemistry. He brings analytical skills from working within scientific laboratories prior to starting teaching in 2006, as well as all the skills, knowledge of education from teaching, to the governing board. He is interested in how students are prepared for their next steps, both within the primary school and beyond; the use of awards, achievements and other forms of praise, the avoidance of bias in their use and the teaching of science (from both the teachers' and pupils' perspectives).




**Jane Jones**

Staff governor  
appointed in  
October 2023

Jane is the Key Stage 1 Teacher within our school. She brings knowledge of the curriculum, how children learn and the day to day workings of the school to the governing board. Her interests lie in the teaching and learning, children and staff wellbeing.



	<p><b>Lauren Walker</b></p> <p>Parent governor appointed November 2024</p> <p>Link governor for Inclusion (SEND/PP/P/LAC) &amp; English</p>	<p>Lauren is a senior leader at a Pupil Referral Unit in Worcester with lead responsibility for teaching and learning, curriculum, interventions and English. With over 20 years experience in SEMH and SEND teaching, she has knowledge of the curriculum and the education sector. Lauren is passionate to support every child's needs throughout their learning journey and has a strong ethos that places the child as the central focus. All children deserve the best possible outcomes and schools are best placed to help them reach these.</p>
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## Community Governor Vacancy




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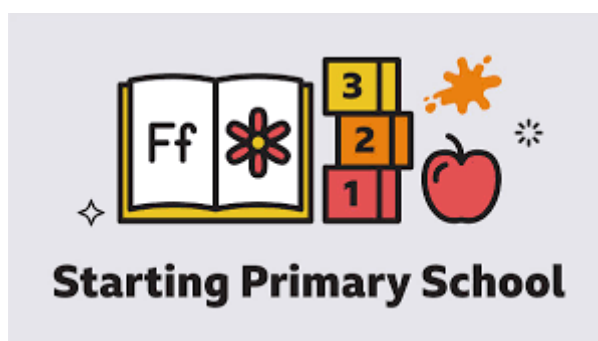
*Would you like to join the local governing body at Stottesdon CofE Primary School as a community governor?*

*We currently have a vacancy, please see the attached leaflet for further information.*

*Please contact Hannah Coleman, Governance Professional, at [hannah.coleman@laconchilleschool.co.uk](mailto:hannah.coleman@laconchilleschool.co.uk) for an application form or if you have any queries.*

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## Applying for Primary School place for September 2026



Children can start school in reception at the beginning of the academic year following their fourth birthday. Therefore, children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 can start primary school from September 2026.

Shropshire residents should make their applications for English state schools using the Shropshire online portal. Local authorities co-ordinate applications. Use our [guidance notes](#) to help you make your application. If you have any queries or encounter any difficulties completing your application, please contact the School Admissions Team by email: [school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk)

**Please note that the online facility is open from 3 November 2025. You must apply by 15 January 2026.** If there's a reason why your application is late, eg due to a house move, please email [school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk) to advise - there may be exceptional reasons to be considered.

Please see further information in the link below:

[Starting infant or primary school | Shropshire Council](#)

## 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](mailto: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.

## Chorley Chapel Warm Hub



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

*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.*

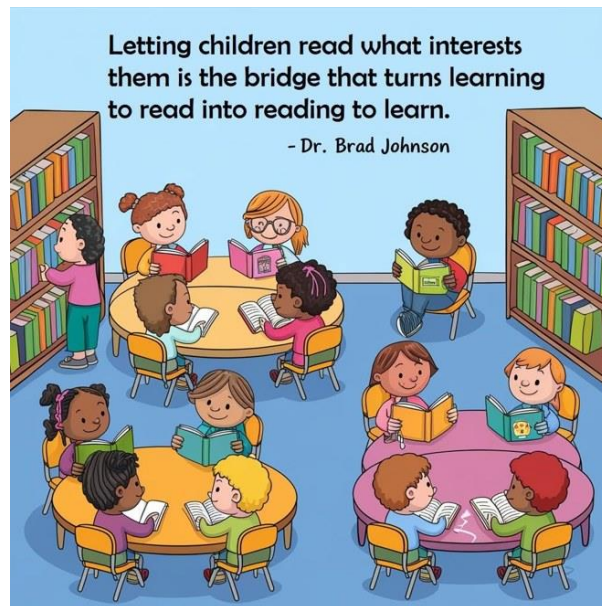
*Children would need to arrive at 10.45pm and stay until approx. 1pm. Mrs Jones will be there to supervise and support.*

*This is a fantastic way to feel part of the community and get involved in multi-generational events.*

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## Celebrating Reading





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### *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: 87%*






*Corve: 94%*

*Severn: 97%*





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## EYFS (Nursery and Reception) News

Nursery News 21.11.2025

<b>Autumn 2 Term: Weather and Celebrations</b> <p>This week, the children joined Reception in the afternoons for shared learning experiences - we focused on two types of weather: rain and wind. The children explored what happens when it rains and why we need waterproof clothes and umbrellas. We talked about how rain helps plants grow and fills rivers and ponds. The children enjoyed listening to the sound of rain and watching raindrops on the windows.</p> <p>We also learned about wind and how it can be strong or gentle. The children experimented by blowing on different objects to see which ones moved easily, and we made simple windmills to observe how the wind spins them. We discussed how wind can make trees sway and help kites fly.</p>		
<b>Talk for Writing Text:</b> Rosie's Hat 	<b>Makaton Sign of the Week:</b>  Show tension in hands. Use one or two hands as appropriate. <b>Angry</b>	<b>Phonics Sound of the Week:</b>  <b>t</b>  tiger Open your lips; put the tip of your tongue behind your teeth and press t t
<b>Concept of the Week:</b>  <b>SLOW</b>		<b>Nursery Rhyme of the Week:</b> <b>Humpty Dumpty</b>  <small><a href="https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/">https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/</a><sup>[1]</sup></small>

## Reception News 21.11.2025

<p><b>Talk for Writing Text:</b></p> <p><i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i> Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury</p>  <p>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</p>	<p><b>Mastering Number:</b> This week, the children built on their understanding of numbers by exploring the composition of 3, 4 and 5. They investigated how numbers can be made up of smaller parts, for example, seeing that 3 can be composed of 1 and 2. Through lots of practical activities, the children consolidated their understanding that a whole is made up of parts and discovered that numbers can be combined in different ways. They also explored the different spatial arrangements that can be created using the same number of objects</p>								
<p>This week's phonics:</p> <div><p>Pronunciation Phrase - z Show me your teeth and buzz the z sound zzzzz</p></div> <div><p>Pronunciation Phrase - qu Pucker your mouth, then open it as you say qu qu qu</p></div> <div><p>Pronunciation Phrase - ch Pucker your lips and show your teeth; use your tongue as you say ch ch ch</p></div> <p>Reading and blending the following words:</p> <table><tr><td>zip</td><td>zap</td><td>buzz</td><td>fizz</td></tr><tr><td>quick</td><td>quit</td><td>chips</td><td>rich</td></tr></table>		zip	zap	buzz	fizz	quick	quit	chips	rich
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## Best Start in Life



The Best Start in Life campaign, aims to increase awareness of the importance of early years in a child's development and the role of early years education.

Please visit their website (formerly Childcare Choices): <https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/>

The website contains a wealth of information from pregnancy through to starting school.



## Corve Class Trip to Enginuity



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*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.*

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## Severn Class trip to Cadbury's World

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*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.*

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## Parenting Signposts

### You and Me, Mum Group

An 8 week course to help understand how domestic violence impacts on you and your children.

Every Wednesday from 14th January - 11th March



### You and Me, Mum Group

This 8-week course will help you understand how domestic violence impacts on you as a parent and how it affects your children. The course objectives are to empower, support and develop further understanding of your role as a mother in addressing the needs of your children and young people

To book and secure your place on this course please call  
**01743 250400**

Every Wednesday from  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
09:30-11:30am  
Venue: Shrewsbury SY1

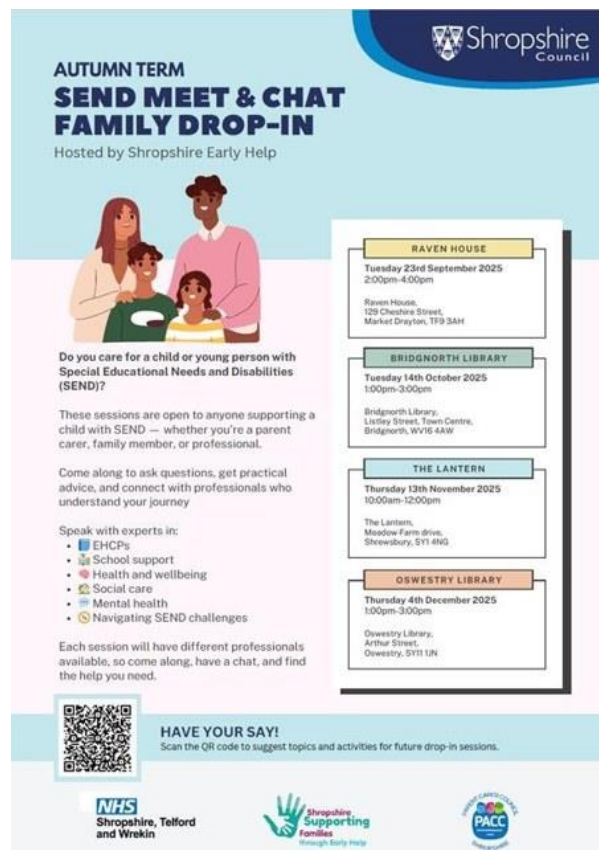
Facilitated by  
Early Help and Support Team with Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service



### SEND Meet and Chat Drop-in Sessions:

Thursday 13th November - The Lantern, Shrewsbury

Thursday 4th December - Oswestry Library



**AUTUMN TERM**  
**SEND MEET & CHAT**  
**FAMILY DROP-IN**  
Hosted by Shropshire Early Help

Do you care for a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

These sessions are open to anyone supporting a child with SEND — whether you're a parent carer, family member, or professional.

Come along to ask questions, get practical advice, and connect with professionals who understand your journey

Speak with experts in:

- EHCPs
- School support
- Health and wellbeing
- Social care
- Mental health
- Navigating SEND challenges


Each session will have different professionals available, so come along, have a chat, and find the help you need.




**RAVEN HOUSE**  
Tuesday 23rd September 2025  
2:00pm-4:00pm  
Raven House,  
129 Cheshire Street,  
Market Drayton, TF9 3AH

**BRIDGNORTH LIBRARY**  
Tuesday 14th October 2025  
1:00pm-3:00pm  
Bridgnorth Library,  
Lidley Street, Town Centre,  
Bridgnorth, WV16 4AW

**THE LANTERN**  
Thursday 13th November 2025  
10:00am-12:00pm  
The Lantern,  
Meadow Farm drive,  
Shrewsbury, SY1 4NG

**OSWESTRY LIBRARY**  
Thursday 4th December 2025  
1:00pm-3:00pm  
Oswestry Library,  
Arthur Street,  
Oswestry, SY11 1JN

 **HAVE YOUR SAY!**  
Scan the QR code to suggest topics and activities for future drop-in sessions.

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](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) or call 01743 250950

Find more free online courses at [inourplace.co.uk/shropshire](http://inourplace.co.uk/shropshire)

Find a list of local groups here



Shropshire Supporting Families through Early Help

Shropshire Council

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 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>st</sup> October 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm at Whitchurch CofE Infants School  
 Understanding Your Child SEND Group 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 from 9.00am to 11.00am at Woodlands School Wem  
 Understanding Your Child Group 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Sunflower House Shrewsbury  
 Understanding Your Child Group 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Whittington Primary School  
 Understanding Your Child SEND Group 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually Via MS Teams

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

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 or call 01743 250950

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[inourplace.co.uk/shropshire](http://inourplace.co.uk/shropshire)



## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams  
 or  
 Group Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) or call 01743 250950

Find out  
 more here



## 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



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**SHROPSHIRE 0-19 PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE**

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 [Family Information Directory](#). 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/7t1jBqJTI8?si=LeOiNag8\\_LeSPzX0](https://youtu.be/7t1jBqJTI8?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>

BeeU Emotional Health and Wellbeing





Are you a parent/carer to a child under the age of five?

Are you concerned about meeting their emotional needs or some challenging behaviours that you are seeing?

Would you like to have a better relationship with your baby or child?

Do you worry about your bond or attachment with your baby or child?

Do you worry that you are not able to meet the needs of your baby or child?

Here at BEEU we can help you explore the answers to some of these questions and many more issues that you may be affected by

Our practitioners can offer a listening ear and help you make sense of some of the thoughts and feelings you have around your relationship with your baby/child.

We may also be able to offer a therapeutic intervention if you wish and is appropriate

We have two practitioners who are trained in Video Interaction Guidance (VIG) therapy which is an evidence-based approach to supporting better relationships with parents and their baby/infants in the early years. You can find out more about VIG at [What is VIG? | AVIGuk](#)

If you would like to find out more about our service and if it is right for you or would like to speak to one of our practitioners please contact BeeU via email:

*beeuearlyyears@mpft.nhs.uk*

We welcome contact from parents/carers directly.

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**

at [inourplace.co.uk](https://inourplace.co.uk).

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**Bridgnorth Community Information Drop In Sessions**

# Family Drop-In

Here to help

Free information, advice and support

You can chat, have a drink and see how we can all help you with:

- Family Life
- Children's health and wellbeing
- Drug and alcohol support
- Housing Support
- Domestic abuse support
- Financial advice
- Home fire safety
- Healthy living advice
- Help with getting back to work

**Bridgnorth Youth Centre**  
45 Innage Lane, Bridgnorth WV16 4HS

**Every Tuesday from 1.30pm—4pm**



Supporting families with children aged 0-19 years (up to 25 years for young people with special educational needs and disabilities)

We aim to make it easier for you to ask for help and get support when you need it.



[www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)



## COFFEE & CHAT

Stay & Play

**Every Tuesday**

**1pm until 3pm**

**Bridgnorth Library, 67 Listley Street,  
Bridgnorth, WV16 4AW**

All families within the local area welcome

Free information, support  
& advice around:

- Family Life
- Housing & Finance
- Special Education Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)
- Parenting Support
- Training & Employment
- Domestic Abuse Support
- And much more...

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED  
"PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SEALED  
CUP/TRAVEL MUG"



[shropshire.gov.uk/early-help](http://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help)





## Highley Community Drop In Sessions

# Community Drop-ins

## How can we help you?

Come along to:  
Highley Library, Halo Severn Centre, Bridgnorth Road,  
Highley, WV16 6JG

The fourth Friday  
of each month  
9.30am-12.30pm



Free information, advice  
and support around;

- Housing support
- Getting older
- Family Life
- Domestic Abuse
- Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) support
- Parenting support
- Finance support
- Healthy living, and much more!

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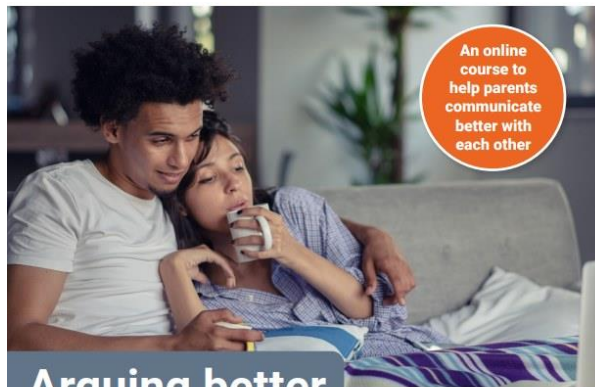
Introducing the Separating better app, a **free** self-guided mobile app for separating parents, designed to facilitate a smoother separation journey and promote positive co-parenting. This app is filled with expert advice, video resources, practical parenting, and budgeting plans, as well as co-parenting 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](https://www.oneplusone.org.uk/separating-better?utm_source=referral&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=sbaffiliate)

For face to face support, go to [Getting on better | Shropshire Council](#) and select Free Courses and Workshops.





An online course to help parents communicate better with each other

## Arguing better

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](http://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.



An online course for separating parents to help manage conflict and minimise the impact on children

## 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 co-operatively 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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An online course for new and expectant parents

## Me, You and Baby too

Tiredness and stress are common when you're caring for a baby. If parenthood is leading to more arguments between you and your partner, this free online course could help.

With tips and advice on how to talk about difficult topics, share stress, and prevent arguments, this short course will help you and your partner navigate challenging times together.



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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.

**Integrated Care System**  
Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

**NHS**  
Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

Kiley, Alex, Chelsie, Jayne, Jasdeep, Karen

**Worried about your child's health?**  
**Think 'Pharmacy First'**

You can now get treatment for a variety of common conditions and minor illnesses from your local community pharmacy.

Your pharmacy can help with:

- Earache (ages 1-17)
- Infected insect bites (from age 1)
- Impetigo (from age 1)
- Sore throat (from age 5)
- Hay fever (all ages)
- Conjunctivitis (all ages)

If you don't know whether a pharmacist can help with what you need, give them a call first or just pop in.

If you get a prescription through your pharmacy, you'll never pay more than if you had seen your GP.

## 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.



## Accessing Support

Knowing how to access support and who to speak to can be overwhelming and difficult at times. We have created this information sheet of charities and organisations that can provide help and support. You can also contact PACC for support and information on [info@paccshropshire.org.uk](mailto:info@paccshropshire.org.uk)



We provide information, advice and support to parents and carers of children aged 0 to 25, and young people aged 16 to 25 who have, or may have, special educational needs or disabilities (SEND).



We are the leading charity in the West Midlands for Autistic adults, children, young people and those who love and care for them. Our passionate, expert staff and volunteers work across a range of age groups and abilities.



for families with disabled children

We're here for families wherever they live in the UK, and whenever they need us.



The SEND local offer is a single place for information, services, and resources for children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and/or disabilities, their families, and the practitioners who support them.



The PACC Preparation for Adulthood (PFA) Navigator service is available to help SEND families understand the options available for young people with SEND on their preparation for adulthood journey.



IPSEA is a registered charity in England that provides free legal advice and support to families of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

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](mailto:info@paccshropshire.org.uk)

## Celebrating Children's Achievements



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

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### **Numbots**

Rea: **Tara Mladezic**

Corve: **Francesca Ralph**



### **Times Tables Rock Stars**

Corve: **Phoebe Strong**

Severn: **Isabel Plumb**



### **Spelling Bee**

Bronze: **Ellie**



### Sports Stars:

Teme: **Esme E** for her consistent good manners at the sports festival at Lacon today.

Rea: **All of Rea Class** for their great sportsmanship and for representing their school so well at the sports festival at Lacon today.

Corve: **William** for always being willing and ready to learn and listen and having the confidence to demonstrate in front of the class.

Severn: **Teddy, Elia, Ruby & Scarlett** for great participation during our Mayan dance routines.



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

Rea: **Poppy** for the English independent writing.

Corve: **Ada** for consistent neatness and organisation through all subjects, being really impressed by the time she has taken and organisation of the column addition.

Severn: **Ruby** for her work in English.

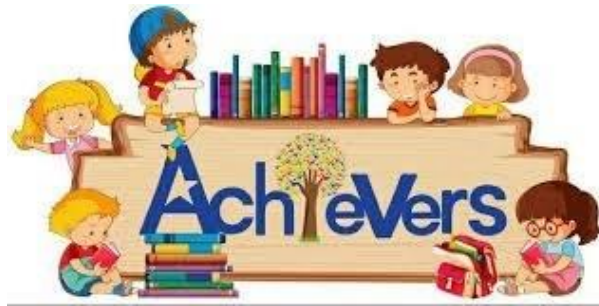


**Great Sentence using words of the week:**

Rea: The bright, colourful flowers **bloom** and the **delicate**, fluffy lambs are born. **Cordelia**

Corve: The weather man was **incorrect** because it snowed instead of rained. **Ralph**

Severn: My cousin always talks to me in a **condescending** way. **Ellie**



**Class Achievers:**

Teme: **Memphis** for his fantastic reading and progress with phonics this week.

Rea: **Finley** for his fluency in reading / **Halsey** for her focus in all of her lessons / **All of year two** for their amazing mental maths bridging ten securely.

Corve: **All of Corve** for brilliant work and hard work during the column addition.

Severn: **Esme G** and **Leo D** for their newspaper writing in English / **Sofia** for using her writing prompts in English / **Florence** for converting improper fractions to mixed numbers.





Children selected for growing kindness.

Reception: **Hollie** for always being willing to help friends when they find a task tricky.

Year 1 & Year 2: **Victoria** and **Harry** for helping others in class.

Year 3 & 4: **Skyler / Mason** & **Leo P** for their kindness in helping to search the site for tennis balls.

Year 5: **Fletcher** for always being helpful.

Year 6: **Ellie** for supporting in homework club.