



The Stotty School News 19.12.2025 (Website)



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Part of [The Four Stones Gateway Trust](#)

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Diary dates for the week ahead



Diary Dates for New Year	
Monday 22 nd December to Friday 2 nd December	
	School Closed - Christmas Holidays
	Mon day 5 th Jan
uary 2026	PD Day - School Closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th January	First Day of Spring Term 2026 - Welcome Back!
Wednesday 7 th January	Momentum Gymnastics - Rea Class
Thursday 8 th January	
Friday 9 th January	
Upcoming Diary Dates	
W/C 9 th February	Parents Evenings

Wishing You All A Very Merry Christmas And A Peaceful New Year



As you embrace all that this week brings, you may choose to share this prayer or simply reflect upon the words:

Lord of Hope,

As we prepare for Christmas, please help us to slow down and see beyond the decorations and gifts.

Remind us that Christmas is about love and the gift of Jesus, who showed us how to care for others.

As we celebrate, help us think of those who might be lonely or finding things difficult.

May we share our own kindness and be a light for others, just like the Christmas story teaches us.

May we be generous with our time and spirit, making Christmas special for everyone in our school and community.

Amen.

Thank You!



On behalf of all the staff, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your generous Christmas gifts. Your thoughtfulness and kindness mean so much to us and truly brightens this festive season.

We feel incredibly fortunate to work with such a supportive and caring community. Your generosity reminds us how special our partnership is in nurturing and guiding your children.

Termly Reports

We have now moved to termly reports (the Autumn term ones have gone out today). We feel that telling you how your child has done on the curriculum each term (which we send out at the beginning of the term) is much more helpful to you and easier for us as we deliver the units/chunks of learning. Please continue to enjoy books and reading over the Christmas break and if you have any queries from the reports we will be really pleased to catch up with you on our return in 2026.

Christmas Celebrations - they brought such joy!













Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday this week it was wonderful to see everyone in their Christmas clothes celebrating the festive season together and sharing in the holiday cheer at the School's Christmas dinner.





Christmas Cards from Bangalore





The children from Legacy School in Bangalore have sent us some wonderfully creative Christmas cards - look at their fabulous designs above.

Christmas Cards

Children in Severn Class were busy this morning, delivering Christmas Cards to the local community.



Severn Class DT Project



Please see Maxwell's wonderful creation above, which he designed and made himself in D&T.

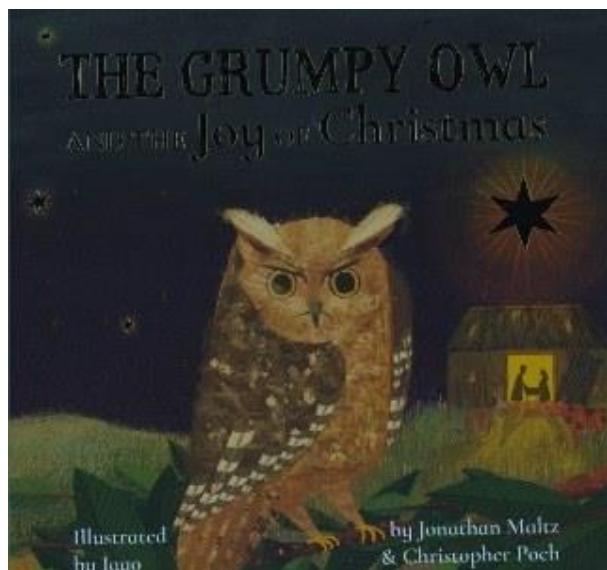
Chorley Chapel Warm Hub





Our Worship / Reflections this week:

Monday: We reflected on the joy of Christmas through the story of The Grumpy Owl and the Joy of Christmas



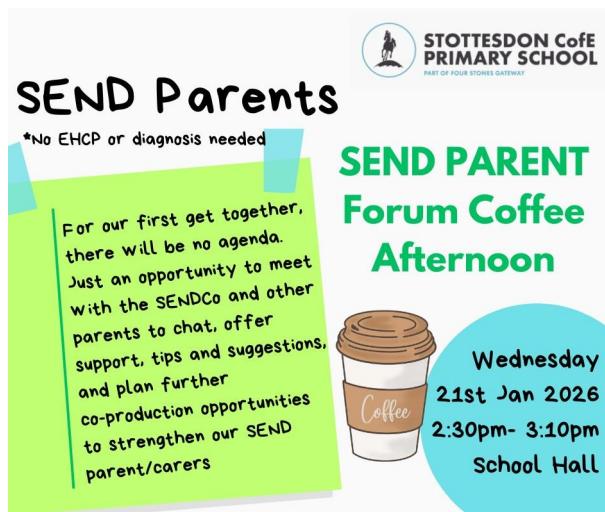
Wednesday: The Diocese of Hereford shared a the Christmas Story with story sticks and we practised the songs for our celebrations. We considered the joy in different parts of the story.



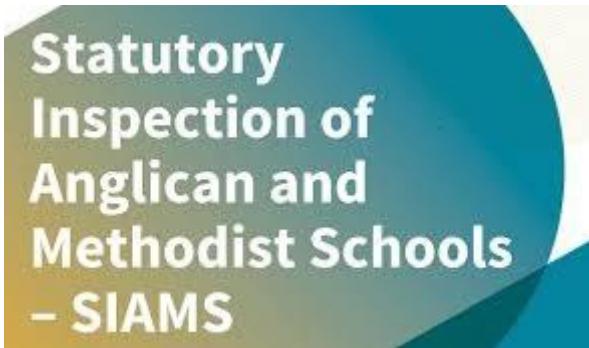
Thursday: Children had an assembly focusing on showing how small small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's life. They looked at the 'warm in winter' campaign which has seen over 10,000 gift bags been delivered in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire to people who may find it difficult to keep warm in their homes and can feel lonely. They reflected on how kindness doesn't have to be big. The smallest gesture can show someone they matter and make a difference.



SEN Parents Forum Coffee Afternoon



Outcome of our SIAMS Inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools)



We are really pleased to share the report from our recent inspection. Thank you to all who supported the process and spent time talking to the inspector. It was a really thorough day that included lesson observations, joining assemblies/worship, talking to children (most of them!) and talking to leaders. The findings were in line with our own evaluation and we are really pleased to report the following strengths.

- Rooted in its vision to 'care and make learning fun' pupils access a broad and inclusive curriculum. This broadens pupils' horizons through enriching experiences that spark curiosity and develop confidence.*
- Motivated by the schools' Christian values, pupils take responsibility for each other. Supported by adults, they make ethical choices and actively contribute to their local community.*

- *Strong bonds of friendship, care and wellbeing promote flourishing. Leaders maintain a culture that is enhanced by collaborative partnerships and support where required.*
- *Christian values are explored creatively in collective worship and expressed well in discussions in class. Worship helps adults and pupils consider how they can look outwards to support others.*
- *The Christian vision inspires a well-planned religious education (RE) curriculum with engaging, enquiry-led activities underpinned by strong subject knowledge. As a result, pupils enjoy RE and demonstrate high levels of respect when sharing their learning.*

We will continue to work on the agreed development points of furthering spiritual development opportunities and children increasingly responding to issues of injustice (being 'agents of change').

Social Media Pages For Our School

We now have a couple of social media pages for our school using Twitter/X and Instagram. If you'd like to follow please use details below. Each week we will just share a couple of things that have been in the school news.

Twitter/X: @StottesdonCofE

Instagram: stottesdoncofe

The Trust pages are as follows if you would also like to follow those:

Instagram: 4stonesgateway

Twitter/X: @4StonesGateway

School Council Announcement: School Desktop Calendar For Sale - help us raise funds for environmental charities



2026

Children were so inspired by the World Nature Photography Competition that the School Council ran their own competition. The winning photographs have been used to create this calendar to help us to raise funds to donate to a wildlife charity that helps look after our world.

Have you bought your school calendar yet?

It contains all of the nature photography competition winners from last year - one for each month.

The desktop calendar is only £5 and a great gift for your family and friends.

Parents are able to order via Arbor and then collect at the school office.

Any money raised from the sale of the calendar will be split between 3 different world wide environmental charities:

- *WWF which protects animals and habitats*
- *Coalition for Rainforest Nation who are protecting rainforests*
- *The Clean Air Task Force who are working to keep air clean and reduce pollution*

We hope you will embrace and support our initiative.

Many thanks,

The School Council

New Catering Arrangements



As detailed in the school news recently, we are delighted to announce the introduction of a **new catering company** at our school, bringing fresh, healthy, and varied menus for your children to enjoy.

We hope this change will make meal management easier for you and us. You will today have received information and a registration link for the Impact Food App. This app will allow you to:

- View weekly menus
- Pre-order meals
- Manage dietary preferences and allergies
- Make secure online payments

Action Required: It is vitally important that you follow the registration instructions as soon as possible.

We hope you will see this as a **positive change** (the feedback on the new menus has been very favourable) and embrace the new system.

Important points to note with the new system:

- The cut off point for ordering is **11pm on the Sunday evening** for the following week (if you have not placed an order, your child will not be able to have a meal all week - to provide the service the caterers need advance orders)
- **The school office are unable to add meals manually to the system**
- If you order a meal by mistake parents need to email the primary support team (their email is on the initial invite - primary@impactfood.co.uk)
- If your child is not able to attend school due to illness please inform the primary support team asking for the meal to be cancelled (email: primary@impactfood.co.uk)

You will note from the above that the emphasis is very much on parents to ensure meals are ordered or cancelled.

I am sure, as with anything new, there will be a few teething problems but we hope that, in the long term, you will agree the change is for the better for everyone.

Mental Health Text Service Launch



From 1 December, a new, free 24/7 mental health text support service is available for people of all ages living in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin (STW), delivered by qualified mental health professionals. The service is delivered by SHOUT on behalf of Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (MPFT) who are commissioned by NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin. Why is it important? The service expands access to immediate mental health support, complementing existing services such as NHS 111 option 2, and supports the national transformation of NHS mental health care by improving responsiveness, inclusivity and accessibility.

How to access?

Text '**STW**' to **85258**, free of charge and at any time, to start a conversation with a trained mental health professional.

Benefits to Patients

- **Easy access.** No need to speak on the phone or wait for an appointment. Text at any time from anywhere.
- **24/7 support.** Available day and night, including weekends and holidays.
- **Mental health-focused.** Tailored to people experiencing mental health difficulties, delivered with compassion and understanding.
- **Discreet and private.** Ideal for those who prefer not to talk on the phone or need support in a public place.
- **Inclusive and equitable.** Helps reduce inequalities by offering support to anyone across STW.
- **Integrated with local services.** If needed, text responders can help you signpost to local services like NHS 111, crisis teams, or other community-based mental health support.

If someone feels unsafe or at immediate risk, they should call 999, as the text service is not intended for urgent emergencies. Individuals already receiving mental health support should contact their named worker first, in accordance with their care plan.

Further information can be found by following this link:

<https://www.shropshiretelfordandwrekin.nhs.uk/news/mental-health-text-service-launch/>

Shropshire Winter HAF Programme 2025



Shropshire Council are working in partnership with local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to run exciting holiday clubs this winter.

From 20 December 2025 to 5 January 2026, HAF eligible children and young people are invited to take part in a range of fun free activities, happening at holiday clubs from across the county.

Core Eligibility: Children and young people aged 4 (in reception class) to 16 who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals.

Many of the HAF programmes also include paid places for children and young people who don't meet the eligibility criteria. These spaces are generally very heavily subsidised and have been highlighted in the What's On Guide.

All the bookings are being made direct with the organisations running the clubs.

A list of clubs and timetable is available in the **Winter what's on guide and online here** [Activities and events | Shropshire Council](#)

Each eligible child and young person is able to attend 4 x sessions over the winter holidays.

Four Stones Gateway Trust Photography Competition



This year marks an exciting new chapter as The Four Stones Multi-Academy Trust and The Shropshire Gateway Trust come together to form Four 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.

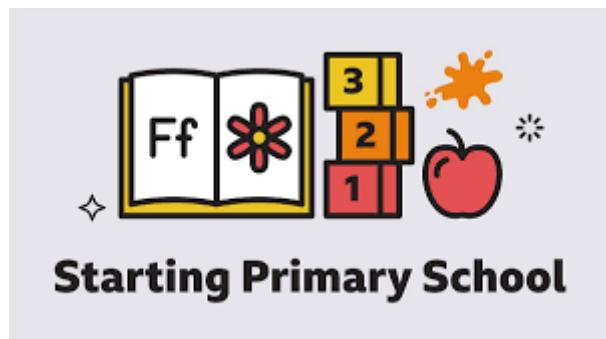
Winning entries will be showcased on our new Trust social media pages and featured in our launch celebrations. Please follow us @fourstonesgateway on Instagram and X.

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 (by 30th January 2026)

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.

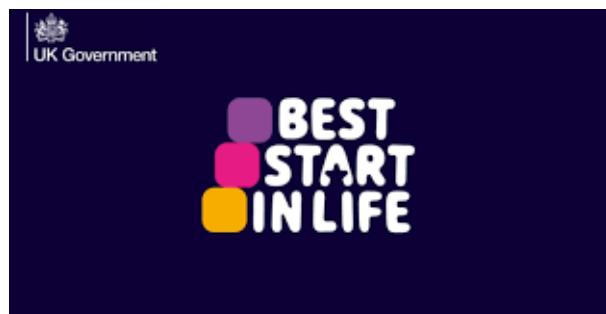
Shropshire residents should make their applications for English state schools using the Shropshire online portal. Local authorities co-ordinate applications. Use our [guidance notes](#) to help you make your application. If you have any queries or encounter any difficulties completing your application,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

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 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](#)

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/>

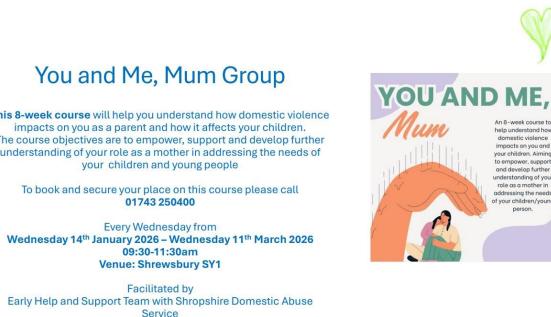
The website contains a wealth of information from pregnancy through to starting school.

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



The flyer for the 'You and Me, Mum' group is titled 'YOU AND ME, Mum' with a subtitle 'An 8-week course to help you understand how domestic violence impacts on you and your children'. It features a large orange hand holding a small figure. The text includes: '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 14th January 2026 – Wednesday 11th March 2026 09:30-11:30am' 'Venue: Shrewsbury SY1' 'Facilitated by Early Help and Support Team with Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service'.

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 - Spring 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 12th January 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am St Giles Primary, Shrewsbury

Understanding Your Child Group 13th January 2026 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm Little Explorers, Ditton Priors

Understanding Your Child SEND Group 14th January 2026 from 10.00am to 12.00pm Severdale Academy

Understanding Your Child Group 14th January 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child Group 14th January 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm St Lawrence Primary, Church Stretton

Understanding Your Child SEND Group 15th January 2026 from 9.00am to 11.00am Clee Hill Community Academy

Understanding Your Child SEND Group 15th January 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child Group 16th January 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am Highley Primary School

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

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Sleep Tight Work Shops - Spring 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

Sleep Tight Group Monday 12th January 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams

Sleep Tight Group Thursday 15th January 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am Highley Primary School

Sleep Tight SEND Group Monday 23rd February 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams

Sleep Tight Group Tuesday 24th February 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am Crowmoor Primary School

The groups run for 5 weeks 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



Shropshire Council

Parenting Help & Support Line

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01743 250950

Mon - Thurs, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Fri, 9.30am - 3.30pm

No judgment, just support.



Shropshire Public Health Nursing Team

Shropshire Public Health Nursing Service 0-19
Family Nurse Partnership
Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust

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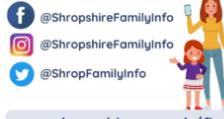


Hello from the **Family Information Service** (FIS for short). Our job is to give you the info and resources you need to help your family life run a little smoother. We can help with:

- Childcare - finding it and advice on paying for it
- Local baby and toddler groups
- Events, clubs, activities, and fun things to do in the school holidays, for all ages
- Getting parenting and family support
- Finding health and wellbeing support

We cover everything and anything to do with family life, so if you have a question, chances are we'll be able to help, or if we can't, we'll point you in the direction of someone who can.

Follow us on social media for all the latest news and info.



www.shropshire.gov.uk/fis

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

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.

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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	• Housing Support	• Home fire safety
• Children's health and wellbeing	• Domestic abuse support	• Healthy living advice
• Drug and alcohol support	• Financial 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.




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



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

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 or scan the QR code

To access the course, you will need a good internet connection and a smartphone, tablet, or computer.

oneplusone.org.uk



Getting it right for children

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

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



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



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.



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

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.

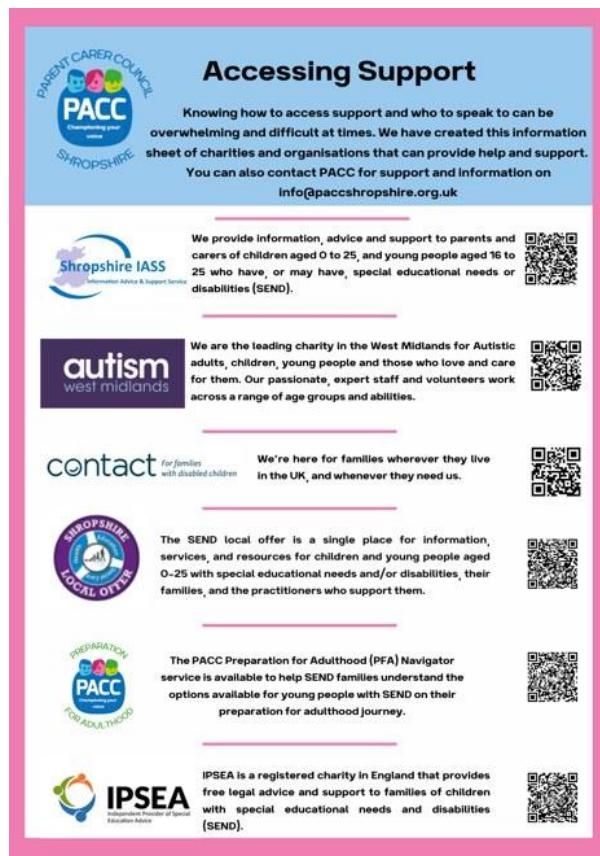
If parents need extra support or support for potty training, behaviour, sleep, eating we have two Healthy Child practitioner who they can be referred to who will come out to their home or to a clinic to support the family with these issues.

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