



The Stotty School News 08.05.2026



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Diary dates for the week ahead



Diary Dates for next week	
Monday 11 th May	Yr 6 SATs Week Athletics After School Club
Tuesday 12 th May	NO Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams this week - due to SATs Lunchtime Gardening Club Lacon sports coach with Corve & Severn Class Summer Sports After School Club - 3.15pm to 4.15pm
Wednesday 13 th May	Rounders After School Club Fete Planning & Fundraising Meeting @ 8pm via Microsoft Teams
Thursday 14 th May	Craft After School Club
Friday 15 th May	FoSPS Ascension Day Sponsored Walk
Upcoming Diary Dates	
Saturday 16 th May	Chorley Warm Hub 11am to 1pm
Monday 18 th May	London Residential Parent Meeting @ 3.30pm
Tuesday 19 th May	EGM of FoSPS - 6pm via Microsoft Teams
Thursday 21 st May	Severn Class Trip to Craven Arms Mosque
Friday 22 nd May	Last day of Summer 1 term
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Monday 1 st June	First Day of Summer 2 Term
Friday 5 th June	Messy Church - See further details within the newsletter
9 th - 12 th June	London Residential
Monday 15 th June	Year 6 Crucial Crew
Friday 3 rd July	Summer Fete
6 th /7 th July	Corve Class Residential @ Shropshire Adventures

The vast majority are polite but sometimes, some pupils, are choosing to be disrespectful.....

I hope parents appreciate that, sometimes, it is important to 'say it as it is....'

*Following on from previous School News articles, we have been supporting and working with pupils on clarity of expectations (what is and what isn't acceptable), politeness and respect to ALL adults (we all sign up to this in society). **Most have been EXCELLENT.** There are a few pupils, who despite repeated education and support on politeness and respect, are choosing to be disrespectful to adults and their requests. This tends to be children who giggle or laugh at a respectful routine or instruction (e.g. stop at the whistle, line up, stop to listen in class) because they think it doesn't apply to them (or worse because they think it is funny if they don't support the routine). We have spent a long time talking about why (not wasting time; being ready for the next step; no one wants to nag the few) **but a few still think the rules***

don't apply to them.** Sadly, consequences are being applied as it isn't fair on the vast majority who want lessons and the day to run smoothly (please note individuals are ALWAYS supported for their needs - but additional needs aren't an excuse for bad behaviour when support is in place). **Following a rigorous approach parents may be asked to attend a joint meeting (parent, pupil, child) to discuss challenges that are disrupting theirs and others learning (despite support). We welcome your support in this for the genuine benefit of all: talk to your child about this. Does it apply to them? Do they need to think about something (they know)?

Sponsored Walk



It has come to that time of the year again when we do a whole school sponsored Ascension Day walk in the local area. The walk (around 4.5 miles for the older children - the younger children will do a shorter route) will take place on Friday 15th May 2026.

We make lots of links with the activity: appreciating our local environment and landscape; mental health and well being - getting out and about with our friends; always doing the activity around Ascension day (Jesus' ascension into heaven). We also use the event to raise money for good causes, this year we will split the money 50/50 between FoSPS and the

charities below who support people to have safe shelter in times of crisis (please note that this is something that the children voted to do as their next initiative to help others):

- *Shelter Box - An organisation who provide shelter, essential items and technical assistance to help some of the world's most vulnerable people recover and rebuild their homes after disaster. They listen and adapt their support to the needs of each community, working together with those affected by disaster, alongside their supporters and partners.*
 - *Crisis - Who work directly with people experiencing or at risk of homelessness in 9 areas across England, Scotland and Wales. They provide practical one-to-one support to help people access benefits, healthcare services, employment opportunities, and more. Their main aim is to relieve the huge pressure of homelessness, by helping people find safe and affordable homes as quickly as possible*
 - *and our **FoSPS** who do so much to help with projects, transport and books.*
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Sponsorship forms will be sent home with the children (sponsorship is a flat amount for the walk) and we would be grateful for your support in this fundraising.

The walk will happen within school hours. Children will have a 'packed lunch' at Ginny Hole, Shropshire Adventures have kindly agreed to let us use their facilities, before returning to the school.




Below is what the children will need:

- 1. A packed lunch (not too heavy!) which they will carry with them.*
- 2. A water bottle.*
- 3. A ruck sack for their brunch, water bottle and possibly a coat (please make sure it has comfortable straps as we have had problems in the past with string straps beginning to make shoulders sore).*

4 Appropriate clothing (non school uniform - **full length trousers to avoid ticks and nettles**) and footwear (**good trainers or walking shoes**) for the walk. Dependent on the weather (we will send further advice the night before) they may need:

- a sun hat and have had sun cream applied
- a light weight coat or waterproof that can be fitted into their bag.

SGN May Holiday Club

May Holiday Club 2026 Booking Form
Children aged 2-11
Tuesday / Wednesday: 8:00am-5:30pm
A range of activities are arranged for different sessions (no extra charge). These may be subject to change.
A packed lunch, including drinks, will be required on each day.

To register for Holiday Club sessions, please complete the registration form and return it to the school office, (admin@stottreadon-school.co.uk). PLEASE NOTE THAT IF THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT UPTAKE TO MAKE THE SERVICE VIABLE, WE MAY NEED TO REDUCE OPENINGS. To help everyone with plans please make booking requests as soon as possible. You will be invited for the sessions you book and so don't need to include payment at this point. If places are limited and will be issued on a first come first served basis. Please also note the extract below from our terms and conditions: To pay fees even if your child/ren does not attend the session they are booked in for, due to holiday, sickness, school clubs or adverse weather conditions. Also, to be aware that we are unable to swap sessions. If your child misses any, however additional sessions can be booked on an ad hoc basis, subject to availability. We request that when there is high demand for slots in Nursery / wrap round and holiday club, unneeded spaces are cancelled 72 hours before 22:00:15 allow spaces to be taken by others

Tuesday 26 th May (8:00-5:30) (HT-BH)	Pool Meadow 3 years and above
Wednesday 27 th May (8:00-5:30) (HT-BH)	Making Pizza

Date:	Session time:	Cost:	X to attend
Tuesday 26 th May (8:00 - 5:30) (HT-BH) Pool meadow 3 years and above	8:00 - 8:45	£4.13	
	8:45 - 9:15	£39.76	
	9:15 - 9:30	£12.38	
Wednesday 27 th May (8:00 - 5:30) (HT-BH) Making Pizzas	8:00 - 8:45	£4.13	
	8:45 - 11:30	£15.13	
	11:30 - 12:30	£5.50	
	12:30 - 3:15	£15.13	
	3:15 - 5:30	£12.38	

SGN May Holiday Club will be open on the following dates (subject to bookings):

Tuesday 26th May - Pool Meadow

Wednesday 27th May - Pizza making

If you would like your child to attend any sessions, would you please book them in via Arbor as soon as possible to enable us to make a decision as to whether the sessions are viable.

Chorley Warm Hub



Chorley Chapel will be holding their next 'warm hub' on the following date:

Saturday 16th May 2026

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 (taking orders, serving tables, clearing up) please email the office to let us know.

Children are split into two shifts 11am - 12 noon, then 12 noon until 1pm (Please state which shift would suit when emailing the office). 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.

FoSPS - Upcoming dates



Fete Planning & Fundraising Meeting Wednesday 13th May, 8.00pm (online via Microsoft Teams)

This meeting is to discuss progress with fete planning, brainstorm ideas, and drum up support. We would love as many parents to join as possible – even if you can only help with a small donation or a little time. A Teams link will be sent out ahead of the meeting.

Summer Fete Friday 3rd July

Please save the date for our school summer fete – more details to follow soon.

FOSPS relies on the support of our school community, and we are always grateful for any help you can offer, whether attending meetings, volunteering at events, or contributing donations.

Thank you for your continued support.

Emergency General Meeting Tuesday 19th May, 6pm (online via Microsoft Teams)

The purpose of this meeting is to formally elect a new Chair and Secretary, following expressions of interest in these roles.

We would also like to take this opportunity to advertise the position of Treasurer. If you are interested, please express your interest by emailing Fosps96@gmail.com.

If you require the Teams meeting link, please contact the school administration.

We encourage all members to attend and take part in these important decisions.

Messy church



Messy Church is a fun, friendly time of sharing **faith, food and family time**. We'll play games and enjoy hands-on activities such as crafts and drama, explore a Bible story and theme together, and make space for prayer and "big questions".

Food is always important—expect hot and cold drinks, cake and fruit, with some healthier options too.

This is intended as family time. Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer or another responsible adult. Younger and older siblings and other family members are very welcome.

When: Friday, immediately after school, **once per month** starting **Friday 5th June 2026** — for about **one hour**.

All helpers are DBS checked and our safeguarding and health and safety policies are in line with those of both the school and the church.

If you'd like more information, contact Rev Sally revsallwj@gmail.com 01746 599076.

Do join us, we'd love to see you.

Crucial Crew



Crucial Crew

On Monday 15th June, Year 6, children will be attending the Bridgnorth and South Shropshire Crucial Crew event at the Edgar Davies Ground in Bridgnorth. This is an annual event which helps to equip pupils to deal with some of the challenges they may face in later years after moving from primary to secondary education and beyond.

We are requesting a voluntary contribution of £10.15 per child attending this event which will go to Bridgnorth and Shropshire Crucial Crew to help with the cost of organising this event.

Contributions / consent to be made via Arbor please.

Corve Class Activity Days / Residential



Following the form we sent out earlier this week, the vast majority of parents have responded positively to Corve Class taking part in a one-night residential visit to Shropshire Adventures.

Due to the positive response we are planning to go ahead with this opportunity as follows:

This experience provides a fun and engaging outdoor adventure while helping children develop independence by staying away from home locally for one night. The visit will include two days of activities, an overnight stay, evening meal, and breakfast. Shropshire Adventures have offered the school a 10% discount, bringing the total cost of the residential to £135 per child. The dates for the visit are:

Monday 6th July – Tuesday 7th July 2026.

*We will be asking for a 50% deposit to secure the booking - payment of which will be required **by the end of May.***

Royal Visit



Everyone had a wonderful time at Willowdene on Thursday. It was so nice for the school to be included in this special community occasion. Children, whilst waiting to see HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh, were fortunate to:

- *Talk to members of the protective security team*
 - *Meet the new High Sheriff of Shropshire - Katy Tanner*
 - *Share the fantastic book 'The Queen's Hat'*
 - *Identify key landmarks from the book on a map of London*
 - *Play a game of Royal 'guess who'*
 - *Have afternoon tea of cakes and drinks (Thank you Willowdene for providing this)*
 - *Have a sing-song*
 - *Visit the alpacas; 'Sally' the sow; seven week old piglets; see Angus and British Blue cattle; Mrs Jones's favourite 'Barney' the Greyface Dartmoor ram, and the Greyface Dartmoor ewes and lambs*
 - *..... and of course wave flags and welcome HRH, who made time to come and talk to the children after the unveiling of the plaque.*
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Please see photographs on the attached PDF document.

Swimming



We are pleased to inform you that **swimming lessons will commence in June 2026 at The Severn Centre, Highley.**

Swimming is a vital life skill, and although schools are **only required to provide swimming lessons to Key Stage 2 pupils**, we fully recognise the importance of water confidence and safety. For this reason, **we aim to offer swimming lessons to most year groups each year, where possible.**

Cost and Funding

Unbelievably, in the current financial climate, the cost to parents works out at **£20 for a block of six swimming lessons per child**. This amount has been **significantly subsidised through the PE and Sports Premium**.

Please note, however, that **the school is unable to subsidise the cost further**. These lessons are therefore dependent on **sufficient voluntary contributions** being received. Unfortunately, **if we do not receive enough contributions, we may have to narrow the offer or cancel the sessions.**

Contributions need to be made by the end of this half term to enable us to make an informed decision.

Key Information

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- **Start date:** June 2026
 - **Venue:** Severn Centre, Highley
 - **Cost:** £20 for 6 lessons
- **Pupils involved:** Reception / Years 1,2,3,4 plus older children who are unable to swim a length
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Nursery Places Available



Stottesdon C of E Primary School and Nursery



NURSERY SPACES

Available for September 2026

What We Offer:

- A safe and nurturing atmosphere supported by dedicated and caring staff.
- High-quality provision with robust connections to facilitate a smooth transition to Reception.
- An incredible outdoor space, access to school facilities, and an off-site Forest area.

- Early Years Teacher led Nursery
- Play-based learning
- 15 & 30 funded hours available
- Holiday Club & Wraparound available

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Our Worship / Reflections this week:

Tuesday: Children looked at the story of 'The Lost Sheep' - when a shepherd leaves his flock of 99 sheep to rescue 1 that is lost, showing that each sheep mattered.

Children considered how we should care for others regardless of how they look or act based on how the shepherd showed compassion and kindness to something in need.



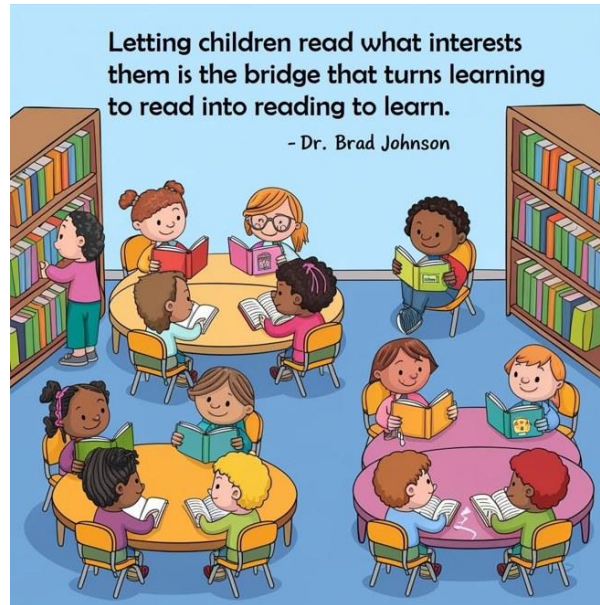
Wednesday: Open The Book - Should Jesus Help? Children reflected on a story where Jesus helped someone on the day of rest/Sabbath. Children reflected that sometimes we have to choose to do the right thing even when there might be other priorities (e.g. scoring a goal, being on time).

Thursday: It is David Attenborough's 100th birthday on Friday 8th May - we considered why he is important to the world. We looked at his achievements and we considered that we do not have to be famous to have an impact on the World. Children thought about what we could do to have an impact on the World. Ideas the children discussed were: planting more trees, growing and watering seeds, protecting our wildlife (e.g. bees).



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!).

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Rea: 81%

Corve: 88%

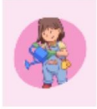













































Severn: 100%

Screen Time

Please read the following article regarding screen time for under fives, which was on the news recently.

Screen time for under-fives should be limited to one hour a day, parents told

Nursery & Reception News

<p>Minibeasts This week in EYFS, the children have been learning all about minibeasts, developing their skills in identifying and naming them. We have explored the characteristics of different minibeasts, such as how many legs they have, whether they have wings, antennae or shells, and how they move and live in their habitats. The children have been particularly fascinated by the life cycle of a caterpillar, observing how it changes over time. We are now excitedly waiting for our butterflies to emerge, making predictions and talking about what they might look like and how they will move once they appear.</p>																																		
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<p>Nursery Rhyme of the Week: Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary</p> 	<p>Makaton Sign of the Week:</p>  <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">FLOWER</p>	<p>Phonics Sound of the Week:</p>  <p>Pronunciation Phrase - v Put your teeth against your bottom lip and make a buzzing sound vvvv</p>																																
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<p>Talk for Writing Text:</p> 	<p>Mastering Number: This week, the children reviewed the composition of the numbers 6 to 9 using the '5 and a bit' structure and then began to explore how 10 can be composed. They also developed a sense of the 'ten-ness of 10' by making their own collections of 10 objects.</p> <p>When exploring how 10 can be composed of two parts, the focus was on developing the children's ability to subitise the parts in structured arrangements. A key representation used to support this was the double dice frame, which allowed the children to build on their experiences from Week 23. The children were encouraged to recognise a larger part of 10 when it was presented in the '5 and a bit' structure and then subitise the smaller part. They were also encouraged to use finger patterns to represent two parts of 10, using the 'fingers up and fingers down' approach previously used when exploring the composition of 5. The children were also given opportunities to see the composition of 10 represented on a ten-frame.</p>																																	
<p>Phonics: This week the children have read words ending in <i>-ing</i> and Compound words.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"> ai</td> <td style="text-align: center;"> ee</td> <td style="text-align: center;"> ur</td> <td style="text-align: center;"> ow</td> <td style="text-align: center;">market</td> <td style="text-align: center;">wooden</td> <td style="text-align: center;">finger</td> <td style="text-align: center;">river</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"> igh</td> <td style="text-align: center;"> oa</td> <td style="text-align: center;"> oi</td> <td style="text-align: center;"> ear</td> <td style="text-align: center;">looking</td> <td style="text-align: center;">waiting</td> <td style="text-align: center;">zooming</td> <td style="text-align: center;">marching</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"> oo</td> <td style="text-align: center;"> oo</td> <td style="text-align: center;"> air</td> <td style="text-align: center;"> er</td> <td style="text-align: center;">singing</td> <td style="text-align: center;">fighting</td> <td style="text-align: center;">winking</td> <td style="text-align: center;">farming</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"> ar</td> <td style="text-align: center;"> or</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">farmyard</td> <td style="text-align: center;">popcorn</td> <td style="text-align: center;">carpark</td> <td style="text-align: center;">rooftop</td> </tr> </table>			 ai	 ee	 ur	 ow	market	wooden	finger	river	 igh	 oa	 oi	 ear	looking	waiting	zooming	marching	 oo	 oo	 air	 er	singing	fighting	winking	farming	 ar	 or			farmyard	popcorn	carpark	rooftop
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Corve Class Tennis Festival at Lacon

On Friday last week children in Corve Class enjoyed taking part in a tennis festival at Lacon Childe School.







Parenting Signposts



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.



Please find link below to the excellent guide that has been produced to support parents in their decision making and oversight of what children are doing online:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

Understanding Your Child with SEND - Summer 2026



Understanding Your Child with SEND

From Toddler to Teen

"I met others going through the same things. It really helped me feel less alone."
"The group boosted my confidence as a parent."

Join our friendly, relaxed group!

Join our friendly, free group for parents and carers of children with SEND. Connect with others, deepen your understanding of your child, and explore what's going well and what you'd like to change. Small changes make big differences!

Upcoming Sessions (once a week over 10 weeks, excl. half terms and bank holidays)

- 13th April 2026 - 10.00am-12.00pm - Online via MS Teams
- 16th April 2026 - 1.00pm-3.00pm - St Lucia's School, Upton Magna (SY4 4TZ)
- 17th April 2026 - 9.30am-11.30am - Whittington Primary School, (SY11 4DA)

SEND groups are for parents/carers of children who may have special educational needs or disabilities. No formal diagnosis is needed.

What We'll Talk About

- Communication and building confidence in your relationship with your child
- Exploring routines such as sleep and bedtime
- Understanding behaviour and emotional regulation
- Child development and ways you can support it

Want to Join Us?

Email: parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk
Call: 01743 250950
Visit: [The Parenting Team | Shropshire Council](#)



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Join our friendly, relaxed group!

Parenting can be full of ups, downs, big feelings and lots of learning — for both you and your child! Come and join us as we chat about what's going on for you and your family. Together we'll make sense of tricky moments and share simple ideas that can make life calmer and more positive.

Upcoming Sessions (once a week over 10 weeks, excl. half terms and bank holidays)

- 13th April 2026 - 12.45-2.45pm - Belvidere Primary School, Shrewsbury (SY2 5YB)
- 13th April 2026 - 1.00-3.00pm - Ludlow Primary School (SY8 1HG)
- 15th April 2026 - 9.30-11.30am - Pontesbury Primary School (SY5 0TF)
- 15th April 2026 - 1.00-3.00pm - Wilfred Owen School, Shrewsbury (SY2 5SH)
- 15th April 2026 - 5.00-7.00pm - Online via MS Teams

What We'll Talk About

- Communicating and building connection with your child
- Routines like sleep and bedtime and any other routines you have as a family
- Understanding behaviour and big emotions
- Child development and how you can support it

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Sleep Tight Work Shops - Summer 2026

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 Universal Group 24th April 2026 from 10.00am to 12.00pm
Virtually Via MS Teams

Sleep Tight SEND Group 12th June 2026 from 10.00am to 12.00pm
at **The Keystone Academy, Squinter Pip Way, Shrewsbury, SY3 8XQ**

The groups run for 5 weeks excluding the school holidays and bank holidays.
Groups with SEND are suitable 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



'Kids' Shropshire Universal Autism Support Service



Kids Shropshire Universal Autism Support Service

Kids offer warm, supportive services for parent carers and families of children and young people with additional needs and disabilities across Shropshire. We help provide families with practical tools, emotional support and confidence to help families thrive.

"Kids are here to support families every step of the way."

Families can access a bespoke package of support including:

- Riding the Rapids programme
- Coffee mornings and drop-in sessions
- Neurodivergency workshops
- Autism, ADHD and Demand Avoidance Workshops
- EBSA workshops
- Sleep support
- Behaviour workshops
- One-to-one support

Child and young person:

- Understanding Me - group sessions
- LEGO® therapy sessions
- Managing emotions and feelings
- therapeutic activities/sessions

Kids Disabled children say we can

Registered office: 249 Birmingham Road, Wyde Green, Sutton Coldfield B72 1BA
Company limited by guarantee no: 1346252
Registered charity number: 275335

Tel: 01743 644506
Email: kids.shropshire@kids.org.uk

This is a commissioned **free support service** providing information, advice and guidance to parent carers, families, and children/young people up to the age of 19.

The support is offered by friendly staff with lived experience across several platforms to ensure maximum accessibility – online peer support groups and training sessions, drop in coffee and chats in our communities, in person family events and on line resources.

The support is available to all Shropshire families, no diagnosis is necessary and we warmly encourage parent carers and families to talk to Kids and access their support offer as early as possible, they provide a wide range of support covering sleep, sensory issues, emotional based school avoidance, Lego therapy & parent workshops. Professionals support workshops are also available to staff.

Please see link [Shropshire Universal Autism Support Service - Kids](#)

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.



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Family Nurse Partnership
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Shropshire Family Information Service



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.

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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>



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/>

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:

beeearlyyears@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
- 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



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!

Sponsored by:



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 [Getting on better | Shropshire Council](#) and select Free Courses and Workshops.



An online course to help parents communicate better with each other

Arguing better

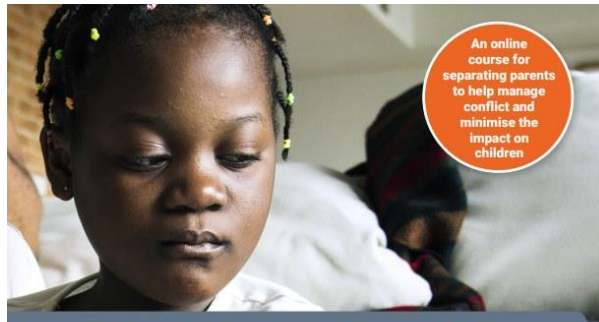
Disagreements are a normal part of life, and most couples argue from time to time. How you deal with disagreements can make a big difference to you, your partner, and your children.

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.

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

Getting it right for children

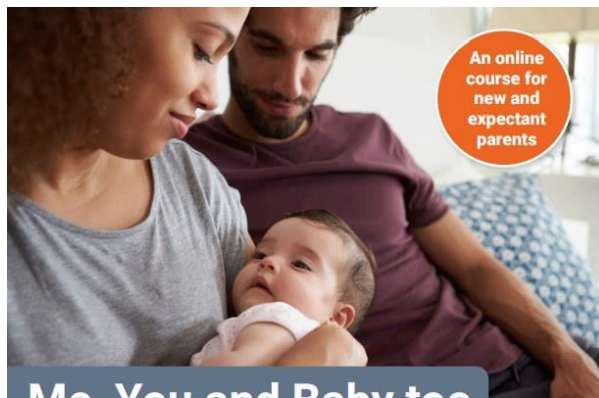
When separated parents argue, it's common for children to feel like they are caught in the middle. This free online course is designed to help separated parents communicate better with each other and parent cooperatively after parting.

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



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



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.



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.



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.

PARENT CARER COUNCIL
PACC
SHROPSHIRE

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

Shropshire IASS
Inclusion Advice & Support Service
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).

autism west midlands
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.

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

SHROPSHIRE LOCAL OFFER
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.

PREPARATION FOR ADULTHOOD
PACC
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
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

Celebrating Children's Achievements



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

Numbots:

Reception: **Hollie Luke**

Year 1: **Margot MacNaughton**

Year 2: **Ophelia Preece**

Year 3: **Harriet Foster**

Year 4: **Joey Simmonds**

Year 5: **Otilie Mantle**

Year 6: **Ruby Beddall**



Spelling Bee

Bronze:



Sports Stars:

Teme: **Daisy May** and **Monty** for moving around sensibly while playing tagging games.

Rea: **Bella E** for her tennis skills.

Corve: **Ella** for engaging well in the PE lesson this week with Mrs Stokes.

Severn: **Alfie, Esme & Isabelle** for good team work during baton relay races.



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

Teme: **Memphis** with his effort towards the formation and size of his letters.

Rea: **Harry S** for his handwriting progress in English.

Corve: **James** for neat layout and careful drawing of shapes to show equal parts.

Severn: **Esme Green** for her RE work.



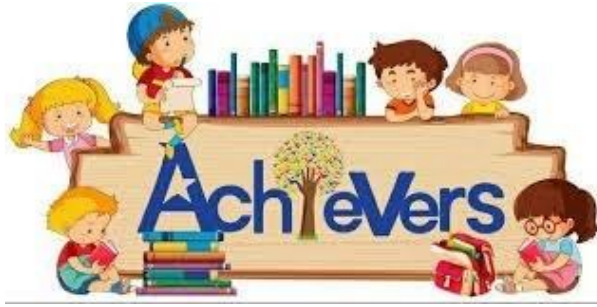
Great Sentence using words of the week:

Teme: I gave **half** of my sandwich to Bella. **Esme**

Rea: Mr Grinling felt **embarrassed**, sad, angry and **shocked**. **Wilf**

Corve: After tennis I was **ravenous**, so I ate a big sandwich. **Raith**

Severn: I found a **fantastic** fact in my book. **Alfie**



Class Achievers:

Teme: **Anderson** for his engagement in phonics / **Hollie** for her engagement in her reading sessions this week.

Rea: **Tara** for her resilience and speed of calculations in maths / **Finley** for eating all of his lunch every day.

Corve: **Monty** for trying really hard in his times tables / **Esther** for beautiful poetry.

Severn: **Fletcher** for a great explanation of turning a decimal number into a fraction to his table partner / **Evelyn** for her effort and ambition to do well / **Tabitha** and **Scarlett** for working hard to improve and progress.



Children selected for growing kindness.

Reception: **Daisy** for being helpful around the classroom.

Year 1: **Wilf** for his excellent manners when asking Mrs Walker to peel his banana.

Year 2: **Kai** for collecting the cones from the field at the end of each lunchtime without having to be asked.

Year 3: **Ned** for offering to swap teams to even the numbers up.

Year 4: **Reggie** - when another pupil appeared upset Reggie went to check on them and asked if they were ok.

Year 5: **Alfie** for his excellent manners towards another pupil in his class.

Year 6: **Jenson** for checking a friend was ok after they tripped over in the classroom.