



The Stotty School News 4.9.2026



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Diary dates for the week ahead



Diary Dates for next week	
Monday 7 th September	
Tuesday 8 th September	Kidderminster Harriers Health Kick Program for Severn Class Kidderminster Harriers after school club
Wednesday 9 th September	Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams
Thursday 10 th September	Corve Class Welcome Meeting 3.20pm to 4pm
Friday 11 th September	
Upcoming Diary Dates	
Monday 14 th Sept	Severn Class Welcome Meeting 3.20pm to 4pm
Tuesday 15 th Sept	Rea Class Welcome Meeting 3.20pm to 4pm
Thursday 17 th Sept	Teme Class Welcome Meeting 3.20pm to 4pm
Friday 18 th Sept	School Photographs
	Messy Church in School Hall 3.20pm to 5pm
Sat. 19 th September	Cleobury Mortimer 800 th Anniversary Concert @ 6pm / rehearsal in St Marys Church, Cleobury Mortimer @ 3.15pm
Monday 21 st September	Flu Immunisations
Friday 2 nd October	Harvest Festival 9.15am @ St Marys Church, Stottesdon
Tues 20 th / Thurs 22 nd October	Parents Evenings
Mon. 26 th - Fri 30 th	Half Term
Wed. 16 th December	Nursery Christmas Stay & Play
Thurs. 17 th December	KS1/Reception Christmas Celebration @1.30pm in St Marys Church
Friday 18 th December	KS2 Christmas Celebration @ 1.30pm in St. Marys Church
21 st December to 1 st January 2027	Christmas Holidays

Headteacher update: Class Welcome Meetings and Curriculum Overviews



It has been wonderful to welcome our children back to school and see such a positive start to the new term. They have returned looking incredibly smart in their uniforms (thank you) and have been walking through the gates with confidence and enthusiasm. Well done, everyone!

The children are already settling back into school routines brilliantly and have shown a fantastic attitude to learning. We have been particularly impressed by the great effort they are putting into their work and the positive way they are approaching new challenges. We are very proud of how well they have started the year and look forward to a successful term ahead.

A very special welcome goes to our new Reception children and their families as they begin their journey with us - we have loved seeing their smiles, curiosity and enthusiasm. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Morgan, who has joined our team this year. We are delighted to have her with us and know she will make a wonderful contribution to our school community.

Over the summer, we were also pleased to see the completion of our fantastic new access ramp at the front of the school. Please note that the steps leading to Reception are scheduled to take place during the October half-term break.

*This year also marks an exciting step in our school's journey as we continue our work as part of the Four Stones Gateway Trust. To reflect this, we have refreshed our school vision and launched the year with our new motto: "**Achieving Together.**" It has been wonderful to see how positively the children have responded already.*

Alongside this, we are developing a shared understanding of our core values:

- **Ambition** – aiming high.
 - **Commitment** – doing our best for ourselves and others.
 - **Creativity** – using our gifts and talents.
 - **Integrity** – doing the right thing, even when no one is looking.
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These values will underpin all aspects of school life and help us to develop confident, caring and successful young people. We have already seen many examples of children demonstrating these values in classrooms, on the playground and around school.

*We are following this great start with **class welcome meetings**, where parents can come into classes, build relationships with the teacher (we really value this partnership) and explore information on weekly routines, homework, Times Tables Rock Stars/Numbots, phonics and high-frequency/tricky words, curriculum overviews and communication routes to keep the partnership flowing.*

Teme: Thursday 17th September (3.20pm - 4pm)

Rea: Tuesday 15th September (3.20pm - 4pm)

Corve: Thursday 10th September (3.20pm - 4pm)

Severn: Monday 14th September (3.20pm - 4pm)

We would prefer parents to attend in person but realise that this is not always feasible; therefore, we will send out a Teams link for each session.

*Finally, **class curriculum overviews** are attached to the school news to support parents in knowing what their children are learning about in school. Pop them on the fridge and refer to them occasionally. They are a great way to spark conversations about learning at home and help children share what they have been doing in school.*

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. The year has begun with such positivity and purpose, and I am excited about all that we will achieve together in the months ahead.

Mrs Katie Jones

Executive Headteacher

✧ A Fantastic First Few Days in EYFS! ✧



What a wonderful first few days we have had! It has been an absolute pleasure welcoming both new and returning children into our Early Years classrooms.

We are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into their new environments. Starting a new school year can be a big step, but the children have shown great bravery, enthusiasm and resilience as they begin this exciting journey. We have already seen lots of smiling faces, new friendships forming and growing confidence throughout the week.

A key focus this week has been learning and practising our new routines. The children have been busy learning where to put their belongings, how to move safely around the setting, how to listen carefully during carpet times and how to take turns when sharing resources. Establishing these routines helps the children to feel secure and confident and provides a strong foundation for their learning.

Your encouragement at home makes a huge difference and helps the children feel positive about coming to school each day.

We are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into their new environments.

As the children continue to learn our school routines, there are lots of simple ways you can support them at home:

- ***Establish a consistent bedtime and morning routine*** to help children arrive at school feeling rested and ready to learn.
- ***Encourage independence*** by allowing your child to practise putting on their coat, managing their belongings and using the toilet independently where appropriate.

- ***Talk positively about school*** and ask your child about their day to build confidence and enthusiasm.
 - ***Read together regularly***, even if it's just for a few minutes each day, to foster a love of stories and language. Reception pupils aim for four reads a week to be recorded in their reading records.
 - ***Practise good listening and turn-taking*** through conversations, games and family activities.
 - ***Ensure belongings are clearly named*** so children can easily recognise and take responsibility for their own items.
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These small routines help children develop confidence, independence and a sense of security, making the transition into school life smoother and more enjoyable.

The Nursery and Reception Team

Notification of an increase to Nursery & Wrap Around Care Fees

In line with the increase to the free funding rates, the Nursery and Wrap Around Care Hourly Rate has now increased to £6.00 an hour from 1st September 2026.

Tax Free Childcare can be used for Nursery and Wrap Around Care Fees:

In response to feedback regarding the cost of booking a full wraparound club session, we are pleased to announce a new, more flexible booking structure and provision for 2 - 4 year olds.

However, to ensure we have the correct adult ratios/adult support it is essential that parents book in advance.

Please also note that 8 o'clock bookings can only be admitted from this time. Can we ask that parents support us in this.

From September 2026, the wraparound club will be divided into the following sessions:

- ***Session 1: 3:15pm - 4:15pm = £6***

- **Session 2:** 4:15pm - 5:30pm = £7.50
 - **Full Session:** 3:15pm - 5:30pm = £13.50
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We hope this new arrangement provides greater flexibility and better suits the needs of our families.

*Please note that if your child is booked into the first session only and is not collected by **4:15pm**, they will automatically remain in our care and you will be charged for the following session.*

Sessions are available to book via Arbor.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the new arrangements, please do not hesitate to get in touch. The school will continue to monitor to make sure the service is viable, but we are working hard to make sure this works for everyone.

Term Dates 2026 / 2027 and 2027 / 2028

Please find attached term dates for 2026 / 2027 and 2027 / 2028.

We hope you appreciate advance notice of the 2027 / 2028 dates in order to book holidays out of term time.

Romany Wood Concert -19th September - Cleobury Mortimer



Children in KS2 have been fortunate enough to have the opportunity to learn songs from Romany Wood (a composition by David Gaukroger and David Carr). There is a concert on the Saturday 19th September at St. Mary's Church Cleobury Mortimer (6.30pm) which children can participate in – it would be wonderful to have them there.

The day will need a commitment as follows (Mrs Jones will be there to support):

3.15pm: Children from the schools arrive at St Mary's Church.

3.45-4.45pm: Rehearsal of Romany Wood

From 4.45pm: Parents and Family members of the children arrive. (Good for children to have a drink and a snack at this point)

*5.00pm-5.35pm: **Dress Rehearsal (free attendance to parents)***

5.45pm-6.15pm: Children have a break; Cleobury Mortimer Concert Brass (CMCB) position instruments and set-up percussion set (on the staging behind the font)

From 6.00pm: Concert audience arrives (paid tickets)

*6.30pm-7.15pm: **Romany Wood performance***

7.15pm-7.45pm: Interval / CMCB set-up

*7.45pm-8.30pm: **CMCB performance***

If your child can attend please confirm by email to admin@stottesdon-school.co.uk by Wednesday 9th September so we can ensure appropriate adult supervision. Please note siblings who are now in Year 7 (but were in Year 6) are also welcome to attend.

Children participating will be asked to wear smart casual clothes in bright autumn colours (eg reds, browns, yellows and greens).

Autumn Menu



Please find attached new menu for Autumn 2026 from Innovate.

Please note; as previously advised Nursery meals have increased to £2.95 as from 1st September 2026.

Any queries on allergies please do not hesitate to contact Innovate or the school office.

Please remember to update your child's profile on Arbor with any medical needs, allergies or dietary requirements.

Asthma

NHS
Shropshire, Telford
and Wrekin

BACK TO SCHOOL

If your child has asthma, remember to schedule their yearly review before school restarts.

Every September, we see a rise in asthma attacks. Asthma reviews can check lung health and support children to keep their asthma under control.

Get ahead of asthma - book a review with your GP practice.

TO DO LIST

- ☒ New uniform
- ☒ New bag
- ☐ Asthma review
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NHS
Shropshire Community Health
NHS Trust

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Make sure your child has an ASTHMA ACTION PLAN

Children with an asthma action plan are four times less likely to have to go to hospital for their asthma.

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Make sure you know HOW TO USE AN INHALER

Getting the inhaler technique right with a spacer or facemask is one of the most important things you can do to help your child stay well.

3

ATTEND YOUR CHILD'S ASTHMA REVIEW

Scheduling an asthma review once a year (and after every attack) can help children and young children manage their symptoms.

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CONSIDER AIR POLLUTION AND ITS IMPACT

Air pollution can trigger asthma, but knowing the triggers can help children and young people to manage their condition.

The Community Children's Asthma Nurse Team have asked us to share the information attached to this week's school news.

If you child has asthma:

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- *Make sure your child has an asthma action plan - **please get in touch with the school office to update any existing plan you have***
 - *Make sure your child knows how to use an inhaler*
 - *Schedule an asthma review once a year to help manage your child's symptoms*
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Year 6 Pupils: Transfer to Secondary School - September 2027



Children in Year 6 will have received a letter to give to parents today containing information from the Shropshire Council Admissions team regarding the applications process for transferring to Secondary School, September 2027.

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2026. Applications received by Shropshire Council after the closing date will be classed as late, which may result in your child being disadvantaged, so please ensure you make your application on-time. Late applications will not be processed until all on-time applications have been offered.

Online Safety: Acceptable Use Agreement

We are passionate about keeping children safe and giving them skills and understanding to use digital tools effectively. As a result the school will try to ensure that learners have good access to digital technologies to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the learners to agree to be responsible users. A copy of the learner acceptable use agreement is attached to this newsletter, so that parents/carers will be aware of the school expectations of the young people in their care.

Parents are requested to sign the permission form in the link below to show their support of the school in this important aspect of the school's work:

[Parental Acceptable Use Agreement 2026-2027 \(Stottesdon CofE Primary School\) – Fill in form](#)

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Flu Immunisation - Monday 21st September

As you are aware, from communication you will have received from the Immunisation team earlier this week, the flu vaccinations will be taking place on Monday 21st September.

NHS school age immunisation service will have contacted you directly to ask for consent via an email or text message which contains a link to an online consent form.

Please use the online form to give consent for your child to be vaccinated / say you do not want your child to be vaccinated / update contact details if needed.

It is important to respond, even if you do not want your child to be vaccinated.

If you have any questions regarding vaccinations or the consent form, please contact the immunisation team at: shropcom.immunisationteam@nhs.net

Chorley Chapel Cream Teas



The next cream tea community event at Chorley Chapel will be held on Saturday 3rd October from 2pm to 4pm.

If there are any children who would like to be helpers (preparing cream teas, taking orders, serving tables and clearing up) please email the office to let me know.

As we have been doing previously, we will split the children into two groups - a 2pm to 3pm group and a 3pm to 4pm group, please let me know which shift you would prefer.

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

Help shape the future of transport in Shropshire

Every day, people across Shropshire travel to school, work, childcare, healthcare appointments, shops and leisure activities. Whether you're walking, cycling, taking the bus, travelling to school or college, or learning to drive, the decisions made today will help shape how people get around Shropshire for years to come.

Shropshire Council is developing a new Local Transport Plan that will help shape transport and guide investment across the county over the next ten years.

Before the public consultation launches later in Autumn 2026, we would like to invite members of the school community to join an online discussion to hear about the plans and tell us what matters most to young people and families.

Monday 14 September - 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Please find attached to the newsletter a 'Special Edition Newsletter' from Shropshire Council Sustainable Travel containing more information.

Children's Commissioner's Survey



Dame Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England has requested that pupils are given the opportunity to take part in her national survey, The Big Future.

The survey can be completed here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

A slide pack, an introductory video and FAQs can be found here on [my website](#).

Every child's voice matters, and she wants to make sure that children and young people in every school and college, in every community, have the opportunity to shape the picture of childhood that she will then share with Government.

Parenting Signposts - Key Links....

Please note the following websites now all have up to date comprehensive information. In addition we will continue to forward key information and newsletters to parent emails.

- **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

[Family Information Service | Shropshire Council](#)

- **Early Help:**

[Early help | Shropshire Council](#) - great links from here: [Family help services | Shropshire Council](#)

- **SEND Local Offer:**

[The SEND local offer | Shropshire Council](#)

- **Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Services:**

[CAMHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin :: Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust](#)

- **Early Years Best Start In Life:**

[Best Start in Life - Best Start in Life](#) - The website contains a wealth of information from pregnancy through to starting school.

- **Health Visitor Information:**

Every family with children under 5 can access support from a Health Visitor. Advice and support are available until a child's fifth birthday through the Single Point of Access on **0333 358 3654**. Parents can also text **07520 635212** and a team member will respond.

The service operates Monday to Friday, 9:30am to 4:00pm, providing advice, support and referrals.

All children are offered health, growth and development reviews at ages 1 and 2. Appointments are arranged by letter and take place at Cleobury Mortimer Health Centre, Ludlow or Bridgnorth, depending on where the family lives.

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- **Community Hubs:**

[Community hubs | Shropshire Council](#)

- **Togetherness:** 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.

[Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin | Togetherness - Togetherness](#)

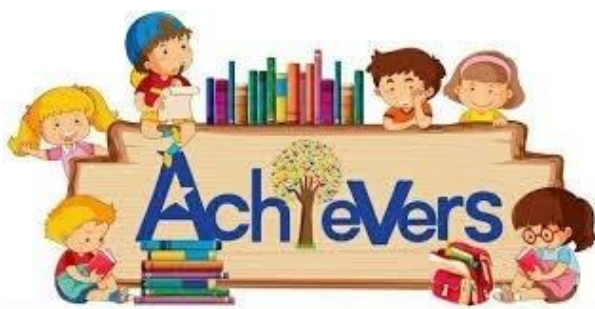
- **Online Advise from the Children's Commissioner**

<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/>

Celebrating Children's Achievements



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



Class Achievers:

Teme: **All of Teme Class** for a fantastic first few days settling into new routines.

Rea: **Cordelia** for her handwriting / **Tommy N** for his excellent sentence writing.

Corve: **Arthur, Victoria** and **Libby Grace** for working as a fantastic group music to portray builders.

Severn: **All of Severn Class** for settling in well and maintaining their focus in lessons.



Children selected for growing kindness.

Reception: **Max** for being very helpful.

Year 1: **Caleb** for helping tidy up around the class.

Year 2: **Harry** for tucking in other people's chairs on his table.

Year 3: **Boyd** for helping tidy away when he hadn't been using the equipment.

Year 4: **Leo P** for looking after a new pupil on the bus.

Year 5: **Lincoln** for his lovely manners.

Year 6: **Evelyn & Izzy** for making sure a friend was feeling included.