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Diary dates for the week ahead



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Monday 14 th September	Momentum Gymnastics - Severn Class PE Momentum Gymnastics After School Club - Yrs 1 / 2 T1 Rugby After School Club - Yrs 3/4/5/6 Severn Class Welcome Meeting
Tuesday 15 th September	Kidderminster Harriers Health Kick Program for Severn Class Lunchtime Gardening Club with Mrs Carter Kidderminster Harriers After School Club - Yrs 3/4/5/6 Rea Class Welcome Meeting 3.20pm to 4pm
Wednesday 16 th September	Private Music Lessons with Mrs Leverett Williams Netball After School Club - Yrs 3/4/5/6
Thursday 17 th September	Jumping Jaxx training with Severn Class Teme Class Welcome Meeting 3.20pm to 4pm
Friday 18 th September	School Photographs - see details in newsletter Messy Church in School Hall 3.20pm to 5pm
Saturday 19 th September	Cleobury Mortimer 800 th Anniversary Concert @ 6pm / rehearsal in St. Marys Church, Cleobury Mortimer @ 3.15pm
Upcoming Diary Dates	
Monday 21 st September	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 23 rd Sept.	Severn Class STEM visit to RAF Cosford
Friday 2 nd October	Harvest Festival 9.15am @ St Marys Church, Stottesdon
Saturday 3 rd October	Chorley Chapel Cream Teas 2pm to 4pm
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

School Photographs

As detailed in the diary dates, the school photographer will be visiting school next Friday 18th September.

If anyone would like sibling photographs with children NOT attending the school / nursery, would you please arrive at 8.30am. Please make your way to the school hall via the pathway off the school car park.

Children attending the school / nursery will be taken from lessons during the morning to have sibling and individual photographs.

After School Clubs



The following after school / lunchtime clubs will be on offer this half term:

Monday - Momentum Gymnastics - Yrs 1/2

Monday - T1 Rugby - Yrs 3/4/5/6 - Attendance at this club from Severn class leads to consideration for the team

Tuesday - Lunchtime gardening with Mrs Carter

Tuesday - Kidderminster Harriers - Yrs 3/4/5/6

Wednesday - Netball - Yrs 3/4/5/6 - Attendance at this club from Severn class leads to consideration for the team

All clubs will take place weekly, starting week commencing 14th September.

If you would like your child to participate in any of these clubs, please sign up via Arbor as soon as possible.

RAF Cosford, STEM - Severn Class



On Wednesday 23rd September children from Severn Class will be attending a 'Forces in STEM day' at RAF Cosford.

This is a fun packed day which includes a science show and engages children in all things STEM.

Children will need a water bottle, packed lunch and coat.

Admission is free of charge, however we are asking for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the transport of £6.56 per child (those children eligible for FSM £3.28). As always we are very grateful to FoSPS for subsidising the cost of the transport.

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 Deputy Lieutenant of Shropshire, Katherine Garnier will be attending, she would be delighted to meet and talk to the children taking part.

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 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).

It is a wonderful opportunity and experience for the children which will enable them to be part of a public performance.

Class Welcome Meetings and Curriculum Overviews

Class welcome meetings dates are below. Parents can come into classes, build relationships with the teacher and explore information on: weekly routines, homework, Times Tables Rock Stars/Numbots, phonics and high-frequency/tricky words, curriculum overviews and communication routes.

***Tem**e: Thursday 17th September (3.20pm - 4pm)*

***Rea**: Tuesday 15th 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. Powerpoints of the sessions will also be available.

NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC's 'Speak out. Stay safe.'** programme this term. This is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand and recognise the signs of the different types of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly, age-appropriate programme is fully aligned with the curriculum and consists of a short film and supporting classroom based activities. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy.

To find out more about the programme, please watch the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. ['Introduction for Parents/Carers film'](#).

Parents and carers are asked to let us know if your child has experienced anything (in the past or happening now) which may mean they need extra support before, during or after taking part in this programme.

Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

Parent/Carer support

Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.
www.nspcc.org.uk/parents www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Activities to extend learning at home

Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe. www.nspcc.org.uk/activities

Online Safety Hub

For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental

controls and more. www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety

Childline – under 12's

Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.

www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7) www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)

Talk PANTS with your children

Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.

FSM Applications



Free School Meals: Please Check If You're Eligible

From September 2026, more families receiving Universal Credit may qualify for Free School Meals.

*Applying is quick and easy, and it could benefit your family through free school meals and access to additional support. If your child qualifies for **Targeted Free School Meals**, they may also be eligible for programmes such as Holiday Activities and Food (HAF).*

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and already receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, we still encourage you to apply. Eligible applications can attract additional funding for the school, helping us provide extra resources and support that benefit all pupils.

Applications can be made online via the Shropshire Council Free School Meals portal [Apply for free school meals | Shropshire Council](#), or by phone if needed: [0345 6789008](tel:0345 6789008).

Please take a few minutes to check your eligibility and apply. Your application could make a real difference to both your family and our school community.

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.

Our Worship / Reflections this week:



Monday: We launched our theme of 'Thanks' by considering what we should be thankful for in school (lunch, snacks, playtime, friends, people who help, Mrs Meredith, cleaners, teachers, equipment). We then considered what being thankful means.

Thankfulness is...

Thinking of good things

Happy memories

All creation praising God

Not taking anything for granted

Keeping focused on the positive

Feeling blessed

Understanding the sacrifices people make for us

Living joyfully

Not complaining

Expressing gratitude to God

Saying **thank you** to those who help us

Showing gratefulness by our deeds



Tuesday: Remembering to say 'Thank you'. Mealtimes are important times in the day. We enjoy the food that has been prepared for us and we enjoy the company of the people we share it with. Most of us are so used to having enough food to eat that we can easily take it for granted. Sometimes we even waste it.

But not everyone in the world has enough, even to keep them alive. That is why we say 'grace' before some mealtimes. The word 'grace' means 'undeserved gift'.



Wednesday: We revisiting the important culture in our school of having NO OUTSIDERS - everyone is different, everyone is welcome, no-one is left out. Children considered what might be happening in the picture. The picture shows 8 year old Christian holding hands with Connor, a new boy in his class on the first day of term. They didn't know each other and Connor didn't want to go into school. Christian walked over, offered his hand and he walked Connor into school. Connor sometimes finds things tricky and his mum was very grateful than Christian was so kind.

No Outsiders



**Everyone different,
everyone welcome.**

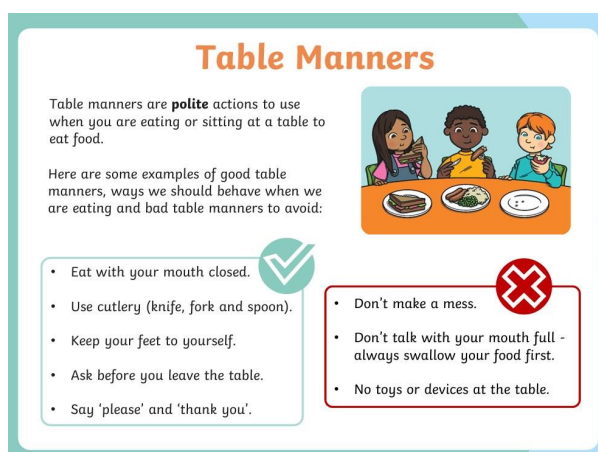
Thursday: This Thursday, our KS1 assembly focused on the importance of good table manners. During our discussion, many children shared that devices such as phones, tablets, and televisions are often used during mealtimes, and that adults can sometimes be distracted by their phones too.

We talked about how putting devices away during meals is an important part of good table manners. When we are not looking at screens, we can give our full attention to the people we are eating with, listen carefully, take turns in conversation, and enjoy family time together.

As a friendly challenge, we are encouraging families to try having **device-free mealtimes**. Benefits include:

- More opportunities for conversation and family connection.
- Better listening and communication skills.
- Enjoying food mindfully without distractions.
- Showing respect to the people we are sharing a meal with.
- Creating positive family routines and memories.

Family Challenge: Can your family enjoy at least one device-free mealtime each day this week?



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.

Messy Church



*Messy Church is a fun, friendly time of sharing **faith, food and family time**. The group plays games, enjoys hands-on activities and explore a Bible story and theme together.*

The next scheduled session will take place on Friday 18th September 2026, immediately after school.

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

Orange Button Suicide Awareness Training



Orange Button is a community initiative from Shropshire County Council to help equip people to support someone feeling suicidal. It's very much a first port of call and covers how to offer support and find professional help.

It's not meant to be training as a counsellor but more what to do if faced with the situation. It's free to anyone who would like to attend, there are places available.

The training is due to take place on Thursday 24th September, please email Reverend Sally for details: revsallwj@gmail.com

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.



Sports Star:

Theme: **Henry** for listening and following all instructions during our wizards and witches PE lesson.

Rea: **Finley, Daisy, Kitt** and **Bella E** for their really good balances in gymnastics.

Corve: **Tara** and **Kai** for brilliant teamwork during gymnastics

Severn: **Theo** and **William** for following instructions and being ready.



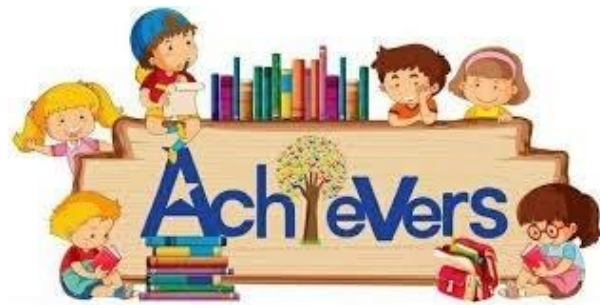
Pride and Presentation: Award for pupil focus on presentation of work across the curriculum.

Teme: **Jessica** for her wonderful drawing of her pet axolotl.

Rea: **Daisy May** for excellent number formation practice.

Corve: **Tara** independently completing expanded noun phrase sentences.

Severn: **Fletcher** for his work in his handwriting book.



Class Achievers:

Teme: **Tommy Weaver** for persevering with his name writing.

Rea: **Kitt** for challenging himself by using commas in a list to create an amazing sentence.

Corve: **Victoria, Boyd, Eva** and **Ned** for thinking outside the box and creating a super animation in computing.

Severn: **Joey** and **Fletcher** for representing all the children that have been on task and ready to learn at all times.



Children selected for growing kindness.

Reception: **Isobel F** for polite table manners in the lunch hall.

Year 1: **Esme** for sharing at lunchtime so all her friends had something to play with.

Year 2: **Luke** for making people laugh when they are sad and helping tidy at playtime.

Year 3: **Chloe** for always helping and looking after friends.

Year 4: **Eva** for making sure everyone has someone to play with and checking in to make sure friends are ok.

Year 5: **Lincoln** helping to make a child feel better when they were crying.

Year 6: **Alfie** checking that another pupil was ok when they hurt their foot.