



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

A special mention goes to Kai who read a story to the whole school in Collective Worship this week. He did the most wonderful job and showed us all what a fantastic reader he is! Well done Kai – you are so confident and capable!



## WHOLE SCHOOL UPDATE

Following a wonderful half term, where we were lucky enough to enjoy some beautiful weather, the children have settled quickly back into school life for our final half term of the year. It promises to be a busy and exciting time, with lots of trips, events and activities planned.

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the error in the date for Sports Day in the previous newsletter. This was listed as 2nd June, but it is actually scheduled for 2nd July. Thank you for your understanding. We do hope that you will all join us for this annual highlight!

Next Wednesday, 10th June, many of our Key Stage 2 children will be attending Shropshire Sings. The rest of the school will still take part in their usual swimming session.

We are also very excited to be performing once again at the Bettws Triangle Festival, where we will be opening the event on Friday 12th June at 11:30am in Bettws Church. We hope to see as many of you there as possible—it is always a very special occasion.

Finally, please look out for the letter about our whole-school trip to Chester Zoo on 23rd June. We expect to return at around 5:30pm—further details to follow.

Year 6's have a really busy time over the next few weeks! Please note a change of date: following the Leavers' Service in Hereford on the 25<sup>th</sup> June, we are now coming back to school via The Grove in Leominster, where we will have lunch and go ten pin bowling. This will be a lovely treat for them, along with the other year 6's in the federation after all their hard work.

## KEY DATES:

**Shropshire Sings Year 3-6**  
10<sup>th</sup> June

**Bettws Triangle** 12<sup>th</sup> June

**Crucial Crew Year 6** 15<sup>th</sup> June

**Marble Run Challenge at Bishop's Castle Year 5&6**  
June 17<sup>th</sup>

**Chester Zoo trip** 23<sup>rd</sup> June

**Leavers' Ceremony for Year 6 Hereford Cathedral and bowling trip** – 25<sup>th</sup> June

**Millichope Countryside Learning Day Year 3-6**  
26<sup>th</sup> June

**Sports Day July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1.30pm**

**Year 6 transition days July 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Summer Parents' Afternoon**  
July 13<sup>th</sup>

**Trip to Aberdovey for the whole school** July 14<sup>th</sup>

**Break up** July 17<sup>th</sup>

Teacher Feature

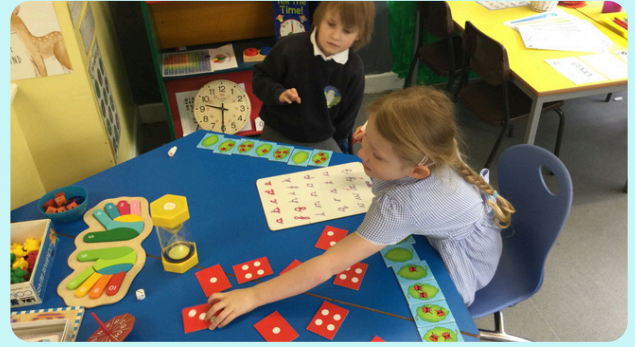
## Oak Class

We have now completed our work on plastic pollution, and I am delighted to share that everyone has produced a fantastic piece of persuasive writing. The children worked incredibly hard to combine powerful arguments with thoughtful ideas about protecting our environment.

We have now moved on to learning about the Anglo-Saxons, which is providing a wonderful stimulus for our writing this half term. This week, the children have been writing diary entries as Anglo-Saxon children, exploring daily life, where these invaders came from and why they chose to settle in Britain.

In maths, we have been investigating ratio and scale factor, alongside continuing to build confidence with times tables.

In science, we are beginning our new topic on light, which will link beautifully to an upcoming art project creating shadow puppets. In DT, we are designing marble runs—any spare tubes or useful materials would be greatly appreciated! Year 5 and 6 children will be taking them to Bishop Castle Community College for a DT challenge day on 17th June.



## Acorn Class

Acorn Class have been busy with lots of exciting learning across the curriculum. In English, we have been exploring the book *Butterfly House*, which has encouraged us to think about kindness and how we can help others in need. Inspired by this, the children wrote some beautiful and thoughtful postcards to Miss Brown, sharing ideas on how she can look after her mind and wellbeing.

In Science, our younger learners in Reception and Year 1 have been developing their observation skills by looking closely at different types of leaves and learning how to identify them. Meanwhile, our Year 3 and 4 pupils have been learning about healthy lifestyles through the Eatwell Plate, creating their own balanced meals and explaining their choices. Our Topic work has taken us to the village of Mugurameno, where we explored how the community uses the river to support their daily lives. We compared this with how we use rivers here, sparking some excellent discussions and thoughtful comparisons.

In Music, the class have been working hard practising songs for their upcoming performances at Bettws Triangle and Shropshire Sings. We are very proud of their enthusiasm and look forward to seeing them perform.

