Clunbury CE Primary School and rural nursery

Blue Hills Federation

NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th November 2026

If you miss a newsletter, you can find them all on the school website

EXCITING NEWS: our new Facebook page has launched! search and follow **'Clunbury School News'** for school updates

No afterschool Clubs on 09/12/26 or last week of term

Friday 27th November No Hot School Dinners

Due to The Community College being closed, we will not be able to provide hot dinners. Children in years reception, 1 and 2 and in reciept of Free School Meals will have a cold lunch provided them.

ALL other children will require a packed lunch.



Parent Debt Zero Tolerance

From September, if your child's School Money account has an unpaid debt of more than 4 weeks, your child will not be able to attend school clubs or extra-curricular trips. This may also affect school dinner availability. **School Money accounts must be kept in credit.**

When's the right time to talk PANTS?



Since PANTS was launched, parents have had over 8 million conversations with their children to help keep them safe.

Developed with children, parents, carers and teachers, Talk PANTS is here to help children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

Visit the NSPCC website for lots of useful information and resources for everyone to use free of charge.

Friends Christmas Hamper Raffle

Donations of Christmas snacks, chocs, sweets, Crackers, pickles, biscuits etc very gratefully received. Thank you in advance!

Clunbury Cafe Singing Thursday 3rd December, 10.30am

The children in Nursery, reception, Y1 and Y2 will be performing to the public.

Netball News

Natalie played her first CVL netball match for Hotshots at Telford on Sunday. She played 2 games which were 5 a-side games where she won the first game 8-4 with Natalie scoring 2 of those goals. The 2nd game was a little bit harder which they lost but she played really well.



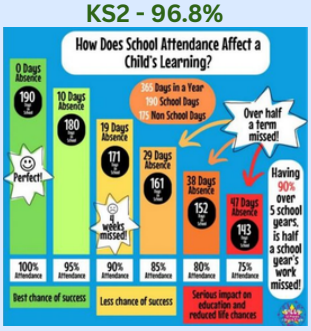
ATTENDANCEmatters

Attendance since start of the Autumn Term 2026:

Whole school - 96.7%

Early Years & KS1 - 96.6%

KS2 - 96.8%



ParentGUIDES

This fortnight's issue guide features:

JUSTALK KIDS

FRIENDSgroup

The Friends of Clunbury School are an amazing group of parents and carers who raise much needed funds for our school. The money raised is spent on equipment and activities that enrich school life.

FREEschoolMEALS

If you think your family may be eligible for free school meals, please apply asap. Successful applications may be given Pupil Premium funding, funding that can be used to purchase school uniform or pay for school trips. Please apply at:

Free School Meals

Shropshire Council

23.11.26 Dinner menu 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
am		Open the Book	Parents Day	Y3-Y6 swimming	Whole School PE
pm			Parents Day	Forest School nursery, YR, Y1, Y2	Whole School Music
Club	Art	Lego	Cooking	Sports	Cozy

DIARYdates ...

Due to unforeseen circumstances, dates may change from time to time.

Wednesday 25th Nov	Parents Day	Friday 18th Dec	Last day of Autumn Term
Wednesday 2nd Dec	R & Y6 NHS Heights & Weights	Mon 21st Dec - Fri 1st Jan	Christmas Holidays
Wednesday 9th Dec	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day	Mon 4th Jan	PD Day
Thursday 10th Dec	Panto 'Aladdin'	Tuesday 5th Jan	First day of the Spring Term
Thursday 10th Dec	Christmas Craft Fayre	Mon 15th - Fri 19th Feb	Half Term
Thursday 10th Dec	NURSERY CLOSED	Thursday 25th Feb	Bog Eyed Jog
Tuesday 15th Dec	Christmas Performance	Wednesday 10th March	Ludlow swimming gala
Wednesday 16th Dec	C2 Egyptian workshop	Thursday 25th March	Last day of Spring Term

The Clunbury Vision

'Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their lives.'

Proverbs 22:6 The Good News Bible

Our Values

Trust and Truth, Joy and Happiness, Love and Respect, Thankfulness, Friendship and Family, Perseverance and Resilience

Diocese of Hereford

MentalHealthWELLBEING:

These services offer confidential support from trained volunteers. You can talk about anything that's troubling you, no matter how difficult:

SAMARITANS

ChildLine 0800 1111

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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about JUSTALK KIDS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

JusTalk Kids is a child's version of the JusTalk app – a highly popular social networking platform – designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JusTalk account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

While JusTalk Kids is free, there's the option to subscribe to a kids' premium account or a premium family account. At a cost, this feature allows children to have access to more fun features such as games they can play with others in a call; exclusive stickers; a badge denoting them as a premium subscriber; and exclusive ringtones and themes.

RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

JusTalk Kids endeavours to allow children the sense of having a chat-based app while allowing parents to set controls (within the app or from their own adult JusTalk account). The basis behind this is positive; however, some children are challenging their parents by refusing to use JusTalk Kids, preferring to use the adult version without any restrictions in place.

KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

After downloading JusTalk Kids, parents can set a passcode which users must enter to add contacts. The parental controls help to manage which content can be viewed and who children can add as a contact: this then allows children to chat with friends in a controlled environment. However, prospective contacts don't have to know a specific username. In theory, someone could type in a random name and then add them as a friend.

POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

JusTalk and JusTalk Kids claim to be secure and encrypted, going so far as to state that even the developers themselves won't access your data. However, a security lapse in 2022 highlighted that messages were not in fact encrypted – leading to concerns around the security of the app and the transparency of the development team.

CYBERBULLYING

Online chats can provide a sense of anonymity, leading some users to post things which they wouldn't normally say in person. Combined with the option of group chats, there's a risk that young people might join in with this kind of behaviour, escalating it further and potentially turning what should be a fun experience into something deeply negative.

TOO MUCH SCREENTIME

A report by the UK Parliament Education Committee highlighted a 52% increase in children's screen time between 2020 and 2022 – as well as finding that 25% of children used their smartphones in a manner consistent with screen addiction. Introducing children to social networking apps when they're too young can lead to bad digital habits and a reliance on technology from an early age.

Advice for Parents & Educators

JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

If parents allow their child to use JusTalk Kids, they should explain that they're putting parental controls in place to make the app safer. Make sure the child knows not to put their full name on the account and doesn't use a photo of themselves as their profile picture. This type of open discussion will help to ensure that a child is aware of the app's potential risks and knows how to reduce them.

DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online. Set clear guidelines around what *is* and *isn't* safe to share on the internet, and discuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and share online can never be completely erased. Even if they delete it themselves, it can be saved and distributed by others.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

Young children could be excited to use this app. However, highlight that they must do so in a positive, respectful and responsible manner. While it can be easy to get caught up in a group chat, it's important to talk to others politely and call out any unpleasant behaviour. Discuss the importance of limiting their contacts to people they know in real life and use parental controls to enforce this.

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Apps like JusTalk can sometimes lend themselves to bullying behaviours. Parents should monitor what their child is sending and receiving, check in with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings (both positive and negative) at home. Remind them that they can block a contact if someone is treating them disrespectfully.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

#WakeUpWednesday®

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: https://nationalcollege.com/guides/justalk-kids

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Autumn Term 2026 School Dinner Menu

Week 1 menu commencing: Monday 31st August 2026

Dinners cost £2.50 each and will be charged to your child's School Money account. Please pay for your child's school dinners promptly on a weekly basis and not let accounts go into arrears. Children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and children in receipt of Pupil Premium will not be charged for school dinners.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Main	Beefy Yorkshire Pudding	Hot Dogs	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Chicken Tikka	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
	Veg	Mashed potatoes & mixed vegetables	Wedges & farmhouse veg	Roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots & gravy	Rice, weetcorm & green beans	Chips, peas & baked beans
	Pudding	Chocolate Malt Brownie	Vanilla Iced Sponge	Forest Fruit Jelly	Coconut & Jam Sponge	Apricot Flapjack
2	Main	Italian Pork Meatballs	Sausage roll	Roast beef & Yorkshires	Breaded Chicken with Katsu Sauce	Fish Fingers
	Veg	Pasta & mixed vegetables	Wedges & farmhouse veg	Mashed potatoes, broccoli, carrots & gravy	Rice, sweetcorn & green beans	Chips, peas & baked beans
	Pudding	Raspberry & Apple Crunch	Lemon Iced Sponge	Raspberry Jelly	Sticky, Toffee Pudding	Chocolate & Orange Shortbread
3	Main	Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake	Toad in the Hole	Roast chicken & stuffing	Sweet & Sour Chicken Meatballs	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
	Veg	Pasta & mixed vegetables	Mashed potatoes & farmhouse veg	Roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots & gravy	Rice, sweetcorn & green beans	Chips, peas & baked beans
	Pudding	Cherry Crunch	Cornflake Crunchie	Peach Shortbread	Toffee Banana Flapjack	Chocolate Shortbread

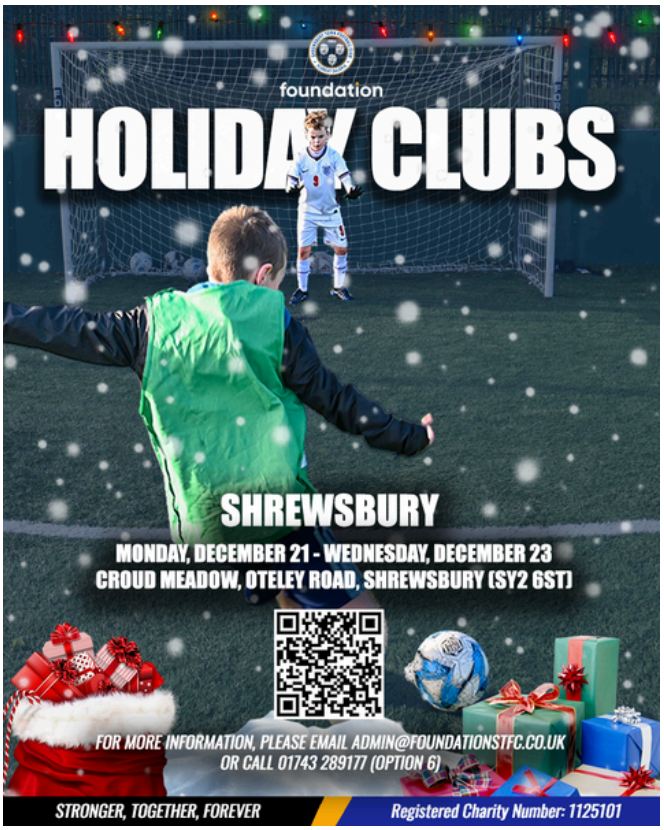
Help raise money for school when you're shopping, it's so easy ...

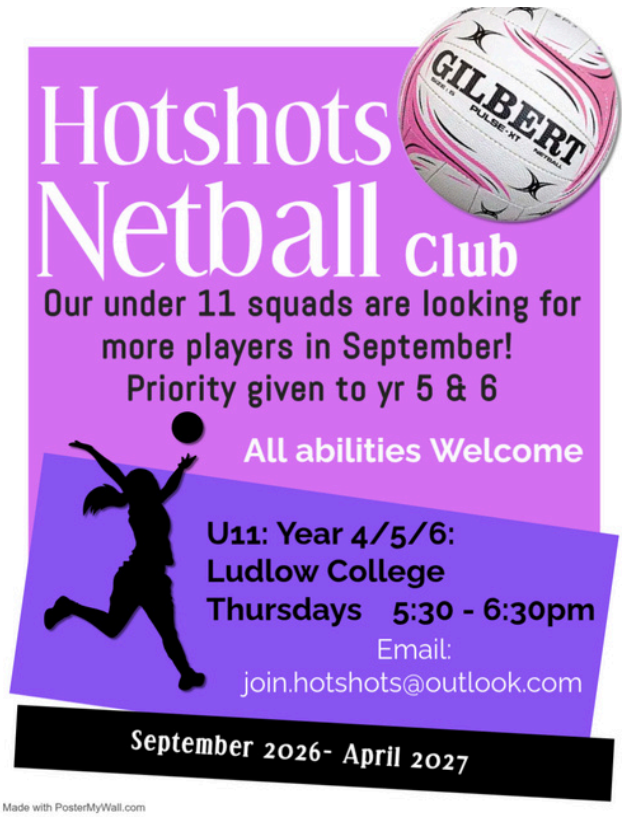




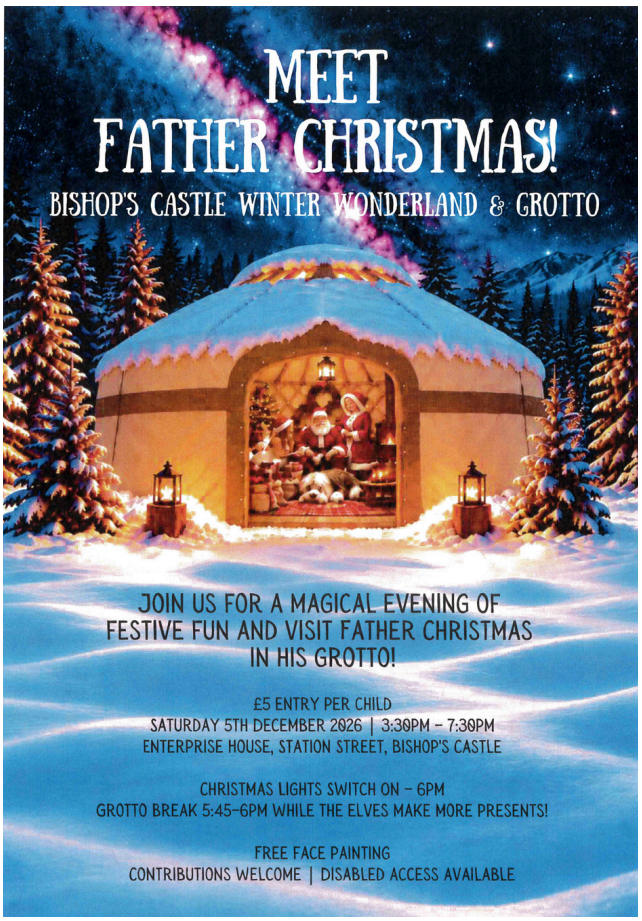








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BISHOP'S CASTLE WINTER WONDERLAND & GROTTO
JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL EVENING OF
FESTIVE FUN AND VISIT FATHER CHRISTMAS
IN HIS GROTTO!
£5 ENTRY PER CHILD
SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2026 | 3:30PM – 7:30PM
ENTERPRISE HOUSE, STATION STREET, BISHOP'S CASTLE
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON – 6PM
GROTTO BREAK 5:45–6PM WHILE THE ELVES MAKE MORE PRESENTS!
FREE FACE PAINTING
CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME | DISABLED ACCESS AVAILABLE


Clunbury
Cafe
10.30-12.30
Thursday December 3rd
Christmas Singing
by special request
The Cadettes
and Clunbury School Cho
Homemade cakes
and tea and coffee
Plus ..
RAFFLE
A Special Raffle –
with thanks to Liz Lewis
Come and enjoy the
Christmas atmospher
and good company!


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SANTA
Kindly supported by Connexus
This Christmas, visit us for a Santa craft
experience! Join Santa's elf to make a
tree decoration, a puffy paint picture
and much more.
Meet Santa and receive a gift.
SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER
11AM - 3PM
Hourly Slots
£10 per child
BOOK ONLINE
Shropshire Hills
Discovery Centre
School Road, Craven Arms
01588 676060
shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk
OPEN DAILY 10AM-5PM


Celebrating
Winter Crafts
Join the team at SHDC for an afternoon of
creativityand holidayfun.Familiesareinvited
tospend sometime, creatingtogether,
enjoying hands-on holidayactivities.
£ PER CHILD
22nd & 30th DEC, 2026
3 - 11 year olds
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Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre
Onny Meadows
Whether on your own, with friends, or the whole family, you'll create a beautiful wreath to take home. We supply natural materials sourced from Onny Meadows and the surrounding countryside. Bring your own accessories to give each wreath its own special touch - perfect to display proudly and enjoy throughout the festive season.
Sunday 29th November
Hourly slots from 11am - 4pm
All ages welcome
£10 per wreath
SCAN ME
All details and booking information
www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk


SPARC CHRISTMAS PRIZE BINGO
Charity number: 1170997
Get ready for a night of festive fun, laughter, and prizes! Whether you're a seasoned Bingo pro or just looking for a fun night out this is the event for you. All proceeds to Theatre Upgrade
Cash & Card Accepted
Raffles
Bar & Refreshments
Great Prizes!
Lucky Squares
Friday 4 December
Doors 7pm Eyes Down 8pm
Bingo cards £12 for a book of 10 games (6 cards per game)
Prizes for one and two lines and full house
SpArC Theatre Brampton Rd Bishops Castle SY9 5AY sparctheatre.co.uk


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Hi!
Let's play!
SUNDAY 6 DEC 2PM
sparctheatre.co.uk 01588 638038 SpArC, Bishops Castle SY9 5AY
ALL TICKETS £5 GROUP 5 £20


BISHOP'S CASTLE
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER
LANTERN WORKSHOP
&
PROCESSION
COME AND JOIN US TO
CREATE A MAGICAL CHRISTMAS LANTERN.
BISHOP'S CASTLE LIBRARY
10-1PM
FREE ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED
LATER
JOIN US FOR
THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS PROCESSION
MEET AT THE CHURCH
5.40PM
WALK UP BEHIND THE ILLUMINATED TRACTORS
BRING YOUR LANTERNS OLD OR NEW
OR ANYTHING THAT LIGHTS UP
FOR THE BIG SWITCH ON AT THE TOWN HALL
6PM

THE CAVALIER CENTRE
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WHAT'S ON AT THE CAVALIER CENTRE

Cavalier Centre
Enriching and Empowering Lives Through Horses



VAULTING - GYMNASTICS ON HORSEBACK

Equestrian vaulting is often described as gymnastics on horseback. The horse is controlled by a lunger and in a 15-metre circle, while the vaulter performs exercises on the horse's back using specialist equipment. Vaulting is a fantastic physical activity that helps with concentration and focus as well as balance and control.

Vaulting training sessions combine skills such as dance and gymnastics to help to develop confidence, balance and harmony with the horse. Being part of a vaulting group is a lot of fun!

Feedback from parents proves the benefits of vaulting to be many and participation in the sport can commence from as young as 6 and go on into the 20s. All our horses have a maximum weight carrying limit. Currently we have a weight restriction for vaulting of up to 9 and a half stone.

Vaulting is on **Monday Afternoon 5pm – 6pm** at the Cavalier Centre and is charged at £25 (per 1 hour sessions) for ad hoc bookings and £23.00 when booking blocks of 5.

PONY CLUB AT THE CAVALIER CENTRE

We are delighted to now be an official Pony Club registered centre!

As an official pony club centre, we will be running weekly pony club session on a Saturday from 11:30am - 1pm. Sessions are £30 each. You do not need your own pony, as an affiliated centre, we offer pony club session with our own, amazing centre ponies!

Pony club sessions will focus on pony care and maintenance, education and riding, with our wonderful centre ponies.

You must be a pony club member to attend these sessions, please email info@cavaliercentre.org.uk and we can help you if needed.

Bookings for Pony Club are available through your EC Pro account. If you are not already a participant with us, please complete a rider application form on our website to join us!

We can't wait to make lots of pony club memories with you!

Book through EC Pro - contact us for more



SHROPSHIRE HOBBY HORSE CLUB

Join Hobby Horse Club at The Cavalier Centre, Much Wenlock, every Friday from 5:15pm – 6:15pm. Enjoy show jumping, dressage, obstacle courses, games and crafts.

£10 per session or £35 per month

Hobby Horsing is becoming seriously popular throughout the UK and regular competitions are available for children to compete in across the country. Join The Shropshire Hobby Horse Club and practice, have fun and make new friends who share a love of Hobby Horsing!

Email: hobbyhorsehubuk@gmail.com or contact us through www.hobbyhorsehub.co.uk

01952 443752 info@cavaliercentre.org.uk www.cavaliercentre.org

Youth Hub @Lydbury North

All-Age After-School club First Thursday of the month

Crafts, Games, Refreshments

- **1st October Shield making**
- **5th November Bonfire crafts**
- **3rd December Christingle**

TNT Youth Club

Year 6 + Third Thursday of the month

- **15th October**
- **19th November**
- **17th December**

Chill n Chat with Games, Activities, Snacks & Tea N Toast

Contact: Suzanne
suzanne.gurney@hereford.anglican.org
Youth Hub Phone: 07413 929732
www.hereford.anglican.org/ministry/youth-hubs

Diocese of Hereford YOUTH HUB

Scouts

Beavers • Cubs • Scouts

Adventure Friends Skills For Life

EXPLORE
LEARN
MAKE FRIENDS
BE YOURSELF

BEAVERS Age 6-8 years **6-7pm**

CUBS Age 8-10½ years **6-7pm**

SCOUTS Age 10½-14 years **7-8pm**

All sections welcoming new members!

We meet every **Wednesday** during term time | **Lydham Village Hall**

Get in touch for more information:
bcscoutgroup@outlook.com

Outdoor Adventures | Make Friends | Learn New Skills | Try New Things | Have Fun

Scouts | Real adventures. Last a lifetime.

Shropshire Together Community and Family Directory

Shropshire Council

COFFEE & CHAT STAY AND PLAY

Relaxed stay and play for parents, babies, and toddlers to socialise and access support

Helena Lane Community Centre,
20 Hamlet Road,
Ludlow, SY8 2NP

Every Monday
9.30am til 11am

Free Information, advice and support on all aspects of family life. You can chat, have a coffee and see how we can help you with:

- Family life
- Parenting support
- Domestic abuse support
- Money worries
- Housing support
- And much more!



Free parking on site

www.shropshire.gov.uk/early-help



Protect our children!

Parents and guardians: Our kids are now most commonly abused online, via their mobile phones and games consoles. Do you know how to keep your kids safe?

Learn more about the dangers of kids being online and how you can keep them safe. Join our free one hour online parent awareness session to give yourself a head start in an ever changing digital world.

Scan the QR code to find out more about our awareness training and to sign up to one of our free sessions or go to www.westmercia.police.uk/exploitworkshops

John Campion
Police and Crime Commissioner
West Mercia



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.

Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

01743 250950

Mon - Thurs, 9.30am - 4.30pm
Fri, 9.30am - 3.30pm

No judgment, just support. For **all** Shropshire families, including those whose children have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)



