



Blue Hills  
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# St Marys CE Primary School Newsletter



3 July 2025

Next week: Tuesday 8th July: Year 5 taster day @Ludlow

Tuesday 8th July: Parent Consultation; 1.30 onwards. Appointments if requested.

Thursday 10th July: Sports day and picnic with families @ 12pm

Friday 11th July: End of term concert @Bedstone 5.30pm

Friday 11th July : Preschool outing to Mickey Millers (letter to follow)

Tuesday 15th July :Yr 6 Bowling trip

Friday 18th July: Leavers Service@ Church 2pm . All welcome.



Please can we remind you that if your child arrives late to school, after 9.15 they will need a packed lunch as dinners will have been ordered.

Children must have suncream and a sunhat in school. They will have to sit in the shade or stay indoors if they do not.

Please ensure that all preschool, dinner, club and trip money is paid up to date before the end of the term, Thank you.

Parents consultation afternoon;

Tuesday 8 th July: Please contact your child's teacher to make an appointment if you would like to discuss your child's report.



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# Class News

## Preschool

We had a very exciting start to our week. All four of our caterpillars had hatched from their cocoons and the beautiful butterflies were ready to be released.

We went out to our forest school to watch them fly away, they didn't want to sit on our hands for long.

The children also enjoyed harvesting some fruit from our allotment, washing them and counting and sorting the apples and raspberries before eating them at snack time.

Can we also remind you that ALL children and parents are welcome to join us for our picnic lunch and sports afternoon on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July.



**Class One**



Class 1 had a great time this week tasting different vegetables and fruit as part of their design and technology learning. We also tried some smoothies with fruit in which we had already tasted.

During forest school the children had great fun creating their own maps of forest school which linked to our geography learning.



# Class News

## Class 2 News

This week, we have begun writing instructions to explain how to gather a river sample. We were able to see Steve the river ranger carry this out on our visit and then enjoy exploring the creatures that were gathered in the net. This has really helped with our instructional writing as we have been able to use photos from our river visit to write about each step of the process. Within RE, we are learning about the religion of Judaism. So far, we have learnt about Shabbat and the festivals of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.



## Class 3 News

Class 3 have had a visit from the school nurse this week to talk about puberty - they will be continuing this learning in class over the next two weeks. Year 6 have been on their induction day to Wigmore High School and Year 5 have had a fantastic dance workshop in preparation for their upcoming performance at Bedstone next week. Please ensure that your child gets lots of sleep over the next two weeks to ensure they can maximise their enjoyment of the rest of term.

### **School Leavers Special Edition**

#### **Appearing in the Shropshire Star Monday 14th July 2025**

We are delighted to include **St Mary's CofE Primary School** in our exclusive School Leavers Supplement, thank you for taking part and submitting your photograph.

We are now preparing the memorable keepsake which will appear in the Shropshire Star on Monday 14th July 2025. The pictures will be published in the newspaper.

We encourage you to consider the purchase of the publication in which your School Leavers Supplement appears and we have attached a letter for each pupil's parent/guardian for you to share.

Newspapers are available to pre-order at a discounted price of only **£1.00 per copy** and delivery will be arranged for free to the school on the day of publication for you to distribute to pupils, a checklist will be provided to ensure the process runs smoothly.

#### **Pre-Order**

**Copies will be delivered to the school on the day of publication**

- To order online please visit [shropshirestarleavers25.eventbrite.co.uk](https://shropshirestarleavers25.eventbrite.co.uk) (Small Eventbrite fee)
- Alternatively, To order by telephone please call **0800 3160109**

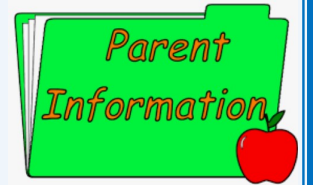
Newspapers will be available to purchase from your local store on the day of publication, we advise you to pre-order to guarantee your copy.

If you have any questions, please call us on 0800 3160109 or send us an email [schoolmemories@shropshirestar.co.uk](mailto:schoolmemories@shropshirestar.co.uk)





## Information for Parents School News



### Attendance

#### Attendance Figures for last week: 23.06.25—27-06.25

Teme (Class 1) 82%

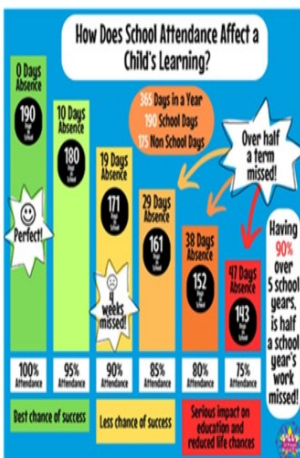
Hales (Class 2) 90%

Redlake (Class 3) 100%

Overall 91.16% Target or better.

Please remember our school day starts at 8.45am. You must let us know if your child is not going to be in school on a day by 8.45

#### Attendance Matters



Please see the local and national school attendance expectations below:



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**SCHOOL TRENDS**  
GROWN OUT BEFORE WORN OUT

Wednesday, 16 July 2025

at 3 pm

Polo-shirts 50p  
skirts & shorts 50p  
Trousers £1  
Dresses £1  
Jumpers & Cardigans £2

Uniform donations gratefully received.

All proceeds to St. Mary's CofE School



## Parent Information



## Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

**01743 250950**

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

No judgment, just support.



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.

[www.shropshire.gov.uk/fis](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/fis)

## Understanding your child From toddler to teen

- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you need help and support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers with children of a similar age?

Join us for one of our free virtual or face-to-face groups, our next groups start:

Understanding Your Child Group 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually Via MS Teams  
Understanding Your Child Group 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Ludlow Primary School  
Understanding Your Child Group 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm at Whitchurch CofE Infants School  
Understanding Your Child SEND Group 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 from 9.00am to 11.00am at Woodlands School Wem  
Understanding Your Child Group 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Sunflower House Shrewsbury  
Understanding Your Child Group 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Whittington Primary School  
Understanding Your Child SEND Group 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually Via MS Teams

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

SEND groups are 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](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) or call 01743 250950

Find more free online courses at [inourplace.co.uk/shropshire](http://inourplace.co.uk/shropshire)



## Family Drop-ins

### Free info, advice & support

You can get free information, advice and support on all aspects of family life, at our Family Drop-Ins. Come along for a coffee and a chat, and see how we can help you with:

- Family life
- Parenting support (including child development, behaviour, sleep and relationships)
- Domestic abuse support
- Money worries
- Housing support
- Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)

and much more



Find your local drop-in here



## 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

SEND Group Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams or Group Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams

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Find out more here



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Connect to a support worker with our **Live Chat** service.



### forum

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## Parent Information



**Skips Safety Net**

Keeping children safe online

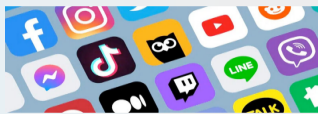
### A Parent's Guide to Safety and Privacy Settings



When you give a child access to the internet, you give them access to the adult world.

The Internet treats everyone as adults and there are many things, they are not yet ready to know, which is why it is vital that some form of safety settings are in place. Doing something is better than doing nothing.

What happens online has an effect to what happens offline and what happens offline has an effect to what happens online.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.  
Skips Educational Email: info@skipssafetynet.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

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### School Nursing

The School Nursing Team provide health and wellbeing information, advice, support and guidance to children and young people, teachers, families and carers across Shropshire. We are part of the 0-19 Public Health Nursing Service which contains Specialist Nurses (School Nurses and Health Visitors), Registered Nurses, Healthy Child Practitioners and Support Workers.

Every Local Authority funded school in Shropshire has a named School Nurse. We offer lots of different services, workshops and events enabling schools to contribute to PSHE outcomes, as well as targeted one to one support for children and their families.

Your child might come across a School Nurse in school in an education session or health related workshop, but we will not see your child alone without your consent. Sometimes, children ask us for individual advice and we will always feed this back confidentially to parents and carers.



The link below is to the Shropshire Family Services newsletter, where you can find lots of information on what's going on and where to go for support and advice.

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