



**Blue Hills
Federation**

ST Marys CE Primary School Newsletter



05 June 2025

NEXT WEEK: Thursday 12th June Federation cross country KS2 at Clunbury

Monday 16th June Crucial Crew Yr 6

Tuesday 17th June Class & Leavers photos

Monday 23rd June Moving up morning, inc new Reception children

Monday 23rd June Arthog meeting @ 3.15

Thursday 26th June Wigmore taster day YR 5

Thursday 26th June Leavers service @ Hereford Cathedral

Friday 27th June New reception children to visit Reception class all day.

Thursday 3rd July Year 6 Induction day @ Wigmore High School

Thursday 10th July Sports day

Friday 11th July End of term concert @Bedstone

Tuesday 15th July Yr 6 Bowling trip

Friday 18th July Leavers Service@ Church



Open the Bible

Don't be deceived!



Thank you to everyone that has signed up to Easy Fundraising, if you haven't signed up yet , please take a look, it doesn't cost you anything and it will make a huge difference to our school.

Your online shopping won't cost you any extra and we'll be really grateful for your donations.

Please sign up here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-marys-ce-primary-school-bucknell?utm_medium=Email-

Please can we remind you that if your child has a Stomach or sickness bug , the isolation periods is 48 hours. This is to prevent the spread of germs to children and staff.

Class News

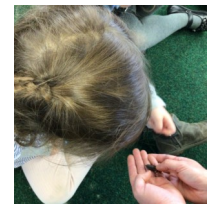
Preschool



Lots of fun in the sun was had before the Whitsun break, making our butterfly wings, creating the shadows in the sun.



We have also planted our smelly herbs which were kindly donated by Mrs Locke. The children used garden tools and lots of compost, experiencing different textures, smells and sights.



This week we are reading the story of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and in the process of making grass caterpillars and hand printed caterpillars, also looking at the lifecycle of a caterpillar. We are awaiting the arrival of our live baby caterpillars,,,,, watch this space.



We also joined Class 1 and Reception children for a very exciting visit from the Exotic Zoo, where the children bravely held the little insects.

Please can we ask that children have a coat with them as the weather is quite unpredictable at the moment.

Class 1



What a brilliant time we had when Jack from the Exotic Zoo in Telford came into class on Tuesday to show us some mini-beasts. He brought with him two giant African millipedes, a Madagascan Hissing cockroach, two giant African land snails, two Black Beauty stick insects from Peru and a whip scorpion, which wasn't actually a scorpion at all. Everyone, adults and children, got a chance to look closely, to touch or to hold these extraordinary creatures. We talked about the different numbers of legs they have, what they eat and learned some fascinating facts!



Class News

Class 2 News

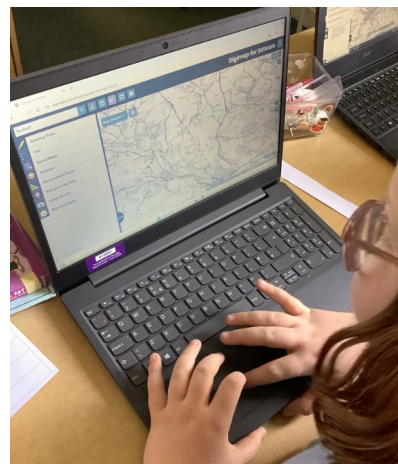
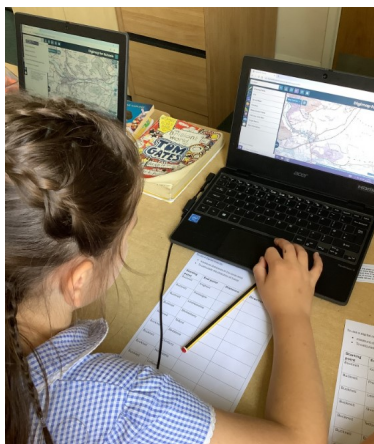
A huge well done to Arlo, Arlie and Charlie who had their final swimming session on Tuesday afternoon. We are delighted with their progress and effort! Next week, the rest of Class 2 will begin their swimming sessions. On Wednesday afternoon, we enjoyed walking around Bucknell to identify features we had drawn on our own maps. We also stopped on the village green and by the church to draw the viewpoint from each of the 4 compass directions.



Class 3

Class 3 have been measuring distances and calculating directions between locations in their local area using a digital map.

Don't forget that swimming lessons begin next Tuesday afternoon!





Information for Parents School News



Attendance

Attendance Figures for last week: 19.05.25- 23rd May

Teme (Class 1) 92.22%

Hales (Class 2) 98.18%

Redlake (Class 3) 95.88%

Overall **95%** Target 96% 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 am.

Attendance Matters



Please see the local and national school attendance expectations below:



Please share with all
your friends!



Check out this website about safe parking outside schools for more information. <https://www.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/parking-outside-schools/>



Jiggy Wrigglers will be here from 2pm

Bucknell Preschool
open afternoon
Wednesday 17th June
1.30pm-3.00pm

Refreshments available



- Come along and see our Wonderful Preschool
- Meet our friendly staff and see what wonderful facilities we can offer your children from the age of 2.



- We have funded and private places available.
- Part of St Mary's Primary school ensuring a smooth transition to school.



Website: <https://bhf.shropshire.sch.uk/st-marys-primary/>

Tel: 01547 530264

Email: adminbucknell@bhf.shropshire.sch.uk





Parent Information

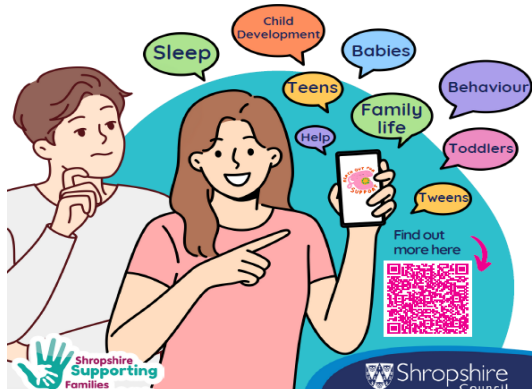


Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

01743 250950

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

No judgment, just support.



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



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

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 29th April 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am at Crowsmoor Primary School, Shrewsbury
 Understanding Your Child Group 30th April 2025 from 9.00am to 11.00am at Cleve Hill Community Primary School
 Understanding Your Child SEND Group 30th April 2025 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm at Shrewsbury TBA
 Understanding Your Child Group 30th April 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm at Belvidere Primary School, Shrewsbury
 Understanding Your Child Group 1st May 2025 from 09.30am to 11.30am at Highley Community Primary School
 Understanding Your Child Group 1st May 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at St Lucia CofE Primary School, Upton Magna
 Understanding Your Child SEND Group 2nd May 2025 from 09.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams
 Understanding Your Child Group 2nd May 2025 from 1.15pm to 3.15pm at Christ Church CofE Primary School, Cressage

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 or call 01743 250950

Find more free online courses at: inourplace.co.uk/shropshire



Does your child struggle with their Sleep?

Free Sleep Tight Groups

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups which run for 5 weeks 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

Our next groups start:

Sleep Tight SEND Monday 9th June 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm
Virtually via MS Teams

or

Sleep Tight Monday 16th June 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am
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Find out more here



chat to us

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



forum

Speak to other women in our **supportive community** of survivors.



email

Send an email to one of our **support workers**. We will reply within 5 working days.



survivor's handbook

Get help on **housing, safety planning**, dealing with police and more.

For more information visit www.womensaid.org.uk
Women's Aid is a registered charity in England No. 1054154

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until women & children are safe



Parent Information

Skips Safety Net

Keeping children safe online

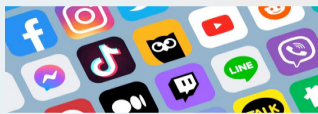
A Parent's Guide to Safety and Privacy Settings



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@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941



Skips www.skipssafetynet.org

Health Kids! 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.



Oaker Wood NATURALLY ADVENTUROUS AUTUMN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE FOR SCHOOLS

Autumn Adventures Await at Oaker Wood - Now with Special Discounts! -

School Children can discover their adventurous side during an activity day (10am - 2pm) at Oaker Wood this Autumn!

- Low Ropes Assault Course & Woodland Krypton ONLY £20pp* plus vat
- Low Ropes Assault Course & High Ropes Adrenaline ONLY £25pp* plus vat

*APPLIES TO SEPT, OCT & NOV 2025. MUST BE BOOKED BY 1ST JULY 2025



Outdoor trips build confidence, spark curiosity, and create memories that last a lifetime. We encourage children to climb, explore, and discover the world beyond the screen, because the best learning starts outside!

Email info@oakerwoodleisure.co.uk to get booked in.

Oaker Wood Leisure | Herefordshire
www.oakerwoodleisure.co.uk



You have what it takes for a rewarding career in fostering

- Your everyday experiences and skills are transferable into a foster carer role, from providing emotional support to teaching life skills.
- We offer many different types of fostering roles, including short-term, parent & child, therapeutic and long-term.
- Our fostering roles are suitable for individuals, couples, or families from all walks of life. All children are different, so our foster carers are too.
- Be part of our professional team and receive our ongoing comprehensive training.
- Receive generous fostering allowances, benefits and tax relief.

As a foster carer, you could provide a safe and stable home environment for a vulnerable child whilst enjoying a flexible and rewarding career that's literally life changing.



Tel: 01952 916 002 Web: www.nexusfostering.co.uk/Telford

Kids Ludlow Autism Awareness Drop-In

June 10th 1pm-4pm

Open for all age groups!
We will be offering information, advice and guidance for adults, parent/carers, children and young people.

Location:
Helena Lane Community Centre
20 Hamlet Road
Ludlow
SY8 2NP

For more information, please email:
pip.long@shropshire.gov.uk



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.

<https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fcontent.govdelivery.com%2Faccounts%2FUKSHROPSHIRE%2Fbulletins%2F3bbbed53%3Frefqfrom=share/1/010101928ff93a2-66d9edcf-85a0-4979-bceb-9dabe822a25e-000000/>