

# Clunbury CE Primary School and rural nursery



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## NEWSLETTER

25.10.24



IF YOU MISS A NEWSLETTER, YOU CAN FIND THEM ALL ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

### MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER IS A PD DAY = SCHOOL CLOSED



**Children in Need 2024 - wear sporty spots and donate online!** <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

**GOOD  
BYE &  
GOOD  
LUCK!**

On Wednesday, we sadly said goodbye to Mrs Edwards who came into school for a farewell leaving assembly. The children all got to say goodbye, we gave her some lovely gifts and also sang to her.

Clare had been with us for 13 years and so it was hard for us to say goodbye but she promises to see us again soon.

We wish her every success in her new business venture.

### Afterschool Clubs After Half Term

A few changes to afterschool clubs after half term. If you would like to book your child into a club or swap their clubs around, just let the school office know via email.

Goblin Car Club is now scheduled to start after Christmas.

All club participation is based on good behaviour. Children not behaving as they should be, will not be allowed to attend afterschool clubs.

Everyday 8.00-8.35	Breakfast Club	Mrs Williams	R-Y6	£2.50 (inc. breakfast)
Everyday 8.35-9.00	Nursery Early Birds	Mrs Lavery	E2-N2	£2.00 (NO breakfast inc.)
Monday 3.30-4.30	Art Club	Miss Deane	R-Y6	£3.00
Monday 3.30-4.30	Hot Choc Club	Mr Griffiths	Y6	FREE
Tuesday 3.30-4.30	Christmas Craft	Mrs Chorley	Y2-Y6	£3.00
Wednesday 3.30-4.30	Reading & Fun!	Mrs Burns Mrs Saunders	YR-Y6	£3.00
Thursday 3.30-4.30	Classic Board Games	Mr Griffiths	YR-Y6	£3.00
Friday 3.30-4.30	Football Club	Mr Jones	YR-Y6	£3.00
Everyday 3.30-5.00	Late Birds	Various	YR-Y6	£4.00

### Warm Layers

Now that the weather is turning colder ... please can children come to school everyday with a warm, waterproof coat. On Fridays, extra layers for PE are a must, as the children go outside in all weathers.



### BOG EYED JOG - Tuesday 12th November

Your child should have brought home a sponsor form this week. If not, there's a copy attached :)



**School Money accounts must be kept in CREDIT. Failure to do so will result in a freeze on clubs and dinners.**



**No after school clubs on Wednesday 4th December**

**No afterschool clubs last week of term: Monday 16th December - Friday 20th December**  
**Nursery is open Wednesday 4th December**

### Poppy Appeal 2024

During lunchtime breaks on Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th and Friday 8th November, Year 6 will be selling Poppy Appeal merchandise in school. Items cost between 50p and £3.



### BE TECH SAVVY...

This fortnight's Guide features:



**DAILY MATHS**

- see following pages

For more information and advise please visit:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> or [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)

**NSPCC**



### Mental Health & Wellbeing

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

**childline** 0800 1111  
ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

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**mind** 0300 123 3393

### Friends of Clunbury School



There are 2 very useful Facebook pages for parents to follow:

- Clunbury School parents page
- Friends of Clunbury CE Primary School

We would like donations of prizes for the Christmas Bingo. Confectionary, food and drink, toys and gifts would all be very much appreciated.

Something from every family would be amazing!

Thank you in advance.

### 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 & Truth, Joy & Happiness,  
Love & Respect, Thankfulness,  
Friendship & Family,  
Perseverance & Resilience



### What's happening this week ...

#### Dinner Menu: week 3

04.11.24	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	PD Day		Live band at Bucknell		Whole school music
PM	PD Day			C3 swimming Class 1 Forest School	Whole school PE
Clubs 3.30-4.30/5	PD DAY	Xmas Craft	Reading & Fun!	Classic Board Games	Football

#### Dinner Menu: week 1

11.11.24	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM		Bog Eyed Jog	C2: Mr Egypt trip		Whole school music
PM				C3 swimming Class 1 Forest School	Whole school PE
Clubs 3.30-4.30/5	Art / Hot Choc	Xmas Craft	Reading & Fun!	Classic Board Games	Football

### Dates for your Diary ...

Mon 28th Oct - Fri 1st Nov  
Monday 4th November  
Wednesday 6th November  
Tuesday 12th November  
Wednesday 13th November  
Friday 15th November  
Monday 18th November

Half Term  
PD Day  
Live band at Bucknell  
Bog Eyed Jog  
C2 Mr Egypt at Bucknell  
Children in Need  
C3 Shrewsbury Prison



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

Monday 18th November  
Wednesday 4th December  
Tuesday 10th December  
Wednesday 11th December  
Tuesday 17th December  
Wednesday 18th December  
Friday 20th December  
Monday 6th January

C1 Healthy Heroes workshop  
Panto at Theatre Severn  
Christmas Craft Fayre  
Christmas Dinner TBC  
Christingle  
Christmas Service  
Last day of Autumn term  
PD Day





# BE TECH SAVVY...

## Helpful guides to keep your children safe online

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](https://nationalcollege.com).

### 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators INTRODUCING MATHS TO DAILY ROUTINE

Early exposure to maths is crucial for a child's development. Studies have demonstrated that improved outcomes in maths can be achieved through early exposure to the subject – building conceptual understanding and providing practical, playful maths experiences. Our guide has some expert tips on helping little ones to get a head start ...

#### 1 USE 'EVERYDAY MATHS'

Using maths is an everyday occurrence for most adults – and one which can be shared with children. Including children in tasks like weighing ingredients, measuring in crafting or DIY, sharing food items and paying for your shopping are excellent ways of introducing mathematical concepts. You can use non-standard units to measure: children don't necessarily have to be numerical at this stage.

#### 2 SPEAK THE LANGUAGE

Including mathematical language as part of conversations can aid a child's understanding. Counting objects out loud, telling the time or identifying the shape of objects, for example, can help children grasp broader concepts. Using phrases that compare amounts (such as "more than" or "less than") or referring to cutting cake or pizza into halves and quarters will help them to make links to real life.

#### 3 BOOST LEARNING WITH BOOKS

Looking at books together can be a good opportunity to practise maths skills such as counting. Many picture books now specifically focus on building maths skills, but you can shape a discussion around almost any illustration. Asking questions like "What do you notice?" can be a powerful learning tool. The Book Trust suggests lots of suitable titles on its website.

#### 4 MODEL A POSITIVE MINDSET

Research suggests that many adults had negative experiences of maths at school and, as a result, may now claim they are " rubbish at maths". Promoting positive language around children is key in encouraging a growth mindset and a 'can do' attitude. It's OK to admit that you found something challenging – as long as you also share that you showed resilience and overcame it.

#### 5 THINK PRACTICALLY

Practical resources can really help children to understand mathematical concepts; these will be utilised heavily once a child starts school. Using random objects to help with counting and measuring will be engaging for young ones. Games are a fantastic resource, too: rolling dice, recognising what the dots represent and counting spaces on the board are key skills which can be built on later.

#### 6 EMPHASISE THE SUBJECT'S BREADTH

Maths isn't just numbers: it also covers aspects of shape, space, measurement and more. Reinforcing this is key, as a child may find one aspect of maths more challenging than others and needs to know that this is OK. Breaking the subject down into different areas avoids the generalisation that maths is always about the same thing, which can lead to a less positive mindset.

#### 7 SEEK EXTERNAL INSPIRATION

There are plenty of resources online which can help you support children with their early maths skills – such as an explanation of key terms, or suggestions about finding mathematical opportunities in your environment or your daily routine. Nursery practitioners and parents can work together to mirror maths activities, ensuring that children get a consistent message.

#### 8 TAKE REGULAR BREAKS

While maths activities can be enjoyable, children can also sometimes struggle to sit for long periods of time or engage with tasks fully. Encourage regular breaks, and remember that not everything needs to be written down: discussions and observations can be just as impactful. Not forcing children to participate in maths in a particular way is key to ensuring they don't become disengaged.

#### 9 PRAISE THEIR THOUGHT PROCESS

Problem solving and explaining how you worked something out are integral parts of schools' EYF5 and primary curriculum. Praising these efforts will encourage children to become more independent and resilient in their learning. If a child's answer is inaccurate, you could ask them to double check or count with them again. Highlighting too many errors may begin to disengage them from maths.

#### 10 LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Look for ways to develop a child's early maths skills based on their interests. If they love dinosaurs, for instance, try counting dinosaurs, comparing their size or getting the child to design a space for the creatures to live in – they'll be practising their maths skills without even realising. Asking questions in these situations will often be enough to prompt thinking and problem solving.

#### Meet Our Expert

Kara Kiernan has worked in senior leadership positions (both in the UK and internationally) for 15 years, supported by an MEd in Educational Leadership. As an educational consultant, she now delivers training for a range of organisations – notably on EYF5 practice and child development. Previously, Kara was head of a nursery and junior school and has also been a director of early years.



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# Autumn Term 2024 School Dinner Menu

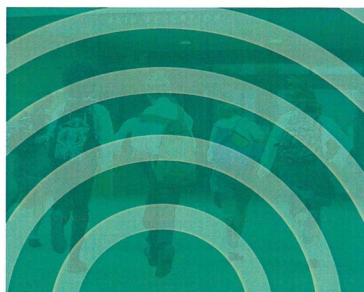
**Week 1 menu week commencing: Monday 2nd September 2024**

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
Week 1	Main	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Sausage Roll	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Beef Chilli	Chicken Fillet
	Veg	Mash, peas and sweetcorn	Wedges and mixed veg	Roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots and gravy	Rice, sweetcorn and green beans	Chips, peas and baked beans
	Pudding	Chocolate Cookie	Iced Sponge	Fudge Crunch	Mango Shortbread	Banana Flapjack
Week 2	Main	Beef Bolognese	Sausages & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Italian Chicken Meatballs	Cheese and Tomato Pizza
	Veg	Pasta, peas and sweetcorn	Mash and mixed veg	Roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots and gravy	Rice, sweetcorn and beans	Chips, peas and baked beans
	Pudding	Sticky Toffee Pudding	Iced Chocolate Sponge	Vanilla ice cream and peaches	Fruity jelly	Chocolate Malt Brownie
Week 3	Main	Ham and Cheese Bake	Breaded Chicken Fillet	Roast Beef and Yorkshires	Pork Sweet & Sour	Sausages
	Veg	Pasta, peas and sweetcorn	Wedges and mixed veg	Roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots and gravy	Rice, sweetcorn and green beans	Chips, peas and baked beans
	Pudding	Cherry Chocolate Crunch	Iced Lemon Sponge	Vanilla Crunch	Apple and Cinnamon Flapjack	Carrot and Orange Cake



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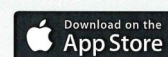
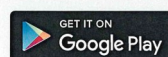
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Visit [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org) today!



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Step 2

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Step 3

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Step 4

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## YOUTH & MINI RUGBY

**10.30 to Midday every Sunday  
Sundays from 8th September**

Just £60 per child for the whole season

**Plus Wednesday evening  
TOUCH RUGBY**

Under 15's - 6.30 to 8pm  
7pm to 8pm For open age from 12 years old touch rugby

Food provided after each Sunday session

Contact Club Secretary, Kelly Nicklin:  
[secretary@ludlowrwc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@ludlowrwc.co.uk)  
to book in for a taster session or for more information

# MWHAHAHA HALFTERM

## FAMILY FILMS

**Dragonkeeper (PG)**  
Mon 28 Oct, 2pm  
Tue 29 Oct, 7.30pm  
Thu 31 Oct, 2pm

**Wolf Witch Giant Fairy (PG)**  
Royal Ballet Livestream  
Fri 1 Nov, 2 & 6pm

**Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (12A)**  
Tues 29 Oct, 2pm  
Wed 30 Oct, 2pm

## WORKSHOPS

Halloween Crafts Annes' Art Club  
Thur 31 Oct, 10am

## LIVE SHOWS

**The Great Baldini Family Magic Show**  
Sat 2 Nov, 5pm

**The Great Baldini Magic Cabaret**  
Sat 2 Nov, 7.30pm

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Friends of Clunbury School

# CHRISTMAS BINGO

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**FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER**

**EYES DOWN 6PM**

**CLUNBURY VILLAGE HALL**

Raffle

Refreshments available



## Does your child struggle with their sleep?

### Free Sleep Tight Workshops

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face workshops 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 Workshops start:

Sleep Tight on Thursday 19th September 2024 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm Virtually via MS Teams

Sleep Tight SEND Friday 20th September 2024 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Wilfred Owen School, Shrewsbury, SY2 5SH

Sleep Tight SEND on Thursday 7th November 2024 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm Virtually via MS Teams

To book a place email [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) or call 01743 250950

Find out more here



## Baby on the way?

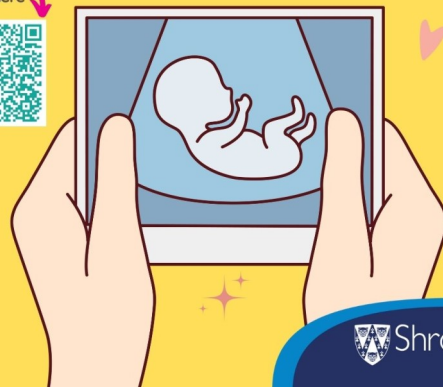
### Feel confident with our Family Foundations group

Is this your first baby together? Find out how Family Foundations could benefit your family, through one of our free, online, info sessions. Sessions will last 45 minutes with time for questions afterwards.

- Wed 6 Nov 2024, 5pm
- Mon 11 Nov 2024, 1pm
- Wed 13 Nov 2024, 9.30am
- Mon 9 Dec 2024, 1pm
- Fri 13 Dec 2024, 9.30am
- Wed 18 Dec 2024, 5pm

Email [parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) to book

Find out more here



## Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

**01743 250950**

Mon - Thurs, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Fri, 9.30am - 3.30pm

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