



Blue Hills
Federation

01.05.25

ST Marys CE Primary School Newsletter



Bank Holiday Monday 5th May

Thursday 8th May—Goblin car time trials

Monday 12th May SATS week starts

Half term Monday 26th May 2025

Tuesday 3rd June Exotic zoo visit to Class 1

Thursday 26th June Leavers service @ Hereford Cathedral

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



Open the Bible

Jesus and his final farewell. Spreading the word of Christianity across the world!



Hot weather : Sun hats with wide brims are best for covering the ears and neck of your children.

Please can you make sure that your child's sun hat and sun cream are named

Sun glasses should have the CE Mark and British Standard and Mark 12313- 120

Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of VE Day

Wednesday 7th May- We're planning to hold a special Collective Worship for children in Y2 and up. Children in Reception and Y1 will also learn about VE day in class

Thursday 8th May- Visit from a ninety-nine-year-old neighbour of the school, who was in Trafalgar Square on VE Day and who served with the Royal Engineers in Asia. An opportunity to hold the two-minute silence at 2pm.

Friday 9th May- Wear what you like in red, white and blue if you bring a donation for Help for Heroes. Bedstone College who provide our school lunches are planning a special party menu for this day!

Class News

Preschool

We have come back to school with beautiful weather, it has been lovely to hear all of the exciting things the children did during the holiday. We have started our topic on bugs, looking at ladybirds and enjoying stories about ladybird adventures and their lifecycle.

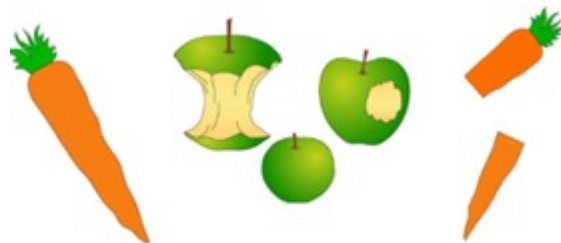
Lots of fun has been had playing in our outdoor area, using the large sandpit and experimenting with the investigation station.

Please can we ask that all children have a sun hat with them daily, we have a hat basket, please make sure your child's hat is named.



Class1

We're glad to welcome everyone back to school for the summer term. It's been a busy week settling back into routines. We had our first swimming session on Tuesday, four more to go! This week the Year One and Two children have been writing their stories about lost aliens and learning how to edit them in English. In Maths, they're beginning to think about fractions. We've started by learning to identify wholes and parts.

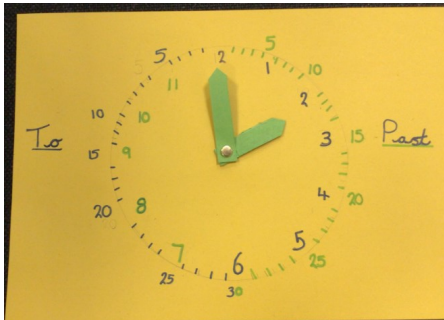


Class News

Class 2

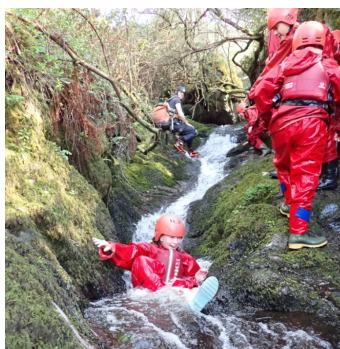
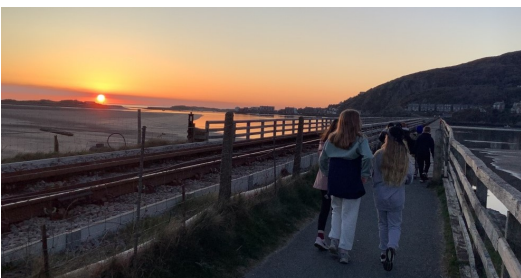
The Year 4 had a fantastic time at the Pioneer Centre, they were a delight to take on a residential visit. Photos will follow next week.....

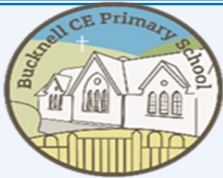
To develop with our time telling ability , we have made our own clocks.



Class 3

Class 3 have begun their new topic about their local environment by recalling their knowledge of continents, countries and capital cities in the world. Year 6s have also been very busy recapping their knowledge and skills in reading comprehension, grammar and maths in preparation for their SATS tests during the week of 12th May. Everyone is also absolutely gripped by our current class read - 'Holes' by Louis Sachar - which we hope to complete this week!





Information for Parents School News



Attendance

Attendance Figures for last week: 07.04.25-11.04.25

Teme (Class 1) 85%

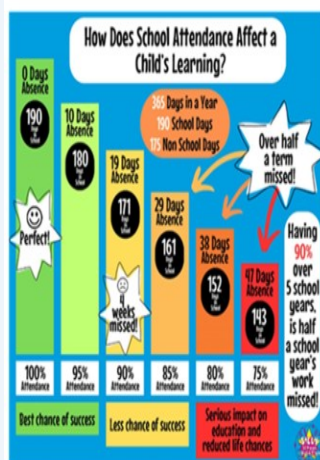
Hales (Class 2) 90.91%

Redlake (Class 3) 100%

Overall 91.96% 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:



Bishops Castle Cricket Club

JUNIOR CRICKET PROGRAMME 2025
FUN, FAST & SOCIAL GAME SUITABLE FOR ALL ABILITIES
STARTS MONDAY 12TH MAY (9 WEEKS)
AT BCCC - THE MANOR GROUND (SY9 5HA)

Year R-Year 3 - 5:45-6:30pm
Year 4-Year 11 - 6:00-7:00pm

To register your child contact
Caitlin Moulder
Text / Phone - 07983460877
Email - caitlinperry@hotmail.co.uk

ECB QUALIFIED COACHES WITH DBS AND FIRST AID

Junior Membership £50
(Additional discounts for siblings)

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Please remember not to park on the zig-zags outside our 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

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 Goswami Primary School, Shrewsbury
Understanding Your Child Group 30th April 2025 from 9.00am to 11.00am at Clea 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 Hagley Community Primary School
Understanding Your Child Group 1st May 2025 from 09.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams
Understanding Your Child Group 1st May 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at St Lucia C of E 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 C of E 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 insourplace.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 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
Virtually via MS Teams

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To book a place email Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call 01743 250950

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.

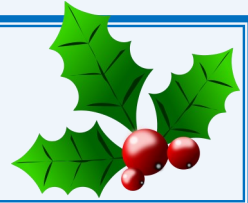
For more information visit www.womensaid.org.uk

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

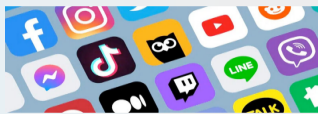
A Parent's Guide to Safety and Privacy Settings



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@skipssafetynet.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with



Skips www.skipssafetynet.org

TfO
THE FILM ORCHESTRA

presents

TfO String Orchestra in Concert

Conducted by David Curtis

An evening of orchestral string music from the world of film and television including Jeeves & Wooster, Brave, Lord of the Rings, Dr Who & many more

Saturday 10th May 2025 7pm

St Mary Magdalene Church
Leintwardine SY7 0LD

Tickets: £20 (concessions £15)
school-age children FREE from

Ludlow Assembly Rooms
ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk
01584 878141

or from
Griffiths Garage, Leintwardine SY7 0JZ

Health 4 Kids! School Nursing

NHS
Shropshire
Community Health
NHS Trust

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.



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

Free swimming lessons at knighton sports centre.
22nd of May 3:30-6 pm.
Please call to book your child a place. Beginner to advanced levels available (wave1-6)
Swim assessments may be required.



Limited spaces

Beginner - advanced levels (wave1-6)

22nd May 2025
Booking is required

For registration, call:
01547529187

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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