



Blue Hills
Federation

ST Marys CE Primary School Newsletter



09.05.25

Half term Monday 26th May 2025

Tuesday 3rd June Exotic zoo visit to Class 1

Thursday 5th June Goblin car race day Year 6

Thursday 12th June Clunbury cross country KS2

Tuesday 17th June Class photos

Thursday 26th June Leavers service @ Hereford Cathedral

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

Thursday 10th July Sports day

Friday 11th July End of term event @Bedstone

Finish for Summer: Friday 18th July 2025



Please help us to raise valuable funds for our school.
Take a look at the text opposite and sign up to
Easyfundraising.

PLANTS: If you have any small herbs or fragrant (child friendly) plants that you would like to donate to our Early Years outdoor area, we would be very grateful.

We're using a great website called
easyfundraising to help raise money
for St Marys Ce Primary School
Bucknell.

easyfundraising is the UK's biggest
charity shopping site and will turn
your everyday online shopping into
FREE donations for us.

All you need to do is sign up and
shop via the **easyfundraising** web-
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for your donations.

Please sign up here:

[https://
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/
causes/st-marys-ce-primary-school](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-marys-ce-primary-school)

Open the Bible

The story of Noah's Ark.



Class News

Preschool

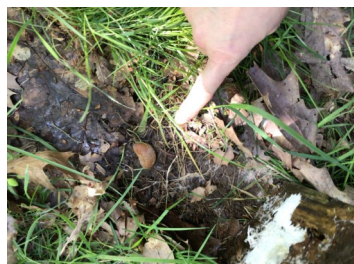
We have been busy bees this week , lots of focus on counting and ordering numbers. We have also been exploring our mini beasts in the outdoor investigation station. The children have been taking care of our plants and flowers, understanding that they need water and sun to help them grow.



Please can we remind parents about sun hats and applying sun cream before school. Can we also ask that children wear appropriate footwear. We have had a few trips and slips due to children wearing unsuitable shoes or trainers.

Class 1

We've been busy this week beginning to think about our term's learning about minibeasts. On Friday, we went out into the Forest School area and the school allotment looking for minibeasts. We were armed with containers and magnifying glasses. The children suggested looking underneath logs and planks as they thought these would be good damp and dark habitats for minibeasts. We found lots of wood lice, worms and slugs, but also centipedes and millipedes... and some flying minibeasts.



Class News

Class 2

Class 2 (and Year 5) news

This week, it has been a delight to have the Year 5 children working with us! We have explored the Grand Canyon within our English work; finishing off with writing postcards from our helicopter or rafting 'visit' through the Colorado River. We have focused on describing the Grand Canyon and ordering information to create paragraphs about this amazing National Park.



Class 3

SATS week :

Well done to our fabulous year 6 pupils who showed such perseverance and confidence in their SATS tests this week. We are very proud of you all!



V.E Day Visit.

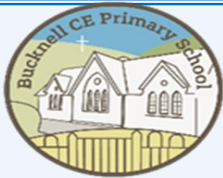
We were so fortunate to have a visit from Mr Christopher Price on Thursday 8th May to celebrate the anniversary of VE Day. Mr Price is a neighbour of our school and came in the afternoon with his son.

Today Mr Price is ninety-nine so of course, he was nineteen on VE day. At the time he was training to be a military engineer and stationed in Kent. He explained that he and several friends all decided to go up to London and were there in Trafalgar Square. Mr Price remembered that it was 'packed, with people shaking hands with people they'd never seen before.' He said that there was some singing and sang us a bit of a song called, 'Bless 'em all'.

Mr Price explained that he had travelled on a troop ship from Southampton to Mumbai (then Bombay) in India. He served as an officer in the Indian army and used his engineering skills building bridges in Malaysia.

We were all very thankful to him for coming into school and sharing his experiences with us. What a wonderful afternoon!





Information for Parents School News



Attendance

Attendance Figures for last week: 5.5.25-9.5.25

Teme (Class 1) 92.36%

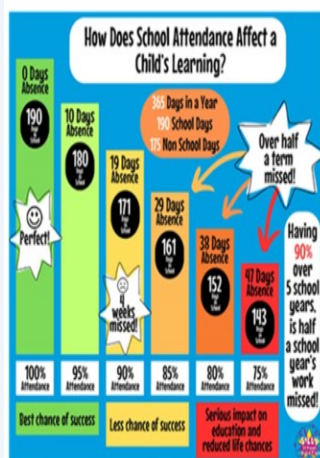
Hales (Class2) 96.59%

Redlake (Class 3) 100%

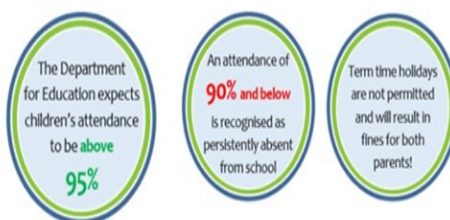
Overall 96.20% Target 96% or better.

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:



Fully Funded
School
Support
Course

Available
in Levels
1, 2 & 3

*Please go to our website
for more detailed
information.

www.studysmartuk.online

We are looking to fill 150+ School Support vacancies in local schools (e.g. SEN Support, Behaviour Mentors, 1-1 Classroom Support, Cover Supervisors etc). These roles are available in both full time and part time positions.

Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.

This is a 6 week course, full time, intensive course, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.
If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.



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/>



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 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



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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.



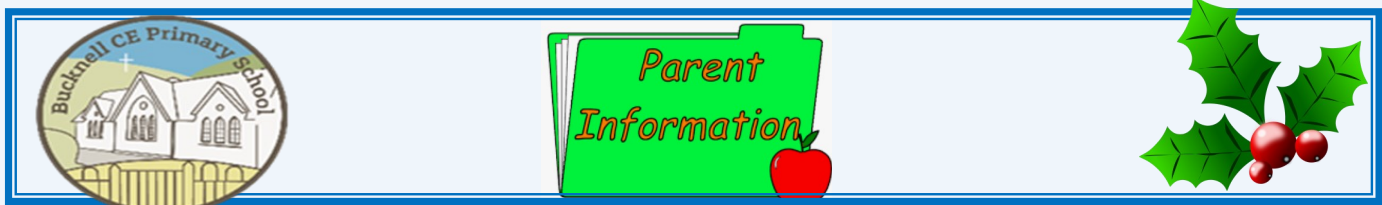
survivor's handbook

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

women's aid
until women & children are safe



Skips Safety Net

Keeping children safe online

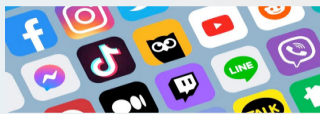
A Parent's Guide to Safety and Privacy Settings



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

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MAY HALF TERM - OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Children's Holiday Club, for 7 - 11 year olds
Available 27th & 29th May | Book Online

£25 per day

Also, Teen Adventure Day: Paintball & High Ropes
Outdoor adventure & fun for all the family
Birthday Parties available
Get in touch to plan your next adventure!

Visit www.oakerwoodleisure.co.uk

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

Health 4 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.

For more information, visit www.health4kids.org.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/>