



**Blue Hills
Federation**

ST Marys CE Primary School Newsletter



22.05.25

Half term Monday 26th May 2025

Tuesday 3rd June Exotic zoo visit to Class 1– pay £5 donation asap

Thursday 5th June Goblin car race day Year 6

Thursday 12th June Federation cross country KS2 at Clunbury

Monday 16th June Crucial Crew Yr 6

Tuesday 17th June Class & Leavers photos

Thursday 26th June Wigmore taster day YR 5

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

Friday 18th July Leavers Service@ Church



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

**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 website or App when you're shopping with over 7,500 brands including eBay, Tesco, Marks & Spencer, Just Eat and more!

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-share&utm_source=Newsletter

Open the Bible

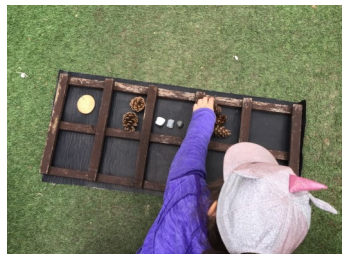


Class News

Preschool

The children have been enjoying our topic on mini beasts, this week was National Bee Week. We have read stories about bees on adventures and noisy bees. We have created our own beehive and honeycombs using sponge painting and shapes.

We have the wonderful experience of tasting locally sourced honey, each child loved it. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Theobalds for letting us taste your honey. We highly recommend it.



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 had a good learning week and have been focusing on life cycles of frogs and butterflies in Science, and starting our learning about Islam in RE. I wanted to share with you some photos of a few of the Year 1s and 2s who designed and made some fantastic vehicles in Design and Technology. After initially thinking about different kinds of vehicles, the children learned about wheels, and axles. They used dowel rod with cardboard cuboids and wheels to make a basic chassis. Then came the fun bit- designing and making their own vehicle.

Avah made a fabulous tractor, Summer made a plane, Tristan made a fire engine with a cherry picker and ladders, and Sofia made a Catmobile!! Finally, the children had to evaluate their models and think about the good things and about what they'd like to improve.



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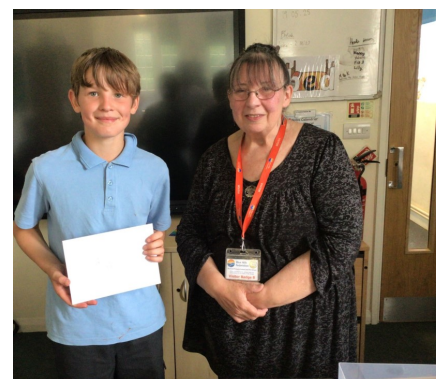
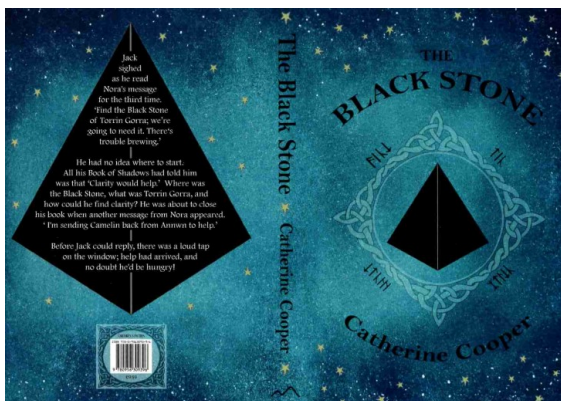
Class 2 News

This week, we have begun exploring the text 'Zeraffa Giraffa' within our Guided Reading sessions. We started by using descriptive language to help our partner draw the setting and main character. During the next session, we used a range of clues to make predictions about the text. Within RE, we have been learning about the story of Pentecost by adding sound effects and flame movements



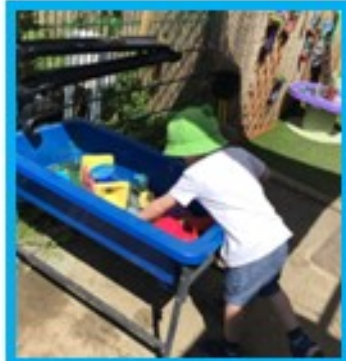
Class 3

Our school author partner, Catherine Cooper, popped in this week to present Fin with his prize from last term's book cover design competition: the design has been used for the cover of her new book, *The Black Stone*. She also announced to the children that she will be working with all of Key Stage Two after half term to write some poetry for a book that she will publish. In other news this week, Year 5 have been tackling decimals and year 6 have been putting the finishing touches to their goblin car in preparation for the next track day at Curborough.





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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.



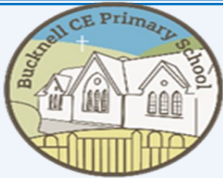
Website: <https://bhf.shropshire.sch.uk/st-marys-primary/>

Tel: 01547 530264

Email: adminbucknell@bhf.shropshire.sch.uk



Please share this with anyone you think it may be of interest to.



Information for Parents School News



Attendance

Attendance Figures for last week: 12.05.25-16.05.25

Teme (Class 1) 94.44%

Hales (Class2) 95.45%

Redlake (Class 3) 98.24%

Overall 96.09% 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 Crookmoor 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 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

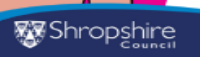
or

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.

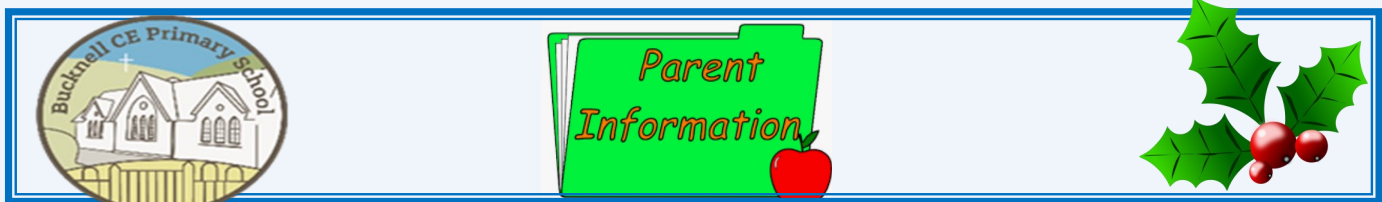


survivor's handbook

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

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

Developed in partnership with:

- Home Office
- Police and Crime Commissioner
- Police and Crime Commissioner

Skips www.skipssafetynet.org

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Health 100 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.

SCHOOL TRENDZ

Take the guesswork out of your first uniform purchase with our **Starter Bundles**

Ordering your first school uniform is now even easier with our Starter Bundles*. Simply choose from our frequent wash day or weekly wash bundle.

Follow the steps below and your uniform will soon be on its way to your chosen delivery address.

- Final your school
- Choose your uniform and accessories*
- Await delivery or Click and Collect

Please note:

*Bundles are at a discounted price. Sizes and colours cannot be mixed per style of item. Frequent wash pack contains 2 sweatshirts or sweatcards and 5 polos. Weekly wash pack contains 3 sweatshirts or sweatcards and 5 polos. The school logo is added as appropriate - see bundle description for details.

Orders can take up to 20 working days during peak summer periods. Order early to avoid delays.

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

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Outdoor adventure & fun for all the family
Birthday Parties available
Get in touch to plan your next adventure!

Visit www.oakerwoodleisure.co.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.

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