



**Blue Hills  
Federation**

# St Marys CE Primary School Newsletter



25th June 2025

**Next Week: Tuesday 2nd July– Year 5&6 Puberty talk**

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

**Friday 4th July reports out to parents**

**Tuesday 8th July: Year 5 taster day @Ludlow**

**Tuesday 8th July: Parent Consultation; 1.30 onwards.**

**Thursday 10th July: Sports day and picnic with parents 12pm**

**Friday 11th July: End of term concert @Bedstone 5.30pm**

**Friday 11th July : Preschool outing to Mickey Millers (letter to follow)**

**Tuesday 15th July :Yr 6 Bowling trip**

**Friday 18th July Leavers Service@ Church 2pm . All welcome.**



## Open the Bible

Class One were the stars of Open The Bible this week in their portrayal of the jealousy that can occur amongst siblings.



**Please can we remind you that if your child arrives late to school, after 9.15 they will need a packed lunch as dinners will have been ordered.**

**Children must have suncream and a sunhat in school. They will have to sit in the shade or stay indoors if they do not.**

**Please ensure that all preschool, dinner, club and trip money is paid up to date before the end of the term, Thank you.**

Parents consultation afternoon;

Tuesday 8 th July: Please contact your child's teacher to make an appointment if you would like to discuss your child's report.



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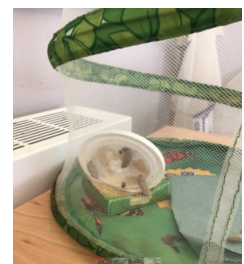
# Class News

## Preschool

This week we have been learning how to keep our hands clean, practising washing using a sponge, soap and water. The children enjoyed making lots of bubbles, then cleaning the germs off their hands in their water tray. The children were very excited to get their hands dirty in the paint before washing it off.

The caterpillars have now been placed into the net, we will wait for them to hatch within the next few days.

Please could we have a baby photo of your child, ready for an activity next week.



## Class One

We've had a really good learning week inside and outside. On Monday morning Sofia was the first to spot that our five cocoons had split apart and there were five butterflies in the net. On Wednesday, during our Forest School session, Mrs Beddoes released them safely out into the wild. It has been great fun seeing the metamorphosis of the tiny caterpillars, into big fat caterpillars who built themselves cocoons and finally changed into butterflies. Everyone who comes into our class has been shown them, including Mr Bennett last Friday.

The Year 1s and 2s have begun a Computing unit of learning about digital writing. If you've got a laptop at home, let them have a try at writing messages using Word.



# Class News

## Class 2 News

On Wednesday, we enjoyed a wonderful day at Clun. Firstly, we were met by a river ranger who spoke to us about river dangers and gathering river samples.

We also used our knowledge of compass directions to locate familiar landmarks and play directional games. After lunch, we drew our own maps and walked up to have a closer look at Clun castle. What a brilliant day we had!



## Class 3 News

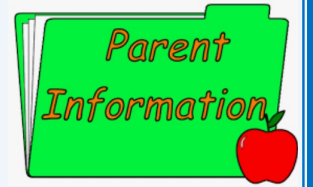
It has been another busy week! Class 3 have recapped their learning about how to use railway crossings correctly and how to stay safe at a train station; this is all part of their learning during Railway Safety Week. We welcomed the year 4s into our class this week as part of 'moving up morning' in preparation for the new class in September. The Year 5s went to Wigmore High School for a taster of life in secondary and the Year 6s enjoyed attending the Diocese's annual leavers service at Hereford Cathedral, which also included a tour of the magnificent building.







## Information for Parents School News



### Attendance

#### Attendance Figures for last week: 16.06.25—20-06.25 June

Teme (Class 1) 93.64%

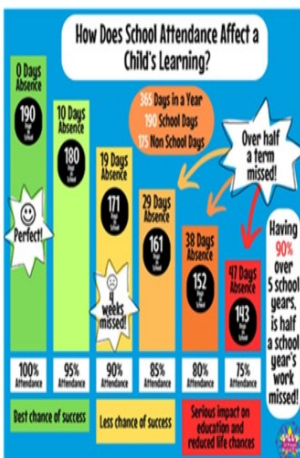
Hales (Class 2) 100%

Redlake (Class 3) 91.33%

Overall 95.35% 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:



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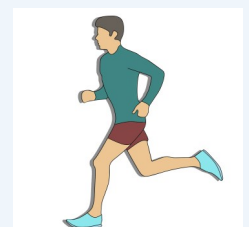
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Sports day 10th July; Please remember to return the slip agreeing to provide a packed/picnic lunch on this day and also please come and join us for a picnic lunch on the school field. The Friends will be on hand with tea and coffee and we will also be holding a raffle, so bring along some change.





## 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](http://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 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am at Croxmoor Primary School, Shrewsbury  
Understanding Your Child Group 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 from 9.00am to 11.00am at Clea Hill Community Primary School  
Understanding Your Child SEND Group 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm at Shrewsbury TBA  
Understanding Your Child Group 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm at Belvidere Primary School, Shrewsbury  
Understanding Your Child Group 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 from 09.30am to 11.30am at Highley Community Primary School  
Understanding Your Child Group 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at St Lucia CofE Primary School, Upton Magna  
Understanding Your Child SEND Group 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 from 09.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams  
Understanding Your Child Group 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) or call 01743 250950

Find more free online courses at: [inourplace.co.uk/shropshire](http://inourplace.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 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm  
Virtually via MS Teams

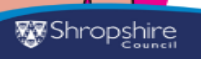
or

Sleep Tight Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



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

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until women & children are safe





## Parent Information

**Skips Safety Net**

Keeping children safe online

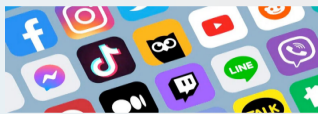
### A Parent's Guide to Safety and Privacy Settings



**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

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**Skips** [www.skipssafetynet.org](http://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 1<sup>ST</sup> 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](mailto:info@oakerwoodleisure.co.uk) to get booked in.

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- We offer many different types of fostering roles, including short-term, parent & child, therapeutic and long-term.
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### FANTASTIC FAMILY DAY OUT...

- Soap Box racing against the clock
- Bouncy Castle & Slide
- The Welsh Axemen
- Rally Car Display
- Lawn Mower Racing
- FOOD & DRINK
- Pig Roast | Jacket Potatoes
- Local Tuddes Sausages
- Pizza Girls | Ice Cream | Bar
- Le Flip Crêperie | Teas & Cakes



**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025 - 10am to 4pm**



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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

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