



**Blue Hills
Federation**

ST Marys CE Primary School Newsletter



10.4.25

Easter half term: Monday 14th April 2025– Friday 25th April

Monday 28th—30th Pioneer Residential Yr 4

Tuesday 29th April Swimming begins

Bank Holiday Monday 5th May

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

Finish for Summer: Friday 18th July 2025



Open the Bible

The story of Judas Iscariot.



Village Vandalism

We have received reports of vandalism at the daffodil lane play area. The Community Council are reluctant to involve the police at this time, but if this continues they will have no option but to report this. This behaviour has stopped children being able to use this play area. Please be mindful about where your children are and what they are doing.

Easter Raffle.

On a much happier note. A huge thank you to all that came and supported our Easter service and raffle, we made £270 which we will use to enhance our outdoor area

Have a lovely Easter, and stay safe.

Please ensure all school payments are made up to date.



Class News

Preschool

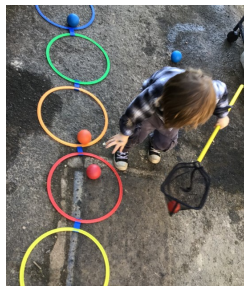
We have reached the end of a busy term, filled with fun and lots of learning, finding out about transport. The children really enjoyed being pilots, flying their plane off to different locations.

We have been working on our outdoor area, listening to the children and their ideas, developing their music station, small world and reading areas.

We will be introducing our new topic, "Mini Beasts", exploring the life cycle of frogs and butterflies and hopefully hatching our own butterflies.

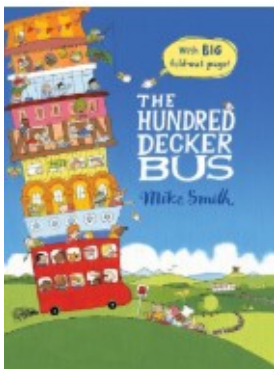
We hope you all have a lovely Easter break.

Miss Evans and Sarah

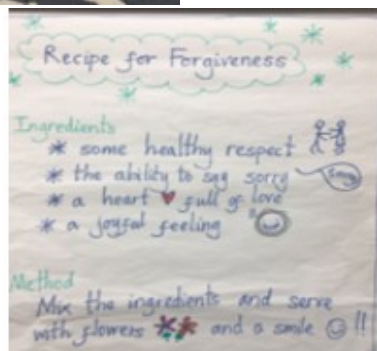
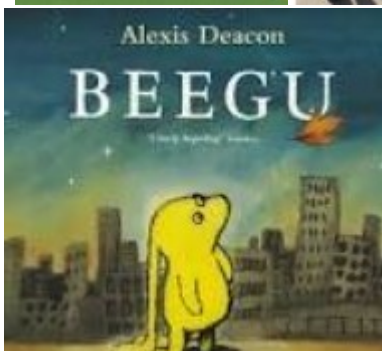


Class1

At our Parents appointment sessions last week lots of the Reception parents saw the drawings their had done of The Hundred Decker Bus. Now, thanks to Mrs McLean, they have made their own Hundred Decker Bus based book. The model bus looks fantastic!



The Year One and Year Two children have finished reading Beegu and role played the reunion between Beegu and her parents. Finally, in RE we have been thinking about Forgiveness, and we've written a Recipe for Forgiveness together.



Class News

Class 2

This week, we visited Bishop's Castle Church to listen to 3 musicians playing the violin, the piano and the guitar. We were then able to try a range of instruments ourselves. Everyone really enjoyed this wonderful experience.

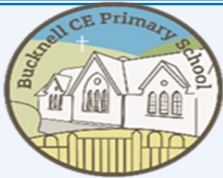


Class 3

The year 6s of our federation have had a fantastic time at Arthog this week experiencing a range of outdoor activities from gorge walking to rock climbing and canoeing! Each child showed great perseverance and at times, much courage, to participate in the challenges set for them by the group leader. It was wonderful to see their confidence develop throughout the trip and also observe their skills in both managing themselves independently but also within a team. Their behaviour was exemplary and we hope that they have enjoyed creating special memories within their final year of primary school.

Meanwhile, the year 5s have been busy back at school continuing with their learning about Malala Yousafzai. They have also been creating Mayan masks.





Information for Parents School News



Attendance

Attendance Figures for last week: 31.03.25-04.04.25

Teme (Class 1) 86.11%

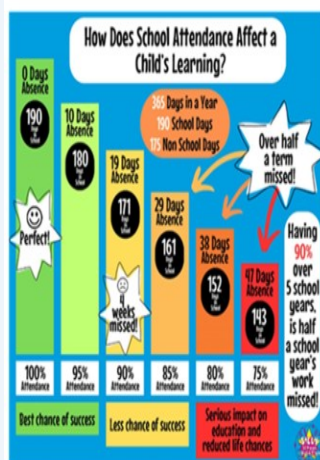
Hales (Class 2) 94.00%

Redlake (Class 3) 100%

Overall 93.11% 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)

BCCASTEELCRICKET

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter icons

Reminders

Please ensure your child has a sunhat and has applied suncream during the warm weather. We are unable to apply to your children but can assist them in applying.

Uniform the majority of our children come to school very smartly and adhere to the school uniform policy, please could all parents ensure that children wear the correct uniform, including the correct PE kit and hairstyles.

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.



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 Cle 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



Parent Information



Skips Safety Net

Keeping children safe online

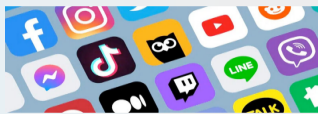
A Parent's Guide to Safety and Privacy Settings



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



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Tel: 01952 916 002 Web: www.nexusfostering.co.uk/Telford



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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



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

EASTER HOLIDAY FUN!!
Children's Holiday Club, for 7 - 11 yr olds
£25 per day in 2025 | Book Online

16th, 17th, 22nd & 25th April

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

**STARTING 28TH MARCH
5.30 - 6.30 AT TREFY RFC
JUNIOR TOUCH RUGBY**

**ALL GENDERS
AGES 10 - 15**

CALL OR MESSAGE
DAREN HIPGRAVE 07581 041955



Speedwell dance presents

THE MOUNTAIN WITCH

**Leintwardine Centre
Wednesday April 23rd 8pm**

A playful, inclusive performance for children aged 3-8 and their grown-ups

"Joyful, immersive and mesmerising. Truly wonderful!"
AUDIENCE FEEDBACK

**Tickets £5 from Griffiths Garage
or on line at Arts4live.co.uk
(search Mountain Witch)**

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

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