



More Clunbury Sporting Success! ★★★★★

This week, Mrs Chorley and I were treated to another Clunbury sporting masterclass. We took 8 of our children to Ludlow Rugby Club to play in the South Shropshire School Games T1 Rugby event.



Our first game of the day was against a very strong Clee Hill side. The sides were so evenly matched that the game finished 0:0. The new T1 rugby rules slow the play down quite a lot which helped us defensively but restricted us on the attack making it really difficult to score against well organised sides.

The second match was a comfortable 4:1 victory against St Laurence's Ludlow with tries coming from Alfie, Emma, Charlie and Koa. We eased past Clebury Mortimer 5:0 with tries from the same four players but this time Alfie bagged himself 2.



In the final group game, we played Burford. This game proved very close and it took a try in very last minute of the game from Koa to give us a 1:0 victory. We probably should have won by more but there were a few questionable refereeing decisions with the opposition tagging players whilst in offside positions, but we still managed to win so we'll let that go ...

Our unbeaten route through the group (with only conceding a single try) meant that we were through to the semi-finals to play against St Lawrence's Church Stretton. This game proved extremely close, and we relied on yet another last minute try to separate the teams. Ross Burton cut a lovely line down the blindside to take the defence by surprise and sprinted through to give us a 1:0 victory and a place in final.

The final was against Stokesay and it was to prove an extremely tight match. After ten minutes of normal play, the score was 0:0 so we were forced to continue playing until one team scored and won with a 'golden try'. With the teams being so evenly matched, we were locked in a repeated cycle of both teams making it all the way up to the seventh tackle which then meant the play turned over. Eventually, the ball popped out to Emma on the wing who had enough space to open up her legs and sprint from halfway line away from all the defenders and score the winning try. Cue Clunbury celebrations for the second week running. In the words of Koa Tomlins, 'The first time was so nice, we had to do it twice.'

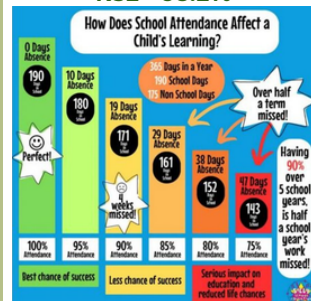
It was a really warm afternoon weather wise and the children all showed excellent fitness as well as skill throughout. We only had one substitute and played six matches with a total playing time of about one and half hours without any breaks at all. All of the players contributed excellently in both defence and attack.

The bad news. Unfortunately, the county finals for the rugby and netball happens to be on the same morning at the same time. Therefore, because most of the children who played the rugby are also in the netball team, I had to make a very tough decision as to which sport we would take part in at the county finals. For a few different reasons, I've opted for netball this time around. The netball finals are now only two weeks away so you'll find out how we get on just before half term. ★★★★★ **Mr Griffiths**

ATTENDANCE matters

Attendance since start of the Autumn Term 2025:

Whole school - 95.2%
Early Years & KS1 - 97.7%
KS2 - 93.2%



ParentGUIDES

This fortnight's issue guide features:

ENCOURAGING READING

FRIENDSgroup

The Friends of Clunbury School are an amazing group of parents and carers who raise much needed funds for our school. The money raised is spent on equipment and activities that enrich school life.

FREEschoolMEALS

If you think your family may be eligible for free school meals, please apply asap. Successful applications are then given Pupil Premium funding, funding that can be used to purchase school uniform or pay for school trips. Please apply at: **Free School Meals**



The new school messaging number

+44 7860 032 673
 Please update your contacts as we will no longer receive messages sent to the old number. Thank you.

The Ice Queen of Clun

Zosia looking amazing dressed up as Frozette the Ice Queen for the Green Man Festival in Clun last week.



Football Season Medals

Well done to Riley and Oliver for playing their final match of the season for Ludlow U8s. They were awarded medals for their participation this season.

Please keep your photos coming in!



15.05.26 Dinner menu 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday Rainbow Day
am			C2 Discovery Centre	Netball Finals	Whole School PE
pm				C1 Forest School	Whole School Music
Club	Art	Craft/Hot Choc	Cookery	Movie/Goblin	Sports

DON'T FORGET ...

Everyday things to remember:

- waterproof coat
- sun hat
- sunscreen
- water bottle



DIARYdates ... Due to unforeseen circumstances, dates may change from time to time.

Wednesday 20 th May	C2 Discovery Centre trip	Monday 8 th June	Y6 Kooth Assembly
Thursday 21 st May	Netball Finals	Wednesday 10 th June	Shropshire Sings
Friday 22 nd May	Rainbow Day	Thursday 11 th June	Sports Day
Mon 25 th - Fri 29 th	May Half term	Wednesday 17 th June	STEM Day CCBC
Thursday 4 th June	Y6 Goblin Car Curborough	Thursday 18 th June	Y6 Crucial Crew

MentalHealthWELLBEING:

These services offer confidential support from trained volunteers. You can talk about anything that's troubling you, no matter how difficult:

SAMARITANS

ChildLine
0800 1111

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The Clunbury Vision
 'Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their lives.'
 Proverbs 22:6 The Good News Bible

Our Values
 Trust and Truth, Joy and Happiness, Love and Respect, Thankfulness, Friendship and Family, Perseverance and Resilience

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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2025. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

1 VALUE ALL READING

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel; however, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand, why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Jot down all reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.

2 WIDEN THE SELECTION

Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.

3 GIFT A BOOK

One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or pick one you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.

4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS

Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as Authorly and Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live.

5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Access training about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of this topic and, more importantly, how to develop it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.

6 TALK BOOKS

There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our book; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the connection.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.

8 GO DIGITAL

With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can aid and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, translate, and track their reading goals with resources like Polyfino and apps like Goodreads for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.

9 RECONNECT

There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the next piece of reading material that sparks their current interests. The National Year of Reading focus of 'Go All In' captures this well as it is their key theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.

10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Share why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

Meet Our Expert

Carl Pattison is a literacy advisor and early reading expert at The National College. Through his programmes, he supports schools to enhance reading and writing. In addition to his independent work, he also works for a large academy trust in the East Midlands as the strategic lead for their English Hub and Literacy Excellence Centre.



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Summer Term 2026 School Dinner Menu

Week 3 menu commencing: Monday 13th April 2026

Dinners cost £2.50 each and will be charged to your child's School Money account. Please pay for your child's school dinners promptly on a weekly basis and not let accounts go into arrears. Children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and children in receipt of Pupil Premium will not be charged for school dinners.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Main	Meatballs in Italian sauce	Beef burger	Roast chicken with stuffing	Breaded chicken with sweet & sour sauce	Star fishcakes
	Veg	Mashed potatoes, peas & sweetcorn	Wedges & farmhouse veg	Roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots & gravy	Rice & mixed veg	Chips, peas & baked beans
	Pudding	Chocolate shortbread	Vanilla iced sponge	Shortbread with fruits of the forest compote	Lemon & lime drizzle	Coconut & cherry flapjack
2	Main	Beef pasta bake	Sausage roll	Roast beef & Yorkshires	Chicken curry	Cheese & tomato pizza
	Veg	Peas & sweetcorn	Wedges & farmhouse veg	Mashed potatoes, broccoli, carrots & gravy	Rice & mixed veg	Chips, peas & baked beans
	Pudding	Fudge crunch	Chocolate iced sponge	Strawberry jelly	Sticky, toffee pudding	Carrot & orange cake
3	Main	Sticky BBQ chicken goujons	Sausages & gravy	Roast chicken & stuffing	Meatballs in tomato sauce	Salmon Fishcake
	Veg	Diced crispy potatoes	Mashed potatoes & farmhouse veg	Roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots & gravy	Rice & mixed veg	Chips, peas & baked beans
	Pudding	Vanilla crunch	Cornflake crunchie	Blueberry shortbread	Toffee apple flapjack	Chocolate malt brownie

Help raise money for school when you're shopping, it's so easy ...



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every time you shop online

Search for us on: easyfundraising.org.uk

8,000+ online retailers will give us a free donation when you shop with them at no extra cost to you

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Excellent 
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Clunbury CE Primary School



Job Vacancy: Teaching Assistant Level 3
Position start date: Tuesday 1st September 2026

Grade 6: point 8 - 11 (£13.90 - £14.59 per hour depending on experience)
Fixed Term (in the first instance) to 31/07/2027

The position is Monday to Friday, 8:30-15:30, 30 hours per week

We are seeking to appoint a skilled and committed Level 3 Teaching Assistant to join our federation team. The successful candidate will be an experienced, enthusiastic and adaptable practitioner, primarily working within an Upper Key Stage 2 classroom while also supporting learning across the wider school.

Application form and further information can be found on the school website: [Staff Vacancies](#)

Visits are warmly welcomed. To arrange please contact Lead Teacher Kathryn Jones; jones.k@bhf.shropshire.sch.uk

For further information, please contact the school office: telephone 01588 660 207 or email adminclunbury@bhf.shropshire.sch.uk



Blue Hills Federation

www.bhf.shropshire.sch.uk



Friends of Clunbury School

RAINBOW DAY

Friday 22nd May



Children are invited to come to school dressed in non uniform (P.E. suitable) rainbow colours.

In return for non uniform we ask for each child to bring in one or two items in their allocated class colours.

All items will be used to make up rainbow hampers for the sports day raffle!



Nursery & Class 1 Green, Yellow & Pink

Wear any colours!

Class 2 Orange & Blue
Class 3 Red & Purple



Examples: confectionary, drinks, toiletries, savoury foods, toys, stationery, gifts, household items, etc.

Please no use by dates before August 2026.



Arbor Day

Aston on Clun

1pm - Sun. 31st May 2026

1pm at The Arbor Tree For The Blessing & Music

Stalls, Entertainment Family Friendly & More

Village Fete & Dog Show

Updates and more info on [Arbor Day](https://www.facebook.com/ArborDay)
arbordayaoc@gmail.com www.aoc-arbortree.net

Calling all Children.....

One of our competitions this year is for best fancy dress for Under 12's based on Best Historical Character!

Judging will be on the day with winner announced at The Village Hall at 3pm.

Bishops Castle Cricket Club



JUNIOR CRICKET PROGRAMME 2026

Fun, fast & social game suitable for all abilities

**STARTS MONDAY 11TH MAY (9 WEEKS)
 AT BCCC - THE MANOR GROUND
 (SY9 5HA)**



Reception-Year 3 - 5:15-6:00pm

Year 4-Year 11 - 6:00-7:00pm

To register your child contact Caitlin Moulder

Whatsapp / Text / Phone - 07983460877

Email - caitlinperry@hotmail.co.uk

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Junior Membership £50
 (Additional discounts for siblings)



BCASTLECRICKET



GIRLS TOUCH RUGBY!

FUN, FRIENDLY & FULL OF ENERGY!

LADIES ALSO WELCOME!

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✓ MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- ✓ STAY ACTIVE
- ✓ LEARN NEW SKILLS
- ✓ HAVE A GREAT TIME!

JOIN US!
FRIENDLY & IDEAL FOR NEW PLAYERS

FOR AGES 8+

EVERY WEDNESDAY 6PM - 7PM

LUDLOW RUGBY CLUB
MINI & JUNIORS

Half Term Holiday Clubs

09:00 - 15:00

For children aged 5 to 11, our holiday clubs are open to all abilities with a focus on fun and sports! Groups of mixed age and ability.

Shrewsbury

The Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST
 Tuesday 26th May
 Wednesday 27th May
 Thursday 28th May
 Friday 29th May

01743 289177 opt 6
 admin@foundationstfc.co.uk
 foundationstfc.co.uk/fun

Scan the QR code or visit our website to book, single day from £18.00.

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FOR YOUNG ENGINEERS AGES 7+

"REALLY GREAT CHILDREN'S THEATRE"
Exeunt, on We're Stuck

"RIVETING, FUNNY AND THOUGHTFUL"
The Guardian, on Arthur

Sat 30th May, 11am
 SpArC Theatre, Bishops Castle, SpArC Theatre, SY9 5AY
 Tickets: Adults £10, Child £7.50, Family £35
 www.artsalive.co.uk
 01588 638038

Touring with... arts alive

STARS AND PLANETS

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May

Get ready for an out-of-this-world adventure during May Half Term!

Create your own constellations, make a personal tin can planetarium and learn how different cultures have seen the patterns in the stars. Discover the distance to the nearest stars related to your age. Walk the distance between the sun and the earth and learn how things weigh differently on each planet and more.

£5 per accompanied 4-11 year old

For more info, times and to book, head to our website

Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre
 Open Daily, 10am-5pm
 School Road, Craven Arms
 01588 676060

South Shropshire Gymnastics
Club



South Shropshire Gymnastics
Club



May Half Term Holiday Sessions

Everyone welcome -
members and non-members

Sessions running:

Thursday 28th & Friday 29th May

Classes running for all ages - 14 months - 16 years

Located at SSGC in Ludlow (next to Pets at Home)

Please contact Laura (southshropsgymclub@gmail.com) if you have
any questions or go our website to sign up -
www.ssgymnasticclub.com

New Weekday Preschool Classes Spaces Available

Preschool Age 3 - 4 years

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (11:15-12:00)
& Saturday (10:15-11:00)



Location - Great Oaks Business Park, Ludlow (next to
Pets @ Home)

Please contact Laura (southshropsgymclub@gmail.com) if you have
any questions or go our website to sign up -
www.ssgymnasticclub.com



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MAY HALF TERM

FILMS

The Devil Wears Prada 2 (12A)

Fri 22 May 7.30pm

Sat 23 May 8pm (Film & Fizz night)

Mon 25 & Tue 26 May 7.30pm

Wed 27 May 2pm

Magic Faraway Tree (U)

Tue 26 May 11.30am

Sat 27 June 2pm

The Sheep Detectives (PG)

Sat 23 May 5pm

Mon 25 May 2pm

Tue 26 May 2pm

Wed 27 May 11.30am

WORKSHOP

Shield Making for Ludlow History Festival

Wed 27 May 2-3 & 3-4pm @ Ludlow Library

Thu 28 May 2-3 & 3-4pm @ St.Laurence's Church

Fri 29 May 10-11am & 11-12pm @ Assembly Rooms

More information and booking:
ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk
Box Office: 01584 878 141



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8 Aug 11am & 2pm

KID CARPET & THE NOISY ANIMALS PRESENT
Jack & the Beanstalk (Sort of)



Tickets: £12 (U2s FREE)
Suitable for ages: 3 - 10
ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk
Box Office: 01584 878 141





Protect our children!

Parents and guardians: Our kids are now most commonly abused online, via their mobile phones and games consoles. Do you know how to keep your kids safe?

Learn more about the dangers of kids being online and how you can keep them safe. Join our free one hour online parent awareness session to give yourself a head start in an ever changing digital world.

Scan the QR code to find out more about our awareness training and to sign up to one of our free sessions or go to www.westmercia.police.uk/exploitworkshops



Worried about your child's health?

Think 'Pharmacy First'

You can now get treatment for a variety of common conditions and minor illnesses from your local community pharmacy.

Your pharmacy can help with:

- Earache (ages 1-17)
- Infected insect bites (from age 1)
- Impetigo (from age 1)
- Sore throat (from age 5)
- Hay fever (all ages)
- Conjunctivitis (all ages)

If you don't know whether a pharmacist can help with what you need, give them a call first or just pop in.

If you get a prescription through your pharmacy, you'll never pay more than if you had seen your GP.

SPRING TERM SEND MEET & CHAT FAMILY DROP-IN

Hosted by Shropshire Early Help

Do you care for a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

These sessions are open to anyone supporting a child with SEND — whether you're a parent carer, family member, or professional.

Come along to ask questions, get practical advice, and connect with professionals who understand your journey

Speak with experts in:

- EHCPs
- School support
- Health and wellbeing
- Social care
- Mental health
- Navigating SEND challenges

Each session will have different professionals available, so come along, have a chat, and find the help you need.

LUDLOW - HELENA LANE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tuesday 20th January 2026
12:30pm-14:30pm

Helena Lane Community Centre, 20 Hamlet Rd, Ludlow, SY8 2NP

SHREWSBURY THE LANTERN

Thursday 19th February 2026
10:00am-12:00pm

The Lantern, Meadow Farm drive, Shrewsbury, SY1 4NG

MARKET DRAYTON RAVEN HOUSE

Tuesday 24th March 2026
13:00pm-15:00pm

Raven House, 129 Cheshire Street, Market Drayton TF9 3AH

HAVE YOUR SAY!
Scan the QR code to suggest topics and activities for future drop-in sessions.

20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day will...

Improve focus and concentration

Develop a love for learning

Have a world of imagination and creativity opened to them

Learn how to develop empathy

Have stronger writing skills

Have a broad vocabulary

Improve test results

Improve critical thinking skills

Improve and strengthen memory

Have better general knowledge

Improve communication skills

Have reduced stress levels

Be exposed to 1.8 million words a year

Understanding Your Child

From Toddler to Teen

"I met others going through the same things. It really helped me feel less alone."

"The group boosted my confidence as a parent."

Join our friendly, relaxed group!

Parenting can be full of ups, downs, big feelings and lots of learning — for both you and your child! Come and join us as we chat about what's going on for you and your family. Together we'll make sense of tricky moments and share simple ideas that can make life calmer and more positive.

Upcoming Sessions (once a week over 10 weeks, excl. half terms and bank holidays)

- 13th April 2026 - 12.45–2.45pm – Belvedere Primary School, Shrewsbury (SY2 5YB)
- 13th April 2026 - 1.00–3.00pm – Ludlow Primary School (SY8 1HG)
- 15th April 2026 - 9.30–11.30am – Pontesbury Primary School (SY5 0TF)
- 15th April 2026 - 1.00–3.00pm – Wilfred Owen School, Shrewsbury (SY2 5SH)
- 15th April 2026 - 5.00–7.00pm – Online via MS Teams

What We'll Talk About

- Communicating and building connection with your child
- Routines like sleep and bedtime and any other routines you have as a family
- Understanding behaviour and big emotions
- Child development and how you can support it

Want to Join Us?

Email: parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

Call: 01743 250950

Visit: [The Parenting Team | Shropshire Council](#)



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Join our friendly, free group for parents and carers of children with SEND. Connect with others, deepen your understanding of your child, and explore what's going well and what you'd like to change. Small changes make big differences!

Upcoming Sessions (once a week over 10 weeks, excl. half terms and bank holidays)

- 13th April 2026 - 10.00am–12.00pm – Online via MS Teams
- 16th April 2026 - 1.00pm–3.00pm – St Lucia's School, Upton Magna (SY4 4TZ)
- 17th April 2026 - 9.30am–11.30am – Whittington Primary School, (SY11 4DA)

SEND groups are for parents/carers of children who may have special educational needs or disabilities. No formal diagnosis is needed.

What We'll Talk About

- Communication and building confidence in your relationship with your child
- Exploring routines such as sleep and bedtime
- Understanding behaviour and emotional regulation
- Child development and ways you can support it

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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 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

Sleep Tight Universal Group 24th April 2026 from 10.00am to 12.00pm
Virtually Via MS Teams

Sleep Tight SEND Group 12th June 2026 from 10.00am to 12.00pm
at The Keystone Academy, Squinter Pip Way, Shrewsbury, SY3 8XQ

The groups run for 5 weeks excluding the school holidays and bank holidays. Groups with SEND are suitable 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 out more here



Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

01743 250950

Mon - Thurs, 9.30am - 4.30pm
Fri, 9.30am - 3.30pm

No judgment, just support. For **all** Shropshire families, including those whose children have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)

