



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Wishing you all a very Happy Easter - see you on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

Reminders: no afterschool clubs first week back after Easter Holidays. Dinner menu is week 3

The Easter refreshments raised an amazing £198! Thank you to everyone for your continued support :) 🥚🥚🥚

## CLASSONE

We have had a wonderful term learning all about Castles! We found out about all the different parts of a castle and also about the lives of people who lived in a castle. In class, we made a brilliant, large 3D castle to role play in and help embed our new vocabulary. It was lovely to go and visit Ludlow Castle where we could put our learning into practice and spot all the parts of the castle and develop our understanding about how castles could be defended from attackers. We also spent some time focusing on the traditional story of Jack and



the Beanstalk where the children planted their own beans to grow (hopefully they are continuing to grow at home). We also did a whole class retell of the story with the children taking on the different roles and using props.



During the term Year 1 and 2 have enjoyed their focus book of The Dragon Machine where the children created their own machines and wrote their own stories based on the book. We also had a look at the poem The Owl and the Pussycat, which the children have enjoyed reciting and learning about the importance of rhythm and rhyme. Nursery and Reception have continued their learning of Nursery Rhymes such as Humpty Dumpty. In Maths, we have been measuring and weighing objects and learning about capacity. We have also practiced counting in 2s, 5s and 10s which Year 2 have extended into times tables.

In Science, we have been learning all about materials and their properties. We conducted lots of experiments including floating and sinking, absorbency and transparent or opaque. As Spring approached and the slightly better weather, we began to learn about the signs of spring, which the children enjoyed spotting up at Forest School. We have talked about and identified different spring flowers including daffodils, crocuses and the blossom growing on the trees.



We have also been very busy this term with World Book Day, St David's Day, Shrove Tuesday, Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and Mother's Day. During these times, the children learnt about the special days and created wonderful art for them from painting and drawing daffodils to create moveable dragons. We also had some delicious pancakes, which we cooked outside.

At the end of term, we have been celebrating Easter! We have had lots of fun hunting eggs, creating cards and baking Easter nest eggs. We have also been learning about the story of Easter and the importance of it to Christians.

Thank you for all continued support at home with reading and also for the fabulous Show and Tells this term. It has been lovely learning about what the children get up to out of school as well as seeing their learning in school being extended at home. Our new way of inviting children to take part has really made a huge difference in the amount the children get out of the time.



Chinese Dragon

Have a very happy Easter and we will see you in the new term!

**Miss Deane**

# CLASSTWO

Happy Easter, everyone!



What a wonderful term it has been for Class 2! We've had fun, laughter, sunshine, rain, snow—and almost every type of weather in between. Through it all, the children have remained enthusiastic, curious and an absolute joy to teach.

Our topic this term has been a real hit, with the Stone Age proving particularly popular. One child even announced, "I just don't know what kind of -ologist I want to be!" – a brilliant problem to have. It has been lovely to see the children engage so deeply with their learning and ask thoughtful questions as their understanding has grown.



As many of you know, we were visited by Ofsted in February. We apologise that the report has not yet been released; there have been delays due to the new framework. As soon as we receive it, we will share it with you straight away. We are incredibly proud of all the children, and we hope the final report reflects their fantastic efforts.

Across the curriculum, the children have worked extremely hard. We have focused on handwriting, presentation and spelling, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence improve. In maths, Year 3 have become increasingly secure with fractions—an impressive achievement for children so young.



World Book Day was another highlight of the term. The children arrived bursting with excitement, dressed as characters from their favourite stories. We enjoyed a whole day of reading activities, book quizzes, paired reading with younger pupils and a wonderfully creative costume parade. It was fantastic to see the children talking passionately about books, authors and stories. Their enthusiasm truly showed how important reading is in our school community.



Our Easter egg hunt was, shall we say... wet, wild and windy! Despite the soggy conditions, the children showed great resilience and had a brilliant time hunting for clues. A huge thank you must go to the Friends for their support with the Easter eggs and for funding new equipment for the children to use each day. Without their generosity, many of these memorable experiences simply wouldn't be possible. Looking ahead, we are already excited about next term. We are hoping to visit the Discovery Centre to deepen our understanding of the Bronze Age and Iron Age—our next topic. Fingers crossed the weather is a little kinder for that trip!



Finally, a heartfelt thank you for supporting your children with daily reading, practising maths facts and everything else you do behind the scenes. Your efforts make a tremendous difference. I would also like to thank the staff who have stepped in and supported our class this half-term, especially Mrs Burns, Mrs Chorley and Mrs Saunders. We are very fortunate to have such skilled and flexible teaching assistants. Wishing you all a very happy Easter. We hope the weather is kind, and we look forward to seeing you again in two weeks!

**Mrs Jones**



# CLASSTHREE

This term the children have been working extremely hard in a range of curriculum subject areas. The children have continued to work hard with their spellings, times tables and reading both in school and at home. Almost all the children are now times table experts but any extra practise and support on spellings and reading at home would be appreciated as these do remain areas of challenge for lots of our children.

The Year 5/6 children particularly enjoyed our English work about Shackleton and Antarctica in the first half term. All of the class have been engrossed in our class text 'Skandar and the Unicorn Thief' and hopefully we will get around to finishing it early on next term. The Year 5/6 children have also done fabulously well reading the Shropshire Bookfest books and submitting work to the film trailer, art and letter writing competitions. In maths, we have worked hard to make progress with a range of areas including fractions, decimals, percentages, perimeter, area, volume and coordinates.

In science, the children have learnt all about the human heart and started to learn a little bit about the properties of materials. The children have worked hard with Mrs Burns learning about activism in art, building prototypes of marble runs in DT and continued their development of their French language skills.

In geography the children have learnt lots about mountains around the world. Whilst in history we have already started looking at the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings which we will continue after Easter. The children all seemed to enjoy learning about spreadsheets and how to format them (although a few did find this quite frustrating!). Our Islam unit in RE was also extremely popular with the children developing a much stronger knowledge of another religion. In particular, the work they did on Hajj was very well done.

There of course have been numerous other things going on this term, such as the Year 4 residential, our netball and swimming fixtures, the Easter service and the ongoing Year 6 preparation for their SATs.

There will be lots more fun and exciting goings on after Easter to look forward to.

I hope everyone has a very restful Easter holidays.

**Mr Griffiths**



## Y4 Pioneer Residential 2026



# SPORTINGNEWS

We would like to say a massive **THANK YOU** to the Friends for purchasing some dart boards for the children to learn a new sport. It's been a huge success so far and may even become a new afterschool club!



## Church Stretton Netball Tournament

On Wednesday, we took seven of our Year 5/6s to participate in the School Games Netball tournament at Church Stretton Secondary School. This marks one whole year since we started taking our netball quite seriously here at Clunbury and the progress we have made in that time is just amazing. Despite awful weather conditions (rain, wind, snow and hail) our team managed to win all four of the matches without conceding a single goal!

The team showed great perseverance and resilience. Firstly, in the horrific outdoor weather conditions and then again once we'd relocated to the sports hall where the posts and nets were an extra 3 foot higher than the normal posts we play on.

Our results were as follows:

Clunbury 4 – Stokesay B 0

Clunbury 5 – Stokesay A 0

Clunbury 4 – St Lawrence's 0

Clunbury 2 – Cleobury Mortimer 0

A massive well done to Emma, Charlie, Annabelle, Koa, Ross, Ava and Josie. The victory means we move forward to the South Shropshire finals after Easter on the 29<sup>th</sup> April. Details will be sent out nearer the time.



Mr Griffiths

## Ludlow Swimming Gala 2026

Last Wednesday, I had the great pleasure of taking some of our KS2 children to Ludlow for the annual Teme Leisure Swimming Gala. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents that came to watch and support the children. There were nearly 300 children swimming in total from 12 different local schools.

Out of the 12 schools we finished a very credible 4<sup>th</sup> place and were actually ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the small school category for the second year in a row.

Times were recorded for all races and the top 6 children in Year 5/6 for each race got to go again in the finals. There were also relay races for the older children to participate in. The full results and times have been published on the Teme Leisure Facebook page so you can take a closer look at all the placings and timings there.

All the children were impeccably behaved and swam superbly (resulting in a very sore throat for myself from all the shouting) but there were a few standout results:

Charlie, despite being a Year 5 in mixed Year 5/6 races, managed to bag himself second place in both the Front Crawl and Back Crawl.

Emma, eager to improve on her 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes last year, managed to bag herself first place in both the Front Crawl and Back Crawl.

For the second year in a row, we managed to also win the Year 5/6 Girls Freestyle Relay. (Well done to Emma, Ava, Lois and Josie.)



Last year our 6-person canon relay team managed to win the Julie Link Memorial Cup and bring the trophy home. Unfortunately, this year the Bishop Hooper team were just too strong for us; however, the children still claimed a very impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> place (beating all of the 'Big' schools!). Well done to Emma, Charlie, Franky, Ava, Josie and Josh!

By my reckoning that gives us 3 Gold Medals and 3 Silver Medal finishes – not bad for a morning's swimming at all!

Mr Griffiths



# PICTURE HOUSE

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**HOPPERS**

ludlow  
assemblyrooms

3 - 10 April

## A DISCOVERY SPRING CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB

At Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms

Explore the Onny Meadows as we learn about and enjoy nature. Create things using natural materials and make dens as well as starting plants on their growing journey. Head inside for some quiet time of creative activities, playing games and enjoying books. Some sessions will include cooking.

For ages 4 to 11 years (reception- year 6)

Booking essential  
call 01588 676 060

Part of the Shropshire Council  
HAF programme.

Free with a voucher code,  
£14 per day without.  
Includes a cooked lunch and a snack.

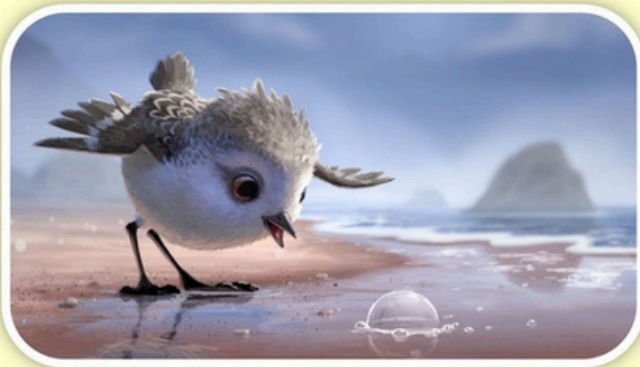
Tuesday 31st March  
Thursday 2nd April

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> &  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

9am til 1pm



This opportunity is provided as part of the government's expanded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme being delivered across Shropshire. Funded by the Department for Education. To find out more, view the 'What's On' guide and sign up to the HAF newsletter go to: [www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf)



## SPRING FAMILY FUN

Short Animated films  
followed by a crafty by making session  
Thursday 2nd April 10.00-12.00

Guidance and all materials with plenty of freedom to create.

Under 8's must be accompanied by a willing helper  
Accompanying adults please book a free place

(so we can make sure there's enough seating for the film)

Children £3.50 or 2 FOR £6.00

[www.sparctheatre.co.uk](http://www.sparctheatre.co.uk)

Sparc Theatre, Brampton Rd, Bishop's Castle SY9 5AY 01588 638038



Oaker Wood

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# EASTER HOLIDAYS

30<sup>th</sup> March - 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## Swim School Gala

11:30am-3.30pm Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Wave 3+ Please ensure you have collected your letter from reception



**Aqua Runner pool inflatable**  
Pool inflatable obstacle course  
6-15 years. £6.00  
1:30-2:30pm Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

pre-booking is required for the aqua runner and arts and crafts

**Book your place NOW!**



**Powys U17 Free Swim**  
1-2pm Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
2-3pm Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
2-3pm Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April  
2-3pm Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

## Arts and Crafts

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 9am-3pm  
bring a packed lunch and drinks  
£20.00



**Knighton Sports Centre**  
Tel: 01547529187







# EASTER CRAFT EVENT

Join us for lots of fun free activities for all ages

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**  
1.30pm until 3.30pm

**Helena Lane Community Centre,**  
20 Hamlet Road, Ludlow, SY8 2NP




[shropshire.gov.uk/early-help](http://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help)








# EASTER


## 2026 OPENING HOURS

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 8am - 12.30pm  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 8am - 12.30pm  
Easter Monday - Closed  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Open as Usual



# Meningitis and septicaemia



**Severe headache**

**Stiff neck**


**Rapid breathing**

**Seizures/ fits**

**High temperature**

**Drowsy or difficult to wake**

**Cold hands and feet**



**Dislike of bright light**

**Confusion and/ or irritability**

**Vomiting/ diarrhoea**

**Stomach cramps**

**Rash/ bruising rash**

**Pale blotchy skin**


**Joint or muscle pain**

**Meningitis can kill in hours**


These are just some of the warning signs. If you are worried for yourself or someone else get medical help immediately. Call NHS 111.

**Find out more:**

Find out about the MenACWY vaccine  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine/)



Signs and symptoms of meningitis and septicaemia  
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