

# Clunbury CE Primary School and rural nursery



Blue Hills  
Federation

## NEWSLETTER

23.05.25



IF YOU MISS A NEWSLETTER, YOU CAN FIND THEM ALL ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

### HAVE A WONDERFUL HALF TERM!



**SUNSCREEN & SUN HATS** Please can all children have a labelled sun hat and sunscreen in school at all times during the summer term.



### RAINBOW DAY

The kids all looked fantastic today! Thank you all for your donations and efforts :)

### School Attendance - since start of Summer Term

Early Years &  
KS1: 95.0 %  
KS2: 95.6 %



### PARENT ZONE ... This fortnight's Guide features:

**POTTY TRAINING**  
- see following page



### Summer Games Finals

Yesterday, Y5 and Y6 took part in the Summer Games Finals at Shrewsbury Sports Village. They represented South Shropshire in Tri-Golf and Archery and did brilliantly. Unfortunately we don't know the exact results, but know they finished the top end of the score board. In the afternoon they took part in some boxing training.



### Acrobatics Club

Natalie is a regular 'Dancer of the Week' at her Acrobatics Club. She's becoming adept at cartwheels, handstands & bridges.



DANCER OF THE WEEK

### Cricketing Success

Arthur was named 'Batter of the Match' last Sunday when he was playing for his Ludlow U11's Cricket Team.



### Bishops Castle U8s

Riley and Liam have had an amazing season playing for Bishops Castle U8s. Here they are with their end of season medals. Well done boys!



### Mental Health & Wellbeing

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

**childline** 0800 1111  
ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

**SAMARITANS** 116 123

**mind** 0300 123 3393

### Friends of Clunbury School

There are 2 very useful Facebook pages for parents to follow:

- Clunbury School parents page
- Friends of Clunbury CE Primary School

### Free School Meals

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: **Shropshire Free School Meals**

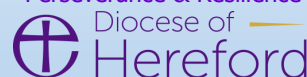
### The Clunbury Vision

'Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their lives.'

Proverbs 22:6 The Good News Bible

### Our Values

Trust & Truth, Joy & Happiness,  
Love & Respect, Thankfulness,  
Friendship & Family,  
Perseverance & Resilience



Please, whenever possible, can all messages and notifications regarding children's appointments, club changes, travel arrangements, illnesses etc be sent via **email or text**. This will help reduce the risk of messages going awry and being missed and create a paper trail.

thank you!

**School Uniform** - order early for next academic year to save delivery disappointment! **School Trends**

**SCHOOL TRENDS**

GROWN OUT BEFORE WORN OUT



### Term Date Reminders ...

- Sports Day - Thursday 19th June
- Bedstone Performance - Friday 11th July
- Leaver's Service - Friday 18th July

**C1 would like donations of old newspapers please. Thank you!**



### What's happening this week ...

#### Dinner Menu: week 3

#### Dinner Menu: week 1

02.06.25	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	09.06.25	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		C1 Exotic Zoo		Goblin Races Curborough		AM				Federation X Country in Clunbury	
PM		C2 Swimming			Whole school music/PE	PM		C2 Swimming		Class 1 Forest School	Whole school music/PE
Clubs 3.30-4.30/5	Art	Craft	Movie	Gardening	Sports	Clubs 3.30-4.30/5	Art	Craft	Movie	Gardening	Sports

### Dates for your Diary ...

Mon 26th - Fri 30th May  
Tuesday 3rd June  
Thursday 5th June  
Thursday 12th June  
Monday 16th June

Half Term  
C1 Exotic Zoo  
Y6 Goblin Races Curborough  
Federation X Country - TBC  
Y6 Crucial Crew

Thursday 19th June  
Thursday 26th June  
Tuesday 1st July  
Friday 11th July  
Friday 18th July  
Friday 18th July  
Due to unforeseen circumstances, dates may change from time to time.

Sports Day  
Y6 Hereford Cathedral  
Y6 Induction Day Ludlow  
Bedstone Performance  
Leaver's Service  
Last day of term



## PARENT ZONE ...

Helpful guides to keep your children safe online and at home

At The National College, we provide everything educators and trusted adults need to strengthen, manage and evidence their professional and personal development, in one place, on one platform. This guide focuses on one of many areas which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com) for further information and resources.

### Top Tips for Nurseries on

# POTTY TRAINING

Early childhood is full of opportunities to develop and acquire new skills – and learning to use the potty or toilet is a major example of such milestones. However, recent studies have suggested that the number of children starting school without being toilet trained has increased over the past five years. Potty training can be an anxious time for parents and children alike – but our guide has expert tips on how early years practitioners and parents can work together to support children on their journey from nappies to using a potty or toilet.

#### PREPARATION

1. Parents and childcare practitioners need to cooperate closely. There are a lot of individual skills to work on before the actual transition from nappies into pants.
2. Change nappies in the toilet at nursery or the bathroom at home. This helps children to start making connections (for example, that poo goes into toilets) and learn the vocabulary around toileting.
3. Involve children in the dressing and undressing process that's required when it's time to change their nappy.
4. You may begin to notice trends emerging such as a child needing the toilet at more regular times or having a dry nappy for longer intervals.

#### PRACTICE

1. Parents may choose to begin potty training as soon as their little one can sit up unaided, or wait until the child has built enough experience of sitting on the potty for long enough to use it. At this stage, children in pull-up pants can get used to having them changed while standing up – and then practise sitting on the potty.
2. Talk to the child about stopping using nappies. You could introduce doll-sized potties to play with in the setting or read books with them about using the potty.
3. Parents and practitioners should discuss a good time to stop using nappies, respecting the setting's existing potty training policy and procedures (if you have them). Try choosing a period when there are no big events or other disruptions expected.

#### PROGRESSION

1. Consider children's clothing: elastic-waisted trousers are easier to pull down than trousers with belts, jeggings and tights. A toileting accident may wet a child's pants, tights, socks, trousers and shoes.
2. Parents and practitioners should discuss the type of potty to be used. Some children will only go on a particular colour of potty or their one from home.
3. To avoid another transition later, promoting children to using toilets rather than potties is sometimes possible – but not always. When progressing to toilets, use a child's seat and a step stool so that the child's feet can touch the step (or the floor if using a small toilet).
4. Putting a nappy on for car journeys or a supermarket shop may be easier for adults but is confusing for the child: a travel potty or reusable cloth training pants are a useful alternative. Parents should get into the habit of giving their child the chance to use the potty or the toilet before setting off and, if necessary, when they arrive.
5. Consistency, support and patience are the most important elements. Children are gaining new skills all the time, and learning to use a potty or a toilet is just another learning process. You may be surprised how quickly they pick it up.

#### Meet Our Expert

Sue Asquith is an award-winning consultant, author and speaker on early childhood, who has written and presented early years CPD training to practitioners and carers for almost 20 years. She has worked on several DfE-funded projects with large early years charities and delivered seminars, workshops and keynote speeches at conferences both in the UK and internationally.



**The  
National  
College**

# Summer Term 2025 School Dinner Menu

**Week 2 menu week commencing: Monday 28th April 2025**

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
Week 1	Main	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Sausage Roll	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Beef Chilli	Chicken Fillet
	Veg	Mash, peas and sweetcorn	Wedges and mixed veg	Roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots and gravy	Rice, sweetcorn and green beans	Chips, peas and baked beans
	Pudding	Chocolate Cookie	Iced Sponge	Fudge Crunch	Mango Shortbread	Banana Flapjack
Week 2	Main	Beef Bolognese	Sausages & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Italian Chicken Meatballs	Cheese and Tomato Pizza
	Veg	Pasta, peas and sweetcorn	Mash and mixed veg	Roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots and gravy	Rice, sweetcorn and beans	Chips, peas and baked beans
	Pudding	Sticky Toffee Pudding	Iced Chocolate Sponge	Vanilla ice cream and peaches	Fruity jelly	Chocolate Malt Brownie
Week 3	Main	Ham and Cheese Bake	Breaded Chicken Fillet	Roast Beef and Yorkshires	Pork Sweet & Sour	Sausages
	Veg	Pasta, peas and sweetcorn	Wedges and mixed veg	Roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots and gravy	Rice, sweetcorn and green beans	Chips, peas and baked beans
	Pudding	Cherry Chocolate Crunch	Iced Lemon Sponge	Vanilla Crunch	Apple and Cinnamon Flapjack	Carrot and Orange Cake



In association with



## We're part of the My School Fund initiative.

### Together we can boost our school's budget, plus your own!

It's completely free to sign up and both you and your child's school will receive eGift Cards to be used at participating retailers based on a percentage of your spend.

**Visit [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org) today!**



**Step 1**

Visit [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org) to sign up for free and link to your child's school



**Step 2**

Register your credit/debit card to your account



**Step 3**

Spend at participating retailers



**Step 4**

Start receiving your eGift Cards!

**easyfundraising**  
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## Help raise free funds for our school

every time you shop online

Join easyfundraising today and search for

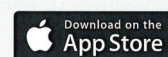
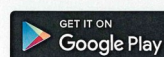
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The 5th Annual  
**BISHOP'S CASTLE  
TOWN  
YARD SALE**  
**SUNDAY 25 MAY 2025**  
Bank Holiday Weekend  
**10- 4**

SALES IN GARDENS, YARDS AND DRIVEWAYS  
ALL OVER TOWN

**VISITORS:** A map outside Stars shop opposite the  
Co-op will show where the sales are! Take a Photo

**TOWNS FOLK:** If you are having a sale, no need to  
book just put a spot on the map outside Stars opposite  
Co-op to show where you are from Friday 23 May 9am.

**LOADS OF BARGAINS & TREASURES**



**PART DOG**

**PART MAN**

**ALL HERO**



**Friday 30 May 2pm**

Adult £8 Child/Student £4.50 Fam £22

To Book: [www.sparcetheatre.co.uk](http://www.sparcetheatre.co.uk) - 01588 638038

SpArC Theatre Brampton Rd Bishops Castle SY9 5AY

**New**

# **FAMILY BOARD GAME CLUB**

At Bishop's Castle Library  
Every Friday afternoon 3.30pm - 5pm

Come along and choose from  
our selection of board games!  
Challenge your friends and  
family!

Games & refreshments  
provided!

Everyone welcome  
Free to attend!

Children must be accompanied by an adult!

# **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](mailto:caitlinperry@hotmail.co.uk)



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(Additional discounts for siblings)



**BOASTLECRICKET**



# DID YOU KNOW?

DOG Awareness

2,206 posties were injured by dogs in the past year.

That's 42 attacks each week, with some suffering life changing injuries.

## PLEASE HELP US PROTECT YOUR POSTIE

- Never open the door to a postie when your dog is not secured away
- Invest in a letter cage or external delivery point to stop bites through the letterbox
- If your dog is running loose outdoors on your premises your mail can be suspended

Following changes to the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 in May 2014, an owner or/and a person in charge of a dog, can be prosecuted if that dog attacks anyone, in any place in England, Wales or Scotland.

For more information, please visit [royalmail.com/dogawareness](http://royalmail.com/dogawareness)



# Song Time with Sophie

MUSICAL NURSERY RHYMES AND STORIES FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 9.15AM AND 10.30AM

CLUN MEMORIAL HALL

£3 PER CHILD



## 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



Shropshire Council

Shropshire Council

If you would like to find out about further help and support the Parenting Team offer please email

[Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) or call us on 01743 250950

All our services are free of charge to Shropshire Council residents.

### UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



SOLIHULL APPROACH

### PARENTING HELP AND SUPPORT LINE

available

Monday to Thursday from 9.30am to 4.30pm and

Friday 9.30am to 3.30pm

You can contact the Parenting Help and Support Line by calling

**01743 250950**

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. The Parenting Team is here to help and support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment.

Do you have any questions around your child's development and parenting?

Why not call our Parenting Help and Support Line where one of our trained Parenting Practitioners will be ready to listen.

(Please note the Parenting Help and Support Line will not operate on Bank Holidays)

If you have concerns about a child's safety or well-being, please call

First Point of Contact 0345 678 9021



[www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)

# 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 Crowmoor Primary School, Shrewsbury  
 Understanding Your Child Group 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 from 9.00am to 11.00am at Clee Hill Community Primary School  
 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 09.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams  
 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)



# 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**

**Virtually via MS Teams**

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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.*



**EVERY WEDS 12 - 2pm**

Calling all parents and those caring for someone with a Hidden Difference to join us for a well earned **ALL WELCOME** with or without children

**KIDS RULE**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**CHURCH STRETTON**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

**empathy**  
for special children

[www.empathyforspecialchildren.org](http://www.empathyforspecialchildren.org)

£4 / Child  
£2 / Sibling



All parents and those caring for someone with a Hidden Difference are invited to join us for a well earned **SECRET HILLS DISCOVERY CENTRE, CRAVEN ARMS**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**EVERY THURSDAY**

*Relaxed and informal.*

**ALL WELCOME**

wherever you find yourselves on the journey

[www.empathyforspecialchildren.org](http://www.empathyforspecialchildren.org)

