



Blue Hills
Federation

ST Marys CE Primary School Newsletter



14.03.25



Diary Dates 2025

Tuesday 18th March—Pentabus theatre company Yr 5 rehearsal and performance @ Ludlow Assembly rooms

Friday 21st March—Red Nose Day (Break the Rules Day)

Tuesday 1st April—Class 1 trip to Cosford.

Friday 4th April—Easter Service @ the Church 2pm Coffee and cake at school afterwards.

Monday 7th—Wednesday 9th April Arthog residential Yr 6

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

Monday 28th April—30th Pioneer Residential Yr 4

Bank Holiday Monday 5th May

Half term Monday 26th May 2025

Finish for Summer: Friday 18th July 2025



Red Nose Day 2025

Friday 21st March.

Here at St Mary's School we will be having a
"Break the Rules Day"

ONE DAY ONLY

Wear nail varnish

Have a crazy hair day

Wear no uniform

Bring an unhealthy snack

Get yourself some temporary tattoos

Wear trainers to school



For each of the rules broken you must pay 20p.

Cakes will also be on sale at break time @10p each.

All money raised goes to Red Nose Day

**BREAK THE
RULES**

Year 5 children

Please can you wear blue/black jeans or leggings and a brightly coloured top with no logo for the Pentabus activity next Tuesday 18th March.

Please note our Ofsted report will be sent to all parents in the next couple of days.

School News

This weeks newsletter, we have focused on our amazing visit by Danny Butler the mountain bike Olympian and his visit to St Mary's. This event was a Federation event and the children had such an amazing time.

A bit of information about Danny Butler.

From the Peak District's edge to performing for the Queen at the Platinum Jubilee Pageant, Danny's journey is one of resilience and passion. Told he might never walk again, he pivoted from motorcycle trials to become a top cyclist, inspired by his father. With accolades including European Champion, five-time British Elite Champion, and UCI World #3, Danny has proudly represented Team GB for over a decade.



Danny showed us some of his amazing skills and put us all through our paces with a set of exercises that the whole federation took part in.

Danny's top tip

Make as much effort as you can every day. Even if it's just a little bit.



School News

The children worked in groups, working their way through a circuit of fitness exercises, with a lot of encouragement from the children who were waiting for their go. Even the pre-school took part.

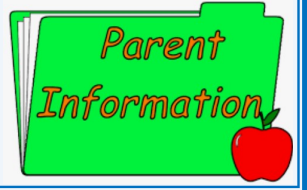


If you have not yet returned your sponsor money, please can you return to school before Friday. We are very proud of all the children they have made a huge effort with their sponsorship and it looks like they have raised a lot of money.





Information for Parents



Attendance

Attendance Figures for last week: 03.03.25-07.03.25

Teme (Class 1) 91.67%

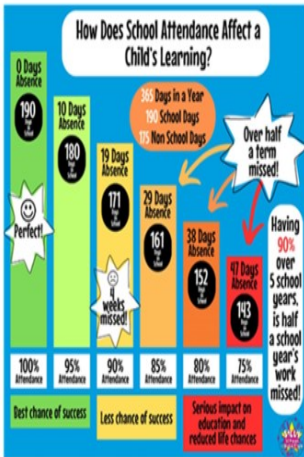
Hales (Class 2) 98%

Redlake (Class 3) 99.41%

Overall: 96% 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:

- The Department for Education expects children's attendance to be **above 95%**
- An attendance of **90% and below** is recognised as persistently absent from school
- Term time holidays are not permitted and will result in fines for both parents!

A FOLKTALE FOR SHROPSHIRE PERFORMED BY PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

GWENDOL A GIANT PROBLEM

BOOK TICKETS:
pentabus.co.uk/gwendol-giant-problem

Tuesday 18 March 2025
Ludlow Assembly Rooms
4.30pm and 6.00pm

£6 (adults), £4 (under 12s)

PENTABUS

Funded by UK Government

NEVER PARK ON THE ZIG - ZAGS!

Please help to keep ALL our children safe - never park on our Zig Zags

SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR

Please remember not to park on the zig-zags outside our school.

Check out this website about safe parking outside schools for more information. <https://www.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/parking-outside-schools/>

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



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

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

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 out more here



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 Grove Moor Primary School, Shrewsbury
- Understanding Your Child Group 30th April 2025 from 9.00am to 11.00am at Cleo 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 Highley 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 Lucie CofE 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 CofE Primary School, Crease

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

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Find more free online courses at inourplace.co.uk/shropshire



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Keeping children safe online

A Parent's Guide to Safety and Privacy Settings

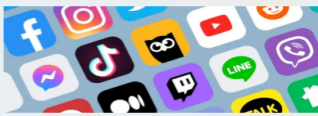


scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

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@skipssed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with



Skips www.skipssafetynet.org




You have what it takes for a rewarding career in fostering

- Your everyday experiences and skills are transferable into a foster carer role, from providing emotional support to teaching life skills.
- We offer many different types of fostering roles, including short-term, parent & child, therapeutic and long-term.
- Our fostering roles are suitable for individuals, couples, or families from all walks of life. All children are different, so our foster carers are too.
- Be part of our professional team and receive our ongoing comprehensive training.
- Receive generous fostering allowances, benefits and tax relief.

As a foster carer, you could provide a safe and stable home environment for a vulnerable child whilst enjoying a flexible and rewarding career that's literally life changing.

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




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.




How can we help you?

Getting on better

Home > Early help > Family help services > Getting on better

We all have arguments. How do you resolve yours?

Worried about your relationship or feel you're arguing too much? Not all arguing between parents is harmful but when it's intense or happens a lot of the time, there can be a negative impact on the children.

We can find ways to argue 'better', resolve disputes and reduce the conflict at home.

[Getting on better | Shropshire Council](#)



Home > Parenting, childcare and children's services > Children's health and welfare

Guidance

Reducing Parental Conflict: what is parental conflict?

Find out what reducing parental conflict is and about the work of the Reducing Parental Conflict Programme.

[Reducing Parental Conflict: what is parental conflict? - GOV.UK](#)



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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 advice.

<https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fcontent.govdelivery.com%2Faccounts%2FUKSHROPSHIRE%2Fbulletins%2F3bbbed53%3Frefqfrom=share/1/010101928fff93a2-66d9edcf-85a0-4979-bceb-9dabe822a25e-000000/>