

Clunbury CE Primary School and rural nursery



Blue Hills Federation

NEWSLETTER

30.01.26



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



As part of their stone age topic this term, C2 have made Starr Carr headdresses.

The headdresses, or frontlets, were traditionally made out of deer skulls and antlers. They were thought to be used for deer hunting or as costumes for ritualistic dancing.



KS2 were improving their balance & gymnastic skills during PE with Mr Jones last week.



School Attendance - since start of Autumn Term 2025

Whole School: 94.3%

Early Years & KS1: 97.8%

KS2: 91.7%



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

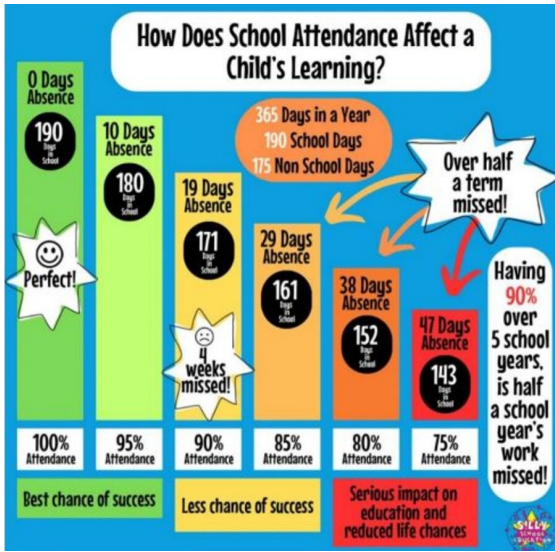
SEND

- see following page



Polite reminders ...

- School finishes at 3.15pm. NO early pick-ups, except for medical appointments where permission has already been granted and supported with evidence.
- Dental appointments - we've had an increase in appointments being made during the school day. Please try to make appointments during the school holidays or after school.
- DO NOT book holidays during term time - you will be fined.



BREAK THE RULES DAY!

Friday 13th February

Clothing suitable for PE please!

1. Wear school uniform
2. No nail varnish
3. No temporary tattoo's
4. No odd socks
5. No crazy hairstyles/colours
6. No make up
7. No football shirts
8. No unhealthy snacks
9. Teachers wear smart clothes

The wilder the better!

FOR ONE DAY ONLY...

Break as many of these rules as you wish!

£2 donation per child

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

ALL absences MUST be reported to the school office via email or text. This enables a paper trail which is required for recording purposes.



- Change of shoes on wintry days
- Warm, waterproof coat everyday
- Water bottle in school everyday



Please can all School Money accounts be kept in credit at all times



What's happening this week ...

Dinner Menu: week 2

Dinner Menu: week 3

02.02.25	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	09.02.26	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM						AM		Open the Book			BREAK THE RULES DAY!
PM					Whole school music/PE	PM				C1 Forest School	Whole school music/PE
Clubs 3.30-4.30/5	Art	Craft	STEM	MOVIE	SPORTS	Clubs 3.30-4.30/5	Art	Craft	STEM	MOVIE	SPORTS

Dates for your Diary ...

Break the Rules Day
Mon 16th - Fri 20th February
Wednesday 25th February
Tuesday 24th March

Friday 13th February
Half Term
C1 Ludlow Castle TBC
Easter Service

Friday 27th March
Monday 13th April
Monday 4th May
Mon 11th - Fri 15th May

Last day of term
First day of Summer Term
May Day Bank Holiday
SATs week

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

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





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 issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further information and resources.

Top Tips for

SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH SEND

Supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in early years settings is of paramount importance. Early identification of SEND and appropriate rapid intervention can make a profound difference to a child's developmental trajectory, as well as to their overall wellbeing and learning.

IDENTIFY POTENTIAL SEND EARLY

To recognise potential learning delays, early years professionals should have a sound understanding of child development. Tools such as Development Matters or Birth to Five Matters can help in this regard. Remember that children develop at different rates, so potential delays may not necessarily be an indicator of SEND. Share any highlighted learning delays with your setting's SENCO.

FOCUS ON THE CHILD'S STRENGTHS

Inclusive environments recognise that all children have unique abilities and contributions to make, promoting a sense of belonging and acceptance. Celebrating children's strengths makes them feel valued and cultivates a positive sense of self. Building on the strengths of children with SEND ensures early years professionals can plan meaningful, enjoyable learning experiences.

SPEAK TO YOUR SENCO

Your setting's Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (SENCO) will be able to support you with any aspect of working with children who have SEND. This should include providing training, advice and support to early years practitioners – enhancing their understanding of SEND and helping them to develop effective strategies for supporting children with additional needs.

TAKE A GRADUATED APPROACH

Follow a clear process to ensure that support is tailored to the individual child. Identify and assess the child's needs, using information from sources such as parents and specialists. Develop a personalised plan outlining learning goals and strategies. Provide appropriate support, resources and adaptations for the child. Review their progress regularly, making adjustments as needed.

PLAN TRANSITIONS CAREFULLY

Transitions across the setting or to another environment can be especially challenging for children with SEND. Plan them in advance, working with the child's family and other relevant parties (such as their new teacher) to provide consistency and a sense of security. Social stories, visual cues and a gradual introduction to new environments can help to minimise the negative impact of transitions.

SEEK EXTERNAL SUPPORT

Some children may require additional support from health care professionals, specialist teachers or speech and language therapists. They will be able to work with you and the child's family to provide specific expertise. Your local authority early years team can advise on sourcing specialist support, including making referrals or requesting an Education, Health and Care Needs assessment.

ADAPT THE CURRICULUM

Use visual aids, Makaton, social stories or alterations to the learning environment to adapt the curriculum for learners with SEND. Adaptations should be based on each child's specific needs and strengths. Be mindful that children with SEND may require further support to master new skills and concepts, such as using visual cues or breaking tasks down into smaller steps.

DEVELOP PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Regularly share information, discuss progress and address any concerns with parents. This helps to establish shared developmental goals and expectations, building consistency by allowing strategies used at nursery to be replicated at home. Ideally, the level of engagement with parents should enable them to contribute to assessments, planning and reviews of their child's progress.

INVEST IN ONGOING TRAINING

Regular training enhances the knowledge and skills of early years professionals when supporting children with SEND. Training could be on statutory requirements, relevant policies and procedures, or specific intervention strategies employed in your setting. It may be available through your local authority or stronger practice hub – or could be delivered by your SENCO.

OBSERVE AND ASSESS REGULARLY

Observe and assess the child's progress to ensure their personal plan reflects their particular needs. Good quality observation provides detail on the child's strengths, interests and preferences. Regular assessment helps with planning appropriate activities, experiences and intervention strategies. Take information on board from parents and any other professionals involved.

REVIEW THE SEND CODE OF PRACTICE

The SEND Code of Practice contains invaluable information about the obligations of settings working with children with SEND. It also offers advice on ways to support children who have SEND, as well as guidance on additional support which is available from a range of professionals.

Meet Our Expert

LEVF (London Early Years Foundation) was formed as Westminster Health Society in 1993, a time of poverty and shockingly high infant mortality. Pre-dating the NHS, it promoted child welfare and family health – breaking new ground by offering professional childcare training, outreach and home visits, drop-in sessions and parenting classes.



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Autumn Term 2025 School Dinner Menu

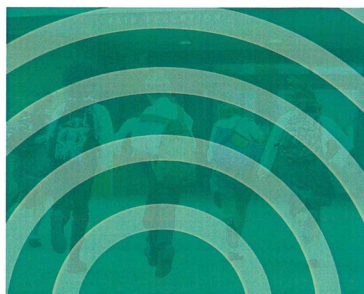
Week 1 menu commencing: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

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 Italian Sauce	Beef Burger	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Breaded Chicken Filet with Sweet and Sour Sauce	Star Fishcakes
	Veg	Mash potato, peas and sweetcorn	Wedges and Farmhouse veg	Roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots and gravy	Rice and mixed vegetables	Chips, peas and baked beans
	Pudding	Chocolate Shortbread	Vanilla Iced Sponge	Shortbread with Fruits of the Forest Compote	Lemon and Lime Drizzle	Coconut and Cherry Flapjack
Week 2	Main	Beef Pasta Bake	Sausage Roll	Roast Beef and Yorkshires	Chicken Curry	Cheese and Tomato Pizza
	Veg	Peas and sweetcorn	Wedges and Farmhouse veg	Mash potato, broccoli, carrots and gravy	Rice and mixed vegetables	Chips, peas and baked beans
	Pudding	Fudge Crunch	Chocolate Iced Sponge	Strawberry Jelly	Sticky Toffee Pudding	Carrot and Orange Cake
Week 3	Main	Sticky BBQ Chicken Goujons	Sausages and Gravy	Roast Chicken and Stuffing	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Salmon Fishcake
	Veg	Diced crispy potatoes	Mash potato and Farmhouse veg	Roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots and gravy	Rice and mixed vegetables	Chips, peas and baked beans
	Pudding	Vanilla Crunch	Cornflake Crunchie	Blueberry Shortbread	Toffee Apple Flapjack	Chocolate Malt Brownie



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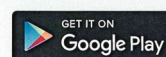
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It's completely free to sign up and both you and your child's school will receive eGift Cards to be used at participating retailers based on a percentage of your spend.

Visit myschoolfund.org today!



Step 1

Visit 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

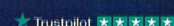
Spend at participating retailers



Step 4

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Family - Friendly (7+)

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 7th February

- Fun Quiz for Adults & Kids (7+)
 Aston on Clun Village Hall, Broome Road
- Teams of 4 to 6 people
 - Food sales from 5:30 pm
 - Fish finger sandwiches & Hot dogs & Crisps for sale
 - Bar & Ice Cream also for sale
 - Cash Sales Only please
 - Quiz starts at 6:30

£ 5 per adult
£ 2 per child

BOOKING ESSENTIAL :

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To confirm table, please give name, contact information, number in team adults/children and if eating

Raising money to build a new Community Shop!
 Join the Fun and Flout the February Flump with us!



DINOSAUR DISCOVERIES

February Half
 Term Family
 Activity

£5 per
 accompanied
 4 - 11 year
 old

2pm - 3.30pm

Monday 17th
 to Friday 20th
 February



Make a dinosaur skeleton to take home. Look at the size of dinosaurs and their feet. Learn the meaning behind some dinosaurs' names, other dinosaur theme crafts and much more!

shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk >>

Book Online >>

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 Discovery Centre



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YOUTH & MINI RUGBY

10.30 to Midday every Sunday
 Sundays from 8th September

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 whole season

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 Under 15's - 6.30 to 8pm
 7pm to 8pm For open age
 from 12 years old touch rugby

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 after each
 Sunday
 session

Contact Club Secretary, Kelly Nicklin:

secretary@ludlowrfc.co.uk

to book in for a taster session or for more information

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.

<p>LUDLOW - HELENA LANE COMMUNITY CENTRE</p> <p>Tuesday 20th January 2026 12:30pm-14:30pm</p> <p>Helena Lane Community Centre, 20 Hamlet Rd, Ludlow, SY8 2NP</p>
<p>SHREWSBURY THE LANTERN</p> <p>Thursday 19th February 2026 10:00am-12:00pm</p> <p>The Lantern, Meadow Farm drive, Shrewsbury, SY1 4NG</p>
<p>MARKET DRAYTON RAVEN HOUSE</p> <p>Tuesday 24th March 2026 13:00pm-15:00pm</p> <p>Raven House, 129 Cheshire Street, Market Drayton TF9 3AH</p>



HAVE YOUR SAY!

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



Castle Players present

ROBIN HOOD AND THE GREAT CREME EGG HEIST

Another (n)Oscar nominated panto

Tickets: Adult £7.50, Child £5.00. Family £20.00

SpArC Theatre
Friday 13th February 2026 (7pm)
Saturday 14th February 2026 (Shows 2pm and 7pm)



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



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Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

NHS
Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

Kiley, Alex, Chelsie, Jayne, Jasdeep, Karen

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.

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NURSING SERVICE

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 Group Monday 12th January 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams

Sleep Tight Group Thursday 15th January 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am Highley Primary School

Sleep Tight SEND Group Monday 23rd February 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams

Sleep Tight Group Tuesday 24th February 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am Crowmoor Primary School

The groups run for 5 weeks 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



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

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