

# Clunbury CE Primary School and rural nursery



Blue Hills  
Federation

## NEWSLETTER

09.05.25



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### SUNSCREEN & SUN HATS

Please can all children have a labelled sun hat and sunscreen in school at all times during the summer term and into September.



School  
Photo Day  
Wednesday  
21st May



School Attendance - since  
start of Summer Term

Early Years &  
KS1: 92.8%  
KS2: 94.6%



### VE Day Celebrations 2025

A big **Thank You** to Barbara and the Village Hall committee for inviting us to celebrate VE Day with them. They did an amazing job making us feel very welcome and decorating the Village Hall. Everyone had a wonderful time.



### PARENT ZONE ...

This fortnight's  
Guide features:  
GARDENING WITH  
CHILDREN  
- see following page



### 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

Summer Term  
Afterschool  
Clubs ... still  
time to sign your  
child up!



Everyday 8.00-8.35	Breakfast Club	Mrs Williams	R-Y6	£2.50 (including breakfast)
Everyday 8.35-9.00	Nursery Early Birds	Mrs Lavery	N	£2.00 (NO breakfast includ- ed)
Everyday 3.30-5.00	Late Birds	Various	R-Y6	£4.00
Monday 3.30-4.30	Art	Miss Deane	R-Y6	£3.00
Tuesday 3.30-4.30	Craft	Mrs Chorley	Y2-Y6	£3.00
Wednesday 3.30-4.30	Movie	Various	R-Y6	£3.00
Thursday 3.30-4.30	Gardening	Mrs Williams	Y2-Y6	£3.00
Friday 3.30-4.30	Sports	Mr Jones Mrs Saunders	R-Y6	£3.00

### Term Date Reminders ...

- SATs Week next week ... Good Luck Year 6!!
- No afterschool club on Wednesday 14th May
- Non Uniform Day ... RAINBOW DAY 23rd May



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



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

Dinner Menu: week 1

Dinner Menu: week 2

12.05.25	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	19.05.25	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	SATS	SATS	SATS	SATS	SATS	AM			School Photos	Y5/6 Archery & Golf	Rainbow Day
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	NO CLUBS	Gardening	Sports	Clubs 3.30-4.30/5	Art	Craft	Movie	Gardening	Sports

### Dates for your Diary ...

Mon 12th - Fri 16th May  
Friday 16th May  
Wednesday 21st May  
Thursday 22nd May  
Friday 23rd May

Y6 SATs week  
Reception Eye Test  
School photos  
Y5/6 Archery & Golf  
Rainbow Day - non uniform

Mon 26th - Fri 30th May

Tuesday 3rd June  
Thursday 5th June  
Thursday 12th June  
Monday 16th June  
Wednesday 18th June

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

Half Term

C1 Exotic Zoo  
Y6 Goblin races Curborough  
Federation X Country - TBC  
Y6 Crucial Crew  
C2 Shrewsbury Museum

### 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







For more information and advice please visit:  
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> or  
[www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)

**NSPCC**

## PARENT ZONE ...

Helpful guides to keep your children safe online and at home

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](http://nationalcollege.com).

### 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

# GARDENING WITH CHILDREN

Gardening is a great way for children to connect with nature and engage in hands-on learning. Whether it's in a garden or a small indoor space, gardening teaches creativity, responsibility, and patience – some of the most important life skills. This guide provides 10 practical tips to get children involved in gardening and help them grow in many ways.

#### 1 START SMALL AND SIMPLE

For beginners, start with a small garden or even pots and window boxes. Begin by growing three vegetables that everyone likes to eat and use in the kitchen. This allows children to see successful results and stay motivated.

#### 2 SET GOALS AND TRACK PROGRESS

Help children set small goals in their gardening journey, such as growing a certain variety of plants or reaching a growing milestone. Tracking progress through a gardening diary or chart can keep them motivated and give a sense of achievement, which will encourage them to get out in the garden more.

#### 3 TEACH RESPONSIBILITY

Gardening is a great way to teach children responsibility. By taking charge of watering, weeding, and caring for plants, they learn about commitment, accountability, and the consequences of neglecting their responsibilities. It can be hard as a parent or educator to watch a plant slowly die from underwatering, but it's an important lesson.

#### 4 LINK GARDENING TO SCIENCE

Gardening is a hands-on way to introduce children to concepts like photosynthesis, plant life cycles, and ecosystems. Use the garden as a science lab to explore and experiment, making learning fun and interactive. This is a great way to learn together.

#### 5 FOCUS ON SUSTAINABILITY

Encourage children to think about the environment by composting and recycling in the garden. This not only teaches children about sustainability, but also has a real, positive impact in getting them to care for the future of our planet.

#### 6 INVOLVE THE SENSES

Gardening stimulates all five senses. Let children touch the soil, smell the flowers, hear the wind and the rustling leaves, see the plants grow, and taste the fruits of their labour. Engaging multiple senses makes the experience richer and more memorable, and that's what it's all about, the memories.

#### 7 ENCOURAGE CREATIVITY

Gardening is not just about growing plants; it's an opportunity to get creative together. Let children design their garden layout or make unique plant markers. This boosts their imagination and turns gardening into a fun art project.

#### 8 CONNECT GARDENING TO HEALTH

Gardening helps children appreciate where their food comes from and can encourage healthier eating habits. Teach them about growing edible plants like vegetables and herbs, and involve them in cooking with homegrown produce for a full-circle experience.

#### 9 CREATE A GARDENING ROUTINE

Make gardening a regular part of the week by setting aside specific times for planting, watering, and harvesting. Creating a routine helps children to understand the seasons and the time it takes to nurture life. For parents and educators, it's as simple as 10 minutes in the morning and 10 minutes in the evening which can make a real difference to the garden.

#### 10 CELEBRATE SUCCESSES

When plants grow and bloom, celebrate the accomplishments. Whether it's a simple harvest or picking beautiful flowers, recognising their success boosts children's confidence and reinforces the value of hard work. Creating success makes children want to wake up in the morning and get outside!

### Meet Our Expert

Lee Connelly, known as the Skinny Jean Gardener, is the UK's leading children's gardening educator, passionate about inspiring the next generation to connect with nature. With over a decade of experience, he has worked with schools, nurseries, and families to make gardening fun, accessible, and educational.



#WakeUpWednesday

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# 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!

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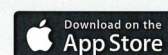
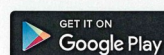
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Friends of Clunbury School

# RAINBOW DAY

**Friday 23rd May**

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

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** Green  
**Class 1** Pink & Blue  
**Class 2** Red & Yellow  
**Class 3** Orange & Purple

**Wear any colours!**

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

Please no use by dates before August 2025.



## Tots & Tales Duplo Club

Every Tuesday morning  
10am - 11am

At Bishop's Castle Library

Come and build with us, share a story  
and meet other families  
Free to attend!



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

**ECB QUALIFIED COACHES WITH DBS AND FIRST AID**

**Junior Membership £50**  
 (Additional discounts for siblings)

**BCASTLECRICKET**





# 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**

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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

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