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NEWSLETTER

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Our school values:

Curiosity, Friendship, Perseverance, Respect.



Value of the month for February:

SERVICE



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear parents/carers,

It's not often we have a quieter time but this week has been just that in school. No trips and just our usual monthly visit from Rev. Lisa (see photo later) but plenty of endeavour and hard work from our pupils, as ever.

In detail, Ticklerton have been writing their commentary to go with the video 'Catch It' in English with Reception retelling the story of Kitchen Disco; they have started multiplication in Y1/2 with repeated addition in Reception; completed a habitat hunt in Science; looked at life on a Victorian Farm (ahead of Monday's Acton Scott visit) and learnt about special places for those of the Muslim faith.

In Gretton, they have completed poetry in rhyming couplets and looked at Victorian newspapers in English; covered distance and measurement in Maths; explored transparency, translucency and opacity in Science; drawn art in the style of Picasso; understood Hindu deities in RE; considered their future selves in PSHE and finally, practised a number of different rolls in gymnastics.

Finally, Stanway have completed their art installations using, primarily, waste – upholding Rushbury Eco Code repair, repurpose, recycle; in Science, how the Fossil Record is used to show the change over time of living things as part of Evolution and Inheritance; population, currencies, religions and life expectancy in the countries of South America and embarked on multiplying and dividing fractions.

I am also delighted to confirm that we will have our new full-time caretaker (Warren Pound) starting with us at the end of the month. He will take over as Paul Norton's replacement and we will continue to benefit from Mark Stephenson in school too. Mark generally helps with grounds maintenance and outdoor tasks/projects.

Next week is the final week before the February half term and there is something different for each class. Stanway and Gretton will be heading to St Lawrence's Church in Church Stretton, a week today, where they will undertake a number of workstations ahead of a shared collective worship experience to mark the upcoming period of Lent. It is only our second school trip to the church and it's always good to learn about what's happening in neighbouring parishes. At the start of next week, Ticklerton are heading to Acton Scott Heritage Farm for the day, which I am sure will be a fantastic experience for them all. No doubt there will be pictures in next week's newsletter of these events.

I hope you enjoy your weekend.

Kind regards,

Steve Morris



CHILD'S PRAYER



Dear God

Thank you for pets and my family.

Amen

By

Skylar P (Ticklerton)



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

- **Ticklerton** – Skylar P for giving excellent instructions to Mrs Wilson on the minibus
- **Ticklerton** – Reggie W for excellent instructions about when to use 'there' or 'their'
- **Ticklerton** – Matilda B for such thoughtful writing about a special place
- **Gretton** – Amara M for consistently 'exceptional' standards of work
- **Gretton** – Joe L for adventurous vocabulary and huge improvements in presentation
- **Stanway** – Hunter B for tremendous research and note-taking
- **Stanway** – Harry N for lovely reading to the class

SPORTS AWARD (FOR BASKETBALL/NETBALL CLUB)

Stanley S – for excellent basketball dribbling skills

HOUSE POINTS

Although Lawley have retained their lead this week, there are now two houses in second place, creeping ever nearer to them!

Lawley – 610

Ragleth – 582

Callow – 582

Caradoc – 432

MUSIC LESSONS

Beverley Turner, from the Shropshire Music Service, now has some spare slots. She can teach recorder, violin or keyboard. Please contact the school office if you think your child might benefit from these lessons and we can put you directly in touch with her.



REV. LISA'S VISIT ON 3.2.2026 – TO INTRODUCE FEBRUARY'S VALUE OF 'SERVICE'



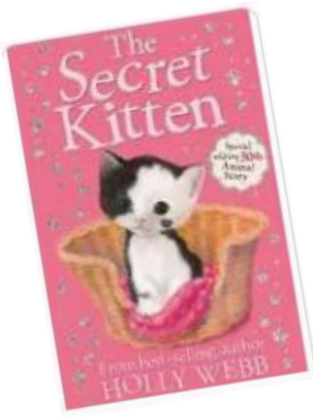
FRIENDS OF RUSHBURY AGM

This year's AGM will be held on **Friday 27th February at 3.15pm**, in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to attend – parents, carers, guardians. The group will need a certain number of non-committee attendants, so they will appreciate anyone taking the time to join them for a short meeting of approx. 20 minutes or so. We are reliably informed there will be 'treats' on offer too! This group does so many good things to support our lovely school, please try and come along and hear about what they have achieved recently and their plans for the rest of the year!

RECEPTION'S VERY OWN KITCHEN DISCO!

Apart from re-telling the story, our reception children have been working on their own 'moves'...





BOOK REVIEW – by Lexie (Stanway)

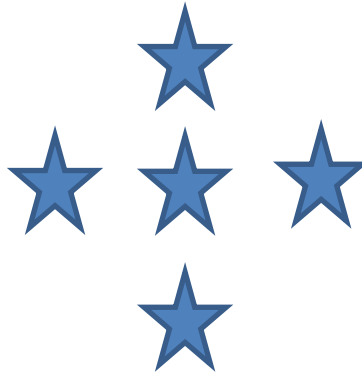
Title: The Secret Kitten

Author: Holly Web

Lucy wishes she could have a pet and then a stray comes along...

I think this book is great fun and creative. My favourite bit is when Lucy looks after the cat. I think Clara B, in my class, might like to read this.

I would give it 5 out of 5 stars.



WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A MINI BUS DRIVER (THIS IS A PAID ROLE)



We are still keen to explore if there are any members of the community who may be interested in a minibus driver role. Our minibus committee have a small number of dedicated drivers on the payroll but are always looking to expand. The driver would need a D1 driving licence.

It is important to emphasise that his communication isn't just aimed at parents but grandparents too or other family members. Or, indeed, friends and neighbours.

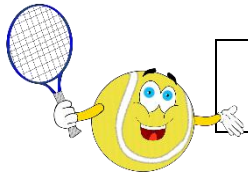
As you will likely be aware we operate two minibuses at the beginning and end of each school day, plus they are often utilised for a variety of school trips during the school day... so there is always plenty of driving to undertake.

If this is of interest to you, or somebody you know, then please do talk to me or email me on:
headteacher@rushbury.shropshire.sch.uk

Alternatively, do please phone Sian or Julia in the school office, for an informal chat/further details.

FRIDAY SPORTS CLUB FOR SPRING 2 – TENNIS

Please note that from next week, you will be able to book your child, via ParentMail, onto our Friday tennis club. Numbers are restricted, to ensure safety for all. If ParentMail indicates that the club is full, please feel free to contact Sian or Julia in the office and ask to be put on the waiting list, as things do change.



Spring 2

Tennis

STANWAY'S INSTALLATION ART (with a focus on recycling and repurposing materials)



KEY DIARY DATES

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Monday 9th February	Ticklerton's Trip to Acton Scott
Friday 27th February	Pre-Loved February Uniform Sale – In Stanway at 3.20pm
Friday 27th February	Friends Group – AGM in the school hall at 3.15pm
Saturday 28th February	Little Acorns Fundraising Event – Cardington Village Hall (note change of date)
Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026	Spring Half Term
Monday 23rd February 2026	First day back for all children

SOME ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST:



PICTURE HOUSE

ARRRR YOU READY?

THE SPONGEBOB MOVIE
SEARCH FOR SQUAREPANTS

Sat 14 & Mon 16 Feb, 2pm

Tickets: £7
01584 878141

ludlow assemblyrooms ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk



Little Acorns of Rushbury Pre-school Coffee Morning Fundraiser

Cardington Village Hall
Saturday 28th February - 10am-12pm
Adults £5 includes coffee & cake
Children £2 includes drink, cake & a ticket for toy tombola



RUSHBURY C OF E SCHOOL MINIBUS DRIVERS REQUIRED

This is a paid role which involves transporting children to and from school at the beginning and end of each day, during term time. It may be that two people fill this vacancy – with one doing the morning session and the other, the afternoon. Alternatively, it may well suit one person to do both the pickup and drop off.

Criteria

- DI on their driving licence preferred but not essential as training will be provided.

Contact Us : , Steve Morris, Headmaster of Rushbury School
Email: Headteacher@rushbury.shropshire.sch.uk or Carol Oxley, Minibus Administrator
Email : carol.oxley.99@gmail.com
Closing Date: 31 January 2026



DINOSAUR DISCOVERIES

February Half Term Family Activity
2pm - 3.30pm
Monday 16th to Friday 20th February

£5 per accompanied 4 - 11 year old

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 >>

info@shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk
01588 676060
School Road, Craven Arms SY7 9RS
Grow Cook Learn, a registered charity: 1158795

Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre

Shropshire Council

Shropshire Strengthening Families through Early Help

Shropshire Together Community and Family Hubs

What's on Ludlow Early Help Coffee and Chat

19 th January	Who can I talk to today: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Help • Special Guardianship Support team • Health visitor clinic • 0-5 support team • Bereavement support – See Bombley • Shropshire Domestic Abuse Services • Employment & Support advice 	What's on today at Stay and Play: Craft activity: Decorate a mitten Baby Area Toys Books
26 th January	Who can I talk to today: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Help 	What's on today at Stay and Play: Craft activity: Make a paper snowman globe Baby Area Toys Books
2 nd February	Who can I talk to today: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Help 	What's on today at Stay and Play: Craft activity: Decorate a snowflake Baby Area Toys Books
9 th February	Who can I talk to today: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Help 	What's on today at Stay and Play: Craft activity: Decorate a wreath Baby Area Toys Books
16 th February	Who can I talk to today: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Help • Health visitor clinic • 0-5 support team 	What's on today Craft activity: Painting – explore colours & different printing shapes Baby Area Toys Books

Free sessions

You do not need a child to attend the session to access family help.

Safe, comfortable, confidential and informal space to talk.

Early Help Family support workers available to chat to every week.

We look forward to seeing you

Helena Lane Community Centre, 20 Hamlet Road, Ludlow, SY8 2NP
9.30 until 11.00



February Holiday Clubs

at The Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST

For children aged 5 to 11, our holiday clubs are open to all abilities with a focus on fun and sports! Groups of mixed age and ability.

16th to 20th February at The Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST

Scan the QR code or visit our website to book a single day for £18

foundationstfc.co.uk/fun

Get in touch

E: admin@foundationstfc.co.uk T: 01743 289177 opt 6



Tree Planting

Sunday February 15
10am - 1pm

All are welcome,
Plant a Tree for the future.

Free refreshments
at the Campfire café

Parking at Westhope College
SY7 9JL

Wildaboutwesthope@aol.com



Wonderland Family show

FAMILY THEATRE

MALARKEY

Sat 21 Feb
11am & 2pm

Tickets: £10/£8 U12s
01584 878141
ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk