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Rushbury CE Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Our school values:

Curiosity, Friendship, Perseverance, Respect.

Value of the month for April:

HOPE



Dear parents/carers,

Firstly this week, it's a big 'Thank you' to a good number of our Y5 pupils who, on Monday evening, met with Rushbury Parish Council at the village hall. The children kicked the meeting off with a taste of what we've been up to as a school, since our last presentation to this body, twelve months ago. The Y5s benefited from some handy tips from the current Y6 cohort when preparing the presentation and Miss Reeves also commented on how well the children did, delivering it. Then the following day, Stanway Class headed to Shrewsbury, specifically Theatre Severn, for the Shropshire Bookfest Awards – always a grand event. A very special mention to Penelope who won the letter-writing first prize for the entire county – a fantastic achievement. In addition, two of our three film trailers for a book, won runners-up prizes with Floss winning the school art competition and Molly, the school poetry award. The children also met numerous authors, including Brogan Murphy who won the 'Best Storybook' award. An unforgettable day for the children and a hugely successful one for such a small number of pupils too!

On Tuesday, in school, Ticklerton held an outdoor learning event and parents/carers were invited. It was fantastically well attended, and the weather was pleasant too, leading to a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. Thank you if you were able to support us by attending this event. We realise it can be difficult with so many other competing factors on your time.

Elsewhere this week, Ticklerton KS1 pupils have continued to learn about counting money and giving change whilst Reception pupils have learnt about their odd and even numbers; in English KS1 have completed a recount of their favourite memory, with Reception doing more work on Gerald The Giraffe; in Science they have completed written observations from the spring walk; programmed Bee Bots in Computing and discussed what they need in their lives to live happily. Gretton have been continuing to work on fractions in Maths; planned narrative writing with speech in English; learnt about electricity and its uses in Science; in Spanish they have practiced the words for items in a pencil case; used four different ways to produce abstract art, using mixed media and view finders and learnt about the layers of a rainforest. Stanway have also learnt about pencil case items in Spanish along with the definite and indefinite article in that language; discussed in depth the school's new Christian vision and enjoyed a trip to Church Stretton Tennis Club (photos and details of a free session for families later in the newsletter).

On a final note, you may have seen Theo and Matilda's mum attending school with a Guide Dog trainee pup. As was the case with Tommy, last year, this dog is permitted on the school site as it aids and supports his training requirements. If your paths do cross, please do your very best to politely ignore him as he needs to be familiarising himself with people/noises/movement etc.

Please note the change of date for Sports Day/Summer Fair (due to a clash with Church Stretton's 'Moving Up' Day).

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,
Steve Morris



CHILD'S PRAYER



Dear God

Thank you for hope during this lovely summer term.
Thank you for spring creations like lambs and flowers and
thank you for the sun that keeps us warm.

Amen

By

Emilia L



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

- **Ticklerton** – Joel H for making an excellent start with his recount
- **Ticklerton** – Rose S for having an excellent understanding of school values
- **Gretton** – Olive H for an excellent explanation linked to fractions work, during maths
- **Gretton** – Gabriel L for increasing positivity and self-belief in all that he does in school
- **Stanway** – Jacob H for consistent combination of humour and diligence
- **Stanway** – Darcie H for her reliability and maturity

SPORTS AWARD – CRICKET CLUB

Joe L – for excellent striking skills when batting

HOUSE POINTS

Callow – 879

Ragleth – 865

Lawley – 861

Caradoc – 679

OUTDOOR LEARNING

The session on Tuesday afternoon was a great success – outdoor learning at its best!





HELP STILL APPRECIATED...

This Saturday, our school will benefit from some much-needed work in our forest school area. We are very fortunate to have access to James Cox's (Benjamin's dad in Year 2) tree surgeon skills, to hopefully make some real inroads. James, and a colleague, will be arriving on site for approximately 8:30am and will be working for a number of hours. To fully benefit from James's generous offer, we were hoping gather a small number of volunteers to help (we currently have two offers of help). With the nature of these works, it would not be practical for children to be in attendance, unfortunately.

If this is something you may be able to help with, please do pop along on Saturday morning.

BOOK GIFT FROM OUR LOCAL ROTARY

All of our children in Ticklerton, will be coming home today with a free book – an initiative that the Rotary Club are supporting to promote the work of author, Michael McCarthy and to get more books to children across Shropshire.

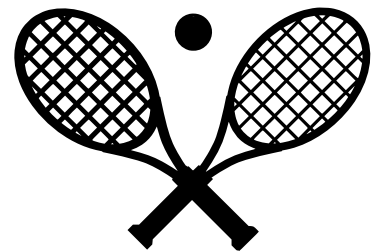
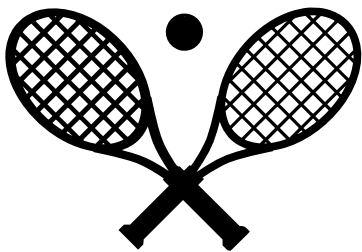
SHROPSHIRE BOOKFEST – THEATRE SEVERN

Stanway thoroughly enjoyed this presentation event, which included meeting (and getting autographs from) some of the authors of the books they have enjoyed reading.



TENNIS SESSION FOR STANWAY AT CHURCH STRETTON

On Monday, the children in Stanway enjoyed a tennis session on the new courts in Church Stretton. There are a few other free sessions this weekend – please see the end of the newsletter for further information if you are interested.



	<u>KEY DIARY DATES</u>
Saturday 24th April	8.30am - Forest School clearing (parents/family volunteers but no children due to safety)
Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs
Wednesday 20th May – Friday 22nd May	Residential Trip to Liverpool for Stanway
Thursday 21st May	Ticklerton/Gretton – Day trip to Aberdovey
HALF TERM	25 th May – 29 th May
Sunday 31st May	Deadline for Year 6 families to apply for free transport to their new secondary schools
Tuesday 2nd June	Weekly swimming sessions start for all (coach to Ludlow)
Tuesday 2nd/3rd/4th June	Bikeability for Stanway
Wednesday 10th June	School Photo Day
Thursday 25th June	Year 6 Leavers’ Service at Hereford Cathedral
Tuesday 30th June	Sports Day/Summer Fair (new date, changed from 7 th July)
Thursday 9th July	Whole School Summer Performance at RVH (Pied Piper – 5.45pm)
Friday 10th July	School Reports out
Tuesday 14th July	Reception Ramble
Wednesday 15th July	Year 6 Caradoc Walk
Thursday 16th July	Last day of term for children – no clubs or after school WAC 2pm – Leavers’ Service at St Peter’s Church

SOME ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST:

Events List Feedback

STARTED

CHURCH STRETTON LAUNCH MONTH FREE TASTER SESSIONS W/C 20th April

FREE

Book

📅 Mon, 20 Apr 2026, 09:00 BST – Sun, 26 Apr 2026, 22:00 BST

📍 Church Stretton Tennis Club, Church Stretton Town Park, Church Stretton, Shropshire 🗺️ Map

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Instructors

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Tennis Coach
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Location

Church Stretton Tennis Club, Church Stretton Town Park, Church Stretton, Shropshire

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 Universal Group 24th April 2026 from 10.00am to 12.00pm
Virtually Via MS Teams

Sleep Tight SEND Group 12th June 2026 from 10.00am to 12.00pm
at The Keystone Academy, Squinter Pip Way, Shrewsbury, SY3 8XQ

The groups run for 5 weeks excluding the school holidays and bank holidays. Groups with SEND are suitable 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

Athletics Club

Wenlock Olympians

For children aged 9+
2 week trial sessions available.
Visit our website to find out more.

Join us!

Saturday morning and mid-week training

Much Wenlock Leisure Centre,
Farley Road, Much Wenlock

wenlockolympians.org