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Our school values:

Curiosity, Friendship, Perseverance, Respect.



Value of the month for November:

TRUST



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear parents/carers,

I do hope you had an enjoyable early evening if you were amongst the parents/grandparents who attended the concert at St Chad's Church yesterday. Pupils in Stanway performed alongside children from four other Shropshire schools. Miss Reeves stated that the children rehearsed with focus and gave it their all, despite it being a long day. There are photographs of the event later in this newsletter.

In class this week, Ticklerton have made and eaten their wraps during DT (see photos later); in Science they have looked at the uses of plastic and metal; Y1/2 have counted vertices and edges of 3D shapes in Maths whilst Reception have started work on patterns and finally they have completed a practice of the nativity play in outdoor learning. Gretton evaluated fastenings in DT as part of their textile project; learnt how to ask somebody their age in Spanish; used accurate verbs and adjectives in their sentences and in History they have investigated who the Picts and the (ancient) Scots were. Finally, as well as their trip to St Chad's, Stanway have started working on designing and making a 'Steady Hand Game'; thought about how we react to emotions mentally and physically as a start to a writing poetry project and produced a sample of the Pentabus Workshop from last week, which is on the website under pupil videos.

A big thank you to Revd. Clare for organising the amazing nativity scenes display in St Peter's Church (see photographs further on in newsletter). If you didn't have the chance to look at these, they will continue to be on display over the weekend. All three classes (and Little Acorns) enjoyed a session in the church with Revd. Clare earlier today and some pupils even went back this afternoon, to take a second look.

A thank you to Wendy for keeping calm under pressure and ensuring that the unannounced food hygiene inspection from Shropshire this week was very positive – see note further on.

I hope you benefit from a relaxing weekend.

Steve Morris



CREATIVITY CLUB

This continues to be one of our most popular clubs and regularly has at least 30 children attending which is great. The activities are child-led but supported closely by the adults and provides a safe space for the children to express themselves and work collaboratively with their friends. There are a few pictures below, showing some of the variety.



CHILD'S PRAYER



Dear God

Thank you for my ducks, dogs and chickens.
Thank you for our lovely food, that farmers grow.
Thank you for our friends and family who listen.
Thank you for our hobbies and for our free time, that you provide for us at the weekend.
Thank you for my teachers and classroom.



By
Ollie D (Gretton)



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

- Ticklerton – Josh C for always having a smile and a positive attitude
- Gretton – Vi W for determination and perseverance in English
- Gretton – Charles P for focus in class and working hard on his presentation
- Stanway – Sophia H for consistently high standards of presentation in all written work
- Stanway – Hunter B for a most impressive factual report

SPORTS AWARD – FOR HOCKEY CLUB



HOUSE POINTS

We have joint leaders this week – Ragleth and Lawley!

Ragleth – 372

Lawley – 372

Callow – 297

Caradoc - 255

WE CONTINUE TO HAVE A FOOD HYGIENE RATING OF 5!



We had an unannounced, food hygiene inspection from Shropshire this week. Despite the inspector arriving right in the middle of Wendy's prep for the 'Big Breakfast', she was able to show that although we have taken our catering in house, we have continued to maintain our very high standards. A big thank you and well done!



CHRISTMAS COUNT DOWN ...

Just a reminder that costumes, in a clearly labelled bag, need to be brought into school for Friday 5th December – at the very latest please. The children have now started to learn their parts and to practice the songs ready for the performance which is only now a few weeks away. You may well hear them humming the tunes around the house!

The Friends have now taken receipt of the Christmas orders (tee-towels, soft toys, cards etc) with your child's artwork on and these have been sorted and sent home today. They make excellent pressies, so please check your child's bag to ensure that they don't go astray. The Friends, with all of your support, have raised £112.00 through this initiative, so thanks to all. The Friends will be sending out some further information next week, on how you can help them with their next fundraising adventure. This will be to donate something for the Christmas hampers or to arrive early for the school Christmas performance and purchase raffle tickets, sweet treats etc. on 11th December.

STANWAY – PENTABUS PERFORMANCE AT ST CHAD'S



ST PETER'S – NATIVITY AROUND THE WORLD

All our children (and Little Acorns) have visited the amazing nativity scenes in church today. These will be on display all weekend and are well worth a visit.



KEY DIARY DATES

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Tuesday 9th December	Whole school trip to the Theatre Severn to see Dick Whittington (no after school clubs or wrap around care)
Thursday 11th December	Nativity Performance at Rushbury Village Hall (no after school clubs or wrap around care) – 5.45pm
Friday 12th December	Last 'Pre-loved' uniform sale of the year (3.20pm and again at 4.15pm) - hall
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Fair 2.00-3.30pm in school (no after school clubs or wrap around care)
Friday 19th December	Last day of term (no after school clubs or wrap around care)
Tuesday 6th January 2026	First day back for children (the 5 th January is a staff training day)

SOME ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST:

Shropshire Supporting Families through Early Help

Shropshire Together Community and Family Hubs

CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENT

Join us for lots of fun free activities for all ages

Wednesday 3rd December
3.30pm until 4.45pm

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

shropshire.gov.uk/early-help

Shropshire Council



Top tips for developing your child's cutlery skills

- Try to sit together with your child to eat meals. Your child will be able to watch how you use cutlery.
- Make cutlery available for them to pick up.
- Check the cutlery is the correct size for your child. If your child is struggling to hold the cutlery try using thicker cutlery or easy grip cutlery which is appropriate for your child's age.
- You can try cutting half of the food on their plate and encouraging your child to cut the rest under supervision. Reduce the amount you cut as their skills develop.
- Allow them plenty of time to practice and use lots of praise to help motivate them.

MAMMOTH SANTA TRAIL

Kindly supported by Connexus

Book your slot BETWEEN 10AM AND 3PM

£10 PER CHILD*

13 DEC. 2025

Book online

Follow the elves and snowballs through our exhibition as you answer questions and join in activities on your way around. Say "hi" to the mammoth himself and finish the trail with a gift from Santa as you meet him in his grotto.

There will be festive refreshments available at the end of the trail with treats for the adults too!

*PRICE INCLUDES EXHIBITION ENTRANCE ONE FREE ADULT PER PAYING CHILD ADMISSION PRICE APPLIES TO ADDITIONAL ADULTS

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HELPING YOUR CHILD THRIVE IN THE EARLY YEARS



BY REDUCING SCREEN TIME

You are not to blame

Phones and tablets are everywhere, and they are designed to grab attention. But did you know that too much screen time - for both parents and children - can make it harder for little ones to develop key skills they need to **grow, learn, and connect**?

Why this matters

In the first five years, your child's brain is growing faster than it ever will again. These years lay the foundation for how they think, move, talk, and build relationships, which are important for being ready for school.

Too much screen time can:

- 1 Delay speech and communication**
Young children learn to talk by hearing real voices and taking part in conversations. Screens often reduce these important moments of connection.
- 2 Make it harder to handle emotions**
If screens are used often to calm a child down, they may miss out on learning how to cope with frustration, boredom or big feelings in other ways.
- 3 Impact feeding**
Screen use during feeding can make it harder for babies to connect with their parents and for their needs to be noticed. It can also affect how children learn to try new foods and recognise when they're hungry or full.
- 4 Reduce active play**
Children need to move, use their hands, and explore. Long periods of screen time can limit this, affecting coordination, strength and posture.
- 5 Impact focus and attention**
Fast-moving videos can make it harder for children to focus on slower, real-life tasks, such as playing, reading, or listening.

What can help:

- You do not need to do it all at once**
Small steps matter. This isn't about guilt, it's about giving your child the best chance to grow and thrive. What your child needs most is you: your attention, your voice, your time.
- 1 Make time for screen-free activities** like play, outdoor time, or reading.
 - 2 Keep screens off** during mealtimes and before bed.
 - 3 Watch or play alongside** your child when screens are used - this helps support learning.
 - 4 Keep screens out of bedrooms** overnight - yours too, if possible.
 - 5 Be a role model** - children copy how adults use phones and tablets.

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FOR SAFER SCREENS

This leaflet has been developed by experts at Health Professionals for Safer Screens, led by Dr Kelly Brown, Consultant Neonatologist and Olivia Dann, Paediatric Speech and Language Therapist.



VISIT HPSSS

SAVE THE DATE
CHURCH STRETTONS
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON
NOVEMBER 29TH

Church Stretton
 South Council

Come and Support the Town Council for the Christmas Lights Switch-On. November 29th, at The Silvester Horne Institute where Santa will be giving presents to all the local children between 1pm and 4pm. Stalls will be selling food and drinks in the High Street. Live entertainment between 3pm and 6pm in the Market Square. And the lights switch on just after 5pm.



Shrewsbury Town FC Foundation / Holiday Clubs



Holiday Clubs

Shrewsbury Town Foundation's Football Holiday Clubs offer a fun and active way for kids aged 5-11 to stay engaged during school breaks. Upon arrival players will be put into smaller groups on the day, more appropriate to their age and ability levels. These clubs provide a safe, exciting environment where children can improve their football skills, make new friends, and enjoy various games and activities. Whether your child is a budding footballer or just looking to have fun, our holiday clubs are designed to cater to all abilities.

Terms and Conditions

- Sessions cancelled within 48 hours of the start time will not be refunded. We reserve the right to cancel or reschedule sessions at any time for any reason.
- Parents or guardians are responsible for informing Shrewsbury Town FC Foundation of any medical conditions or special requirements.
- We expect all participants and parents/guardians to behave respectfully and safely. Disruptive or unsafe behaviour may result in removal from the session without a refund.
- We are not responsible for any personal property that is lost or damaged during sessions.
- While every effort is made to ensure a safe environment, participation in sports carries inherent risks. By enrolling your child, you accept these risks and agree that we are not liable for any injuries that may occur during sessions.
- By purchasing a session, you agree to these terms and conditions.



Christmas Holiday Club - Shrewsbury