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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 October:

THANKFULNESS



Dear parents/carers,

We are twenty-four hours early with this week's communication, owing to the training day, scheduled for tomorrow. Firstly, it's worth noting school's continued appreciation and efforts of the children over the course of this long first half-term. Our Reception pupils, in particular, have settled extremely well into life at Rushbury and all of the pupils deserve the break that lies ahead of them.

In class this week, Ticklerton have welcomed Reception parents to build windmills; enjoyed a fantastic school trip to the nearby Stokesay Castle (technically a fortified manor house) as part of their 'Castles' project; completed writing about harvest and pumpkins and looked at being kind to each other in PSHE. Gretton have worked on a design project, developing seasonal recipes for pastries; produced packaging from nets and baked autumn inspired pastry and fillings. They have worked on compact method for addition and subtraction in Maths; discussed stereotypes (and challenging these) in PSHE and had great fun playing the ukelele for the first time, as a whole class. Stanway have been asking for and giving directions in Spanish; common factors and rules of divisibility in Maths; completed information posters about the history and impact of humans on the Grand Canyon and finished their DT projects by designing and making/sewing stuffed toys. They have also held elections for Rotakids (see article later).

Earlier this afternoon, six of our Y5 pupils headed off to Longnor Primary to train as Sports Leaders, which they will put into practice once we return from half-term.

I wish you an enjoyable half-term and we look forward to welcoming pupils back on Monday, 2nd November.
Kind regards.

Steve Morris



HOUSE POINTS

The children have had another busy week collecting house points. We have a new leader, going into half term – well done Ragleth!

Ragleth 311

Callow 307

Lawley 243

Caradoc 203



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

- **Ticklerton** – Herbie K for asking excellent questions on our trip to Stokesay Castle
- **Ticklerton** – Norah H for overcoming her nervousness of heights to climb the tower at Stokesay Castle -well done!
- **Gretton** – Charlotte P for helping others with design and showing an excellent attitude to learning
- **Gretton** – Theo S for creative work in DT
- **Stanway** – Anna M for diligence, humour and attention to detail in all she does
- **Stanway** – Amara M for a superb 'Red Panda'



HEADTEACHER'S SPORTS AWARD

Penelope L

- for two fantastically taken penalties

TICKLERTON'S TRIP TO STOKESAY CASTLE

To support their class-based learning, Ticklerton Class visited Stokesay Castle this week.





CHILDREN'S PRAYERS



Dear Lord

I am thankful for people growing more flowers
and looking after wildlife.

Thank you for keeping the animals safe.

Amen

Henry K

Dear God

I am thankful for my family and my friends.

I am thankful for our food.

I am thankful for all the animals.

Amen

Rosa M



SUPPORTING THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We are again supporting this worthwhile charity. We still have a box of various items in our school office – poppies, wristbands, snap bands, rulers, zip pulls etc. We are hoping that you will be able to send your child to school with the appropriate cash donation (no fixed amount but proportional to the items they would like) and they can come to the office to choose what they would like. The box of 'goodies' will be available from **Monday 2nd November** until **Friday 13th November** and the items will be available on a first come, first served basis.

GREAT SUPPORT FOR OUR RECEPTION'S WINDMILL MAKING

Just like Years 1 and 2 last week, every child in reception had an adult to support them on Tuesday afternoon. It's amazing having such great support and the children loved having their grown-ups in school. A BIG thank you to all who were able to attend.



FRIDAY SPORTS CLUB – CHANGES TO HOCKEY AFTER HALF TERM

Bookings are now open next week for our Friday hockey club, which will run from Friday 6th November, until Friday 11th December (no club the last week of term).

ROTAKIDS

We will be joining in again with this initiative and the children from Stanway have held elections this week. Well done to everyone in the class who put themselves forward, the children with the most votes have been duly elected as follows:

President – Evvie P
Vice President – Amara M
Treasurer – Elizabeth W
Secretary – Oliver D

ENRICHMENT THIS WEEK

The older children in Ragleth House (helped by Mrs Riley and Miss Davies), made delicious muffins/cakes. Cooking is great for lots of practical maths, organising skills and working as a team. The results looked yummy!



KEY DIARY DATES

Friday 23rd October	Inset Day – School closed to children
Half Term	w/c 26th October 2026
Sunday 31st October	Deadline for secondary school applications
Monday 2nd November	Children back in school
Monday 2nd November	Royal British Legion 'goodies' on sale in the office
Friday 13th November	Children In Need – Charity Day – details to follow
Tuesday 8th December	Afternoon Pantomime Trip for all children (no clubs or WAC after school)
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch, School Fair (no clubs or WAC after school)

SOME ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST

October Half Term - Free Morrison's Cafe Breakfast



- Breakfast Clubs' are back to help kids and grown-ups enjoy a free Kellogg's breakfast during October Half Term at all Morrisons Cafés nationwide
- Initiative aims to ease money worries during school holidays
- Families visiting their local Morrisons Café throughout the October half term holidays can enjoy a free 'Kellogg's Breakfast', which includes a bowl of cereal and a portion of fruit. The best part, it's not just for kids, adults get to eat completely free too.

Both kids and adults can choose from much-loved favourites Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies, topped with their choice of dairy or non-dairy milk and a free apple or banana. The October holiday offer will be available from 12th October to 1st November across all Morrisons Cafes nationwide. The research also highlighted that alongside the financial strain, parents are also dealing with the repetitive demands of children at home during the holidays. Parents reported hearing the following phrases every day of the school

holidays (between at least 1-5 times a day) – driving up the pressure to entertain, as well as keeping them fed.



SHE

Family Concert

United Reformed Church, High St, Church Stretton
Sunday 18 October 2026, 3pm – 4pm

Do you like music?
 Want to hear a ten-piece instrumental group live?
 Know the difference between woodwind, brass, stringed and percussion instruments?

Come along to this friendly, family concert given by the
Shropshire Hills Ensemble

- We'll play lots of different instruments
- You'll hear different styles of fun and familiar music
- We'll get you involved in the performance

Thanks to generous support from the Shropshire Music Trust, tickets are just:-
£2 for adults and £1 for children
 available online at
www.ticketsource.co.uk/shropshire-hills-ensembleorchestra
 (QR code)
 and on the door




We look forward to seeing you!

HALF TERM

Writing Workshops



Write your own chiller
(age 10+)
Mon 26 Oct
 2-3.30pm
 Writing workshop with
 award-winning writer, Liz
 Hyder. **£10**



My Big Mouth
(ages 8-12)
Wed 28 Oct
 11-12pm & 2-3pm
 A collaborative story making
 workshop with Steven
 Camden. **£7.50 (2nd child**
£2.50)



Book: 01584 878141 | ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk

SAPA
SHROPSHIRE ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

DANCE INTENSIVE DAY

OCTOBER 27TH

(AGES 7-14)
AGES WILL BE SEPARATED INTO DIFFERENT CLASSES.

 **ACRO**
 **COMMERCIAL**
 **BALLET**
 **OWN CHOREOGRAPHY**
 **LYRICAL**
 **MUSICAL THEATRE**

SAPA STUDIOS
LUTWYCHE ROAD,
CHURCH STRETTON,
SY6 6AT

9AM - 3PM
HALF DAY OPTION AVAILABLE
— 9AM - 12:30PM —

£25
PER STUDENT
EARLY DROP OFF AND
LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE

25% DISCOUNT
— FOR SIBLINGS —

PLEASE EMAIL
sapadance@gmail.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK YOUR PLACE.

All Stretton Village Hall
presents

ABBATTOIR

The Halloween Special



Saturday 31st October 2026
All Stretton Village Hall
Live Music from Abattoir

Fancy Dress: Abba and/or Halloween
Doors Open at 7pm – Bring Your Own Drinks
We're going to party like it's Halloween 1976!

Tickets **£15** from ticketsource.co.uk or Vine & Co,
or allstrettonvillagehall@gmail.com

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

HALLOWEEN FAMILY CONCERT

THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER
UNITED REFORM CHURCH,
HIGH STREET, SY6 6BY
2.00PM



AN AFTERNOON OF SPOOKY MUSIC
BRING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT - EITHER ONE YOU
ALREADY PLAY OR A HOMEMADE ONE

DRESS UP IN HALLOWEEN THEMED COSTUMES

£5 per child booked in advance, £6 on the door.
Adults Free of charge:

StrettonKidsConcerts@outlook.com
All proceeds to Mayfair Community Centre

Charity number: 1061049, Company number: 3307951



 Campaign to Protect Rural England Shropshire

Free entry for under 16s & all activities are free too!

Hedgerows in the Hills For Kids!

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 October 2026, 10-4
Acton Scott Heritage Farm, Church Stretton

We are delighted to have received a grant from the Shropshire Hills National Landscape Conservation Fund to deliver free children's nature activities for this event.

Welly Wanders

Cath Landles will be leading **Welly Wanders** for children and families looking at the hedges on the farm site and doing some fun Nature ID.

Welly wander timings each day:
11am and 2pm (wanders last about one hour)
Gather at the PlayTent to start.

There will also be drawing, colouring and other paper-based activities under cover in the PlayTent and a chance to try on a wild animal costume.



Be a Dormouse Detective!

Lucy Grove will open the **Dormouse Detection Den** in the New Shepherds Hut near the heavy horse working area.

Here you can step into the secret and fascinating world of dormice and become a wildlife detective. Discover the clues dormice leave behind—from nibbled nuts and natural nests to tiny footprints—and learn how to spot these elusive creatures in the wild. Get ready to put your detective skills to the test and see if you can uncover the hidden signs of a dormouse.



Big Hedge Hunt:

Try your hand at finding and solving the clues in the hedges at Acton Scott which lead you to the ultimate treasure! What will you find?

More info & tickets: www.cpreshropshire.org.uk/hitch

 Shropshire Hills National Landscape

 **SAPA**
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 **LMMA**

 **THE GREATEST SHOWMAN**

 **WICKED**

 **Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID**

 **THE SOUND OF MUSIC**

 **Oliver!**

SIX PRESENTS OUR MUSICAL THEATRE CHOIRS

PLACES STILL AVAILABLE TUESDAYS TERM TIME

★ **JUNIORS:**
4:45pm - 5:30pm

★ **SENIORS:**
5:30pm - 6:15pm

★ £15 a month or £9 a month if signing up for another dance/music class

 Sapadance@gmail.com |  facebook.com/sapadance

Children's UPCYCLING Craft Workshop

at Church Stretton Library

FREE
Booking essential

AGE 5+

2pm - 3pm
Tuesday 27th October

Join us for a fun workshop with Veolia and learn how to upcycle old clothes and materials using fun crafting techniques

 

 Shropshire Libraries  **VEOLIA**

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