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Our school values:

Curiosity, Friendship, Perseverance, Respect.



Value of the month for November:

TRUST



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear parents/carers,

Thank you for attending Parents' Evening on Monday/Tuesday of this week. If you were able to make it, I hope that you had a useful discussion with the class teacher. Such occasions can be a little limited, timewise and therefore it's worth reminding you that communication with school can take place at any point in the academic year not just Parents' Evening. If you couldn't attend, please contact the school office and they will arrange for a mutually convenient appointment slot in the near future.

This week in class, Ticklerton Y1 and Y2 pupils have been creating an advertising poster to help 'Bob' get more people to the moon; reception children wrote about special people in their circle; in Geography the class looked at the arctic seasons; properties of elastic, plasticene and rocks in Science and have also practised their play in Outdoor Learning. Gretton researched who the Anglo Saxons were and where they came from, alongside the principles of invasion and settlement; they learnt to code interactions in Scratch; developed their times tables skills on TT Rockstars; designed a poster on how to ensure teeth remain healthy in PSHE and studied the meaning of the Pentecost Story in RE. Stanway worked on report writing in English; ordered, added and subtracted fractions in Maths and wrote and performed their song at Field House Care Home.

In addition to the above, KS2 Callow pupils visited Blackhurst Farm where they observed a dissection of a cow's heart. This was skillfully performed by a vet... an event I suspect will live long in the memory for those pupils. Who knows, it may even inspire one of the observers to become a vet in future years!

Finally, Stanway Class have an exciting day out next week, visiting and performing in St Chad's Church in Shrewsbury, as part of their involvement with Pentabus. They will be taking the train from Church Stretton and coming back on the minibus. The pupils are especially excited about the train journey which will also lend itself to taking in the some of the sights of the county town as they will need to make their way from the station to the church, on foot.

I do hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Steve Morris

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE ...

The parts have now been allocated and the 'countdown' to our Christmas performance is definitely on! You will now have received an email from Mrs Jones, asking you to start to please gather what's needed for your child/ren's costumes. The deadline for having them in school, in a clearly named back, is Friday 5th December. Please do not go to any additional expense, try to source clothes from home/family and friends or if you are struggling with an outfit, please contact your child's teacher as we may well be able to help. For ease, the list is shown below:

Stanway and Gretton – the children are 'villagers' and are asked to wear dark coloured/old clothes.

Ticklerton:

Narrators - sparkle/Christmas jumper

Joseph - we have an outfit in school

Mary - we have an outfit in school

Census takers - smart trousers/shirt

Inn keeper - plain long-sleeved top/leggings and gown

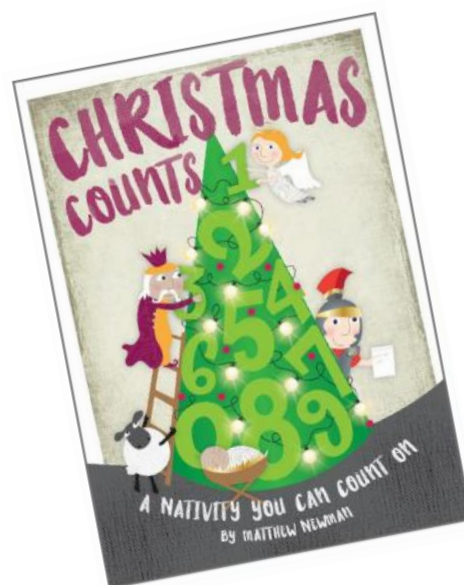
Shepherds - plain long-sleeved top/trousers, gown and headdress

Sheep - plain white tops, black trousers

Angels - white top/leggings and sparkle (wings if you have them)

Wise men - we have costumes in school

Camels - brown long-sleeved top/brown trousers or brown onesie



BLACKHURST FARM – ENRICHMENT TRIP FOR CALLOW (GRETTON/STANWAY)

A few photos from Callow's visit to Blackhurst Farm, on a cold but sunny Wednesday this week. The children benefitted from having a lesson from Shropshire Farm Vets, learning all about how a cow's organs work, the importance of a good diet and exercise and observing a dissection of a cow heart and kidney. Another great enrichment opportunity for our children – with thanks to the team at Blackhurst Farm.





BOOK REVIEW BY FLOSS R

I really liked this book because it was funny and it was all about cleaning! I have recommended it to Clara and Charlotte in my class. My favourite bit was when I found out that the snail was called Penelope. I would give it a score of 5 out of 5.

CURRENT HOUSE POINTS

Ragleth are still in the lead but there's only 2 points now between them and Lawley!

Caradoc – 215

Ragleth – 321

Lawley – 319

Callow – 260



Gosh, it's certainly been chilly this week, but I've been nice and toasty in my lovely Equafleece coat (worth a look online if you need a present idea for your pets!).

With the cold weather, there's been a lot more hats, scarves and gloves in school. A reminder please that all items need to be clearly NAMED, so we can return them to their owners quickly.

HOME IS HERE: SONGS AND STORIES FROM SHROPSHIRE



Stanway are taking part in this great local project, which is bringing Shropshire primary school pupils and older people from care homes and local communities together. It is run by Pentabus and funded by the UK Government and is part of the 'This is Shropshire' Festival. The performance is at St Chad's, Shrewsbury on **Thursday 27th November** and will contain both familiar and original songs and spoken-word pieces. This multi-generational project explores friendship, community, wellbeing, storytelling, and what it truly means to call Shropshire home.

Useful links:

<https://forms.gle/sFVKVwh6zrw5ra698>

<https://pentabus.co.uk/homeishere>

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

- Ticklerton – Bruce L for working hard across all lessons
- Ticklerton – Evie H for making super strides with her reading
- Gretton – Lizzie W for thoughtful contributions and kindness towards others
- Gretton – Amara M for her positivity and happy disposition, day in, day out
- Stanway – Hunter for his room-brightening smile!
- Stanway – Ellis J for terrific singing at Field House Care Home





CHILD'S PRAYER



Dear Lord
Thank you for what we have.
Thank you for all the wonderful things we own.

Amen

By
Gabriel L (Gretton)

UP-DATE ON THE CLAYBROOK FARM FILM NIGHT

Due to the great support from the school community, Mrs Harley and her team have raised approx. £200.00. The school plans to spend this money on some new gardening equipment, to use in our new greenhouse which should be with us shortly.

KEY DIARY DATES

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Thursday 27th November	Stanway's performance at St Chad's – 6.00pm
Friday 28th November	Music lessons with Mrs Turner pm today (date change just for this week)
Tuesday 9th December	Whole school trip to Panto (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)

SOME ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST:

child off school?



Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.

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NHS
Shropshire Community Health
NHS Trust

School Aged Immunisation Service

Walk in Flu vaccination clinic



Reception to
Year 11 children
(inclusive)

Coral House
Longbow Close
Harlescott Lane
Shrewsbury
SY1 3GZ

Saturday 22 November
9.30am – 1.30pm

Telephone 01743 450855
for more details

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 Danri, Paediatric Speech and Language Therapist.



VISIT APPS



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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