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Our school values:

Curiosity, Friendship, Perseverance, Respect.



Value of the month for November:

TRUST



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear parents/carers,

Our Governing Body met on Monday evening this week and it was as productive a meeting as it ordinarily is. We welcomed Helen Povey as the latest parent governor but there were also other significant changes. Mrs Oxley will soon be supporting children in school, predominantly in KS2. This is in addition to Miss Davies recently starting. However, this new role for Mrs Oxley meant that she has had to resign from the governing body, which she duly did. As Mrs Oxley was also Chair of the Governing Body, it meant replacing this very important role. Fortunately, Mr Atkins volunteered to move from Vice Chair to Chair, with Revd Lisa stepping up to take on the Vice Chair role. School is fortunate from benefiting from the support and expertise of such an effective governing body and I am sure it will continue to be the case despite these three significant changes.

Thank you for supporting school in our fundraising activities today. We have managed to raise **£77.60** for 'Children In Need'. The children looked great in their spotty attire. Of course, it was the second day of fundraising this week, with our Remembrance Service taking place in St Peter's on Tuesday. The two minutes' silence was impeccably observed at 11am and class contributions were both thoughtful and interesting. The Royal British Legion will also have benefited from pupil donation over the last week or so. Next year, we will open this service up for parents and family members to attend.

It's been another busy week but I think the highlight for many, will be the wonderful trip to Blists Hill on Wednesday. The Victorian Town really does cater for all. Young... old or somewhere in between, it's always a great day out. I do hope your child had the chance (and was keen!) to tell you all about it, on their return. There are photographs of the trip further on in the newsletter. Thank you to the Friends' Group and the Minibus Committee for meeting the financial cost of this trip.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend and manage to stay dry!

Steve Morris



SUPPORTING THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Thank you all for your support. The donations pot has now been safely collected from the school office.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT ST PETERS



CURRENT HOUSE POINTS

Ragleth still in the lead, but Lawley closing...

Caradoc – 200

Ragleth – 303

Lawley – 290

Callow – 236

WRAP AROUND CARE/CLUBS

The last few weeks of term are always hectic, so please take a few minutes to make a note of the important upcoming dates which are shown at the end of the newsletter. You will see that on the 9th December (Panto), 11th December (School Christmas Production) and 17th December (School Fair), there are no clubs or after school care (there will still be before school care).

Please also note that if a club is showing 'sold out' on ParentMail this will be because it's reached the maximum numbers we can take safely, with the staff we have available. It is worth ringing the office in the mornings to ask to be put on the waiting list as things do change on the day but please don't rely on this.

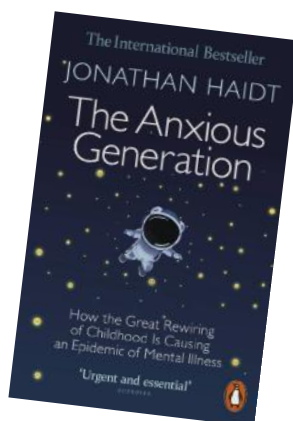
PARENTS' EVENING

Gretton and Stanway – 3.30 - 7.00pm on Monday 17th November

Ticklerton – 2.30-7.00pm on Monday 17th November and 2.30 - 4.30pm on Tuesday 18th November

A RECOMMENDATION FROM A MEMBER OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY...

This books gives some great insights into the potential impacts of too much screen-time. Described as a good read and quite 'eye' opening at times...



STAND-IN COOK TRAINING

Another thank you to Stef and Matt Mills who came forward to volunteer to be trained, as stand in cooks, should the need arise. Stef has now completed Day 1 of her training and received a very favourable report from Wendy and more importantly she was still smiling at the end of the day! Matt will complete his first day next week.

UPDATE ON TOMMY



Tommy, who is currently living with Matilda and Theo, has recently just passed his latest assessment with flying colours. He is now off for more training at Atherton and providing this goes well, he will move onto his final official training to be a Guide Dog. A bittersweet moment for the Sommerville family who have relished having him live with them (but they have their names down to re-home him if anything should go wrong in the final stage of his training). The Sommerville family would like to say a big thank you to the Rushbury community for their support with Tommy, especially to the children for ignoring him when they needed to – all part of his vital training. We will keep you posted of his future developments in due course!

Great work Tommy,
good luck for the
next bit of your
training!



FOREST SCHOOL

We continue to make the very best use of our lovely outdoors, a few snaps from Gretton enjoying a recent session in Forest School.



WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP TO BLISTS HILL



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

- Ticklerton – Theo S for asking excellent questions at Blists Hill
- Ticklerton – James L for showing excellent school values all week, especially at Blists Hill
- Gretton – Amelie D for working really hard on her creative sentences
- Gretton – Wil M for a willingness to give it a go and work so hard on his writing
- Stanway – Darcie H for beautiful, careful artwork
- Stanway – Jess McB for her mature approach to school life



SPORTS AWARD

Charlotte D – for expert support for pupils during hockey club!



FIRE SAFETY

A reminder, that there's a very useful information sheet attached about 'fire setting' at the end of the newsletter.



RECEPTION AND YEAR 6 – HEIGHT AND WEIGHT CHECKS

This has now been rescheduled for Monday 17th November, late morning.

CHILD'S PRAYER



Dear God
Thank you for our family, farming and pets.
Thank you for our food, water and other drinks.
Thank you for a place to live, friends and school.
Thank you for football, basketball and bikes.
Thank you for all sports.

Amen

By
Riley T



KEY DIARY DATES

	<u>KEY DIARY DATES</u>
Monday 17th November	Reception/Year 6 – Height and weight checks - am
Tuesday 18th November	3.30-4.30pm – Informal ‘drop in’ session for parents, with Mr Morris to discuss staffing arrangements for the Spring Term 2026
Monday 17th November	Parents’ Evening – for all (Ticklerton 2.30-7.00pm/Gretton and Stanway 3.30-7.00pm)
Tuesday 18th November	Additional Parents’ Evening – for Ticklerton from 2.30-4.30pm
Thursday 27th November	Stanway’s performance at St Chad’s
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)
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





SCAN ME

No

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

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

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

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EATON MANOR

EATON MANOR *Sunday Lunch*

Sunday, 16th November 2025

Eaton Manor, Eaton-under-Heywood, Church Stretton, SY6 7DH

Arrival from 12.30pm, lunch served at 1.30pm
£29.50 per person to include a welcome drink, two-course lunch followed by tea and coffee.
Catered by Oak Apple Catering.

Scan the QR Code to book



lingendavies.co.uk/events Registered Charity No. 1160922

Frost Fair

15th - 16th November 2025 10:00am - 4:00pm

Join us and our local stall holders for this wonderful festive craft fair.

With a wide selection of handmade crafts and Christmas gifts from talented Shropshire crafts people, you're sure to find that special gift for your family and friends.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be available to get you in the festive mood.

Entry is free.





Firesetter Intervention Scheme

If you would like any further information about this service or to make a referral, please visit:

www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/firesetting



Alternatively, contact the scheme advisor to discuss any concerns:

01743 260 200

fire.settlers@shropshirefire.gov.uk

Home Fire Safety Check

If you would like to complete an online home fire safety assessment, please scan the QR code or visit the website below:



www.safelincs.co.uk/hfsc



Firesetter Intervention Scheme

Providing fire safety education for children and young people in Shropshire

www.shropshirefire.gov.uk

Advice for parents and carers

- Make sure matches and lighters are stored out of sight and reach of young people and use childproof lighters.
- Never leave children alone in the house, even for short periods of time.
- Search for lighters and/or matches in bedrooms and school bags.
- Keep outbuildings, garden sheds and garages locked to prevent access to flammable items.
- Explain to the child or young person that fire is a tool, not a toy.
- Explain to children that fires can hurt and kill.
- Make a home fire safety plan with your family and practice it.
- Ensure you have working smoke alarms on each level of your home and test them weekly.

What is firesetting?

Most children show a natural interest and curiosity in fire. Even if they do not display any fire setting behaviour, many children may be fascinated by fire and it is not uncommon for children as young as two to show an interest.

Unfortunately for some children this interest develops into something more dangerous.

Fire setting behaviour can become increasingly serious and lead to injury, damage to property and death. There are also many criminal aspects that have long term consequences.

What is the Firesetting Intervention Scheme?

This is a fire education scheme for children and young people under 17 who have displayed fire setting behaviour or have played with fire.

The scheme aims to:

- Raise awareness of the dangers of fire.
- Illustrate the consequences of firesetting behaviour.
- Teach them how to control the trigger factors that lead to firesetting.
- Provides education on how to keep safe from fire in the home and what to do in the event of fire.

The scheme offers fire safety education with the young person, usually in the home environment by Shropshire Fire and Rescue Firesetting Intervention Advisors.

What to expect

After a child has been referred and the parents/guardians have given consent, we will make contact to arrange a convenient time to visit the child's home.

The help and support we provide is tailored to the child or young person's behaviour, interests and understanding.

We can provide 2 sessions with the child or young person of up to 1 hour each.

Alongside this, we will also offer support to families by way of a safe and well visit which can share advice on fire safety and fit smoke alarms if they are needed.

Following our visits, we will make a follow up contact to find out if any more fire setting behaviour has occurred and offer any further advice or support we can.

This may also involve signposting families to other agencies who can provide more specialist help or support.

The scheme is not designed for children who:

- smoke in a home setting
- breach fire safety policies in schools etc
- have historical fire setting behaviours as part of a new fire risk assessment

Who can refer?

- Parents/carers
- Schools
- Police
- Social services departments
- Youth offending teams
- Other professionals

7 Signs of firesetting behaviour

1. Small burn holes in carpets or clothes.
2. Charred paper/crisp packets in sinks or wastebaskets.
3. Matches and lighters hidden in child's cupboard, drawers and under bed.
4. An unusual fascination with fires.
5. Unexplained burnt objects in the home or garden.
6. Signs of burns on the windowsills.
7. The smell of smoke on the child's clothes or in the home.

These behaviours should never be ignored and an early referral can ensure it does not continue into adulthood.

For additional fire safety education information and resources:
www.staywise.co.uk

