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Our school values:

Curiosity, Friendship, Perseverance, Respect.

Value of the month for October:

Thankfulness



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear parents/carers,

The children break up for their half-term holiday today, but we were still keen to send a newsletter to mark the end of a very successful first half-term. It has been a busy half-term but an enjoyable one too.

We welcomed Revd. Clare Sanders into school on Monday. Revd. Clare spoke to the children about an art project based on the nativity scene. A project that will be displayed next door (St Peter's Church) closer to the Christmas period and we will share further details with you shortly. Staff also shortlisted written work and artwork for the Hereford Gospels Project. Shortlisted pupils' work has already been forwarded to the Hereford Diocese.

Yesterday, some of the children visited Claybrook Farm to gather their own pumpkin from the field and then to set to work on shaping their own designs. There are some photographs of this local outing, later in this newsletter. Claybrook Farm is open over the half-term week and a great option for a local, Halloween-themed, family trip out.

I want to share a HUGE congratulations to the staff of Little Acorns. They recently received a wonderful OFSTED report, with Outstanding judgements across the board. This is very well deserved and whilst the nursery is independent of Rushbury School, it should be acknowledged that they do a brilliant job in getting children school-ready for that initial Reception school year. Keep up the good work April, Anne, Chrissie and Jane. The report will be available online from Monday.

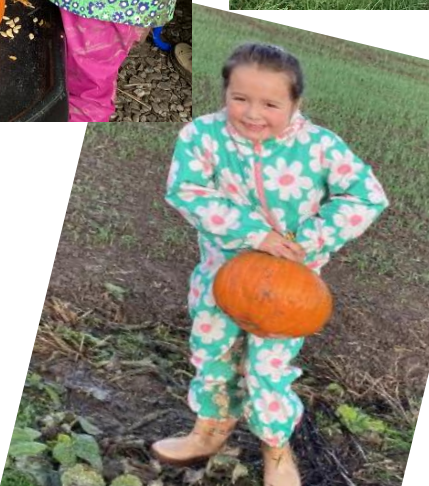
We now have a new parent governor, Mrs Helen Povey – some brief details can be found later in the newsletter. The governors carry out an important job in helping to have a strategic overview of the school and Helen's skills and experience will further help to enhance our dedicated and supportive team.

I hope that your half-term lends itself to some family time and an enjoyable break for all. We look forward to seeing the children back on Monday, 3rd November.

Steve Morris

PUMPKIN PATCH ADVENTURES AT CLAYBROOK FARM ...

A big thank you to Mrs Hartley for hosting an excellent visits - for all of Ticklerton and our enrichment groups this week.





WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

Hello, I'm Helen, mum to two children at Rushbury School (and a spotty greyhound!). I'm originally from Somerset and we've lived nearby for 7 years. At work I am a director of geoscience at a large engineering firm. Prior to that I was a careers advisor at Concord College. I'm passionate about STEM education and regularly participate in outreach events and mentoring.



SUPPORTING THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

As you will be aware from our ParentMail earlier this week, we are again supporting this worthwhile charity. We 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 until Friday 14th November and the items will be available on a first come, first served basis.





CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING

The Friends' Group are again running this great fundraising initiative. All the children have completed Christmas themed designs, and you can now order cards, tags, wrapping paper, tea towels, mugs etc with your child's images on. These make great Christmas presents, as well as lovely keepsakes. The school receives a % from every order and this has proved to be a valuable fund raising initiative for us. Please refer to the below steps for how to order:

1. You will have now received a 'Parent Order Card' with your child's design and details on how to order.
2. Please visit shop.classfundraising.co.uk/unlock, enter the code from your Parent Order card, and confirm your child's name and class – please note whatever name and class you enter, will be printed on your products.
3. Review and approve the artwork or provide feedback if any changes are required.
4. Once the artwork is unlocked, you'll receive a link to the online shop to place your order.
5. Payments are made online at the time of ordering.

Shop closing date is **Friday November 7th**. Following this date, your products will be prepared and delivered to the school and will be distributed in time for Christmas.

PENTABUS PROJECT – STANWAY ARE TAKING PART



Primary schools and care settings celebrate what it means to call Shropshire home



This autumn, pupils from primary schools across Shropshire will take part in an intergenerational performing arts project with older people in their communities. Home is Here is a celebration of what it means to call Shropshire home.

Throughout October and November, weekly poetry and song-writing workshops led by professional artists from Pentabus will run in schools and care homes, bringing together some of the youngest and oldest members of the county.

A public sharing of original poems, spoken word and songs created during the project will be performed by primary school pupils from Shropshire at St Chad's Church in Shrewsbury on **Thursday 27 November 2025**.



Who are Pentabus?

Pentabus is the nation's rural touring theatre, and the only producing theatre company in Shropshire. This project draws on our 50 year history of producing new theatre and working creatively with schools and our local communities.

For more information, scan the QR code, or visit www.pentabus.co.uk/homeishere



Home is Here is a Pentabus project, funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund as part of vibrant Shropshire's 'this is Shropshire' festival.



CURRENT HOUSE POINTS

Ragleth finish the first half term, in the lead...

Caradoc – 151

Ragleth – 248

Lawley – 206

Callow – 160



HOCKEY CLUB

After half term, our Friday sports club changes to Hockey. ParentMail is now open for bookings. It is open to all our children, on a first come, first served basis as due to staff ratios, numbers are limited. The younger children play with plastic sticks and the older children, once competent progress to wooden ones. This club runs until Friday December 12th (so not the last Friday of this term).



SCHOOL UNIFORM – BRIGADE SALE

We have been advised by our uniform supplier, Brigade that they are offering a 10% discount sale from Friday 31st October until Sunday 2nd November at 11.59pm. You will need to contact them on-line and quote the discount code of PUMPKIN10.

www.brigade.uk.com



OUR ATTENDANCE

Our attendance figures continue to be excellent and we achieved 100% attendance for two days this week – thank you again for your continued support.

PARENTS' EVENING – BOOKINGS VIA PARENTMAIL

Please note that ParentMail will be open from Monday 20th October, for you to book your slots for the first Parents' Evening for this academic year. The sessions are:

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

FUNDRAISING EVENT ON TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

Mr Morris and Axel K are organising a very special fundraising event on the first Tuesday after half term and all children will need their PE kits and trainers in school please. Parents will have all ready received a letter about this but further details are shown below, for our wider community:

During one of Mr Morris's regular chats about football with Axel, he highlighted something that was on his mind. He told Mr Morris that one of his football referees, Emanuel (Manny) Aston, had recently received the devastating news that he has Stage 4 terminal cancer. Manny is just 16 years old. Axel went on to speak so warmly of Manny, it was evident the respect he holds him in. This sad story has also been covered in the Shropshire Star (online) and provides more detail around the sequence of events that led to this awful diagnosis. Axel and Mr Morris spoke again and agreed it would be fitting if our school community could help Manny, just as he has played such a central role in his own footballing community. A GoFundMe page has been set up for Manny – where donations received will be split between making precious memories for Manny and his family, as well as a contribution to the Teenage Cancer Trust.

We would therefore like to hold a football tournament on the afternoon of Tuesday 4th November (in school time) for pupils across all three classes to take part in. All we would ask for is that you maybe consider making a small donation to this cause by following the link below. <https://gofundme.com/f/the-refereeing-family-supporting-emanuel-manny-aston> This is what Axel wrote about Manny... "Manny has been our referee since I was 8 years old. He has barely missed a game and is always fair and refs with a smile on his face. He is a lovely person who is kind to everyone and never fails to smile no matter what the circumstances. Manny's family members are trying to make memories with him during the time he has left and that is why I'm trying to help raise money to create memories for him."

REMINDER ABOUT THE CLAYBROOK FARM OUTSIDE CINEMA EVENING COMING SOON



Mrs Hartley (mum to Evie and Olive) and her family, have agreed to organise and host an outdoor cinema evening at Claybrook Farm on the 7th November, with proceeds going to Rushbury. Please contact her directly if you would like to book a place.

Claybrookpumpkins@gmail.com



RUSHBURY'S TELEPHONE BOX

As you will be aware from last week's School Council update, the Wainwright Trust has adopted the phone box outside school in order to give it a new purpose for our community. The Trust are keen to seek people's view/ideas for its future. If you have an idea, please contact any of the following, who will make sure that these are put forward and discussed as part of the decision-making processes:

The Wainwright Trust	Martin Pye, trust chair	martinjamespye@outlook.com
Rushbury Primary School	Steve Morris, headteacher	headteacher@rushbury.shropshire.sch.uk
St Peter's Church	Rev Lisa Harper	revlisaharper@icloud.com
The Parish Council	Neil Green, parish clerk	rushburypc@gmail.com



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

- Ticklerton – Pippa P for having a super attitude to learning
- Ticklerton – Cassian M for always showing positivity to learning and our Rushbury values
- Gretton – Joe L for a fantastic effort in Art lessons, producing an excellent carpet page
- Gretton – for providing fantastic support in the classroom, particularly in Music
- Stanway – Serenna J for beautiful handwriting
- Stanway – Floss R for her positivity – always



SPORTS AWARD

Sam H – for enthusiasm and effort during the football match – well done!



CHILD'S PRAYER



Dear God
Thank you for our friends and our family.
Thank you for our food and our animals.
Thank you for our trees and our wildlife.
Thank you for our days and nights.

Amen

By

Rosa M (Gretton Class)

KEY DIARY DATES

Friday 31st October	Deadline for Year 6 Parents to apply for secondary school
Monday 3rd November	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 4th November	Fundraising event – all pupils involved (school time) – PE kits/trainers needed
Thursday 6th November	Reception/Year 6 Pupils – Height/Weight checks - pm
Friday 7th November	First Hockey Club (runs until Friday 12 th December)
Wednesday 12th November	Whole school trip to Blists Hill
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 - see main body of the newsletter for full details

SOME ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST:

Shropshire Supporting Families through Early Help

HALLOWEEN CRAFT EVENT

Wednesday 29th October 2025
1pm until 3pm

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

shropshire.gov.uk/early-help

Shropshire Council

LingenDavies Cancer Support

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

ESCAPE ROOMS

Can your team solve the escape room puzzles to unlock the team members' certificates?

In the Discovery Centre take on this popular family activity, you'll need to solve the puzzles and clues to "escape". There will be a range of activities for different ages and abilities for to move through.

All groups must be accompanied by an adult.

OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITY

Mon 27th to Thurs 30th Oct
Book your slot at our front desk

£4.50 per child
Recommended age 4 - 11 years

www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk
01588676060

School Road, Craven Arms, SY7 9RS

CLAYBROOK PUMPKIN PATCH

Claybrook Farm Wall-Under-Heywood, Church Stretton, SY6 7DP

- Pick Your Own Pumpkin
- CALVE IT ON ONSITE
- Enjoy on-field GAMES
- Our photo booth stations
- Hot drink & tasty treats

OPEN NOW!

HOW TO FIND US

Follow the PUMPKIN signs on the B4371. 3.4 Miles From Church Stretton

What3Words: prowess.clothing.fumes

WE ARE OPEN EVERY SAT & SUN IN OCT (10AM-5PM)

PLUS ALL OF HALF TERM WEEK 25th - 31st October

YOU CANT MISS US

BONFIRE and fireworks

Join us for a night of family fun and firework spectacular at our bonfire event on

SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER

Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre
The Home of Grow Cook Learn

Fundraising EVENT

grow cook learn
HOT DOG AND BACON BAP STAND

LOW 'N' SLOW SMOKE SPACE

THE SPECIALIST CIDER COMPANY

WEDDING PIZZA CO.

Live music from Andrew Pearce

FAIR GROUND RIDES AND FLASHING TOYS

Firework display by the creators of the London New Year's Eve team

TITANIUM

GATES OPEN AT 5PM | BONFIRE 7PM | FIREWORKS 7.30PM

Adults £7 | Kids £5 | Under 5s are FREE

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HALLOWEEN CRAFTS

Join us for an afternoon of crafting this Halloween. Make halloween decorations, experiment at making a pumpkin be "sick" and explore feelie boxes.

Spooky refreshments will be available.

£5 per child

COSTUMES WELCOME

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER

Drop in between **1PM - 4PM**

01588 676 060
School Road, Craven Arms SY7 9RS.
Grow Cook Learn, a registered charity: 1158795
www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk
info@shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk

Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre

Shrewsbury Town Foundation

October Halloween Holiday Clubs

27th to 31st October, 9am to 3pm

For children ages 5 to 11, our holiday clubs are open to all abilities with a focus on fun, sports, and some Halloween themed activities! Groups of mixed age and ability.

at **The Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST & Ludlow Football Stadium, SY8 2BN**

Scan the QR code or visit our website to book a single day for £18.

foundationstfc.co.uk/fun

Get in touch

E: admin@foundationstfc.co.uk T: 01743 289177 opt 6



FREE STREET CRICKET

YOUTH - AGED 8-15

Craven Arms Community Project
Halos Craven Arms Community Centre, Newington Way, SY7 9PS
Every Tuesday except half-term week, September 9-December 9
4.30-5.30pm
For ages 8-15
FREE

AUTUMN 2025 EVERY TUESDAY

CONTACT:
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Cricket Shropshire
Beyond the Boundary

CHANCE TO SHINE STREET
chancetoshine.org/street