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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 December:**

**Peace**

**Please remember that all future diary dates, holidays and PD days can be found on the school website.**

**[www.rushburyschool.co.uk](http://www.rushburyschool.co.uk)**

Dear parents/carers,

I would like to start by thanking you for your support yesterday evening in attending the village hall for our nativity performance of 'Humph'. As ever, it was a lovely occasion and one that the children (and many staff) worked very hard, to put on. This time of the year is always a little challenging for the children after a long autumn term but we were proud of their efforts yesterday. A special mention to those children who had to double up and do more in the evening as unfortunately we had a number of children, who through no fault of their own, were too unwell to attend. This has been a 'performance-themed' week at school, after our visit to the panto in Shrewsbury on Tuesday. The children were wonderfully entertained and Bertie and Matilda enjoyed their moment in the limelight at the end of the panto, when they were both invited up onto the stage. The pupils also enjoyed their ice-creams and the inevitable audience participation aspects of any decent panto! There are photographs of both events further on in this newsletter.

In class this week, Ticklerton have been completing independent writing, linked to the BFG (Big Friendly Giant) Christmas advert; learnt about algorithms in Computing; tested materials for those which are waterproof and joined Little Acorns for a forest school session. Gretton have completed life-size drawings of the skeleton; completed their scratch game building project in Computing and refined their striking and fielding skills in cricket. Finally, Stanway have completed a recounted letter from Sophie to her friend about her trip with the BFG; used ratios for the completion of their paper chains and worked on sequencing, retrieval and summarising skills in relation to their reading. In addition, pictures of their recently completed art installations are also included in this newsletter.

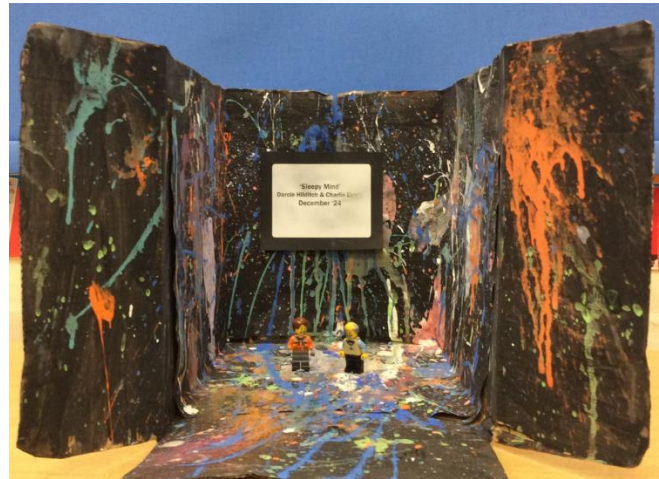
Next week is the last week of term which will be another busy one. We have a couple of events we'd like to invite you to attend, if you can. Firstly, the school Christmas Fair in Stanway Class, on Wednesday. This starts at 2pm and last for ninety minutes. The church side pedestrian gate will be opened from the start time. Then on Friday, we have our Christmas Carol Service which will take place from 10:30am in St Peter's Church. We hope to see many of you at one or even both events.

Please also note that there is no wrap around afternoon care or sports club next Friday.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Steve Morris

## STANWAY'S RECENT ART INSTALLATIONS



## A PEACE PRAYER



Dear God  
I pray for peace and hope when tolerance arrives.  
I hope that peace will always be in me.  
I hope that one day, peace will take charge of the world and everyone will be at peace.  
I hope everyone will remember God and how he brought peace to the world.

Amen

By  
Amara M



**WHOLE SCHOOL OUTING TO THIS YEAR'S SLEEPING BEAUTY PANTOMIME**



The children enjoying their ice-creams, during the interval. A thank you to The Friends who financed this.



**THANK YOU RECEIVED FROM THE RBL**



Above is the acknowledgement and thanks for our contribution of £134.31, towards the Royal British Legion's annual fundraising event and also shows how much has been raised by the district as a whole.

## BOOK REVIEW

**Title:**

You Spy (Fiction Express)

**Author**

Damian Harvey

**What I think of this book:**

I think it's funny.

**Who might like to read it:**

Anyone.

**My favourite parts of this book:**

The TV switch on.

Review and Star rating by Charlie E - (5/5 stars)



## OUR CAROL CONCERT

Our annual Christmas Carol Concert (as mentioned by Mr Morris earlier) will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at St Peter's Church (next door to school) at 10.30 am until approx. 11.15 ish. Everyone is very welcome (friends, neighbours etc.) ... a lovely way to perhaps start your Christmas festivities?



## INVITATIONS FROM REV. LISA HARPER TO JOIN HER AND THE TEAM OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

*Happy Christmas from  
Opedale Benefice*

**Christmas Carol Service  
join us for traditional  
carols and  
readings**

**St Peter's Church Rushbury  
Sunday 15th December  
2.30pm**



*Happy Christmas from  
Opedale Benefice*

**Make Christmas Eve 2024 Special  
A time for all the family  
to come together and share  
in the telling of the Christmas story  
St James' Church Cardington  
Crib Service  
2.00pm**

Come dressed as shepherds/angels





## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



- Ticklerton – Reggie W for having super focus with all of his work
- Ticklerton – Cassian M for joining in with KS1 activities brilliantly
- Gretton – Max B for a fantastic attitude during assessment week and achieving high standards
- Gretton – Joe L for super manners and always being so respectful
- Stanway – The whole class for their support with Ticklerton in the nativity play

**Sports Award** – Darcie H for supporting Ticklerton children to develop their basketball skills

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SPORTS CLUBS FOR THE SPRING TERM 2025

<b>SPRING 1</b> <b>(Friday 10.1.2025-Friday 14.2.2025)</b>	<b>HOCKEY</b>
<b>SPRING 2</b> <b>(Friday 28.2.2025-Friday 4.4.2025)</b>	<b>TENNIS</b>

ParentMail is now open and available for bookings for next term's sports club.

### RESULTS FROM THE VERY POPULAR CHILDREN'S RAFFLE - DRAWN AT THE NATIVITY PRODUCTION

All prizes need to be taken next week, in consultation with your child's teacher.

- Go in first to lunch with a friend – Clara G
- Win your class a bonus afternoon breaktime of 10 minutes – Clara G
- Come into school in non uniform, along with a friend – Olive H
- Choose which sport to play in your weekly PE lesson – Joel
- Bring a piece of headwear (hat/wig etc) which **MUST** be worn, all day, by a teacher/staff member of your choice – Amara M



### HOUSE POINTS

The current cumulative picture for our house points is shown below. Although Lawley remain in the lead, we now have two houses in second place!

- **Caradoc – 589**
- **Ragleth – 602**
- **Lawley – 797**
- **Callow – 602**

**SOME PHOTOS FROM OUR NATIVITY PRODUCTION**



	<b><u>KEY DIARY DATES</u></b>
<b>Tuesday 17th December</b>	Flu immunisations in school (nasal)
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Wear your Christmas Jumper to school today for a cost of only £1 (donation to charity)
<b>Wednesday 18th December</b>	Children's Christmas Lunch
<b>Wednesday 18th December</b>	2-3.30 pm - Christmas Fair, in school, all welcome
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	10.30-11.15 am – Carol Concert at St Peter's Church – all welcome
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	Last day of the Autumn Term
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	First day back for the children (6 <sup>th</sup> Jan is an Inset Day)
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Half Term

**Some ideas for local events and items which may be of interest:**



**Christmas Tractor Run (Cardingmill Valley)**

**Thursday 19 December, 6pm onwards.**

The Richard Parkes Memorial Tractor Run is on Thursday 19 December from 6pm onwards. The tractors will take a route through Church Stretton ending up at The Yew Tree Inn in All Stretton for Carols around the Tree. Mulled wine, hot chocolate and BBQ available....

**01694 328953**



**Christmas Tractor Run (Bridgnorth)**

**Sunday 22 December 2024, from 5pm**

Bridgnorth festive tractor run takes place on Sunday 22 December 2024. Tractors meet at Bridgnorth Livestock Market from 3pm. The tractor run starts at 5pm. Route: Bridgnorth High Street Quatt Alvereley Village Shatterford Kinsford Lane Meddins Lane, Kinver Enville Six Ashes St Anmore Bridgnorth Bypass...

**PASSMASTER COACHING**

**Y1-Y6 KIDS**

**XMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS**

**ART & CRAFTS SPORTS, GAMES, OUTDOOR FUN**

SEE OVERLEAF FOR VENUES, DATES AND PRICES

**DECEMBER 23, JANUARY 2 & 3**

Mount Pleasant Primary Activity Camp Shrewsbury SY1 3BY  
 St Lawrence Primary Activity Camp Church Stretton SY6 6EX  
 London Road Football Camp Shrewsbury SY2 6PR (23 Dec only)

Logos: HAF (Holiday Activities and Food), Department for Education, Shropshire Council

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More Information <https://passmastercoaching.schoolipal.co.uk>

**Passmaster Christmas 2024**

Xmas 2024	Post code	Monday, December 23, 2024	Thursday, January 2, 2025	Friday, January 3, 2025	Cost	HAF
Mount Pleasant Primary Activity Camp	Shrewsbury SY1 3BY	8-4	8-4	8-4	£20	Yes
St Lawrence Primary Activity Camp	Church Stretton SY6 6EX	8.30-4	8.30-4	8.30-4	£18	Yes
London Road Football Camp	Shrewsbury SY2 6PR	9-4	x	x	£22.50	No

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Logos: HAF (Holiday Activities and Food), Department for Education, Shropshire Council



Shropshire Council's Family Info Service produce regular newsletters and are a great source of useful local information. The current newsletter is full of ideas to make the most of the festive season and a selection of these are included below. This service cover nearly everything and anything to do with family life, so if you have a question, chances are they will be able to help, or if they can't, they can point you in the direction of someone who can. Find them on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [X](#). Call 01743 254400 or email [ShropshireFIS@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:ShropshireFIS@shropshire.gov.uk)



## Budgeting for Christmas

We know Christmas can be a really expensive time of year so here are our top tips for keeping the costs down.

- Are you receiving everything you are entitled to? Turn2Us is a charity who believes everyone in the UK should have financial security so they can thrive. They offer a free benefits calculator and grants search on their website. It only takes a few minutes to check if you are missing out on something you could be entitled to. <https://www.turn2us.org.uk/>
- Credit unions are not-for-profit organisations that provide savings, loans and a range of services to their members. There are two Credit Unions in Shropshire, Fair Share Credit Union <https://www.fairshare.uk.com/fairshare-500-christmas-loan/> and Just Credit Union <https://justcreditunion.org/loans/saver-loans/> Both offer Christmas loans to help you pay for this year and save towards next Christmas.
- You can get support with housing, energy and food costs through [Shropshire Council's Cost of Living website](#). You can be referred to the foodbank by a professional who knows you, such as your housing association, GP, support worker or school. [They can also refer you for a Christmas Food and Gift Hamper](#) and schemes such as [Santa's Little Stars](#) who provide wrapped age-appropriate Christmas presents to children all over the county
- [Our Family Information Directory](#) has lots of free or low cost activities and events to make Christmas fun.



## Festive farmers

If you have a child who is tractor mad then you won't want to miss the chance to see a procession of tractors, decorated in Christmas lights, trundling down a road near you. It is a magical sight to behold! You can find a list of tractor runs on our Family Information Directory



Department  
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# HAF Holiday Club

**@ SpArC Bishops Castle  
Leisure Centre**

***23rd December 2024***

***8:30 - 12:30***

***Breakfast  
Included***

***12:30 - 16:30***

***Lunch  
Included***

**Bookable to anybody with an eligible  
HAF code.**

**To book, please call 01588 630243 or  
email [steven.goodier1@serco.com](mailto:steven.goodier1@serco.com)**

# Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

**01743 250950**

Mon - Thurs, 9.30am - 4.30pm  
Fri, 9.30am - 3.30pm

No judgment, just support.



Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre

**NEW YEAR'S EVE FILM**

ILLUMINATION'S **DESPICABLE ME 4**

**TICKETS**  
Adult - £6  
Child - £4

**TUESDAY 31ST DECEMBER**  
**FILM STARTS AT 3PM**

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**  
**BOOK ONLINE**  
[www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk](http://www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk)  
01588 676 060

## Does your child struggle with their Sleep?

### Free Sleep Tight Groups

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups which run for 5 weeks and:

- Find out why sleep is important for our health and emotional wellbeing
- Get support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines
- Meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences

Our next groups start:

**Sleep Tight SEND Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am**  
at Keystone Academy, Shrewsbury, SY3 8XQ

**Sleep Tight Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm**  
at Crowmoor Primary School, Shrewsbury, SY2 5JJ

**Sleep Tight SEND Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm**  
Virtually Via MS Teams

**Sleep Tight Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am**  
Virtually via MS Teams

*SEND groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed to attend the groups.*

To book a place email [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) or call 01743 250950

Find out more here



## Understanding your child From toddler to teen

- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you need help and support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers with children of a similar age?

Join us for one of our free virtual or face-to-face groups, our next groups start:

**Understanding Your Child SEND Group Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am**  
at Wilfred Owen School, Shrewsbury, SY2 5SH

**Understanding Your Child SEND Group Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm**  
Virtually Via MS Teams

**Understanding Your Child Group Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am**  
at Meole Brace Primary School, Shrewsbury, SY3 9HG

**Understanding Your Child Group Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am**  
Virtually Via MS Teams

**Understanding Your Child Group Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 from 1.15pm to 3.15pm**  
at Christ Church Primary School, Cressage, SY5 6DHH

*All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.*

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Find more free online courses at [inourplace.co.uk/shropshire](http://inourplace.co.uk/shropshire)

Find a list of local groups here

