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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

Dear parents/carers,

The final week of this autumn term has been an exceptionally busy one. The children have taken part in our school Christmas Jumper Day, raising money for 'Save The Children'; enjoyed a delicious Christmas Dinner thanks to our school cook, Wendy; organised and covered the various stalls for our Christmas Fair; caught up with Santa Claus in our Forest School and capped the week off by singing beautifully in our Christmas Carol Service at St Peter's. As usual, we have a few pictures of activities in school this week, further on in this newsletter.

On Wednesday, the children arrived in school to discover a festive present, thanks to the Friends' Group. We are now the brand-new owners of a wonderful, full-size table football. It is situated under our new shelter and I am sure it'll be a fantastic new playtime/lunchtime addition. Due to its size, it is purely for KS2 usage, but the younger pupils will also be able to use it once in year 3. The children have already been queuing up at break and lunch to play on it.



On behalf of all staff at school we would like to wish you a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year. We look forward to seeing the children back at school on **Tuesday**, 7th January.

Steve Morris

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Everyone enjoyed an amazingly tasty Christmas lunch, served by our cook Wendy (in full elf attire!). It was lovely to have the Little Acorns and their adults join us too.



TWO PEACE PRAYERS



Dear Lord
Thank you for peace, joy, yoga and relaxation.
Thank you for pillows and our beds.
Please make the world more peaceful and help to end all wars.

Amen

By
Jacob H

Dear God
Please bring peace to the world.
Please bring joy, hope and love to the world as well.
Thank you God.
Amen

By
Clara G



MINI MEDICS CERTIFICATES



Certificates for the 24 children who attended Mini Medics (for 1 or more sessions), were given out this week in school.

Well done to:

Amara, Amelie, Anna, Bertie, Charlie, Clara, Dennis, Ellis, Emilia, Emily, Essence, Floss, Freya, George, Harry, Hunter, Max, Olive, Oliver, Penelope, Rosa, Serenna, Sidney and Sophia.



We are mindful that December can be an expensive month, but we wanted to thank all the families that were able to support this year's Christmas Jumper Day. We collected a total of £36.95, which will be sent to Save the Children.

A SPECIAL VISITOR

The children received a visit from a special visitor this week. He was able to take up temporary residence in our beautiful grotto (a big thank you to the Mums who were involved in getting this ready) and all the children received a token present. We know this is a busy time, so thank you for popping in to see us Father Christmas!



BOOK REVIEW

Title:

The Night Before Christmas (a modern take on the original poem)

Author

Oliver Lancaster

What I think of this book:

It's about the Christmas story so it's important. We like the rhyming words.

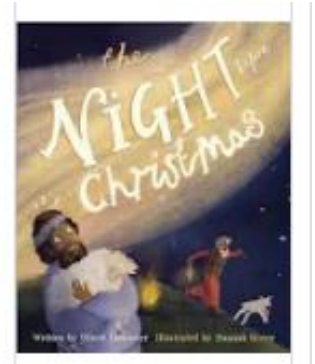
Who might like to read it:

Our whole class has read this now.

Our favourite parts of this book:

Rose S – the camels (one was eating the washing)

Olive H – the lambs (I know lots about lambs and my sister and I used to have one. Hopefully we will have another when it's Spring)



Review and Star rating by Rose S and Olive H - (5/5 stars)



AN INVITATION FROM REVD. LISA HARPER TO JOIN HER AND THE TEAM ON CHRISTMAS EVE



SPORTS AWARD



Due to it being a very hectic last week of term, there are no Head Teacher Awards, but there was one award for sports:

Sports Award – George Johnson for super netball skills – well done!

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SPORTS CLUBS FOR THE SPRING TERM 2025

SPRING 1 (Friday 10.1.2025-Friday 14.2.2025)	HOCKEY
SPRING 2 (Friday 28.2.2025-Friday 4.4.2025)	TENNIS

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

DISCOUNTS ON SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERED ON LINE



Bridgade, our uniform supplier, is offering a 15% discount on all uniform purchased from 31.12.2024 until 05.01.2025. This is an on-line offer only and you need to use NY15 at the checkout.



This is a great website, containing information on just about everything and anything to do with family life. You can find this on Facebook, [Instagram](#) or X. You can call 01743 254 400 or email them on ShropshireFIS@shropshire.gov.uk.

HOUSE POINTS

The current cumulative picture for our house points is shown below.

- **Caradoc - 627**
- **Ragleth – 633**
- **Lawley – 861**
- **Callow – 658**

	<u>KEY DIARY DATES</u>
Tuesday 7th January 2025	First day back for the children (6 th Jan is an Inset Day)
Thursday 16th January 2025	Key Stage 2 – Young Voices (in Birmingham)
Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February	Half Term

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



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)

HAF Department for Education Shropshire Council

More information <https://passmastercoaching.schoolpal.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






SCAN ME



Shropshire Council

Shropshire Family Info Service

Shropshire family Information Service

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



Protect our children!

Parents and guardians: Our kids are now most commonly abused online, via their mobile phones and games consoles. Do you know how to keep your kids safe?

Learn more about the dangers of kids being online and how you can keep them safe. Join our free one hour online parent awareness session to give yourself a head start in an ever changing digital world.

Scan the QR code to find out more about our awareness training and to sign up to one of our free sessions or go to www.westmercia.police.uk/exploitworkshops



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

NEW YEAR'S EVE FAMILY FUN

Join us to celebrate 2025 in our
New Year's Eve family activity.

Make a balloon animal, bake a new
years treat, make a confetti popper
plus more.

**Tuesday
31st Dec**
Drop in between
11am and 3pm

£4.50 per child
Recommended age 4 - 11 years

**Shropshire Hills
Discovery Centre**
the home of Grow Cook Learn

info@shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk
01588 676060
School Road, Craven Arms SY7 9RS
Grow Cook Learn, a registered charity: 1158795

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**

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TICKETS
Adult - £6
Child - £4



Cinema snacks & themed crafts

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL
BOOK ONLINE**

www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk
01588 676 060

**TUESDAY
31ST
DECEMBER**

**FILM STARTS
AT 3PM**



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 16th January 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am
at Keystone Academy, Shrewsbury, SY3 8XQ

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

Sleep Tight SEND Wednesday 5th March 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm
Virtually Via MS Teams

Sleep Tight Thursday 6th 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 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 27th January 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am
at Wilfred Owen School, Shrewsbury, SY2 5SH

Understanding Your Child SEND Group Monday 27th January 2025 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Virtually Via MS Teams

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

Understanding Your Child Group Friday 31st January 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am
Virtually Via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child Group Friday 31st 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

Find a list of local groups here

