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Our school values:

Curiosity, Friendship, Perseverance, Respect.

Value of the month for February:

SERVICE

Dear parents/carers,

Today marks the half-point of the school year! I am always a little caught out by how quickly the school year flashes by and it's no different this time. This half term has been a very busy one and so will the next too. However, we do try to find time in every busy school week for the children to relax, find a quiet space and reflect. At the start of this week, staff completed a refresher staff meeting on mindfulness (and its importance) for both pupils and staff and we will look to ensure that continues to play a key role in life at Rushbury.

Last Friday, Stanway Class visited the Spaceguard Centre in Knighton and learnt all manner of fascinating space-related facts during their visit. It ties in with their current Science topic of Earth and Space. There are photographs of this visit further on in the newsletter. Earlier this week, it was 'Safer Internet Day' and all classes benefited from a heightened focus on this ever changing and crucial part of modern-day life for children. Each class undertook a number of different activities, and this area of the curriculum was also discussed in our school assembly earlier today.

In classes this week, Ticklerton have been writing their adventure story in Y1/2 and Reception have finished listening to 'What the Ladybird Heard'; Reception pupils have played addition and subtraction games linked to length; all have practised their stitching ahead of the puppet-making afternoon and they have shared a forest school session with Little Acorns. A thank you to parents/carers/grandparents who attended school yesterday to support the puppet-making activity in Ticklerton Class. It appeared to be a very successful afternoon with some excellent puppets created by the end of the afternoon. Gretton have practised writing persuasive sentences using a mix of the first, second and third person; covered perimeter in Maths; worked on coding in Computing and demonstrated excellent fitness levels and techniques for both press-ups and sit-ups in PE. Stanway have learnt about the phases of the moon over its monthly cycle; completed a biographical, double-page spread on a variety of characters from Kaleb Cooper to Sir Humphrey Davy; demonstrated fantastic basketball skills during a competitive PE lesson; developed methods of efficient division in Maths and completed hedge-planting with the CPRE. This last activity took place yesterday morning with Stanway Class visiting Huglith Farm, which is situated in the Pontesbury area. Miss Reeves and Mrs Oxley accompanied the children on this enjoyable and informative excursion.

Well done to our boys' and girls' Gretton Class football teams. They played against a number of other local school at Church Stretton Secondary on Tuesday. Miss Carter and Mr Greenwood reported that they competed enthusiastically and performed very well. There are photographs later in the newsletter.

Our Friday after-school Hockey Club has been a bit of a cold affair over the last few weeks so a special thank you and well done to all attendees – especially so those from Ticklerton. It does get cold quickly this time of year especially when the Sun goes down, even on those days when you can't actually see it in the sky. It's tennis for six weeks once we return.

I do hope you have an enjoyable half-term and we look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday, 24th February.

Steve Morris



CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear God

We are grateful for our family, friends and siblings.

We are grateful for everything we have in life.

We pray to you Lord today for love, games, schools and earth.

Thank you for sending Jesus down to earth to make lots of miracles and to show how much you love us.

Please hear this prayer from us, to you.

By

Jessica M



BOOK REVIEW

Three of our youngest children, from Ticklerton, have reviewed their class book this week:

Title:

What the ladybird heard

Author

Julia Donaldson

What we think of this book:

We liked this book because it had lots of different animals in it and it was quite funny in lots of places.

Who might like to read it:

Anyone in Ticklerton.

Our favourite part of this book:

Josh – I liked the hog.

Cassian – I liked the dog.

James – I liked the dog (one day I would really like a puppy!)

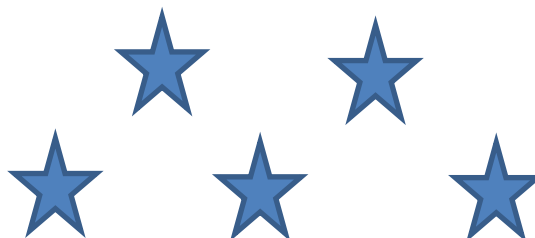
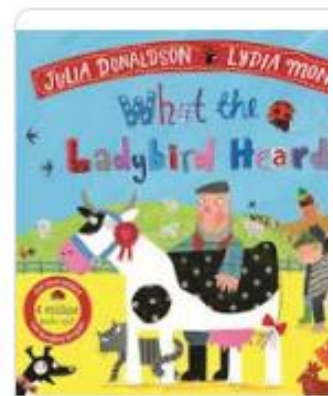
We all thought it was very funny that the police car was called a 'Panda Car' (because it's black and white like a panda!).

Out of 5 stars, this is what we would give it:

Cassian M – 3 stars

James C – 4 stars

Josh C – 5 stars



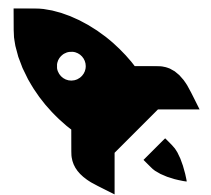
HEAD TEACHER'S AWARDS



- Ticklerton – Joel H for always having a positive attitude to school
- Ticklerton – Rose S for excellent independent working in English and Maths
- Gretton – Clara B for wonderful expressive reading and excellent work across all curriculum areas
- Gretton – Ollie D for both quality of work and presentation
- Stanway - Sebastian W for attention to detail when making a pop-up book
- Stanway - Hunter B for an inspired subject for his biography writing

- **Sports Award** – Ellie B for setting an excellent example to younger pupils at Hockey Club

STANWAY'S VISIT TO THE SPACEGUARD CENTRE



POP UP BOOKS BY STANWAY

Stanway have been busy designing and writing pop up books for the younger children.



YEARS 3 AND 4 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT AT CHURCH STRETTON SCHOOL



HOUSE POINTS

The children have been working hard this week to earn house points. The current, cumulative picture, for our house points is shown below.

- **Caradoc – 1019**
- **Ragleth – 956**
- **Lawley – 1071**
- **Callow – 997**

PARENTMAIL REMINDER – DINNERS AND CLUBS

This is all set up for the next half term. Please take a few minutes over half term to book your child onto any clubs they may wish to attend, as well as confirming if they require a school dinner.

CHANGES/REFINEMENTS TO OUR MOBILE PHONE AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES POLICY

Please note that we have recently made some changes to the above policy to include smart watches and other such electronic communication devices. The main points are summarized below but we would urge you to read the full policy, which is now on our website.

- Pupils are not permitted to use their mobile phones, smart watches or electronic communication devices during the school day or to remove the devices from their bag/coat. Pupils may bring a mobile phone, smart watch or electronic communication device onto the school site and it may be used to communicate with parents/family **after the school day** but not during.
- Smart Watches with camera facilities and independent access to the internet must also be switched off and will not be allowed to be used during the school day.
- The school does not take any responsibility for any potential loss/damage to the mobile phone, smart watch or electronic communication device if it is brought on site. School will NOT confiscate a phone, smart watch or electronic communication device (other than for a specific safeguarding reason) and will, instead, request that parents/carers ensure that the child does not bring their phone to school if there is a clear case of inappropriate usage.

OUR ECO SCHOOL CHALLENGE FOR HALF TERM

Rushbury have a thriving Eco School group who meet regularly (with the help of Miss Reeves). They are keen for you to try their mini half term challenge – all family members are welcome to take part!

Rushbury Eco school



Mini half-term homework for all the family!

How many can you do? Please take photos for evidence

Litter pick: go round places and pick up any rubbish on site.

Plant: plant more trees and bushes around your property.

Recycle: recycle your glass bottles and plastic ones and more!

Repair: repair your bike tyres instead of throwing them away.

Reuse: reuse anything you can like plastic bottles etc.

Habitat creation: create a habitat for bug or an animal.

Get a compost bin: use this instead of throwing away peels and food waste.

Battery bins: get a battery bin so you don't put them in the bin.

Cloth nappies: they're better for the environment and easier to use.

Switch off: turn off technology when you're not using it.

Reuse water **Use fewer wipes.**

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAKE OUR PRECIOUS WORLD
EVEN BETTER**

	<u>KEY DIARY DATES</u>
Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February	Half Term
Monday 24th February 2025	Children return to school New price of £2.90 for school lunches from today
Tuesday 25th February 2025	Spring Governor visit afternoon – governors in school chatting to pupils and staff
Friday 28th February 2025	Tennis Club starts after school (3.15-4.15pm)
Thursday 6th March 2025	World Book Day – everyone encouraged to dress up as book character
Monday 24th March 2025	Pm – National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) for Reception & Year 6 (Friday 21 st March deadline for opting out)

SOME ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST:



ASCENSION
ARTS

*"So clever and imaginative!
It kept the audience spellbound!"*
- Audience Member

Fun, playful, heart-warming, beautiful.
A wonderful introduction to dance
theatre for early years children and
everyone else!

Early Weaves

With a stay and play session following the show!

Sunday 16th February at 11am
Ludlow Assembly Rooms, SY8 1AS
Tickets £3
01584 878141
www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk

25 YEARS
arts
alive
FLICKS
STICKS

February Half Term Activity

Bubbles & Balloons

Make balloon animals, experiment with static electricity and a hovercraft.
Make small and big bubbles with things you can find around your home and try to make a double bubble!

£4.50 per child
Must be accompanied by an adult
Booking essential, book online.

Mon 17th to Fri 21st February
1pm - 2.30pm

www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk
01588 676 060

Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre
the home of Grow Cook Learn

School Road, Craven Arms SY7 9RS.
Grow Cook Learn, a registered charity: 1158795

VALENTINE'S CRAFT EVENT

Wednesday 19th February 2025

2pm until 3.30pm

Free Valentines themed
cookery & crafts
for all ages



Come along to:
**Ludlow Youth Centre, Lower Galdeford,
Ludlow, SY8 1RT**

Please note: parents are responsible for their children at this event

Supporting families with children aged 0-19 years (up to 25 years for young people with special educational needs and disabilities)
We aim to make it easier for you to ask for help and get support when you need it.

Shropshire Supporting Families through Early Help
Shropshire Council

Lingen Davies Cancer Fund

Spring

WALK WITH EASTER TRAIL
APRIL
SUNDAY 6 2025 10.30AM - 3PM

EATON MANOR
Eaton Manor Country Estate, Eaton-under-Heywood, Church Stretton SY6 7DH
What3Words friends.harmonica.proved

Spring walk, including Easter Trail and craft corner for children, refreshments and homemade cake.

£5 ENTRY PER PERSON
Inclusive of Easter Trail for Children | Under 3s go free
Dogs on leads welcome

Tickets available in advance and on the gate
lingendavies.co.uk/events
Scan to find out more

EGGHUNT

welcome Spring

