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NEWSLETTER

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Our school values:

Curiosity, Friendship, Perseverance, Respect.

Value of the month for February:

SERVICE

Dear parents/carers,

It has been an enjoyable first week back in school after half-term, with the weather making a difference. It certainly feels more like spring compared to a couple of weeks ago. As the overhead conditions (and ground) improve, the children will generally make more use of the school site, especially the field during break and lunchtimes. At the moment, it is still far too wet underfoot but hopefully this will change. Of course, our outdoor learning continues regardless of the weather. Therefore, it is crucial that the children have appropriate clothing in school on these occasions. Even more relevant if an outdoor learning session incorporates a walk or forest school.

We had our first enrichment afternoon in KS2 for this half-term. Our Lawley pupils enjoyed a trip to Hatton Farm on Wednesday, learning more about farming and how calves are cared for. They even had the opportunity to weigh themselves as if they were a new-born calf! There are photographs of this visit further on in the newsletter, along with other recent activities. Meanwhile, back at school, our Ragleth pupils created and baked their own pizzas in their cookery session – the smells floating through the main school building were mouth-watering, to say the least. Callow produced their own patterned and colourful origami butterflies with Mr Greenwood and Caradoc planted seeds, flattened mole hills and washed various tools down after completing gardening activities.

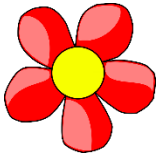
Elsewhere in class, Stanway have looked at family trees in French, using possessive adjectives; investigated solubility of materials in Science, using test tubes to aid their experimenting; multiplied and divided fractions as well as conversion from imperial units to metric, in Maths. Gretton have been working on autobiographical writing in English; have developed their coding skills of microbits; designed 3-D packaging using CAD; explored why Christians refer to the crucifixion of Jesus as 'Good Friday'; learnt how to treat people who may be stung by animals and improved their dribbling and passing skills in football. Ticklerton have started to design and describe a main character for Shropshire Bookfest; produced clues to describe animals in Science; used their homemade Tree ID wheels to identify trees on their nature walk and learnt why rules are important and necessary in PSHE.

A reminder to you in relation to our 'Rushbury Reads' activity and how you can help out at home. This is currently ongoing and children who read at home and sign reading records (KS2 children) can have these marked off on their chart when they return to school. Parents or carers signing Ticklerton pupils' reading records applies too. When twenty reads have been achieved, the pupil will be presented with a £15 voucher in our weekly assembly on Friday. Children have six more weeks to complete the challenge. Please also note, that everyone is invited to dress up as a book character on Thursday 6th March, to celebrate World Book Day.

I would like to finish by making you aware of the date and times for our **Spring Term Parents' Evening. This will take place on Monday, 7th April from 3:30pm to 7pm**, with Ticklerton starting a little earlier, from 2:30pm due to the number of children in that class. ParentMail will open next week to enable you to make bookings.

I hope you benefit from a relaxing weekend.

Steve Morris



CHILDREN'S PRAYERS



Dear God

Thank you for the days getting longer.
Thank you for the sun in the morning and the bright flowers.

Amen

Matilda S

Dear God

Thank you for hens laying eggs.
Thank you for baby chicks hatching.

Amen

George E

NATIONAL OFFER DAY – PARENTS IN YEAR 6

Information regarding your child's secondary school place will be available on Shropshire's Parent Portal from Monday 3rd March 2025. If you cannot access your account, please use the following email: school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk or phone 01743 255 216 and a member of the central admissions team will be able to help you.

BOOK REVIEW BY AMARA M

Title:

Matilda

Author

Roald Dahl

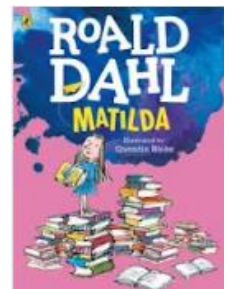
What I think of this book:

I really liked this book because it was funny in places and also had a really good plot. One of my favourite bits was when Matilda was able to take revenge on her parents (who had been mean to her), especially when she dyed her dad's hair a different colour! I think any of the children in Gretton or Stanway would enjoy this book. I have also seen the film.

My favourite part of this book:

I enjoyed it all but I liked the ending because Matilda ended up living with her lovely teacher, Miss Honey.

Out of 5 stars, I would give it 5/5.



HEAD TEACHER'S AWARDS

- **Ticklerton** – Skylar P for having a positive attitude when completing work, even if it is a bit tricky!
- **Ticklerton** – Theo S for working so hard to improve your handwriting
- **Gretton** – Emilia L for perseverance and understanding in maths
- **Gretton** – Joe L for a great persuasive article on blue whales
- **Gretton** – Florence S M – for amazing and detailed half term homework
- **Stanway** - Emily H for speedy and conscientious completion of homework - always
- **Stanway** - Serenna J for great questions on the farm visit

- **Sports Award** – Rosa M for 'sharp shooting' during the Ticklerton vs Key Stage 2 shoot off!



TICKLERTON USING A SIMPLE KEY TO IDENTIFY LEAVES



A SELECTION OF PHOTOS FROM OUR RECENT ENRICHMENT/FOREST SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



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. Callow have just overtaken Lawley now, to be the new team currently in the lead.

- **Caradoc – 1073**
- **Ragleth – 1015**
- **Lawley – 1101**
- **Callow – 1105**

PARENTMAIL REMINDER – PARENTS' EVENING

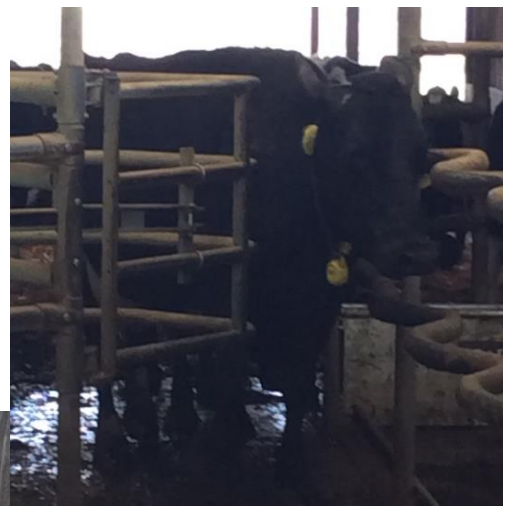
This is all set up and will be active on Monday 3rd March. Please take a few minutes to make an appointment.

STANWAY'S SUPER SCIENTISTS!

This week, the children in Stanway have been increasing their confidence with working scientifically during their solubility experiments. They were able to ensure a fair test, carefully change variables as required and they worked carefully and methodically.




LAWLEY'S RECENT TRIP TO HATTON FARM



	<u>KEY DIARY DATES</u>
Monday 3rd March 2025	Secondary School Offer Day (year 6 parents see note in newsletter about how to access the council's portal)
Tuesday 4th March 2025	KS1 (years 1 and 2) Multi-Skills Sports at Church Stretton School – children in PE kits all day (pm in school time trip)
Thursday 6th March 2025	World Book Day – everyone is encouraged to dress up as book character
Monday 24th March 2025	National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) for Reception & Year 6 (Friday 21 st March deadline for opting out)
Monday 7th April 2025	Spring Term Parents' Evening
Friday 11th April 2025	Break up for the Easter holidays
Monday 28th April 2025	First day back for everyone for the Summer Term

SOME ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST:



SHROPSHIRE SENDIASS:
REFERRAL & SIGNPOSTING
INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS & SENCOS

Supporting children, young people, and families through SEND processes

Shropshire SENDIASS (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Information, Advice & Support Service) provides **free, impartial, and confidential** information, advice, and support for children and young people (0-25) with SEND and their families.



As a school or SENCo, you play a crucial role in supporting young people and their families. We are here to help by offering guidance, resources, and direct support where needed.

How to Refer to SENDIASS

SENDIASS is a **self-referral service**. This means families and young people can contact us directly. However, schools and professionals can also support families by:

- * **Sharing our details** with parents, carers, and young people who need SEND support.
- * **Signposting families** to our website for guidance on EHCPs, SEN support, transitions, and school-related concerns.
- * **Encouraging parents and young people** to call or email us if they need **advice, help with paperwork, or support for meetings**.
- * **Requesting SENDIASS input** for information sessions or training for school staff, parents, and young people.

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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.hamonica.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
lingen Davies.co.uk/events
Scan to find out more

EGGHUNT

WELCOME Spring





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Cancer Fund
Shrewsbury Committee

Easter
Bingo

📅 Friday, 11th April
 🕒 7pm
 📍 Leebotwood Village Hall SY6 6NB

Cash prizes to be won!
Raffle, Refreshments & Cakes

For more information,
contact Angela 07816 193942



