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C.E. Primary School

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# NEWSLETTER

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Our school values:

Curiosity, Friendship, Perseverance, Respect.

Value of the month for April:

**HOPE**



Dear parents/carers,

Our governing body met for the spring term meeting on Monday evening. It was business as usual with the governing body continuing to provide essential support for the school community and the pupils who attend school. One of their decisions was that they agreed to the proposal of extending Mr Greenwood's stay at Rushbury. Mr Greenwood was due to continue in Gretton Class for the rest of this academic year but this will now be extended by a further twelve months. This means that he will continue to be the Monday to Wednesday, Gretton Class teacher for the whole of the 2025-26 academic year. This is a positive development and provides clarity for the next school year and at an early stage. Our governing body are rightly keen to maintain three classes at Rushbury, meaning class sizes continue to be much smaller than the average. However, as I am sure you can appreciate this is not the cheapest option financially, but certainly the most beneficial for the children who attend the school.

When updating you on work completed in class over the past few weeks, I have often referred to Bookfest writing. This is now completed across the entire school. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this process – a process every writer goes through. From initial ideas of a plot to creating interesting and relatable characters as well as sub plots. Then there's the illustrations, the blurb and information about the author. The standard of each novel and the attention to detail is extremely impressive and the children are rightly proud of their hard work.

Elsewhere in class, Ticklerton have been drawn up their maps after completing a walk around Rushbury on Wednesday morning; they mixed primary colours with play dough and then went on an outdoor colour hunt; they also met lambs in their shared session with Little Acorns and learnt more about Jesus from his actions. Gretton have completed end of unit assessments in Maths, focusing on fractions involving mixed numbers; completed junk modelling projects of musical instruments; used view finders to complete art work of our local landscape; recapped on staying safe on our roads and completed a minibeast hunt during their outdoor learning. Stanway have completed lots of tests in both reading and Maths this week and Miss Reeves has reported that they have enjoyed the challenge; they've been experimenting in Science to investigate how oxygen supply effects burning time and used their knowledge of tectonic plates in understanding the reasons and locations of volcanic eruptions.

Yesterday afternoon, our Y4, Y5 and Y6 children benefited from an enjoyable and energetic afternoon at Carding Mill Valley for the annual orienteering event. They competed against hundreds of other pupils from local schools, trying to clock up as quick a time as possible. Max said it was a challenge because they had to cover tricky valleys and hillsides to find all the checkpoints; Ellis enjoyed racing down to the valley towards the stream and Floss enjoyed the challenge of reading the map correctly to work out exactly where they were. There are photographs of the event further on in this newsletter.

Remarkably, it's the last week of the spring term next week. I think the children will be ready for a break – especially with Easter arriving a little later this year. The main event next week, will be the school disco! Arrangements for that will be confirmed on Monday, where we look forward to catching up with you at Parents' Evening.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Steve Morris

## CHILDREN'S PRAYERS

Dear God

Thank you for the trees and thank you for the flowers.

Amen

Theo S



Dear God

Thank you for the calves being born and the lambs being born.  
Thank you for everything.

Amen

Ralph E



## CUTTING GRAPES FOR SAFETY

Please can we ask that if grapes are sent into school as part of your child's packed lunch, that they are cut in half lengthways at least. This is for health and safety reasons due to the risk of choking associated with whole grapes. Your support with this would be much appreciated.



## RUSHBURY READS

This continues to be a popular initiative, and we have had more children earn their £15.00 vouchers, since last week's newsletter. A big well done to them all:

**Joe L, Sophia H, Hunter B, Theo T, Seb W, Essence, George P, Rose S and Riley T**

## BOOK REVIEWS

All of the children have been busy this week, finishing off their Bookfest stories. This has been a great project for everyone as it has encouraged both writing (drafting and editing) and reading. Gretton were able to read some of their friends' novels and below are some 'snips' of the constructive comments that they made, including some very generous scores...

**It is totally amazing. A perfect horror story! I love the monster and would give the book 10/10.**

Comments made by Penelope about Jacob's book.

Comments made by Ellis about Riley's book

*It is a really good book, and I would definitely recommend it, especially to cat and space lovers. I would give it 1000/10.*

**The set up of the story was great, although try and make things happen a bit slower. I was enjoying it so much, that I thought it shouldn't end. I would give it 5/5.**

Comments made by Evvie about Bertie's book.

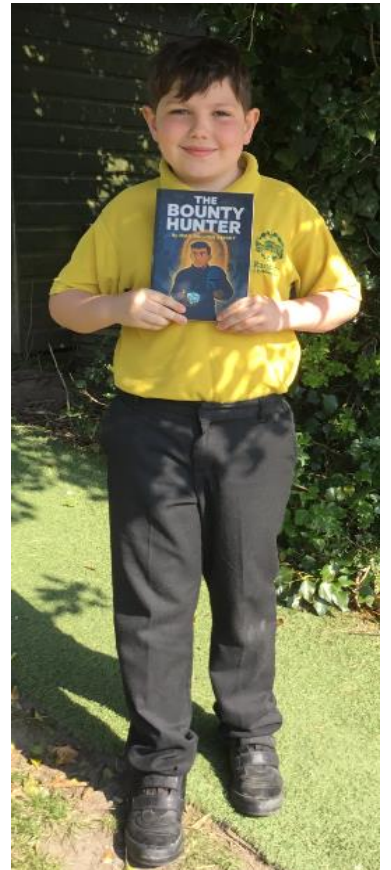
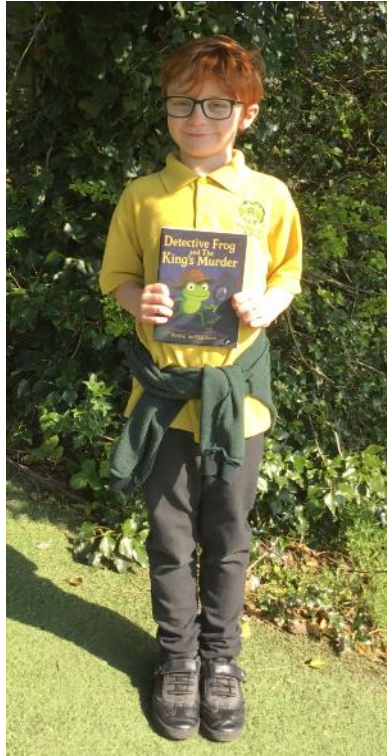
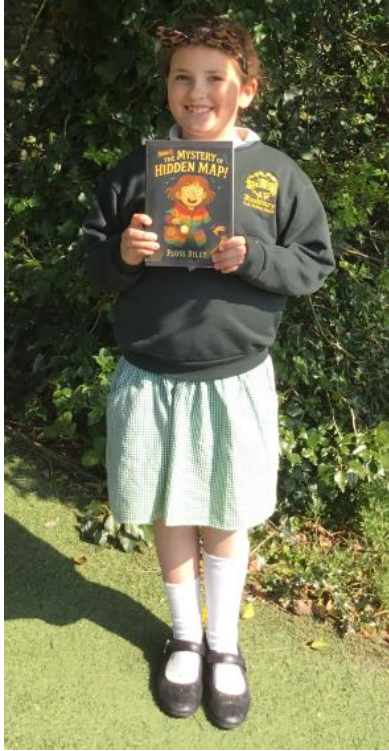
Comments made by Amara about Floss's book.

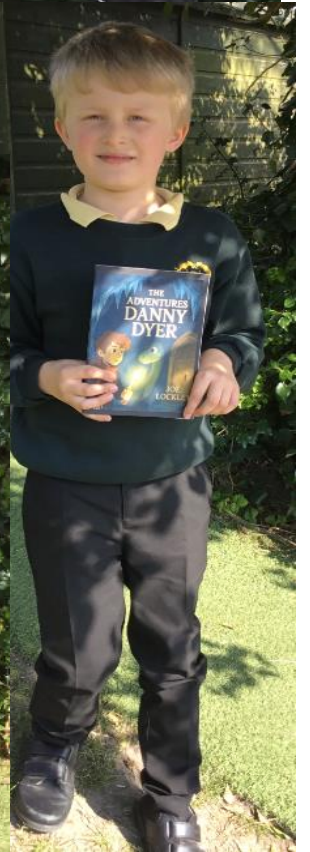
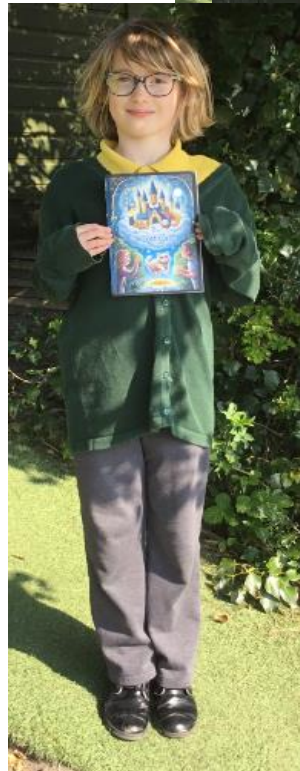
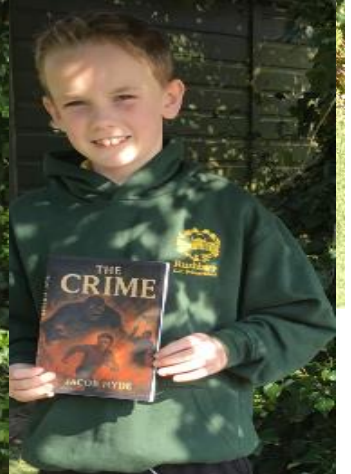
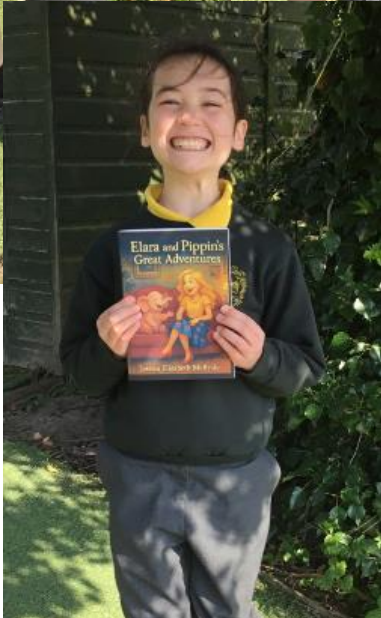
**I love this book SO much. The blurb is good and the autobiography. I love how your character is so chatty. I would give it 10/1000!**

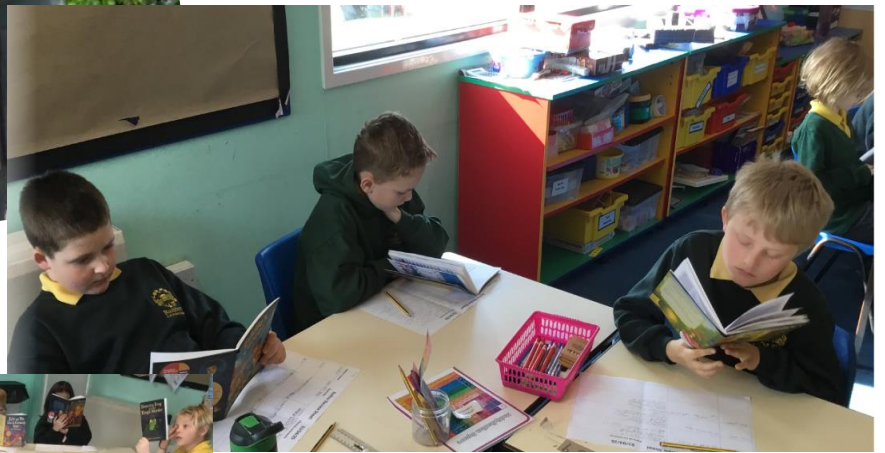
**It was adventurous and I love the front cover. I would give it 10/10.**

Comments made by Bertie about Clara B's book.

## GRETTON'S AUTHORS







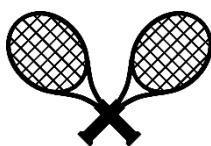
## ... AND THE INNOVATIVE TITLES OF GRETTON'S BOOKS

Name	Book Title
Oliver D	The Fox and the Bird
George E	The Lost Boy
Albert K	Eddie's Career
Joseph L	The Adventures of Danny Dyer
Emilia L	The Dream That Came True
Amara M	The End For Chicken Nugget Lovers
Riley-Jay T	Milo and Binx - Earth's in Danger!
Clara B	The Lost Cat
Max B	The Bounty Hunter
Clara G	Liv and The Dark Comedy Tent
Sophia H	Missing
Jacob H	The Crime
Ellis J	Detective Frog and the King's Murder
Penelope L	The Battle of Alga
Jessica M	Elara and Pippin's Great Adventures
Anna M	Eldora - Patricia's Reign
Harry N	Survival in the Marshy Rainforest
Evelyn P	The Murder of Fabulous Clown Finale!
Floss R	The Mystery of The Hidden Map (Book 1)

## HEAD TEACHER'S AWARDS



- **Ticklerton** – Rosa M for increasing speed of work to completed 'Bookfest'
- **Ticklerton** – Charolotte P for working hard to use phonics to improve spellings
- **Gretton** – Jessica M for vastly improved handwriting
- **Gretton** – Evvie P for perseverance and perfectionism during the production of her story
- **Stanway** – Hunter B for tremendous progress in reading
- **Stanway** – George P for taking care of a younger child at the end of break



- **Sports Award** – Matilda S for always attending Tennis Club with a smile on her face!

## HOUSE POINTS

The children continue to work hard to earn house points. The current, cumulative picture, for our house points is shown below. Lawley still in the lead but only by 2 points!

**Caradoc – 1199**

**Ragleth – 1179**

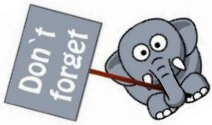
**Lawley – 1257**

**Callow – 1255**

## LAMBS VISIT TICKLERTON AND LITTLE ACORNS

On Thursday afternoon, Little Acorns joined Ticklerton Class so they could enjoy a visit from some newly born lambs, from the Pennington's farm. The children were able to find out more about how some lambs need to be bottle fed and were given the opportunity to feed some if they wanted.





## OUR EGG DESIGNS FOR THE EATON MANOR SPRING WALK ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Further to last week's newsletter, this is just a reminder that the Spring Walk, in aid of the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund, is this coming Sunday and is open to all. If you are able to attend, please look out for the fantastic eggs that our children decorated.

**Lingen Davies**  
Cancer Fund

# Spring

**WALK**  
WITH EASTER TRAIL

**APRIL**

**SUNDAY** | **6** | **10.30AM - 3PM**  
**2025**

**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](https://lingendavies.co.uk/events)  
Scan to find out more

**EGGHUNT**

Welcome Spring

YEARS 4,5,6 GO ORIENTEERING AT CMV



	<b><u>KEY DIARY DATES</u></b>
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Spring Term Parents' Evening
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Disco (and egg hunt) at RVH – collect children from the hall at 4.15pm
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Break up for the Easter holidays
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	First day back for everyone for the Summer Term
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Reception vision screening by NHS orthoptist – all children to take part, unless form to opt out has been completed by parents
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tag Rugby sports club
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	School photo day
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Wed 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Stanway away on school journey (Arthog)
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Church Stretton Secondary Transition Day for Year 6

**SOME ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST:**



Lingen Davies  
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





CHURCH STRETTON  
MAGPIES FC  
Est. 1974

## OPEN FOOTBALL TRIALS

Church Stretton magpies u11s football club are holding open trials for the 2025/2026 season !

**we are looking for children going into school years 5 and 6 in September, and ideally players who have played league or school football already. players will be competing in the Shropshire junior league, where if we have enough interest, we potentially could have two teams. if you fancy joining a friendly club and fancy trying out please come along. we are based at the playing fields on Russells Meadow, Church Stretton SY6 6DE.**

Open sessions will be on the following dates :

- 17<sup>th</sup> May
- 24<sup>th</sup> May
- 10-11.30am

to register your interest or enquire further information, please contact ash 07508867463




**SALOP SALOP SALOP**

**FOOTY**

**foundation**

## Easter Holiday Football Clubs

14th - 17th & 22nd - 25th April, 9am to 3pm

For children ages 5 to 12, our holiday clubs are open to all abilities with a focus on fun and football!

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, or save when you book multiple days!

[foundationstfc.co.uk/fun](http://foundationstfc.co.uk/fun)



## Little Sips BIG ADVENTURES

Dear parent/guardian,

As you may be aware your child's school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised\* cost.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at [www.coolmilk.com/register](http://www.coolmilk.com/register). Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late – our scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. We offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember.

If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at [www.coolmilk.com/parents](http://www.coolmilk.com/parents).

Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at [www.coolmilk.com/contact](http://www.coolmilk.com/contact) or give us a call on the number listed below – we're here to help!

Kind regards,

**Cool Milk**

☎: 0800 321 3248  
🌐: [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)



SCAN TO REGISTER

\*Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.

**PASSMASTER COACHING**

# EASTER

## ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CLUB

ACTIVITY CAMPS AT  
ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY, CHURCH STRETTON SY6 6EX





**14, 15, 16, 17 APRIL 8.30 AM - 4.00 PM**  
**£20 PER DAY**  
**PRIMARY SCHOOL Y1-Y6**

MORE INFO: CONTACT [PASSMASTER COACHING](https://www.passmastercoaching.co.uk)  
[HTTPS://WWW.PASSMASTERCOACHING.CO.UK](https://www.passmastercoaching.co.uk)



SCAN ME

# COME AND TRY ORIENTEERING

**WHEN**  
**April 6th, 2025**  
**9.30am - 11.00am**

**WHERE**  
**The Quarry Park**  
**Shrewsbury**  
 In the park near Kingsland Bridge (the blue one).



[WWW.WREKINORIENTEERS.CO.UK](http://WWW.WREKINORIENTEERS.CO.UK)

**ALL AGES**



**CHOICE OF 4 COURSES**

**WHITE COURSE**

900M

**YELLOW COURSE**

1.1KM

**ORANGE COURSE**

2.8KM

(INCLUDES SECTIONS BY ROADS)

**LIGHT GREEN COURSE**

4.2KM

(INCLUDES ROAD CROSSINGS, ADULTS ONLY)

**WHAT 3 WORDS**  
 Thing.sticks.once

**COME AND TRY ONE OR MORE OF THE COURSES!**

**AT CHURCH STRETTON LIBRARY**



## Egg "O" Orienteering and Easter Eggs

Anytime from sunrise on Saturday 12th April  
 until Sunset on Tuesday 22nd April

Starting in Church Stretton  
 Shorter – family friendly some hills,  
 steep in places – 4.5km

Longer – Definitely has hills and challenge – 13.3km

[www.wrekinorienteers.co.uk](http://www.wrekinorienteers.co.uk)



## Hop on over for EASTER

- . Drop in Easter Egg hunt .
- . Lego Club, Saturdays 2pm .
- . Rhyme Time Tuesdays 10.30am .
- . Earth Day Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> April .
- . Gardening Club 24<sup>th</sup> April 2pm .
- . Composting Advice 24<sup>th</sup> April 1pm .
- . Family Storytime 25<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am .
- . Mark Beardsley Illustrations:  
 Workshop, Book Signing, &  
 Pet Caricatures April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

Contact the Library for details  
 on individual events

**Join us for  
 some egg-citing fun!**



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