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# NEWSLETTER

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**Our school values:**

**Curiosity, Friendship, Perseverance, Respect.**

**Value of the month for May:**

**Koinonia**



Dear parents/carers,

This has been a significant week nationally, where many in the nation have paused to both reflect and celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day, which obviously marked the end of the Second World War in Europe. All three classes have completed work on this over the course of the last four days, including artwork and in older classes, discussions around the causes of war and the need to look for resolution over conflict.

Elsewhere in class, Ticklerton enjoyed their walk where they used their collective knowledge of directions to navigate their way to the stream; they designed a pull-along toy in DT and learnt about Christopher Columbus's main expedition in History. Gretton have created characters and worked on plots for their story writing in English; considered the jobs that 18<sup>th</sup> Century children had in rural communities; worked hard on their understanding of time, as well as considered collective identities of organisations such as our school as well as their own identity. Stanway have investigated friction and resistance in Science; finished their bridges in DT (photos later), used modal verbs of possibility in English; practised and sung the VE Day song and looked at expenditure and income when managing finances in PSHE.

Next week is a very important one for our Y6 pupils as they will sit their end of Key Stage 2 SATs. They have applied themselves well over the course of this academic year and we are confident they will do their very best – which as I have said before, is all that we ask of them. Their attitude is positive and has been for a good while. Having said that, I am sure they will feel a degree of relief when they complete the last maths test next Thursday. SATs can be quite a contentious issue in primary education. Many believe there is no place for these formal assessments in a primary school context, but I do not agree with this view. Achieving academic potential is important in the primary phase of education; if managed carefully, it can be a positive experience (almost always is) and is crucial in developing an understanding for the format and need of examinations, ahead of their transition to secondary school and ultimately GCSEs in Year 11.

Finally, thank you for your understanding with the swarm of bees on the school site last Friday and the subsequent cancellation of Tag Rugby Club. No such issues today and it was therefore good to complete the after-school club.

I hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Steve Morris

## CHILD'S PRAYER



Dear God

I am hopeful for my drawings getting better.  
I am hopeful for life to be easy.  
I am hopeful for my family and my friends to be well.

Thank you God.

Amen

Joel H



## REQUEST FOR OLD (CLEAN) SOCKS



Our Wednesday sewing club are making sock snakes/monsters. We are in need of some more old socks for this project and would welcome donations by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May please – it doesn't matter if they have holes in, it will just add to their charm. These can be sent in to Mr Greenwood, in Gretton, who is co-ordinating this project.

## SUMMER

Please can we remind you to apply sunscreen to your child before school now that we are in the summer term and the weather (well mostly!) is very warm. Please also send your child with a sun hat and water bottle. To reassure you, that on very hot days, the children are encouraged to make use of our many shaded areas, when playing outdoors.



## HEAD TEACHER'S AWARDS

- **Ticklerton** – Sidney E for always following school rules and values
- **Ticklerton** – Joel H for excellent descriptive writing
- **Gretton** – Ollie D for showing his classmates what good friendship and sportsmanship is!
- **Gretton** – Harry N for his best writing and focus – all year!
- **Gretton** – Wil M for settling in so well to life at Rushbury!
- **Stanway** – Essence G for her ready smile
- **Stanway** – Hunter B for a lovely VE Day blackout poem



## HOUSE POINTS

The children continue to work hard to earn house points. The current, cumulative picture, for our house points is shown below. Lawley have retained their lead!

**Caradoc – 1,284**

**Ragleth – 1,271**

**Lawley – 1,347**

**Callow – 1,339**

## BOOK REVIEW BY DARCIE H

**Title:**

My Secret Enemy

**Author**

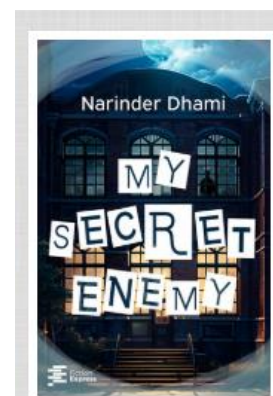
Narinder Dhani

**A brief overview:**

When Riley wakes up in hospital, he doesn't recognise anyone (not even his parents). He is not sure even that his name is Riley. How/why is he in hospital? As Riley's memories start to come back, will the mystery be solved?

**What I think of this book:**

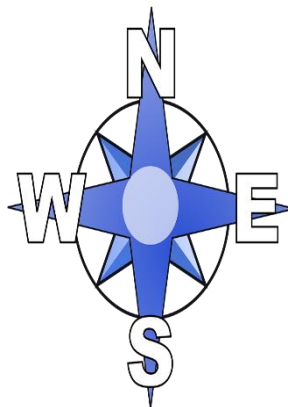
I really loved this book, especially when Riley finds out that it was ???? (edited to avoid a spoiler). I think Charlie, from my class, might like this book.



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



# TICKLERTON'S LOCAL TRIP TO THE STREAM – FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS





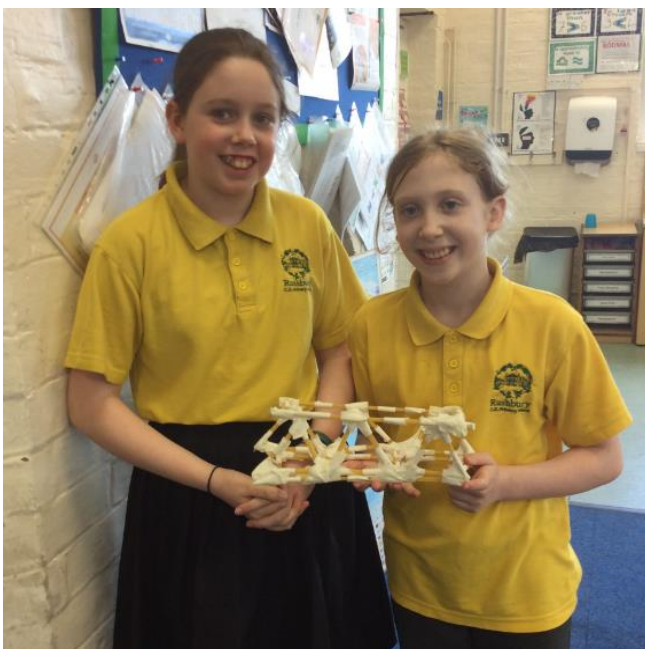
## VE DAY – YEAR 6

The children have been reflecting on the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day to inspire some of their poetry. We wanted to share Seb's poem with you:

World War, six years bloodshed and sacrifice  
Armies, Britain attacking  
Nazis surrounded, surrender  
Newspapers were printed  
War in Europe, finally over.  
Eighth of May  
Victory in Europe Day (VE Day)  
Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, the Royal Family  
Balcony, Buckingham Palace  
Chants. 'Want the King', eight appearance  
Into the night, London news  
Fires going again  
Happy Second World War  
Continues, Germany surrounded  
Atomic Bomb used against Hiroshima, Japan  
Destroying.  
Three days later, bomb on Nagasaki  
Devastation  
Troops fought  
OVER!



## STANWAY'S DT PROJECT – DESIGNING, MAKING AND EVALUATING BRIDGES



	<b><u>KEY DIARY DATES</u></b>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	SATs week for Year 6 (no guitar lessons but music lessons with Mrs Turner will continue)
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025</b>	Swimming sessions (am) start for all
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	School Photo Day
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Wed 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Stanway Class away on school residential (Arthog)
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Ticklerton and Gretton to Aberdovey
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Church Stretton Secondary Transition Day for Year 6

## SOME ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST:

### Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

**01743 250950**

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

No judgment, just support.



### Ludlow Spring Festival

- Friday 9th May – Sunday 11th May
- Ludlow Castle



Hosted at Ludlow Castle: one of the finest medieval ruins in England, in the bustling market town of Ludlow. Ludlow Spring Festival brings together food and drink, talks & tipples, live music, classic cars, circus performers, hands-on crafts, and more. Sample real ales from the region's independent brewers in the famous Festival Pub. The 100+ classic cars and vintage vehicles are a sight to behold as the Spring Festival incorporates The Marches Transport Festival (in Castle Gardens on Saturday and Sunday only).

This is a fun-filled bumper three-day weekend every May for all the family, also welcoming dogs.



### 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

### Crane Quality Counselling

2025 WORLD MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

PRESENTS:

## EVERY CHILD HAS A VOICE

### Musical charity concert

Thursday 15th May  
2025  
6:00-8:00PM

St. George's Parish Church  
Shrewsbury  
SY3 8QA

Adult - £6  
Children Under 11 - FREE

Tickets Available at:  
01743 240546 or  
[www.cranecounselling.co.uk](http://www.cranecounselling.co.uk)  
Charity No.  
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