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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 wonderful weather does really give us a taste of what's to come this summer, I hope! We have had another super week of high attendances in school and I would like to thank you for your support with this. With the warmer weather in mind and heading into June and July, I do need to reiterate that term-time absences (especially family holidays) will **not** be authorised. National guidelines on school attendance are now tighter than ever and I would kindly direct you to an update linked to this, further on in the newsletter.

I'd also like to apologise and thank those whose CHILDREN travel to and from school on Claire's minibus. Vehicles do break down of course but it is always more problematic when it's such an essential mode of transport to school. To that end, please do email me directly if you need help getting your child to or from school for as long as the minibus is out of action. We will ensure that pupil attendance is not impacted. We will continue to provide regular updates as and when we have them. The minibus will not be available this coming Monday.

Congratulations to our Y6 cohort this week, who applied themselves fantastically well during their end of KS2 SATs week. They did their very best and both Miss Reeves and I were impressed with their efforts throughout. The children receive their results in early July.

Our Creativity Club has been a real success with the pupils since it was launched a few weeks back. Credit for this must go to the children who have shown both versatility and imagination when attending. Whilst the weather is as kind to us, we are keen to utilise the school grounds for this club but we will be explaining more about this to those who attend each week.

This week in class, Ticklerton have made wind vanes and string telephones linked to the work of Alexander Graham Bell; learnt about the value of money in PSHE and how it's important to save money; compared and contrasted sea voyages from various explorers and improved their writing of directions. Gretton have completed further work on decimals and fractions; thought carefully about the arrival of the train era in their writing; designed and built period buildings from 1825 Rushbury; learnt about the importance of tolerance and British Values linked to religions around the world and competed in a very competitive inter-class game of rounders in PE. Stanway's Y5 pupils have been wonderful in their flexibility by joining Gretton whilst their classmates completed their SATs; read through the end of year play ahead of casting; developed their skipping skills and drawn graphs to compare weather in a variety of Scandinavian cities.

We did wonderfully well with our recent Bookfest project across school. Florence (The Swan Lake), Evvie (The Murder of Fabulous Clowns Finale) and Freya (Mansion Mystery with Chris Rime) won their respective class award for best story, very well done to them. Even more impressively, Cassian and Josh both won out in overall awards. Cassian's book so impressed judges that they want to turn it into a 'pop-up' book on the Bookfest website. Link will follow soon. And Josh's book (Tom meets Bobbie) was judged as the most impressive book written by a Reception pupil.

Finally, please do take a moment to have a look at what we've been up to as part of our efforts to achieve 'Eco Schools Status'. Something Miss Reeves and Stanway Class have been working hard on. You can find out more on our Eco Notice Board, attached to the side of the demountable building.

I hope that you benefit from a relaxing weekend.

Steve Morris

CHILD'S PRAYER



Dear God

I am hopeful for a cat.
I am hopeful for a farm.
I am hopeful for a horse.

I am hopeful for a happy and healthy life

Thank you God.

Amen

Matilda S

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARDS

- **Ticklerton** – Theo S for gaining so much confidence – both in and out of class
- **Ticklerton** – George J for making great contributions across all lessons
- **Gretton** – Penelope L for great historical awareness in narrative writing
- **Gretton** – Riley T for excellent work in English
- **Stanway** – For all of Year 6 for their positive and mature approach to SATs
- **Stanway** – For all of Year 5 for their support of Year 6 this week – thank you!



SPORTS AWARD

- **Essence G** - for setting an excellent example of travelling and passing the ball in Tag Rugby Club

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 – 1,341

Ragleth – 1,332

Lawley – 1,389

Callow – 1,382

TICKLERTON'S STRING TELEPHONES!



BOOK REVIEW BY SERENNA J



Title:

Jake Atlas and the Tomb of the Emerald Snake

Author

Rob Lloyd Jones

A brief overview:

The main character, Jake, is like a young Indiana Jones. He is on a quest to stop an evil cult from wanting to turn his parents into mummies and to find the tomb of the Emerald Snake...

What I think of this book:

An exciting book that I really like. My favourite part was when they save their parents. I think Essence might like to read this book too!



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



A reminder that Little Acorns are offering their 'Stay and Play' sessions on Wednesdays from 9.30-11.30am. They are for babies, toddlers and pre-school children accompanied by a parent or carer. They are usually held outside in the forest school and are great fun and a way of meeting others from the local community. Light refreshments are provided and it's just £1 per family, per session.

If you are interested, please contact April Jones on: 01694 771 677.

www.littleacornsrushbury.org.uk

ABSENCES DURING TERM TIME

Our requests for term time absences are traditionally very low and we thank you for your continued support with this. We have recently received notification from Shropshire Council that the regulations around leave of absence are further tightening up, including stricter penalties. The threshold for issuing a Penalty Notice is 10 sessions (1 day counts as two sessions as am/pm calculated separately) in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. Leave of absence for a family holiday, is strictly prohibited and the school will be obliged to issue, via Shropshire, a penalty notice. We would remind you that that there are approx 190 school days in an academic year, leaving 175 days for holidays and family events. We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child/ren attend school regularly.

	<u>KEY DIARY DATES</u>
Monday 26th – 30th May 2025	Half term holiday, school closed
Monday 2nd June 2025	Swimming sessions (am) start for all
Wednesday 4th June 2025	School Photo Day
Monday 23rd - Wed 26th June 2025	Stanway Class away on school residential (Arthog)
Wednesday 25th June 2025	Ticklerton and Gretton to Aberdovey
Thursday 26th June 2025	Year 6 Leavers Service at Hereford Cathedral (pupil event only, no families this year)
Tuesday 1st July	Church Stretton Secondary Transition Day for Year 6 'Move-Up' morning at Rushbury C E Primary School

SOME ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST:



DUCK RACING 2025

Saturday 17th May

POSTPONED DUE TO LACK OF WATER
 Watch our website and social media for new date





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National Trust



FLAMES NETBALL

FREE TASTER SESSIONS FOR SCHOOL YEARS 4 AND 5

All led by England Netball qualified coaches

FRIDAY 6 JUNE 2025
FRIDAY 13 JUNE 2025
FRIDAY 20 JUNE 2025
6 P.M. TO 7 P.M.

CHURCH STRETTON LEISURE CENTRE



Email us on hello@flamesnetball.co.uk for more information and to register

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE




Radnor RASCALS JUNIOR STORM

-  Trophy & £200 for winning school
-  Free medal with every entry
-  Free bouncy castles and face painting
-  Pizza van & Chapter66 cafe



£7

Sunday 18th May 2025
11am Ludlow Castle
<https://www.andalievments.com>

GARDENING CLUB	NEXT SESSION: THU 29th May 2-3PM
<p>COME ALONG AND TEST OUT YOUR GREEN FINGERS</p> <p>HELP BRING CHURCH STRETTON LIBRARY'S OUTSIDE SPACES TO LIFE</p> <p>TAKE HOME SOMETHING TO GROW</p> <p>BOOKING ESSENTIAL</p> <p>AGES 8+</p>	
<p>GARDENING CLUB IS POSSIBLE THANKS TO GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM THE FRIENDS OF CHURCH STRETTON LIBRARY</p> 	
<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION ASK IN THE LIBRARY</p> <p>CALL 01694 722 535</p> <p>OR EMAIL</p> <p>CHURCHSTRETTON.LIBRARY@SHROPSHIRE.GOV.UK</p>	
 <p>Shropshire Libraries Learn Imagine Discover</p>	

The Shrewsbury Town Foundation would like to invite you to register for our May Half Term Club. We currently have an EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT meaning you can secure **10% off** when you book before Friday 9th May.

This discount will stack with our multi - day discount meaning you can secure the **full week for less than £60!**

Please click the link to book on: <https://foundationstfc.hivelink.co.uk/286/>

Many thanks,



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