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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,

We've reached the end of a very short half-term today! Four weeks minus a bank holiday. The children have worked hard throughout, and plenty has been achieved in such a short space of time.

This week in class, Ticklerton KS1 pupils have been completing their persuasive letter-writing with Reception recording their ideas on 'people in their circle'; they have made pull-along cars in DT; tested reflexes by catching a dropped ruler and learnt about Neil Armstrong's space mission in History. Gretton have completed paintings of their Rushbury Village models; worked on similes, metaphors and past tense in story writing; investigated drag and friction in Science; considered what being a 'global citizen' means and considered how Christians welcome and take care of newcomers, alongside how other religions also do the same. Stanway have been multiplying and dividing decimal numbers in context; considered air resistance in Science; debated the advantages and disadvantages of landfill and learnt about the physical geography of Scandinavia.

Our Sewing Club has now been running for approaching two and a half years now and is as popular as ever. The projects the pupils undertake and complete are often impressive. Not all of you will know that is a club set up by Eileen – a grandmother of a former pupil. Quite often members of the school community such as Eileen can be overlooked, so I was keen to use this headteacher message to simply thank her and acknowledge her willingness to volunteer at Rushbury and for such an extended period of time. We hope that Eileen is keen to continue sewing into the new academic year and beyond, with our current and future pupils.

We all look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday, 2nd June. That date will be the first of seven school weeks ahead of the academic year end and it is always the busiest of the six half-terms. It'll include: a beach trip, residential for Stanway to Arthog, new playground fitness equipment, football fixtures, three after-school clubs, swimming for six weekly (Monday) sessions, Y6 Maths challenge, Crucial Crew, visitors to school, two enrichment afternoons, performance at the village hall, sports day, summer fair, school photo day and even more!

Our first swimming session is on the very first day we return! Monday, 2nd June. Please also note that photo day is Wednesday 4th June.

I hope you have a good half-term.

Steve Morris

CHILD'S PRAYER



Dear God

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

I am hopeful for my family to be well and happy.

Thank you God.

Amen

Olive H

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARDS

- **Ticklerton** – Benjamin C for showing excellent independence this half term
- **Ticklerton** – Olive H for working really hard learning fractions
- **Gretton** – Bertie K for his teamwork in design and an excellent attitude towards his learning
- **Gretton** – George E for his superb effort in writing
- **Stanway** – Charlotte D for working hard at decimals and achieving a good result
- **Stanway** – Dennis P for some lovely writing in a diary entry

SPORTS AWARD

- **Emily H** - for two superb tries in the KS2 Tag Rugby game
- **Henry K** – for two wonderful tries in the Ticklerton Tag Rugby match



HOUSE POINTS

The children continue to work hard to earn house points. The current, cumulative picture, for our house points is shown below. New leaders this week, Callow!

Caradoc – 1,364

Ragleth – 1,389

Lawley – 1,412

Callow – 1,418

REMINDER FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS

We have been asked by the Shropshire Transport Team, to remind Year 6 parents of the following:

Shropshire Councils Transport team wishes to remind parents that the deadline for applying for **free** school transport to their child's allocated secondary school needs to be submitted by **31st May 2025**. *If the application is not submitted by this date, the Authority may be unable to provide transport provision from the beginning of the Autumn Term and parents/carers will need to make their own transport arrangements.*

For insurance purposes, and to ensure accurate loadings on all our school contracted vehicles, access to school transport is not permitted until entitlement has been confirmed, and any application submitted **after** this date cannot be guaranteed that their application will be assessed in time. Parents/carers can apply online at [Secondary | Shropshire Council](#) Alternatively, applications can be submitted by telephoning our Customer Services Team on 0345 678 9008. Any queries, please contact the transport team direct on: schooltransport@shropshire.gov.uk

BOOK REVIEW BY CHARLIE E



Title:

Snake Bite

Author

Tamsin Cooke

A brief overview:

Kaleb and Lia are on a sailing holiday in Indonesia with their dad and cousin Nate. One day, there's a powerful storm which destroys their boat. They manage to get to an island but there's danger ahead for them...

What I think of this book:

I read this Fiction Express book on a tablet (I quite like reading books like this). My favourite bit was when one of the children were bitten by a snake (they didn't die but it made it more exciting). I think Theo might like to read this adventure book.

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





NEWS FROM LITTLE ACORNS

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

Little Acorns, are also keen to find out what the interest might be for a Summer Holiday Club. The club would be for children aged 3-11 years and probably run from 9-3pm. If you are interested, please see the end of the newsletter for the questionnaire which can either be returned to the school office or emailed directly to April Jones: laofrushbury@outlook.com

OUR ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

As part of our on going Enrichment activities, it was Callow's turn to enjoy a trip out to Ludlow library!



**GRETTON HAVE BEEN EXPLORING AND INVESTIGATING FORCES THIS WEEK – DRAG/WIND
RESISTANCE AND FRICTION**



	<u>KEY DIARY DATES</u>
Monday 26th – 30th May 2025	Half term holiday, school closed
Monday 2nd June 2025	First day back for the children and 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
Tuesday 1st July	'Move-Up' morning at Rushbury (for new Reception children)
Monday 7th July	Sports Day and School Summer Fair
Thursday 17th July	Pm - Year 6 Leavers' Service
Thursday 17th July	Last day of term for the children

Holiday Club Questionnaire

To gauge interest and find out what works best for parents/carers, please answer the following questions.

Name : _____




Number of Children: _____

Please tick the dates you are interested in childcare.


Monday 28 th July	
Tuesday 29 th July	
Monday 4 th August	
Tuesday 5 th August	
Monday 11 th August	
Tuesday 12 th August	
Monday 18 th August	
Tuesday 19 th August	

We will decide whether to go ahead with Holiday Club 2025 based on interest and staff availability.
This club will be for children aged 3-11 years and be based at Rushbury Primary School.

SOME ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST:

<h1>GARDENING CLUB</h1>		<p>NEXT SESSION: THU 29th May 2-3PM</p>
<p>COME ALONG AND TEST OUT YOUR GREEN FINGERS HELP BRING CHURCH STRETTON LIBRARY'S OUTSIDE SPACES TO LIFE TAKE HOME SOMETHING TO GROW BOOKING ESSENTIAL 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 CALL 01694 722 535 OR EMAIL CHURCHSTRETTON.LIBRARY@SHROPSHIRE.GOV.UK</p> 		

May Half Term Activity




Rock Stories
From before the Dinosaurs

Take a walk as you learn what ancient rocks tell us about Shropshire's history. Go back to when there was a chain of volcanos in the sea and make your own. Do an experiment to see how a rock was formed. Look at fossils and complete a puzzle that shows what the continents were like at the start of the dinosaurs.

Booking essential, book online

Mon 26th to Fri 30th May | £4.50 per child
 1pm - 2.30pm | Recommended age 4 - 11 years
 Must be accompanied by an adult

www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk
 School Road, Craven Arms, SY7 9RS




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

DIANA GRIFFITHS SCHOOL OF DANCE

Performing Arts Summer 2025 School

MONDAY 28TH JULY
 FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST

DORRINGTON VILLAGE HALL
 10AM - 4PM
 AGES 6 - 18

BOOK NOW! →

Contact Cathy Griffiths:
 EMAIL: cathymgriffiths@gmail.com
 PHONE: 07570 966006

SING - DANCE - ACT



Shropshire Hills Summer Forum & Field Visits



Shropshire
Hills
National
Landscape

'Thriving in Balance with Nature'

Find out more about the new five year Plan for the Shropshire Hills National Landscape.

With short presentations, information stalls and field visits, the Forum will showcase some of the brilliant work being done by lots of people to help protect and regenerate this special landscape.

To view the Forum programme and Field Visit options go to our website

or scan this QR code:

www.shropshirehills-nl.org.uk



Thursday 5th June, Rushbury Village Hall, Church Stretton SY6 7DX

- 10am -12.45pm: presentations & workshops, networking & light lunch
- 1 - 3.30pm: choice of field visits

The Forum is free, but booking is required. Please email shropshirehills-nl@shropshire.gov.uk or call **01743 254740** with your field visit choice and any dietary requirements. You are welcome to attend the morning only if you prefer.



Shropshire Hills
Discovery Centre

OPEN DAY

Join us for this FREE family day out full of fun, activities and knowledge.

What's On?

- Face painting
- Free exhibition
- Garden games
- Walks and talks
- Kid's craft activities

FREE DAY OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY

FREE ENTRY

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