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Making History at Stokesay

Stokesay Primary School celebrated a momentous occasion this week. We held a special assembly in the school to mark the occasion. The theme for the assembly was 'stars'.



Stokesay been ranked a brilliant first for progress in the Shropshire school league tables which were published last week. This superb achievement has come about through the very hard work and commitment of both pupils and staff.

We looked at the leagues tables in detail and they show that that:

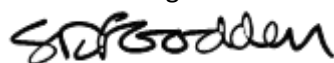
- Shropshire has 169 primary schools.
- Stokesay is ranked first for progress in Shropshire in 2023.
- Stokesay is first place for progress in both writing and mathematics, and second place for reading.
- Also, Stokesay was ranked good fifteenth place for the achievement scores.

Mr O'Malley, Executive Headteacher said, "We are absolutely thrilled by this outcome for our school and know that the pupils and staff are very pleased with this achievement too. Congratulations to everyone!"

I feel that it is important for us as a Trust to mark this moment in Stokesay's history. Stokesay is now achieving great things and the whole school community can be rightly proud to belong to such a wonderful and successful school.

Several guests attended our special assembly including parents and governors, who were all enthusiastic in congratulating the pupils, staff, and school on this great achievement. Also joining the assembly to congratulate pupils was Christine Kerry, Shropshire Council Education Access Service Manager. Pupils received some treats to share, and star tokens were awarded to the 2023 year 6 pupils.

Warmest Regards



Sarah Godden (CEO)



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TrustEd School Parliament

Run by Students, for our Students!

We are pleased to announce that at TrustEd Schools we have now set up our 'Student Parliament'. Over the last term we have been organising and the nominations of school representatives ready to Launch the 'Student Parliament' to our students in January. The 'Parliament' will allow our approximately 5000 students across the Trust to raise awareness of school, local community, and National projects. We will hopefully have a much bigger impact working as a Trust than we could have as individual schools. The elected Student Representatives will be the main form of communication in the schools and we aim to help our students to have a greater say over matters that affect our Trust, our Trust community, and the students' wider lives.

Liz Bell
TrustEd Parliament Coordinator

Successful Elected Representatives



Dora and Thomas – Church Stretton



Nimisha and Ben –Meole Brace



Aiza and Lily-Mae - Stokesay



Max and Taz – Oldbury Wells



Hannah and Saskia – Castlefields



Abigail and Isabella – St Leonards



Evie and John – Belvidere



Zia and George – Mary Webb

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St Leonard's Primary School

St Leonard's have been super busy with their work within the community so far this year! St Leonard's attended the Christmas lights switch on and our choir sang carols. There have been many visits to local retirement homes to bring joy to residents. The children have been using the civic voice by monitoring traffic problems outside of the school at drop off time and reporting the issues to the community and council. The school have a food bank every week, 'Foodbank Friday'. The children visited Comer Woods with Christmas decorations. There was a collaboration with the NHS research project to establish levels of diabetes in the community. St Leonard's had their annual firework display with guests from all over Bridgnorth, the event was sold out! An open day was held for the community where people could see how children at St Leonard's learn.

St Mary's church and St Leonard's collaborated for the first time for years this Christmas. A congregation of nearly 400 people attended a carol service with participation from local musicians and the priest Jane Peeler!



Ben and Nimisha - Men & B

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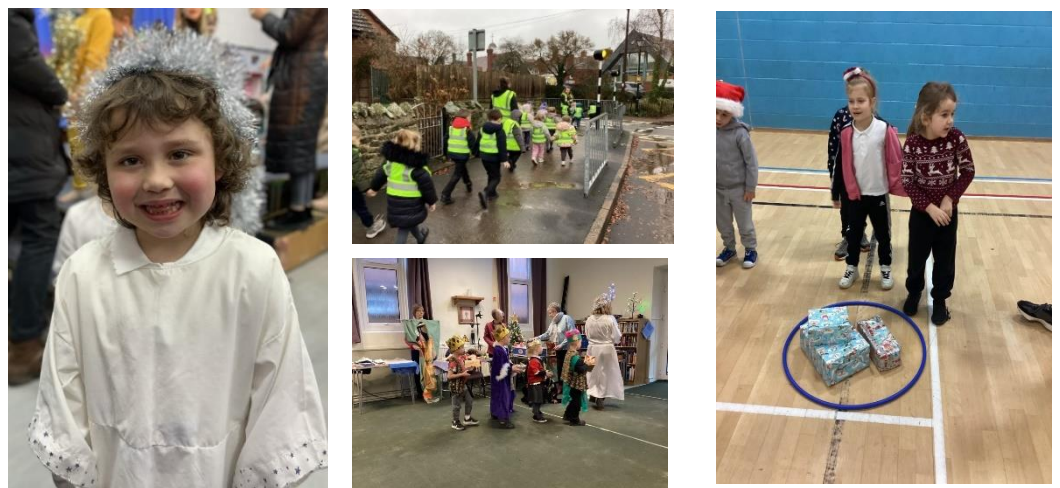
Alveley Primary School

The staff and pupils all agree it's been a great term and put together a collage of pictures for you to look at. Alveley have had parents visit the school for parent workshops and this year's nativity was 'The Sleepy Shepherd', which is pictured below in the collage.



Stokesay Primary School

Stokesay have had a very busy month with church visits, Santa sport workshops and Christmas performance/carol services! EYFS and KS1 had parents workshops this term too, while the KS2 children performed a class assembly to parents based on their topics. Stokesay have also had a family learning tutor in working with some reception and year 1 parents and children making some festive crafts over a 3-week period.



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Castlefields Primary School

On Monday, we celebrated Castlefield's 50th anniversary. Staff who had worked in the school over the years were invited back to watch a Christmas concert and share their memories. All the visitors were invited to take part in a guided tour of the school. Tom Smith, the very first Headteacher of Castlefields. He unveiled a banner which was added to by each child and adult currently in the school. Tom shared memories of the school opening in May 1973 and talked about the way he had to persuade parents to accept the strange new 'Open Plan' school building.



Year 6 Remembrance Assembly

Parents joined us in remembering those who had given their lives in conflict. Including some songs from wartime and even some dancing!



Celebrating Diabetes Awareness Week, raising money through a cake sale and learning about the impact of diabetes in class.

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Church Stretton School



Work with the community



The 'Stretton School Singers' have been really busy in the lead up to Christmas, performing at a number of events in the Community. The first event was the 'Light Switch On' in the town square and the Frost Fair at the Mayfair Centre, both on Saturday 25th November.

We were invited by Rev Steve Johnson, the Rector of Stretton, to take part in the 'Carols in Carding Mill Valley', which took place in the café on Monday 11th December.



Residents of Ley Gardens were entertained by the singers on the 13th December before their Christmas lunch and sang along to some festive favourites.

St Lawrence's church came to make Christingles with our young people at lunch time.



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Mary Webb School

Mary Webb Winter Showcase 2023!

The winter production at Mary Webb demonstrated what makes Mary Webb such a special place. Many students and staff worked together to ensure success for all in this great production. Students were involved in all aspects of the production, from performances through to the technical work such as lighting and sound. There were a variety of performances on the night, from drama pieces through to musical acts. These included George who impressed the audience by performing 'All I want for Christmas' as a spoken piece. Also noteworthy was Maria and Karina played the piano and sang 'Carol of the Bells'. There were laughs aplenty from the drama acts entitled 'littering with intent' and 'it's a Panto scene!'. Mary Webb wishes to extend its thanks to students, staff and families who supported this successful event.



Christmas Showcase and Fundraising for a charity at Christmas

By Mrs Hanmer – Form Tutor 10C

"As a new tutor, to form 10C, I wanted to do something lovely at Christmas time to create some team spirit and promote one of our three Mary Webb values: Support. We decided together to organise a fundraiser and a member of 10C nominated the Shrewsbury Ark as our chosen charity as they had supported his mum hugely before her untimely death. The Ark were delighted to hear that we wanted to raise some much-needed cash for them and Emily Bell, Chair of Trustees, sent us a personal video showing us around the Ark and explaining the services they offer to local people in need. We created a Christmas hamper to raffle off during the final week in school; the hamper consisted of a wide range of sweet treats donated by form members, including boxes of chocolates, biscuit selections, jelly sweets and cake bars. We began by selling tickets for the hamper at the Music and Drama Showcase evening, dressed in our festive outfits! Volunteers from 10C then took the hamper to form rooms during registration and sold a fantastic amount of tickets to enthusiastic students and teachers; Mrs Leake also sold tickets in the library at break times. They enjoyed explaining to other students what the Ark does and why we felt it was such a worthy charity to support, it really made everyone think about how hard Christmas time can be for some individuals. Our hamper raffle raised over £150! We are so very grateful to all who purchased tickets! Merry Christmas!"

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Oldbury Wells School

Students and staff at Oldbury Wells have had a busy end to the term celebrating the many students' success during the Autumn term. All year groups were involved in rewards assemblies with prizes given for their achievements both within lessons and across the school. A full school assembly followed on the last day of term where the whole school community came to together to share a message linked to advent and looking forward, while being prepared about what the future will bring. Staff and students have particularly enjoyed the lunch time singing in the West Hall over the last few days of term and were excited to receive cookies for all of those randomly selected on our Christmas Cookie Wheel (a huge thanks to Caterlink for supporting our Christmas celebration!).



As always, we have been delighted by students' response to a range of in-school House competitions, including our annual School Christmas Card competition which is always developed into an e-card and sent to all our school community and partners. Students have also been involved with end of term visits to Bridgnorth's Majestic cinema, bowling and taken part in the annual whole school Christmas quiz, great end of term fun for all involved.



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Belvidere School

Belvidere Year 9 Sports' Leaders, in partnership with Embrace, have been delivering sessions to Year 5 and Year 6 students in our feeder schools. In addition, our Leaders hosted a Primary Schools' football tournament at Belvidere which involved girls and boys from 8 local schools.

Belvidere will be raising money for a student who has been undergoing cancer treatment this year. Students and staff will donate £1 and will wear a Christmas Jumper on the last day of term.



Meole Brace School

For the past 16 years we have had a strong relationship with the staff of the children's and oncology ward, first at RSH and now at PRH. Each form in school raises money and buys presents to give to the children over Christmas. Students deliver the gifts and speak to the families and sick children.

The connections have been incredibly important to both our students and most importantly the families of the ill children, who know that people are thinking of them at Christmas.

