



Nursery

Our topic in Nursery this half term has been Animals! The children have really enjoyed looking at different environments and the animals that live there. We have been 'Under the Sea', to 'Africa' and we finished our journey in the 'Arctic'! Children have engaged in a variety of activities related to the topic. Our topic next half term is 'Adventure'.



Reception

This half term, the topic we have been learning about is 'Plants.' We have focused our learning on books such as 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and the children have produced fantastic pieces of writing alongside it. We have been also using our message board to contact the Giant and he sent us a letter back! We have learnt about how to plant seeds and how to care for the plants after. The children have worked together and planted potatoes, carrots, marigolds, nasturtiums, sunflowers and cress. In Maths we have been focusing on 'first, then and now' and how to structure number stories. Reception have also been busy in PE and have been learning all about dance with Mrs Dillon. This half term we have also been lucky enough to experience 2 days of Bike Ability and the feedback from the team at Learn Cycling was nothing but positive!

Well done Reception, you have worked hard this half term.



Year 1

Year 1's topic this half term was called Up, up and away! This linked to our History lessons where the children were finding out about the first flight. They have really enjoyed finding out about significant people and the part they played in shaping flight as we know it today.

Year 1 have been very lucky to have had a specialist Cricket coach come in to school to teach the children the skills needed to play cricket. We had a number of children who showed real potential in playing cricket, well done Year 1, you certainly impressed Ben with all your skills!

Enjoy your half term holiday!



Year 2

The sun is finally beginning to shine and Year 2 have embraced this in Summer term one. We have enjoyed visiting Shrewsbury Castle, getting active outside in Active Maths lessons and learning all about plants as we explored our outdoor area. The class thoroughly enjoyed becoming Kings and Queens for the day as we kick started our Monarchs topic. Throughout this topic, Year 2 have drawn their own castles, learnt what the role of a monarch is and even written a letter to King Charles! They have also learnt all about William the Conqueror too and they all impressed the staff at Shrewsbury Castle. Finally, the children have been busy designing, making and evaluating their very own moving dragons.

Thank you, Year 2, for a wonderful start to our summer term, we cannot wait to see what our final half term will bring.

Mrs Westwood, Mr Vaughan and Miss Gibbs



Year 3

This half-term we have been learning all about Ancient Egyptian beliefs. The children have enjoyed a topic day and even made a documentary to show off their knowledge. Please check it out on Tapestry if you haven't done so yet! In RE we have been exploring the Hindu religion and made diya lamps to consolidate learning about Diwali.



Year 4/5

This term, our students explored the fascinating Maya civilization, sharpened their cricket skills, and learned about the digestive system in science topic of Animals, Including Humans. The highlight was an exciting trip to Go Ape, where students enjoyed treetop adventures and zip lines, capping off a term of discovery and fun. We look forward to more exciting learning next term!



Year 5/6

Year 6 have been busy with a lot of SAT revision this half term. We are all very happy that they are behind us now and each and every child should feel extremely proud of themselves for their effort in the preparation to the week. A big thank you to Becky who provided us with breakfast every morning of SATs week to set us up right for the day.

Other than SATs revision, in the afternoon we have been learning all about commitment in RE and even looked into Hindu marriage. In history we have been learning all hidden heroes of the past, including Mary Seacole and Lilly Parr. Ben, a local cricketer has been teaching the children bowling, catching and fielding skills culminating in a big game at the end.

Now, we are busy preparing for our end of year production 'A Hint of Snow' All children have been given parts and should now be learning their lines.

The Netball should be extremely proud of themselves because out of the whole of Shropshire the team came second in the league. Well done Netballers.



Outstanding Arrears

We have a number of outstanding arrears that still remain unpaid. Please can we encourage parents to log in to their school money accounts to check and make a payment.

Please note that your child will have to bring a packed lunch if you owe over a week's worth of dinners or breakfast club provision will be paused if left unpaid.

Please contact the office if you need to set up a payment plan.

Attendance

The Education Welfare Officer (EWO) checks our registers regularly. We understand that some childhood illness' cannot be helped, however we expect all children to attend school and be on time. Please inform the office of any illness that requires your child to have time off school.

Please make sure all contact information is up to date and your child has at least 2 emergency contacts on file.

Trust Student Parliament

Student Parliament members, Aiza and Lilly-Mae are helping the Trusted schools to raise money for 2 charities. Please see the donation link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/trusted-schools-1714142188296?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Ftrusted-schools-1714142188296&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

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Eligibility checker

We are encouraging all families to use this link to check if you are eligible for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium funding. Those pupils who are eligible will not only receive free school meals during their time in school but additional support and resources. (school uniform/stationary).

It is essential that parents/carers apply even if their child doesn't wish to receive a school meal.

If you need assistance to complete the form, please contact the office.



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Afterschool clubs will resume from the week commencing Monday 10th June (second week back) until week commencing Monday 8th July.

Please note that cricket club has now finished.

We still have space at our breakfast club. Opening from 7.45am every morning and offering cereals, toast and bagels.

To book a place to contact the office.

Dates for your Diary

5th-7th June Year 6 Residential trip to Top Adventures
2nd July- Whole school class swap morning (year 6 taster day at secondary school)
9th July-10th July Year 5/6 performance of Snow White (details to follow)
19th July- End of term

Caterlink Parent Survey

Our catering provider is gathering information regarding school meals. Your child will bring home a paper copy. Please complete and return to school by **Wednesday 5th June**.

Parent Support over the Half term Break

To report a safeguarding concern by phone ring Shropshire [First Point of Contact team](#) on 0345 678 9021 Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Friday 9am to 4pm.

If you have urgent adult safeguarding concerns outside of these hours, please phone the [Emergency Social Work Duty Team](#) on 0345 678 9040.

[Parenting Helpline](#) 01743 250950 Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am to 12.30pm.

[Ludlow Food Bank](#) 07896706189

[Craven Arms Food Bank](#) Market Street Craven Arms open Tuesday mornings

We would like to wish all our students, parents and staff a happy and safe half term break. We return to school on **Monday 3rd June**.

Nursery Places

If your child has their 3rd birthday before 31st August 2024, they are eligible to join our Nursery in September.

We have spaces available, please contact the office for a form. Alternatively we can email one across for you.