

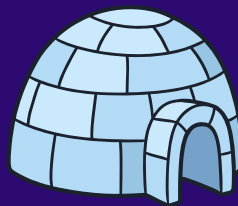


Newsletter

5th December 2025

This week in school...

Robins Class visited the SpArC Theatre and were transported to a giant inflatable igloo in Antarctica. It was an amazing interactive and sensory performance, discovering what is happening in the icy world. They had a fabulous time catching fish, having snow ball fights and had great fun waddling. They even spotted a cheeky seal. What an adventure!



Attendance

This week's attendance is

Whole School: 96.1 %

Robins: 88.9 %

Skylarks: 97.2 %

Owls: 95.6 %

Starlings: 99.6 %

Kites: 97.7 %

Celebrated in assembly this week

Paula K Lacey-Mai H-R Nya P

Amaia-May B Hazel A Matthew W



Upcoming Events



DECEMBER

Saturday 6th

School Choir Christmas Lights
Switch-On

Monday 8th

After school Choir Club

Tuesday 9th

Hereford Cathedral Carol Service

Wednesday 10th

Robins Class - Santa Skills

Thursday 11th

Whole school trip to Pantomime

Friday 12th

Christmas Dinner

Monday 15th

After school Choir Club

Wednesday 17th

Christmas Performance in Church

Friday 19th

Last day of term



Term Dates

Autumn

PD Days: Mon 1st & Tues 2nd
September 2025

Starts: 03.09.25

Half Term: 27.10.25 - 31.10.25

Ends: 19.12.25

Spring

PD Days: Mon 5th January 2026

Starts 06.01.26

Half Term 16.02.26-20.02.26

Ends 27.03.26

Summer

Starts 13.04.26

Half Term 25.05.26-29.05.26

Ends 17.07.26



School Aged Immunisation Service

Walk in Flu vaccination clinic

Reception to
Year 11 children
(inclusive)

Coral House
Longbow Close
Harlescott Lane
Shrewsbury
SY1 3GZ

Saturday 6 December
1pm - 4pm

Telephone 01743 450855
for more details



Thank You Card Design Competition

Calling all young artists!

We're excited to invite local children to participate in our 'Thank You Card Design Competition', for Bishop's Castle Food Bank.

The winner will receive a £40 prize, and the runner up £20, and their artwork will be featured on the cards we send to our donors to thank them for their generous support.

Competition Guidelines

Eligibility: Open to children from Bishop's Castle Primary School.

Theme: Bishop's Castle Food Bank

Artwork Requirements:

- Design your artwork within the space provided on the entry form.
- Use vibrant colours and creativity.
- Ensure the design is original and designed by the individual child.

Submission Details

- Deadline: 9th. January 2026
- Where to Submit: All submissions will be collected from the primary school.
- Contact Information: For questions, please contact:
andystelman@icloud.com

Design Space

Please draw your design within the box on the entry form.

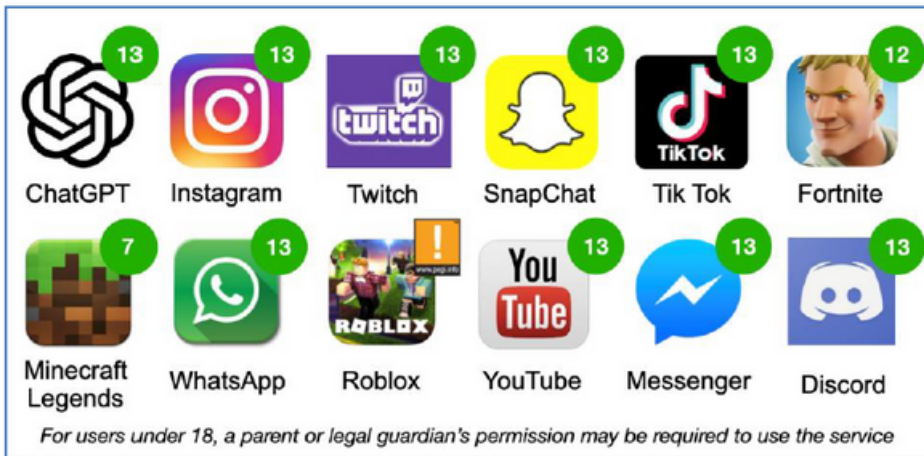
We can't wait to see your amazing designs and share them with our donors. Thank you for helping us express our gratitude in such a beautiful way!

Age Ratings

Age ratings exist to help protect your child by showing whether content is suitable for your child's age. Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media— make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough.

Popular apps and their age ratings

Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are currently accessing.



What else should I review?

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, **it is also vital to review the content yourself**. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it is necessary to apply further parental controls. For example, does it include the ability to communicate with others and are in game/app purchases available?

What else can I do?

Explain the importance of age ratings to your child and how they protect them.

Go online together to see what your child is accessing.

Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable.

Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information

You can find out more here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>

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Help to keep children safe online with Techosaurus

The NSPCC have created Techosaurus, a friendly dinosaur to assist you in having chats with your child about online safety. It is aimed at younger children and includes a book and activity pack (both chargeable). You can find out more here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/techosaurus/>

Online Roasting

Have you heard of this term? It has been around a while now, but Online Roasting refers to a form of cyberbullying. Roasting typically involves making fun and insulting somebody, sometimes with their consent and other times not.

What can I do?

- Talk to your child about what online roasting is, ask them if they have ever experienced it and what they think about it.

- If this has negatively impacted your child then save any evidence and involve the school (if appropriate). Childline also offer further advice and support in relation to cyberbullying.

Further information Find out more here:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/online-roasting-signs-cyberbullying/>

What to do, when

CEOP Education have published this poster directing you to the relevant information around six different situations, such as what to do to protect your child from online blackmail. You can access it here:

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/globalassets/professional/resources/wtdw-round-up.pdf>

BISHOP'S CASTLE

Christmas Lights

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2025

TRACTORS, LANTERNS & LIGHTS
PROCESSION

MEET IN CHURCHYARD FROM 5:30PM

PROCESSION LEAVES AT 5:50PM
BEHIND THE ILLUMINATED TRACTORS.

**BRING LANTERNS AND
ANYTHING THAT LIGHTS UP!**

Everyone welcome!

JOIN THE PARADE OF ILLUMINATED TRACTORS
FROM THE CHURCH TO THE TOWN HALL FOR THE
BIG SWITCH ON AT 6PM.

FOLLOWED BY CAROLS AROUND THE TREE WITH THE
BISHOPS CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR.

MAMMOTH SANTA TRAIL



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Book
your slot*
BETWEEN
10AM AND 3PM

£10
PER CHILD*

13
DEC, 2025

Book online

Follow the elves and snowballs through our exhibition as you answer questions and join in activities on your way around.

Say "hi" to the mammoth himself and finish the trail with a gift from Santa as you meet him in his grotto.

There will be festive refreshments available at the end of the trail with treats for the adults too!

***PRICE INCLUDES EXHIBITION ENTRANCE
ONE FREE ADULT PER PAYING CHILD
ADMISSION PRICE APPLIES TO ADDITIONAL ADULTS**

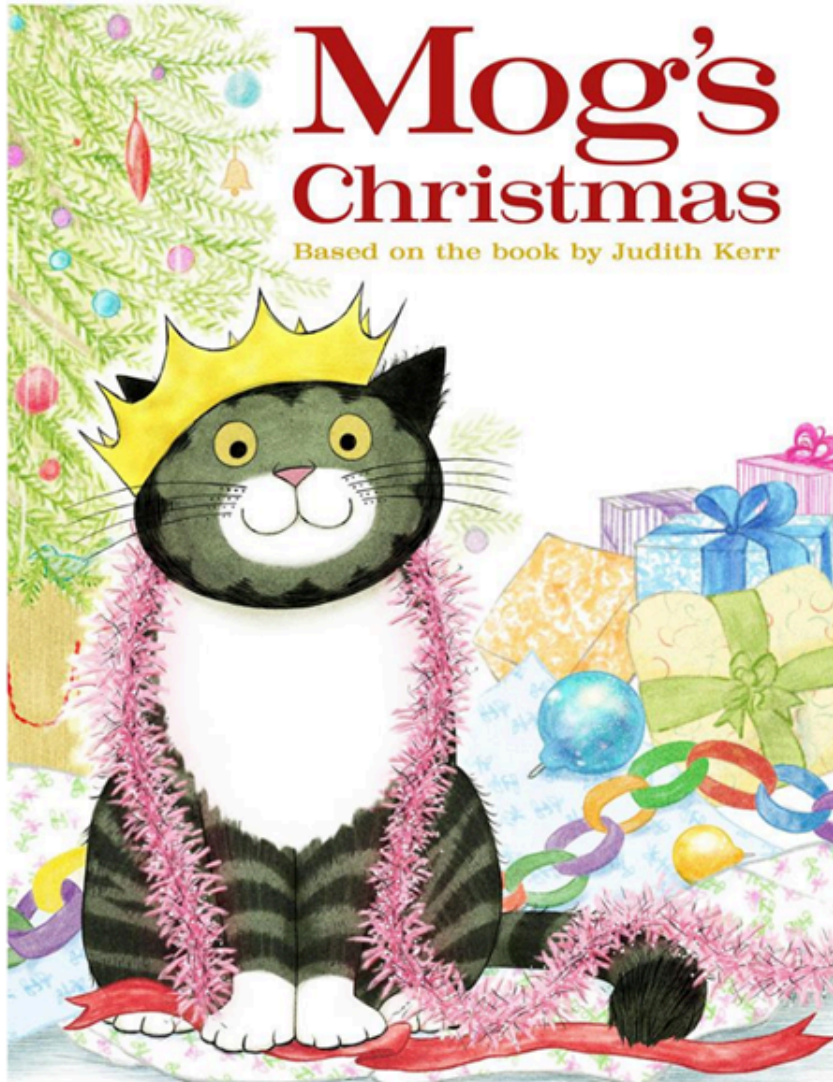


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Discovery Centre

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01588 676060

SCHOOL ROAD, CRAVEN ARMS SY7 9RS
GROW COOK LEARN, A REGISTERED CHARITY: 1158795





Animated film followed by a festive making session
Monday 22nd December 10.30-12.30

Guidance and all materials with plenty of freedom to create.

Under 8's must be accompanied by a willing helper

Accompanying adults please book a free place

(so we can make sure there's enough seating for the film)

Children £3.50 or 2 FOR £6.00

www.sparctheatre.co.uk

Sparc Theatre, Brampton Rd, Bishop's Castle SY9 5AY 01588 638038





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ROYAL BALLET

The Nutcracker

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2PM Adults £15/ Child £5 / Family £40



Book: sparctheatre.co.uk 01588 638038 SpArC Brampton Rd Bishops Castle SY9 5AY



**Shropshire
Supporting
Families**
through Early Help



EARLY HELP DROP IN

Bishops Castle Food Bank

Jan Thursday 8th 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Feb Tuesday 3rd 9:30 am - 10:30

March Tuesday 3rd 9:30 am - 10:30

April Thursday 2nd 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Thursdays are 2.30-3.30pm

Tuesday are 9.30-10.30am

Church Lane, Bishops Castle, SY9 5AF

All families within the local area welcome

Free information, support
& advice around:

Family Life

Housing & Finance

Special Education Needs and/or

Disabilities (SEND)

Parenting Support

Training & Employment

Domestic Abuse Support

And much more...

Refreshments will be provided
by the food bank



shropshire.gov.uk/early-help



Shropshire
Council

Does your child struggle with their sleep?

Free Sleep Tight Groups

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups and:

- Find out why sleep is important for our health and emotional wellbeing
- Get support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines
- Meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences

To book a place email Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call 01743 250950

Find out
more here



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Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

01743 250950

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

No judgment, just support. For **all** Shropshire families, including those whose children have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)

