



# Newsletter

28th November 2025

## This week in school...

We are very excited to share that this week our Early Years outdoor learning and play area refurbishment began.

Over the next few weeks, we will see this space transform into a brighter, safer, and more engaging environment for our pupils—one that inspires curiosity, creativity, and plenty of fun.

## Attendance

This week's attendance is

Whole School: 92.5 %

Robins: 88.3 %

Skylarks: 87.3 %

Owls: 97.4 %

Starlings: 91.1 %

Kites: 97.2 %

## Celebrated in assembly this week

**Edith M   Declan W   Ava P**

**Bella F   Maisie G   Dougie J**

**Harley F   Harvey J**



## Upcoming Events

### DECEMBER

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>

Robins visiting SPARC Theatre

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

School Choir Christmas Lights Switch-On

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

After school Choir Club

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Hereford Cathedral Carol Service

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

Whole school trip to Pantomime

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Dinner

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

After school Choir Club

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Performance in Church

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

Last day of term

## Term Dates

### Autumn

PD Days: Mon 1<sup>st</sup> & Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>  
September 2025

Starts: 03.09.25

Half Term: 27.10.25 - 31.10.25

Ends: 19.12.25

### Spring

PD Days: Mon 5<sup>th</sup> 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

### Reminder

**Please can all  
consent forms for the  
Hereford Cathedral  
Carol Concert be  
returned on Monday !**

**Thank you**

On Thursday we were joined by Miss Dillon from the TrustEd Sports Partnership. Our Year 5 Sports Leaders did a fantastic job running a special Archery session for year 3 & 4 pupils. It was wonderful to see our older pupils taking on leadership roles and creating such a fun, positive experience - well done to everyone who took part !



# 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!

**BISHOP'S CASTLE**

# *Christmas Lights*

**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> 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.



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**highlights**  
 rural touring scheme



Jam Jar Theatre Company presents

# PENGUENS

The **coolest**  
 tuxedo event  
 this winter season...

An immersive, sensory  
 show for little ones,  
 in a pop-up igloo!



"Visually compelling, always funny and often thought-provoking."

*Dan Lentell, GetYourCoatsOn*

"An entertaining show that also gets across a serious message. Plenty for a younger crowd to enjoy."

*Charlotte Steel, EdinburghFestivalsForKids*

- On Jam Jar's 'How a Jellyfish Saved the World' at EdFringe 2024



**Monday 1st December, 11.30am**

SpArC Theatre, Bishops Castle, SY9 5AY

Tickets: Adult £6, Child £5 Book now: 01588 638038 [www.sparctheatre.co.uk](http://www.sparctheatre.co.uk)

# MAMMOTH SANTA TRAIL



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13  
DEC, 2025

Book  
your slot\*  
BETWEEN  
10AM AND 3PM

£10  
PER CHILD\*

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**

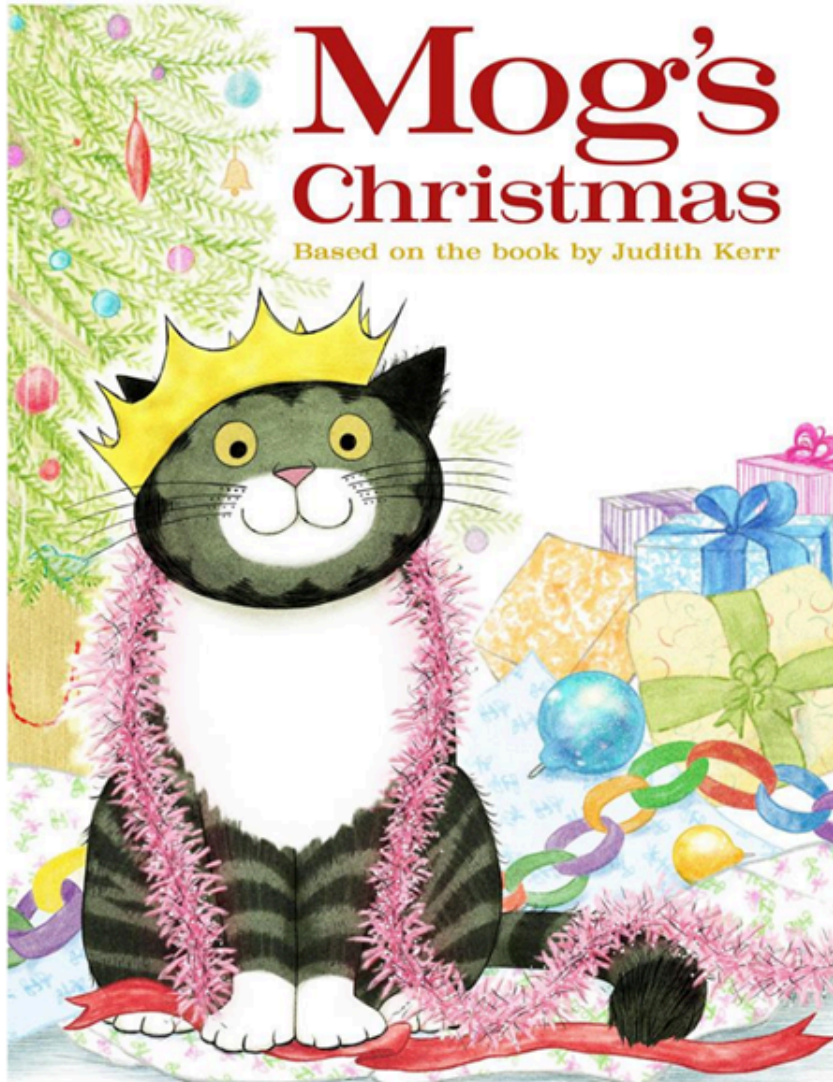


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**Animated film followed by a festive making session**  
**Monday 22nd December 10.30-12.30**

**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](http://www.sparctheatre.co.uk)**

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

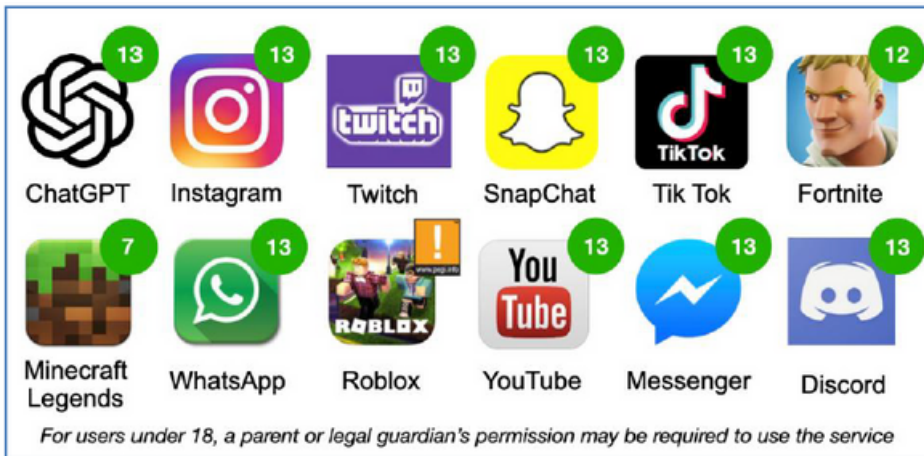


# Age Ratings

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>