



Newsletter

14th November 2025

This week in school...

On Tuesday 11th November we had a reflective Remembrance Assembly, holding a two minutes silence and we remembered the sacrifice that others made for our freedom.



Attendance

This week's attendance is

Whole School: 95.4%

Robins: 98.6%

Skylarks: 94.9%

Owls: 95.4%

Starlings: 97.3%

Kites: 95.1%

Celebrated in assembly this week

Jamie E Martha G Olivia W

Emili M Bertie E



Upcoming Events

Monday 17th

After school Choir Club

Tuesday 18th

Robins class will be visiting the library

Friday 21st

Owls class assembly/showcase from
2.45 to 3.15pm

Monday 24th

After school Choir Club

Tuesday 25th

Year 1 Parent Phonics workshops

Thursday 27th

Year 3 & 4 Archery

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

Kites Class

We are looking for volunteers to come into school and listen to children in Kites class read. Reading with an adult is a wonderful way for pupils to build confidence and develop fluency. If you have some time to spare each week and would enjoy supporting our readers, we would love to hear from you! All volunteers will receive guidance from staff to help make the experience enjoyable and rewarding.

Please contact Miss O'Leary or Mrs Thomas in the school office if you are interested or would like more information.





Anti-Bullying Week Celebrating Uniqueness with Odd Socks!

This week, our pupils took part in Anti-Bullying Week by wearing odd socks to school! The colourful mix of patterns and styles was a fun way to remind everyone that it's great to be different and that our unique qualities make our school community special.

The Odd Socks Day theme encourages children to celebrate individuality, show kindness, and stand up against bullying in all its forms.



Children in Need

Today, our school joined in the fun and fundraising for BBC Children in Need by taking part in "Wear Spots Day!"

Children and staff dressed in their brightest spotty clothes, showing their support for this amazing charity. It was a fantastic sight to see the school full of colourful patterns, and the children had a great time while raising awareness for a worthy cause.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, we were able to contribute to helping children across the UK.



**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

Tuesdays 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

MORE

JOIN FOR £1

and pay nothing on swimming
lessons until January!

Use promo code **WINTERSWIM**



Speak to a member of our team for more information.

T&C's apply, see website for details. Offer available in centre 1st November - 31st December 2025. Offer available online 1st - 22nd November and 1st - 22nd December 2025. Available to new customers only on all swimming lessons.

let's do
MORE

Rhea's Rustic Kitchen will be doing a
cake sale on
Friday 28th November from 3pm
Rhea is kindly gifting a percentage of
her sales to school

Love is...
EATING CAKE TOGETHER!

MONTHLY SCHOOL CAKE SALE

A PERCENTAGE OF CAKE
SALES WILL BE GIFTED
DIRECTLY TO BISHOPS
CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The poster features a large cupcake on the left and three stick figures holding hands on the right. The text is centered and uses a mix of fonts and colors.

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!

Online Safety Newsletter

Nov 2025

CapCut

CapCut is a video editing app. Their services are intended for those over the age of 13 (those under the age of 18 must have consent from their parent/legal guardian). It is rated as 13+ on the App Store.

What can I do on CapCut?

CapCut is used as a video and image editing tool allowing users to edit their videos/images as well as add music, sound effects, text and stickers.

What should be aware of?

- The templates are user-generated, therefore they may not always be appropriate for your child to view, for example they may contain adult themes.
- CapCut includes access to a library of music that can be used within videos that may include explicit lyrics.
- Premium content – CapCut does include in-app purchases/monthly subscriptions to allow users access to premium content.

Further information

Internet Matters have created this useful guide:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms/skills-building/capcut/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version:
<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/november-2025-primary>

WhatsApp Update

School WhatsApp groups

Are you part of a parent WhatsApp group at your child's school? These groups can be useful for sharing information and reminders, but it is important to use them thoughtfully. Here are some tips on how we can ensure they remain positive and respectful:

Be considerate – we know messages can sometimes be misinterpreted so carefully think about what you share. These groups should not be used to share criticisms of the school, staff or other parents and children. Any concerns should always be discussed with the school directly.

2. Don't spread rumours – avoid sharing any gossip within the group.
3. Protect privacy - do not share photos or videos of other children.
4. Think before you send – be mindful of the time and if the message is necessary for everyone.

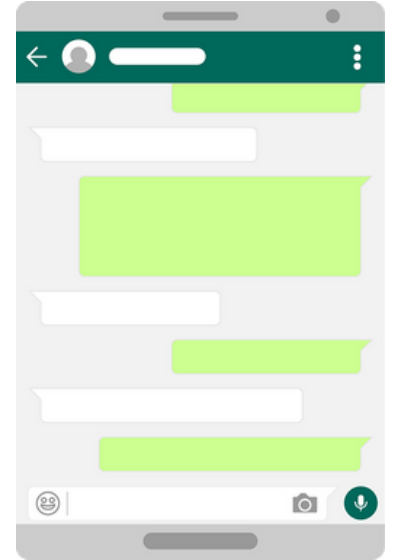
Our children watch how we communicate, so let's model healthy, online communication to them.

WhatsApp Channels

Users should be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. If your child is using WhatsApp, then you should be aware of WhatsApp Channels. Channels are a one-way broadcast tool used by companies and individuals to send updates to followers. WhatsApp Channels can be found on the Updates tab. From here you can view a whole host of channels, including channels that will not be age appropriate and may include adult content.

You cannot switch off access to channels and there is no age rating associated with the channels so you would have to access them to know what the content truly is. Clicksafe highlight what you should be aware of:
<https://www.clicksafe.eu/en/news/was-sind-whatsapp-kanale-und-was-muessen-eltern-beachten>

Find out more about WhatsApp channels in general here:
<https://faq.whatsapp.com/549900560675125>

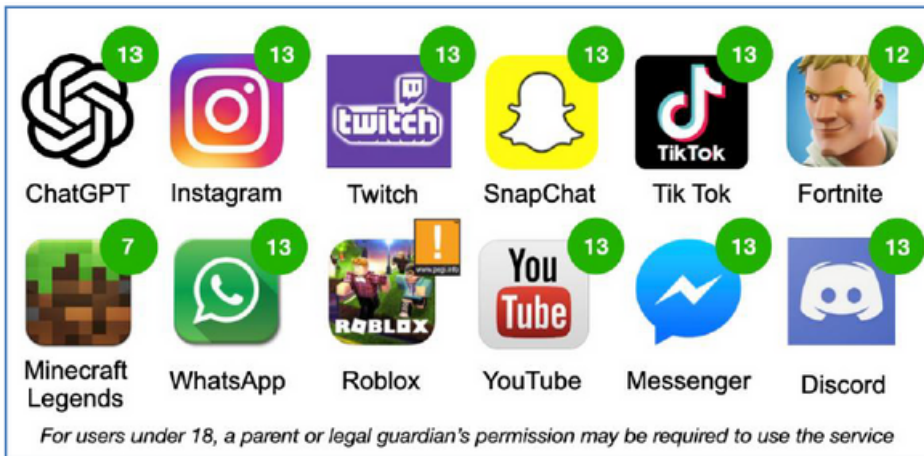


Age Ratings

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>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date released 01.11.25. The inclusion of any links does not imply any affiliation with or

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>