



# Newsletter

6th February 2026

## NEXT week in school...

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 10th Feb 2026

This year, the focus is on the theme Smart tech, safe choices - Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.

During a whole-school assembly, pupils will learn how smart technology and AI are used in everyday life and how they can be used positively. The assembly will also remind the children about how to stay safe online.

In the afternoon, posters will be created by the children to share important internet safety messages. These will be displayed around the school to help reinforce safe and responsible use of technology.

## Attendance

This week's attendance is

Whole School: 93 %

Robins: 92.8 %

Skylarks: 87.3 %

Owls: 92.2 %

Starlings: 96.6 %

Kites: 96.8 %



## Celebrated in assembly this week

**Paula Laynie Cory**

**Robyn Aadhya Maisie**



## Upcoming Events

### FEBRUARY

Monday 9th

Robins - Vision screening  
KS1 Striking & Fielding event

Tuesday 10th

Safer Internet Day

Thursday 12th

Arthog information evening for Yr 5&6  
parents @ 5.30pm

## Term Dates

### Spring

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

## 2026 - The Year of Reading



### The Power of Reading Aloud

Reading aloud helps children understand tone, expression and meaning. It also strengthens listening and attention skills.

**At home:** Continue reading aloud, even when your child can read independently.

**Recommended read:** The Goat and the Stoat and the Boat – quirky and joyful.

# **Arthog Information Evening for Year 5 & 6 parents & children**



Parents and children attending this year's Residential Trip to Arthog are welcome to attend either of the following meetings:

Wednesday 11th February  
St. George's at 5.30pm

Thursday 12th February  
Bishop's Castle at 5.30pm

# Online Safety Newsletter

## Safer Internet Day

Established by the UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC), Safer Internet Day (SID) is celebrated around the world. This year, on Tuesday 10th February 2026, it will be celebrated with the theme:

**'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'**

### UKSIC Resources

As usual, the UKSIC have created some fantastic resources, which includes top tips, help and advice and quizzes to help you start a conversation with your child. Find out more here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

### What is AI and is it safe?

Internet Matters has a wealth of information on their website about AI, including is it safe for children to use, privacy and data considerations, examples of popular tools and the risks that you should be aware of. You can access this information here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/by-activity/using-artificial-intelligence/what-is-ai-artificial-intelligence/>

### AI Chatbots

ParentZone have published an article highlighting what you need to know about chatbots, and the growing role of artificial companions. The article discusses what an AI friend is, the minimum age rating for using a chatbot, the appeal and the risks of AI friends as well as what you can do if your child is using them. You can access it here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/ai-chatbots>

### AI Tips from the NSPCC

This article from the NSPCC introduces AI tools and discusses what AI generated content is. It also includes tips on how to support your child to use AI safely. Read the article here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2025/artificial-intelligence-safety-tips-for-parents/>

### Parenting in the AI age

UNICEF have published an article discussing how to approach AI with your child. It discusses how AI can help promote learning as well as some of the dangers. You can find the article here:

<https://www.unicef.org/parenting/digital-parenting/how-approach-ai-children>

### Resources for Parents and Carers from London Grid for Learning (LGfL)

LGfL have several resources on their website in support of SID, including a video about what children are being exposed to online with generative AI tools. You can find the resources here:

<https://lgfl.net/safeguarding/safer-internet-day>



**Shropshire  
Supporting  
Families**  
through Early Help



# EARLY HELP DROP IN

## Bishops Castle Food Bank

Jan Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Feb Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:30 am - 10:30

March Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:30 am - 10:30

April Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help)



Shropshire  
Council

**Castle Players present**

**ROBIN HOOD  
AND THE GREAT CREME EGG HEIST**

**Another (n)Oscar  
nominated panto**

**Tickets: Adult £7.50, Child  
£5.00. Family £20.00**



**SpArC Theatre  
Friday 13th February  
2026 (7pm)  
Saturday 14th  
February 2026  
(Shows 2pm and 7pm)**

# DINOSAUR DISCOVERIES

February Half  
Term Family  
Activity

2pm - 3.30pm

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>  
to Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
February

£5 per  
accompanied  
4 - 11 year  
old



Make a dinosaur skeleton to take home.  
Look at the size of dinosaurs and  
their feet. Learn the meaning behind  
some dinosaurs' names, other  
dinosaur theme crafts and much  
more!

[shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk](http://shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk)



Book Online



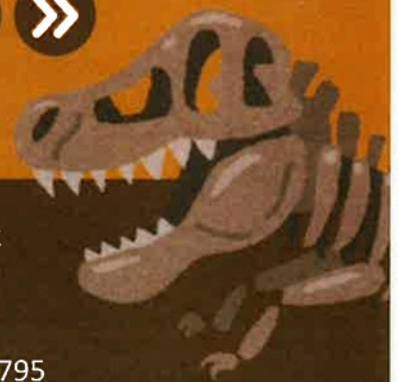
[info@shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk](mailto:info@shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk)

01588 676060

School Road, Craven Arms SY7 9RS

Grow Cook Learn, a registered charity: 1158795

Shropshire Hills  
Discovery Centre





SpArC  
THEATRE



**Tuesday 17 February 2pm**



**FILMS @ SpArC Bishop's Castle**



**Accessible Afternoon Film All Tickets £4**

All welcome, Cabaret seating, No steps,

Hearing loop, Tea Coffee & Biscuits £1

Accompanying Carers Free

**FREE Dial-a-Ride Bus From Bishops Castle & Lydbury North 01588 638 350**

TICKETS: Enterprise House 01588 638038

[www.sparctheatre.co.uk](http://www.sparctheatre.co.uk)– or just turn up

SpArC Theatre, Brampton Rd, Bishops Castle SY9 5AY

Enquiries: [liz@sparctheatre.co.uk](mailto:liz@sparctheatre.co.uk)

**Supported by Friends of Bishops Castle Community, Care Home and Hospital.**

# Wonderland

## *Family show*



FAMILY  
THEATRE



MALARKEY

Sat 21 Feb  
11am & 2pm

ludlow  
**assemblyrooms**

**Tickets:** £10/£8 U12s  
01584 878141  
[ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk](http://ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk)

# PICTURE HOUSE



ARRRR YOU READY?



Sat 14 & Mon 16 Feb, 2pm

ludlow  
**assembly**rooms

**Tickets:** £7  
01584 878141  
[ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk](http://ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk)

BCAF

Bishop's Castle  
Arts Festival

Friday 20 Feb 2026

**SCRAPTASTIC**

1-3pm SpArC

Bishop's Castle

All Welcome

Make what you want

Unstructured scrap  
making session.

Loads of recycled  
materials to choose from!

Children under 9 must  
be accompanied by  
a willing helper.

**FREE**

Donations Bishop's Castle Arts Festival

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