



Newsletter

13th February 2026

Celebrated in assembly this week

Mackenzie Ben Jack Oliver

Damien Maisie Bobby Michael

and all of Year 3



Attendance

This week's attendance is:

Whole School:	94.9%
Robins:	92.2%
Skylarks:	95.6%
Owls:	95.9%
Starlings:	94.9%
Kites:	94.9%

Attendance Update

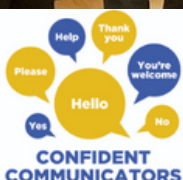
This half term our whole school attendance target is 97%, and this half term we are currently at 94.6%.

Class attendance figures are: Robins 93.8%, Skylarks 92.3%, Owls 94.1%, Starlings 96.2% and Kites 96.7%.

A big well done to Kites and Starlings for leading the way and getting so close to our target – fantastic effort!

Every day in school really does make a difference to children's learning, confidence and friendships. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child attend school regularly and on time.

Together we can keep improving!



Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

Monday 16th to Friday 20th – HALF TERM

Monday 23rd

PTA AGM 7.30pm @ The Castle Hotel

Wednesday 25th

Team from Yr 3&4 Dodgeball @ Church
Stretton

Thursday 26th

Kites & Starlings Swimming @ Ludlow

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

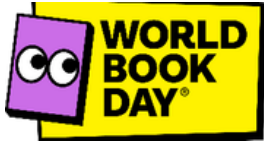


Reading Builds Confidence

Each successful reading experience helps children believe in themselves as readers.

At home: Praise effort and improvement rather than speed or level.

Recommended read: Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman – a story about perseverance and believing in yourself.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 5th March 2026

It's that time of year again and World Book Day will soon be upon us!

We wanted to let you know how Bishop's Castle Primary School will be celebrating it this year.

Will we be dressing up?

Yes – if you'd like to! To bring a bit of sense of occasion to the day, if you would like to dress up as your favourite book character, we would love to see your costumes.

If you don't want to / can't dress up, another option you might like to join in with is decorating a wooden spoon or a potato as your favourite character instead. Again, you'll have the chance to show these off to your class.



Book Tokens

Once again, children will be bringing home tokens for a free book. These are the books on offer this year. The 2026 £1 books, authors and illustrators reflect the energy and diversity of children's literature in the UK and Ireland today.



Where can you spend your tokens?



Burway Books in Church Stretton

18 Beaumont Rd, Church Stretton SY6 6BN

Aardvark Books in Brampton Bryan, Nr Bucknell

The Bookery, Manor Farm, Brampton Bryan, Bucknell, SY7 0DH



And other big retailers locally such as WHSmith, Tesco, Sainsburys and The Works



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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

DINOSAUR DISCOVERIES

February Half
Term Family
Activity

2pm - 3.30pm

Monday 17th
to Friday 20th
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



Book Online



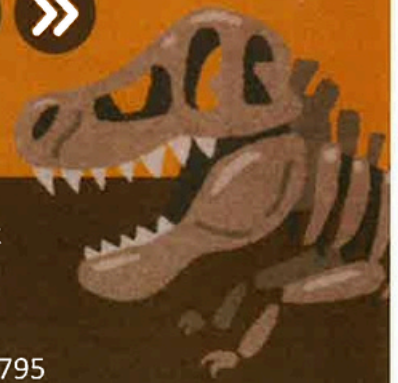
info@shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk

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 – or just turn up

SpArC Theatre, Brampton Rd, Bishops Castle SY9 5AY

Enquiries: liz@sparctheatre.co.uk

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

**Hawthorn Wildlife Role-play with Jenny Ogden
at the Methodist Hall, Station Street,
Saturday 21st February - Time 1.30pm - 2.45pm**



Wildlife Role-play is a fun way for children and adults alike to learn about creatures native to the U.K. The workshop features handmade headgear/hand puppets together with scripted role-play. The scripted interviews with insects, birds and mammals encourage empathy with them and raise awareness of their importance in the grand scheme of things. They give a wealth of factual information covering food chains, lifecycles, habitats and roles in the ecosystem.

Cost – Free to youngsters aged 7 to 13

but you must book to secure a place. Booking is via the Town Hall or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/BCTH



Rhea's Rustic Kitchen will be doing a
cake sale on
Friday 27th February 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.**