



# Newsletter

26th June 2026

## THIS week in school...

We were very disappointed that our Leavers' Service at Hereford Cathedral had to be cancelled this week due to the extreme weather. It is always a special occasion and an important opportunity for our Year 6 pupils to come together with other schools to reflect on their primary school journey and celebrate this significant milestone. Although we were unable to attend, the safety of our children, staff and families had to come first. We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils and look forward to celebrating their achievements in school over the coming weeks as they prepare for the exciting next chapter of their education.

Kites Class have had a very enjoyable day at the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre.



## Attendance

This week's attendance is

Whole School: 87.9 %

Robins: 89.5 %

Skylarks: 82.7 %

Owls: 93.2 %

Starlings: 88.5 %

Kites: 85.3 %

## Weekly Attendance Prize Draw



This week the children awarded are:

**George &  
Matthew**



## Upcoming Events

### JUNE

#### **Monday 29th**

Robins - Healthy Hero's talk

### JULY

#### **Thursday 2nd**

Sports Day - afternoon

#### **Monday & Tuesday 6th - 7th**

CCBC Yr 6 Transition Day

#### **Thursday 9th**

Skylarks trip to Park Hall Farm

#### **Friday 10th**

Bog-eyed Jog

#### **Friday 17th**

Yr6 Leavers Performance

Last day of Summer Term

## Term Dates 2026 / 27

### Summer

Starts 13.04.26

Half Term 25.05.26-29.05.26

Ends 17.07.26

### Autumn

Starts 03.09.26

Half Term 26.10.26-30.10.26

Ends 18.12.26

### Spring

Starts 06.01.27

Half Term 15.02.27-19.02.27

Ends 25.03.27

## Liverpool Residential Trip for Year 5 & 6 - June 2027

Thank you to everyone that attended the information meeting this week.

Reminder - To secure a place, please pay the deposit of £40 by Friday 3rd July 2026 and return the consent slip to school.

## 2026 The Year of Reading



### Building Stamina

Longer attention spans develop gradually.

**At home:** Encourage quiet reading time without distractions.

**Recommended read:** Glassborn – rich fantasy adventure.



A great start every day!

# BREAKFAST CLUB

COMING FROM SEPTEMBER 2026!



We are pleased to announce that, from September 2026, **Bishop's Castle Primary School** will be providing a **FREE Breakfast Club** for **ALL** pupils.

The Breakfast Club will run each school day from **8:15am to 8:45am** and will offer children a healthy breakfast and a positive start to the school day.



## WHAT'S INCLUDED?



A healthy breakfast including cereal, toast and a drink



A calm, friendly environment



Fun time with friends before the school day begins!

## HOW TO BOOK

Please complete the form using the link or QR code below to book your child's place for the upcoming half term.

If you have more than one child, please complete a separate form for each child.

CLICK HERE TO BOOK via Microsoft Forms

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Enhu9PNQakKgDB9EDXGp-26UGHNNejRJKLMS5i5o8wZURFBVQVM5WUQNidEWFpWFY2NEc3TDJR5j4u>

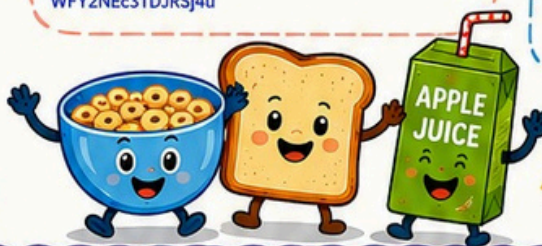
## SCAN ME!



BOOK BY 3rd JULY 26

## PLEASE NOTE:

Breakfast Club places are limited. Once all available places have been allocated, we will be unable to accept further bookings for that half term.



# Solihull Approach

Stronger connections  
happier families

## Understanding your child's behaviour

Supporting parent/child relationships




**10 WEEK COURSE**

Starting on

**24.9.26**

1 – 3pm

Gain understanding, build confidence and develop positive relationships with your child. 



This course explores issues such as:



Feelings



Parenting styles



Communication



Sleep patterns



Behavioural difficulties




## Julie Owen


will be facilitating the course.

Speak to her for details or contact her directly.

 01588 638522

 [j.owen@bishopscastle.dhmat.org.uk](mailto:j.owen@bishopscastle.dhmat.org.uk)



Investing time in understanding today for a brighter tomorrow. 

Solihull Approach – building better relationships, supporting brighter futures 



# Online Safety Newsletter

July 2026

## Social media to be banned for under-16s

The government has announced that social media platforms will be blocked from offering services to under-16s from next Spring. The ban will include platforms like Snapchat, TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, Facebook and X.

Furthermore, there will also be blocks on live streaming and communication with strangers (these restrictions will also apply to 16 and 17-year-olds) and the government will also be looking at overnight curfews and breaks in infinite scrolling.

You can read the Government's press release here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/social-media-to-be-banned-for-under-16s-in-landmark-government-move-to-give-kids-their-childhood-back>

In addition, you can find some FAQs here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fact-sheet-new-rules-to-protect-children-online/fact-sheet-new-rules-to-protect-children-online>

**Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language?** You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleylcs.org.uk/july-2026-primary/>

## WhatsApp

We frequently receive reports of children using WhatsApp inappropriately, such as sharing images to embarrass others, sending hurtful messages, spreading rumours, or excluding people from group chats to make them feel left out. It is important to think about whether WhatsApp is the right platform for your child. For example, you should consider if your child has the critical thinking skills to recognise bullying and can they manage peer pressure and refrain from joining in on hurtful behaviour?

**Users should be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp.** WhatsApp have announced that they are rolling out the option of Parent-Managed accounts for those under the age of 13. The settings will include allowing you to choose who can contact your child and ensuring only you can add them to groups. Find out more here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/894871699629864>

### What should I be aware of if my child is using WhatsApp?

**Groupchats:** Everyone within a group, even if they are not one of your child's contacts, can see all messages within that group.

**Inappropriate content:** users can be exposed to content that is not suitable for their age.

**Location sharing:** talk to your child about the potential danger of sharing their location.

**Chatlock/secret code:** users can lock chats as well as apply a secret code setting, so a chat does not appear in the main chat.

#### Screen time due to addictive nature

**AI:** WhatsApp includes Meta AI including Incognito Chat with Meta AI so nobody (including Meta) can read your conversations.

### What can I do?

- Check privacy settings e.g. who can add them to groups.
- Ensure your child understands that they can leave a chat at any time. Find out more here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/424124173736394>
- Show your child how to block and report other users. Find out how here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/1142481766359885/>
- Set up appropriate parental controls.
- Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about the messages they send and how they might be received.
- Chat to your child about the groups that they belong to.

### Further information

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/whatsapp>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

# Livestreaming

## What is livestreaming?

Livestreaming is when an individual broadcasts video live over the internet. People can watch livestreams from any device that is connected to the internet.

## What are the risks?

There are risks associated with watching livestreams that you should be aware of. The main risk being that your child may see or hear something inappropriate as your child may come across themes or content that is not suitable for them. It is difficult to moderate live content as it is happening in real time.

## How can I help my child?

- All online platforms have an age rating, ensure your child only accesses platforms that are appropriate to their age. For example, TikTok has an age rating of 13.
- For any platforms that your child uses, ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are applied.
- Take an interest in what your child is doing online and on a regular basis, ask your child to show you what they are accessing.
- Ensure your child knows how to use any reporting/blocking tools on the app that they are using and as always please ensure that your child knows to talk to a trusted adult if they see anything that concerns them online.

## Further information

- <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/livestreaming-parents/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-livestreaming/>



## Netflix Playground

Netflix Playground hosts a number of games aimed at kids aged 8 and younger. The games include Sesame Street and Peppa Pig.

It is available as an app to all Netflix subscribers and has no additional in-app purchases and no adverts. Find out more here:

<https://www.netflix.com/tudum/article/s/playground-kids-game-hub-news>

## Moving to secondary school

Is your child moving to Secondary school this year? If so, Internet Matters have published a variety of resources on their website to support this transition: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/moving-to-secondary-school-online-safety-guide/>

## Screen time balance over the summer holidays

With Summer holidays approaching, we know children may be spending more time alone. Vodafone and SWGfL have published some advice on how to navigate common digital risks and tips on how to balance screen time. We hope you have a lovely, safe summer!

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/features/digital-awareness-uk-30-digital-risks-young-people/>  
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/balancing-screen-time-over-the-holidays-advice-for-parents-and-carers>

# Instagram: New supervision tool

**You must be over 13 years of age to set up an account.** Instagram is used to post photos and videos as well as send direct messages, make voice/video calls, and send disappearing messages.

Instagram have introduced a new supervision tool allowing parents/carers to view the general topics their child is engaging in. Find out more here: <https://about.fb.com/news/2026/05/new-supervision-tools-parents-insights-teens-algorithm/>

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# Year 6 Transition Group

Support for Children Moving to Secondary School

What if I'm late  
to class?

How do I make  
friends??

How will I find  
my way around?

What if I find the  
work too hard?



A one-off group session (1.5 hours) for year 6 children transitioning to secondary school in September 2026.

A place for year 6's to share worries, learn strategies, and feel ready for the big change!

Places limited to 6 per session (first come, first served).

To book, please email: [HealthyLives@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:HealthyLives@shropshire.gov.uk)  
with the subject line: 'Transition Group'

Include:

- child's name
- DOB
- parent phone number
- GP surgery
- secondary school

Social prescribing is non-medical support that aims to help you feel better by finding out what matters to you [Social prescribing | Shropshire Council](#)

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# POP UP PARKOUR



**FRIDAY 7 AUGUST**

**COACHED SESSIONS 10AM, 11AM 2PM 2.45PM**

**BOOK A PLACE £6**

**AGE 7+**

**FREE DROP-IN SESSIONS 12-1PM 3-3.45PM**

**ALL WELCOME - YOUNG PEOPLE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED FOR THE FREE SESSIONS**

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USING A VARIETY OF PURPOSE-BUILT EQUIPMENT AND OBSTACLES, IT OFFERS YOUNG PEOPLE  
A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE PARKOUR MOVEMENT TECHNIQUES THROUGH  
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## — THEATRE —

# Summer School

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## DAILY SCHEDULE

21<sup>ST</sup> JULY  
TO  
21<sup>ST</sup> AUG  
2026

9:00–9:15		ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION
9:15–10:30		DRAMA GAMES & THEMED PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP
10:30–10:45		MORNING BREAK
10:45–12:15		CRAFT ACTIVITY
12:15–1:15		LUNCH
1:15–1:25		CINEMA INTRODUCTION & THEME DISCUSSION
1:25–2:50		FILM SCREENING
2:50–3:00		HOME TIME

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★ ACT • CREATE • IMAGINE • WATCH

ALL TIMINGS ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



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**&  
Bishops Castle  
CC**



**SUMMER CAMP  
2026**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>  
& Friday 21<sup>st</sup>  
August**

**FREE**

**10am - 3pm  
Age 5-11 years**



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Do you have any concerns about your child's well-being?

Would you like support with your child's attendance?

If you, your child or family would benefit from extra support with your well-being, or if you are worried about a difficult situation in your family you can contact us for support.

[Julie Owen – Pastoral Lead](#)

[J.Owen@bishopscastle.dhmat.org.uk](mailto:J.Owen@bishopscastle.dhmat.org.uk)

Or via

[admin@bishopscastle.dhmat.org.uk](mailto:admin@bishopscastle.dhmat.org.uk)

You might also benefit from Early Help.

What is Early Help?

Families might access Early Help for a variety of reasons, including concerns about a child's behaviour, difficulties at school, family relationship challenges, mental health worries, or changes in family circumstances such as bereavement or separation.

Early Help is not just for when things go wrong - it's there to provide guidance and support before small issues become bigger problems. Seeking Early Help is a positive step, showing a family's commitment to working together with professionals to find practical solutions and support their child's wellbeing and development.

The type of things Early Help can support with include:

- Concerns about child's health, development or behaviour
- How a child is doing at school
- Housing or financial concerns
- Children who may be affected by domestic abuse, drugs, alcohol, ill health or crime





# July 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

**Recordings available for 48 hours**

Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	6 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	6 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	13 July 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	13 July 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	14 July 7pm
<b>FREE - Supporting Healthy Screen Use</b>	16 July 7-8pm
Autism-Improving Communication	20 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	20 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Understanding Anger	27 July 10am
School Anxiety	27 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am
Supporting Health Screen Use	28 July 7pm



# EARLY HELP DROP IN

## Bishops Castle Food Bank

Apr Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 09:30 am - 10:30 am

May Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am - 10:30 am

June Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 am - 10:30 am

July Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 09:30 pm - 10:30 am

August Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 09:30 - 10:30 am

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](https://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help)



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