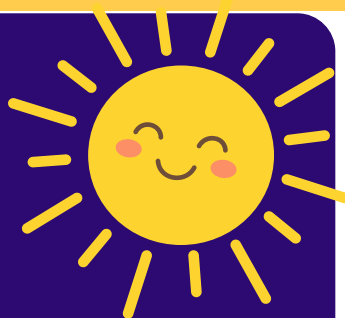




Newsletter

17th July 2026

Wishing You a Wonderful Summer !



As another school year comes to an end, we would like to thank all of our pupils and their families for your continued support throughout the year.

We are incredibly proud of everything our children have achieved and the enthusiasm, resilience and determination they have shown. It has been a pleasure to watch them grow in confidence and flourish over the past year.

A special message goes to our wonderful Year 6 pupils as they prepare for the next exciting chapter of their education. We wish you every success and happiness as you move on to secondary school.

We hope everyone has a happy, safe and restful summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of the Autumn Term on Thursday 4th September.

Attendance

This week's attendance is

Whole School: 94.3 %

Robins: 94.7 %

Skylarks: 86.4 %

Owls: 98.9 %

Starlings: 95.2 %

Kites: 95.6 %

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday & Wednesday

1st & 2nd September

PD days

Thursday 3rd

Start of Autumn Term



Farewell Mrs Goodby-Bloor

As we come to the end of the school year, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you and goodbye to Mrs Goodby-Bloor, our wonderful Skylarks class teacher.



Mrs Goodby-Bloor has encouraged and cared for every child in her class, creating a happy and supportive environment where children have grown in confidence, curiosity and kindness. Her dedication, patience and enthusiasm have made a lasting difference, and she will be greatly missed by pupils, parents and colleagues alike. We wish Mrs Goodby-Bloor every happiness and success in the future.

Thank you, Mrs Goodby-Bloor; you will always be a valued part of our school family.

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

100% Attendance for the Whole Year



Congratulations to the following children on achieving an outstanding 100% attendance throughout the entire school year! This is a fantastic accomplishment.

Olivia W
Paula
Alfie

2026 The Year of Reading



Reading Builds Independence

Independent reading develops problem-solving and persistence.

At home: Encourage trying tricky words before helping.

Recommended read: Nim's Island by Wendy Orr – a story of a brave, resourceful girl learning to do things on her own.

Parent Voice Survey: July 2026

We'd love to hear your views! Your feedback helps us understand what's working well and where we can continue to improve for all of our children:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/9ADQxZw3tR>



We believe that working in partnership with parents and carers is one of the most important ways we can help every child thrive. Your feedback helps us celebrate what we are doing well, understand your family's experiences and identify where we can continue to improve.

Please answer each question based on your child's experience at school. All responses will be treated confidentially and will be used to help inform our ongoing school improvement and future planning. We really value your opinions and appreciate your support in helping us provide the very best education and care for every child.

Mrs Manning

More families eligible for Free School Meals



From September 2026

there will be significant changes to the Free School Meals (FSM) eligibility in England.



All children in households on Universal Credit will be **eligible regardless of income.**



Apply now
by visiting



<https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>



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Please contact Mrs Owen the first week of Autumn Term if you would like a place on our 10 week course

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



Investing time
in understanding
today for a
brighter tomorrow. 

Solihull Approach – building better relationships, supporting brighter futures 



August 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

Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	3 Aug 10am
Anxiety Explained	3 Aug 7pm
Facing Defiance	4 Aug 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4 Aug 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	10 Aug 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	10 Aug 7pm
Introduction to OCD	11 Aug 10am
Decreasing Depression	11 Aug 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Aug 10am
Improving Family Communication	17 Aug 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	18 Aug 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	18 Aug 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	20 Aug 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Aug 10am
Understanding Anger	24 Aug 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 Aug 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25 Aug 7pm



September Timetable

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Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm



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

Or via

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





is coming to

Bishop's Castle Library

Tuesday 4th August

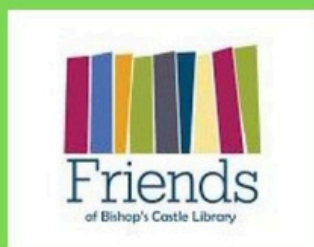
12pm

Join us for a hands-on animal
experience!!

£4.00

Booking essential

Book your place at the library desk,
at Enterprise House or by calling
01588 638215





Summer Holidays

AT BISHOP'S CASTLE LIBRARY



July
18th

Summer Reading Challenge begins
Musical Lego Challenge launches

Rhymetime
Songs and rhymes for Under 5's

July
27th



July
28th

Samba Drumming Workshop
10am & 11am £2 Booking essential

Exotic Zoo
12pm £4 Booking essential

Aug
4th



Aug
10th

Rhymetime
Songs & Rhymes for Under 5's

Story & Craft session - Mr Big
10am - 12pm - free to attend

Aug
14th

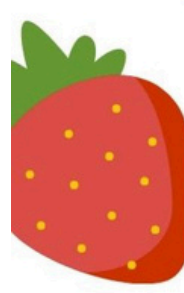


Aug
18th

Junk Model instruments
Free to attend

Family fun Morning
Soft play and refreshments

Aug
21st



Aug
25th

Stories & Songs with Sal Tonge
10.30 - 11.30am £2 Booking essential

Come and visit us, we'd love to see you!





Summer Holidays

AT SPARC THEATRE



July
19th

2pm - Film: Arco
"The best animated film of the year"

July
21st

2pm - Film: Kangaroo
"Inspired by incredible true story"



July
23rd

10:45 to 12:45 - The Very Hungry
Caterpillar (Film and crafts)



Aug
7th

Pop Up Parkour
Coached and free drop in sessions



Aug
11th

2 to 4pm Creative Kids Workshop
Free Drop In All ages



Aug
29th

11am to 3pm - Lantern Workshop
Free @ The Church Barn



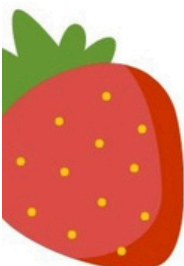
Why not enter the Handicraft and Produce
show at Michaelmas Fair:

Enquiries to Mike Plunkett
01588 630018

Completed entry forms with fees to: Town Hall,
Drovers Travel, Enterprise House, or Mike
Plunkett, 1 The Ridge



Come and visit us, we'd love to see you!





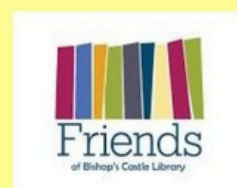
MUSICAL LEGO CHALLENGE

AT BISHOP'S CASTLE LIBRARY
SAT. 18TH – SAT. 25TH JULY
DURING LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

CAN YOU BUILD SOMETHING MUSICAL? –
INSTRUMENTS, A STAGE, YOUR FAVOURITE POPSTAR?!

PRIZE FOR EVERYONE TAKING PART

FREE TO ATTEND





EARLY HELP DROP IN

Bishops Castle Food Bank

Apr Tuesday 7th 09:30 am - 10:30 am
May Tuesday 5th 9:30 am - 10:30 am
June Tuesday 2nd 9:30 am - 10:30 am
July Tuesday 7th 09:30 pm - 10:30 am
August Tuesday 4th 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



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SOWING SEEDS

**Engaging with young people
for a lifelong love of nature**

**A conference aimed at those working
with children and young people**

**Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms
Friday 7 August 2026, 10am – 4pm**

With this conference we will look at encouraging ongoing youth involvement in nature. How do we think about succession planning for a new generation of nature lovers? What are the entry points into nature-based activities and the potential for future employment opportunities?

With this conference we will look at ongoing youth investment in nature, ways of combatting eco anxiety and the development of citizen science.

Programme overleaf.

Limited places; booking essential, via:
**[www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk/
whats-on/sowing-seeds](http://www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk/whats-on/sowing-seeds)**

**Free event but donations of £20 will cover our
costs and be much appreciated.**



**Shropshire
Hills
National
Landscape**



SOWING SEEDS

Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms
Friday 7 August 2026, 10am – 4pm

Conference Programme

9.15am – Doors open tea/coffee/pastries

10.00am – Chair: Grant Wilson – Welcome and Introduction to the day



Primary age children

10.15am – Stephanie Bellows, Discovery Centre: **Foraging and tracking wildlife**

10.35am – Tom Blackwell, National Trust: **Reaching out to urban children**

10.55am – **Tea break & networking**

11.15am – Sara Bellis: **Nature Journaling: a powerful tool for curiosity and confidence**

11.35am – Toni Pettit: **Forest Schools: wellbeing & wildlife education**

11.55am – Isabel Carter: **Gaining skills in identifying wildlife**

Secondary age children

10.15am – Richard Morley, Youth Forum: **Engaging young people**

10.35am – Joe Penfold, Young Rangers: **Young Rangers - Lessons learned**

10.55am – **Tea break & networking**

11.15am – Sue Rees-Evans: **Who can resist a dragonfly?**

11.35am – Sarah Thomas, PACC: **Resolving barriers for young people with additional needs**

11.55am – Sarah Bellis: **Those teenage years!**



12.15 – 1.30pm – **Lunch provided**

1.30pm – 4pm – **Afternoon Workshop topics (choose 3 from the 6 below):**

1
Plants
Have
Families

2
Insects

3
Nature
Journaling

4
Bug Hunt

5
Discover the
Discovery
Centre

6
Bushcraft

4pm – **Meet outside to wrap up**
(Grant Wilson)



Shropshire
Hills
National
Landscape

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Challenge 2026

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local library!



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BISHOP'S CASTLE

Party in the Park

SAT 18TH JULY

**Bishop's Castle Playing Fields
SY9 5AU**

2026

**LIVE BANDS - MERCHANDISE
CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES**

**STALLS INCLUDING FESTIVAL
ACCESSORIES AND GLOW GOODIES.**

**INDIAN SNACKS, MEXICAN
BURGERS, PIZZA, ICE-CREAM
BAR INCLUDING SOFT DRINKS.**

TICKETS.

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