Bishop's Castle Primary School

Newsletter

9th October 2026

THIS week in school....

Skylarks

We have been enjoying learning all about the continents and oceans of the world in Geography. We have taken a hands-on approach to our learning by exploring atlases, maps and photographs of significant places across the globe.

Using Google Earth, we have been able to zoom in on different countries and landmarks, helping us to understand where places are located and what they look like.

To help us remember the seven continents, we have learnt and sung a fun continents song.

We have also been busy creating colourful posters for our classroom and using playdough to make our own continent models. These practical activities have helped us develop our geographical knowledge while having lots of fun.

We are becoming confident young geographers and have loved discovering more about our amazing world!





Attendance

This week's attendance is

Whole School: 96.3 %

Robins: 97.9 %

Skylarks: 96.3 %

Owls: 93.5 %

Starlings: 97.9 %

Kites: 96.3 %

Weekly Attendance Prize Draw

100%

This week the children awarded are: **Ava & Kuba**

Following our attendance review today, we were delighted to send out 20 congratulatory letters to pupils who have shown an improvement in their attendance. Well done, keep up the fantastic work!

CONFIDENT COMMUNICATORS

WIDENING HORIZONS

GROWTH MINDSET

HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

Tuesday 13th
School Photographs

Thursday 15th
The Solihull Approach (Week 4) 1-3pm

Friday 16th
Dr Bike

Monday 19th
Reception School Tour 9.45am
Harvest Celebration
Parents Evening

Tuesday 20th
Yr 5 & 6 Art Workshop
Parents Evening

Thursday 22nd
The Solihull Approach (Week 5) 1-3pm
Yr 5 & 6 Art Workshop
KS2 Basketball
Rhea's Rustic Kitchen pop-up cake sale

HALF TERM
Monday 26th to Friday 30th October

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 4th
PTA Halloween Disco

Thursday 5th
The Solihull Approach (Week 6) 1-3pm

Friday 6th
Reception School Tour 9.45am

Thursday 12th
The Solihull Approach (Week 7) 1-3pm
Reception School Tour 5.30pm

Friday 13th
Whole School Kindness Day

Monday 16th
Odd Sock Day - Anti-bullying Week

Thursday 19th
The Solihull Approach (Week 8) 1-3pm

Thursday 26th
The Solihull Approach (Week 9) 1-3pm

DECEMBER

Wednesday 9th
Pantomime Trip - Whole School

Tuesday 15th
Nativity in Church - 2pm

Term Dates 2026 / 27

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

Summer

Starts 12.04.27
Half Term 31.05.27-04.06.27
Ends 20.07.27

2026 The Year of Reading



Reading Builds Imagination

Books allow children to explore new worlds and ideas.

At home: Ask your child to imagine a new ending.

Recommended read: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe — magical classic.

Owls

This week in maths Owls have been working very hard rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000! We used our knowledge of place value and numbers to 10,000 to work out if we were rounding up or down.

We have been reading 'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King Smith in ERIC and answering questions based around explaining, retrieving, interpreting and choice.



We finished writing our own versions of 'Nail Soup' and loved thinking about what other food and drink items we could make.

In History, we have been looking at Stone Age and Bronze age houses.

Starlings

In Starlings class this week, we were practising our use of conjunctions to join clauses together.



Year 5/6 took part in an intra-school football competition on Thursday, with support from some Year 4 children. The children played brilliantly and worked well in their teams.





Apple Pressing





A huge thank you to all the families who kindly donated apples for our Apple Pressing Day.

Thanks to your generosity, the children enjoyed a wonderful morning learning all about how apples are turned into fresh apple juice. They loved getting involved in the pressing process, discovering where juice comes from, and seeing the journey from apple to cup.

The highlight of the day was, of course, tasting the delicious juice, and we were delighted that every child in school was able to try some. Thank you for helping to make this such a memorable and enjoyable learning experience for everyone. 🍎🍏





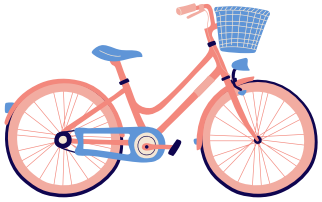
Dr Bike

Children and members of the local community can have their bicycles serviced free of charge at school on Friday 16th October.

The bike servicing team will be on site throughout the day, so bicycles can be dropped off in the morning and collected once the service has been completed.

Older pupils will also have the opportunity to learn basic bike maintenance skills and take part in servicing their own bicycles under supervision. 🚲🔧🚲







Harvest Donations

Harvest Celebration

Donations for Bishop's Castle Food Bank will be gratefully received.

Please send items into school by Monday 19th October

Types of Food You Can Donate:

- Non-perishable canned goods (vegetables, soups, beans)
- Pasta, rice, and grains
- Breakfast cereals and oats
- Cooking oils and sauces
- Packaged snacks and dried fruit
- Shelf-stable milk or milk alternatives
- Baby food and formula
- Toiletries and hygiene products



BISHOP'S CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECEPTION SCHOOL PLACE TOURS

For parents of children starting Reception in September 2027







Monday 19th October 9:45am

Friday 6th November 9:45am

Thursday 12th November 5:30pm

Call us to book your place on a tour!

- Tour the school
- Meet staff
- Ask questions

Telephone:
01588 638 522

Visit us:
www.bishopscastle-pri.shropshire.sch.uk

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More families eligible for Free School Meals



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

How to Apply

Apply Online

Go to the Shropshire Council Free School Meals Application page.

Shropshire Council Free School Meals Application Page

Apply by Phone

Call the Shropshire Council Customer Services Team on **0345 678 9008**.

What You Need

You will need your National Insurance (NI) number.

https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/are-you-eligible-for-free-school-meals/

THURSDAY 15th OCTOBER

SAMMY SWEETCORN'S BEST OF BRITISH MENU

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF WINNIE-THE-POOH!

SPECIAL LUNCH TREAT!

Every child joining us for lunch today will receive a yummy cupcake complete with a Winnie-the-Pooh themed topper!





DID YOU KNOW?

Winnie-the-Pooh was created by author A.A. Milne, inspired by his son Christopher Robin and his toys! Characters like Pooh, Piglet, Eeyore and Tigger were based on Christopher's real stuffed animals.

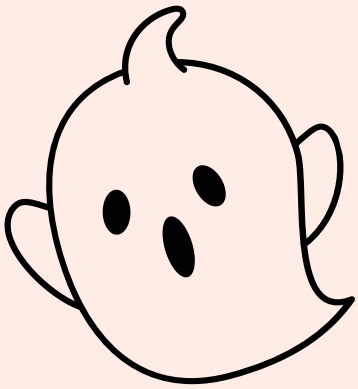
You can still see these toys today at the New York Public Library in the USA!

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JOIN US FOR A HALLOWEEN DISCO

WEDNESDAY 4TH NOV

RECEPTION,YR1 & YR2 - 4.45PM-5.30PM

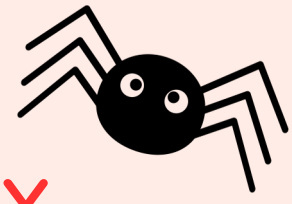
YR 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 5.45PM-6.30PM

£3.50 per child

Includes Drink, Choc Bar & Glowstick

Extra Sweets & Glowsticks
available to buy on the night
for 50p each





BC Primary Children ONLY



PRIZE BINGO



🎉⭐ BINGO NIGHT FUNDRAISER! ⭐🎉

Get your dabbers ready and join us for a fantastic evening of Bingo in support of Friends of Bishop's Castle Primary School!

📅 Friday 16th October 🚪 Doors open: 6:45pm 🎯 Eyes down: 7:30pm
📍 Bishop's Castle Community College

Come along for a fun-filled evening with friends and family while helping to raise valuable funds for our school. We have some fantastic prizes up for grabs, generously donated by local businesses and supporters.

🎁 Prizes include:

💆 Spa Experience at The Wild Pheasant, Llangollen
🏨 Castle Hotel Voucher
🦒 West Midland Safari Park Voucher
🫖 Pen-y-Dyffryn Hotel Afternoon Tea Voucher
🎟️ British Ironwork Centre Voucher (including afternoon tea)
🥩 Willo Game Hamper
🍺 Three Tuns Beer Gift Packs
☕ Poppy House Tea & Cake Voucher
💐 Little & Wild Flowers
🔥 3 Bags of Morning Sticks
🍺 Wilderness Beer
🌳 Attingham Park Voucher
🤸 AirHop (JumpIn) Voucher
🍎 Long Mynd Cider
👶 New Baby Hamper
🧸 Children's Hamper
✅ Much much more....!

➕ Raffle with fantastic prizes ➕ Lucky Squares ➕
➕ Refreshments available throughout the evening ➕

Whether you're a seasoned bingo player or just fancy a fun night out, we'd love to see you there. All the money raised helps Friends of Bishops Castle Primary School continue supporting opportunities and resources for our children.

🙏 Please like, share and tag your friends to help us spread the word and make this a great community event!

💛 Support our school, enjoy a great night out, and you might leave with a fantastic prize!

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.

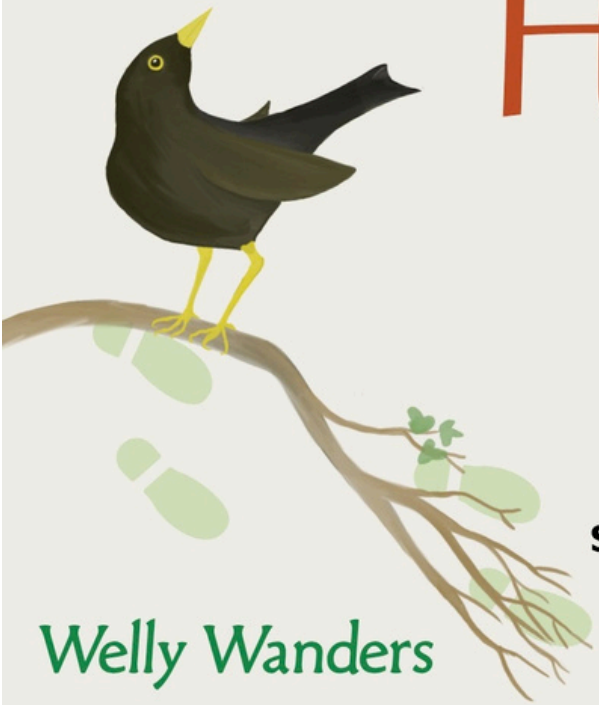
The type of things Early Help can support with include:

- 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

Campaign to Protect Rural England Shropshire

Free entry for under 16s & all activities are free too!

Hedgerows in the Hills For Kids!



Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 October 2026, 10-4
Acton Scott Heritage Farm, Church Stretton

We are delighted to have received a grant from the Shropshire Hills National Landscape Conservation Fund to deliver free children's nature activities for this event.

Welly Wanders

Cath Landles will be leading **Welly Wanders for children and families** looking at the hedges on the farm site and doing some fun Nature ID.

Welly wander timings each day:
11am and 2pm (wanders last about one hour)
Gather at the PlayTent to start.

There will also be drawing, colouring and other paper-based activities under cover in the PlayTent. and a chance to try on a wild animal costume.





Be a Dormouse Detective!

Lucy Grove will open the **Dormouse Detection Den** in the New Shepherds Hut near the heavy horse working area.

Here you can step into the secret and fascinating world of dormice and become a wildlife detective. Discover the clues dormice leave behind—from nibbled nuts and natural nests to tiny footprints—and learn how to spot these elusive creatures in the wild. Get ready to put your detective skills to the test and see if you can uncover the hidden signs of a dormouse.

Big Hedge Hunt: Try your hand at finding and solving the clues in the hedges at Acton Scott which lead you to the ultimate treasure! What will you find?

More info & tickets: www.cpreshropshire.org.uk/hith

Shropshire Hills National Landscape

SHREWSBURY HIGH SCHOOL

Dance Camp

Choose your camp:

Monday 26th October
Year 5 & 6

Tuesday 27th October
Year 7 & 8



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- £35 per day
- All welcome

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A stunning visual performance without words, featuring beautiful bunraku puppetry and original music.



This fun and interactive show transports audiences into the world of Selkies from Celtic folklore where seals transform in order to join our human world and anything is possible.....

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Write your own *chiller* (age 10+)
Mon 26 Oct
2-3.30pm
Writing workshop with award-winning writer, Liz Hyder. ***£10***



My Big Mouth (ages 8-12)
Wed 28 Oct
11-12pm & 2-3pm
A collaborative story making workshop with Steven Camden. ***£7.50 (2nd child £2.50)***



Book: 01584 878141 | ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk

Places limited!

SHREWSBURY HIGH SCHOOL

ARTS & CRAFTS CAMP

PAINT, GLUE, CUT AND CREATE!

CHOOSE YOUR CAMP:

Monday 26th October – Year 7 & 8
Tuesday 27th October – Year 5 & 6

£35 per day
All welcome

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