



Weekly Newsletter
Friday
16th January
2026

This week's school news and information

Updated Online Safety Advice

We're pleased to share that a new guide has recently been published: [What I Wish My Parents or Carers Knew: A Guide for Parents on Managing Children's Digital Lives.](#)

Keeping children safe is something we all work on together—at home, at school and within the wider community. As children spend more time online for learning, socialising and play, supporting them in the digital world can feel increasingly challenging. Many families are trying to find the right balance between protecting children from online risks and allowing them to explore and enjoy the opportunities the digital world offers.

This new guide is designed to help parents and carers navigate those decisions with greater confidence.

Sporting Success 🏆 🎉 🏀

Our spring term sports calendar has begun with fantastic energy and achievement. We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 Dodgeball team, who secured 4th place in their pool—a brilliant start to the season! A huge well done to Lottie, Henri, Max, Issy, Emmy, Zac, Rhys, and Ella for their enthusiasm, teamwork, and determination.

On Thursday, Lewis, Levi, Ella, Emmy, Erin, Osian, Grayson, and Olivia represented our school in the first of three Athletics events. The whole team showed tremendous effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout. We look forward to seeing their continued progress in the coming events.

Parent Carers of Children with SEND

We are taking part in the PINS (Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) project, and your experiences as Parent / Carers are vital. Join us to share your views and help shape how the school supports children with additional needs.

📅 Thursday 22nd January 2026

🕒 2:00–3:00pm

Open to all Parents and Carers of children with SEND—no diagnosis or EHCP needed.

Primary School Disco – Don't Forget Your Tickets! 🎉 🎵 🎶

A quick reminder that our **Primary School Disco** is coming up soon! Tickets are **£3** and include a drink, a packet of sweets, and a glow stick. Please make sure tickets are purchased in advance.

KS2 Disco:

📅 Monday 26th January

🕒 3:15–4:30pm

EYFS & KS1 Disco:

📅 Tuesday 27th January

🕒 3:15–4:30pm

We're looking forward to a fun, colourful event to beat the January blues!

SPRING TERM

SEND MEET & CHAT FAMILY DROP-IN

Hosted by Shropshire Early Help



Do you care for a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

These sessions are open to anyone supporting a child with SEND — whether you're a parent carer, family member, or professional.

Come along to ask questions, get practical advice, and connect with professionals who understand your journey

Speak with experts in:

- EHCPs
- School support
- Health and wellbeing
- Social care
- Mental health
- Navigating SEND challenges

Each session will have different professionals available, so come along, have a chat, and find the help you need.



HAVE YOUR SAY!

Scan the QR code to suggest topics and activities for future drop-in sessions.

LUDLOW - HELENA LANE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tuesday 20th January 2026
12:30pm-14:30pm

Helena Lane Community Centre, 20 Hamlet Rd, Ludlow, SY8 2NP

SHREWSBURY THE LANTERN

Thursday 19th February 2026
10:00am-12:00pm

The Lantern, Meadow Farm drive, Shrewsbury, SY1 4NG

MARKET DRAYTON RAVEN HOUSE

Tuesday 24th March 2026
13:00pm-15:00pm

Raven House, 129 Cheshire Street, Market Drayton TF9 3AH

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1pm-3pm

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Birthdays



This week we would like to wish the following children a very Happy Birthday.

Riley

Tyler

Ted

Freddie

Benjamin

Morgan

Well done this week to...

Chicks Year R	Jesse has had a fantastic first week back at school, showing an excellent attitude to learning and remembering all the rules and routines. He listened carefully, sat sensibly on the carpet, and confidently shared his news about his Christmas holiday, including his trip to Blackpool and showing his real Tabby McTat. Jesse's enthusiasm and brilliant behaviour have impressed everyone—well done, Jesse, keep being fabulous!
Ducklings Year R	Alice has settled back into school beautifully after the Christmas break, returning with a positive and enthusiastic attitude to learning. She has shown growing confidence each day, impressing everyone during show and tell and making strong progress in phonics, early reading, and writing. Alice is carefully forming her letters, applying her blending skills independently, and continuing to shine in front of her peers.
Wrens Year 1	Daisy has had a fantastic start to the spring term, showing great progress in reading by recognising tricky words and reading independently. In maths, she has used bar models to represent whole and part numbers and worked hard on creating pictures by cutting, rotating, and sticking shapes. Daisy has also been sitting beautifully on the carpet, which has helped her learning – well done!
Robins Year 1/2	Olivia has made an excellent start to the Spring term, showing focus, enthusiasm, and a consistently positive attitude toward her learning. She has impressed across subjects with her brilliant writing, determined maths work, thoughtful class contributions, and kind behaviour toward others. Olivia also takes great pride in her homework and spellings, demonstrating responsibility and commitment in all she does.
Owls Year 2	Tyler has had an amazing first week back, showing enthusiasm, determination, and resilience. He has contributed actively to class discussions, excelled in maths by skip counting in 2s and explaining why odd numbers are not part of the two times table, and written a fantastic adventure story in English. Tyler has also enjoyed success in music, geography, and PE – keep up the great work!
Puffins Year 3/4	Ruby has shown outstanding dedication and hard work this term, earning an impressive 347 house points, the highest in the class. This achievement reflects her excellent listening skills, positive behaviour, and consistent effort in classwork, homework, and reading at home. Well done, Ruby, and thank you for your fantastic commitment so far!
Kingfishers Year 3/4	Seren has had a fantastic week, earning Kingfishers' 'well done' award for being a polite and helpful member of the class who always smiles. She has participated enthusiastically in discussions, showing excellent prediction skills when exploring our new texts and working hard to write and edit a story based on her ideas. Seren also listened carefully during our online safety lesson, thinking about digital footprints and enjoying the information-gathering activity.
Kestrels Year 4/5	Joe has worked incredibly hard since returning from Christmas, and his effort has been noticed across all lessons. He impresses teachers with his careful listening, excellent contributions, and strong English vocabulary, as well as his confident predictions in science while learning about friction. He is shining brightly in Year 4 and should be very proud of his achievements.
Hawks Year 5	Harry has made an excellent start to the term, showing great strength in English by using rich vocabulary and description when beginning his mythical story. He has demonstrated a keen interest in the Ancient Greeks and shown determination and focus in PE, handling equipment sensibly and improving his gymnastics skills. Harry consistently follows the school's rules, listens attentively, and strives to do his best – well done!
Eagles Year 6	Levi has shown incredible effort and determination this week as he returned to school for the Spring term, embracing his new Year 6 responsibilities with maturity and reliability. He has worked hard in English to identify formal and informal language and enjoyed adapting Oscar Wilde's writing, while continuing to impress in maths by confidently solving percentage problems. Levi's enthusiasm for sharing ideas and his ability to work well with partners make him a valued and positive role model in the class.
Falcons Year 6	Joe has had an excellent two weeks back after the Christmas holidays, showing strong determination and engaging fully in all tasks and class discussions. He has demonstrated wonderful behaviour, meeting expectations, following school values, and being a positive role model—especially in nurture group with a younger child. If he continues with this attitude, there is no limit to what Joe can achieve for the rest of the year.

What is happening in school next week?

Day/Date	During School Time	After School
Monday 19th January	7.30 onwards—Early Bird Breakfast Club Music Mob—Violin Lessons	Caterpillar Club 3.15—5.30 pm 3.15 - 4.30 ~ KS1 Football 3.15 - 4.30 ~ KS2 Mini Mission (Team Building)
Tuesday 20th January	7.30 onwards—Early Bird Breakfast Club Swimming - Puffins	Caterpillar Club 3.15—5.30 pm 3.15 - 4.30 ~ Y1-4 Film Club 3.15 - 4.30 ~ Y4-6 Art Club
Wednesday 21st January	7.30 onwards—Early Bird Breakfast Club Swimming – Kestrels & Wrens Music Mob—Woodwind Lessons Dodgeball	Caterpillar Club 3.15—5.30 pm 3.15 - 4.30 ~ KS2 Basketball 3.15 - 4.30 ~ Y2-3 Art Club
Thursday 22nd January	7.30 onwards—Early Bird Breakfast Club Music Mob—Guitar Lessons Music Mob—Brass Lessons 2.00- 3.00- PINS Parent Carer Meeting	Caterpillar Club 3.15—5.30 pm 3.15 - 4.30 ~ Y5-6 Football
Friday 23rd January	7.30 onwards—Early Bird Breakfast Club Brass Lessons—Puffins & Kingfishers Music Mob—Drum Lessons	Caterpillar Club 3.15—5.30 pm 3.15 - 4.30 ~ Y1-4 Gymnastics 3.15 - 4.30 ~ Y5-6 Football