



School Newsletter

November 2023

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"To be the best we can be"

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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

It has been a busy term so far! Children across school have been involved in a number of educational visits, as well as having a number of visitors in school to enhance their educational opportunities.

Over the month of December, there are a number of events taking place. Please read through and make a note of important dates for your child.



Our School Values



Challenge Make every experience exceptional	Honesty Always do the right thing	Ownership Take accountability for your actions	Courage Be determined to deliver greatness	Collaboration Work together to succeed
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Christmas Events Reminders

Monday 4th December - Christmas post boxes will be placed around school for children to send their Christmas cards to each other. We apologise in advance but we are unable to give out class lists due to data protection.



Christmas Performances



These will be led by our younger children in KS1 & Reception. Each year group in KS2 will prepare a short Christmas song or performance for our School website.

All children in KS1 and Reception will be allocated 2 free tickets for their family to attend the assembly.

Wednesday 6th December at 9.30am

A performance for parents of Year 2 children.

Thursday 7th December at 9.30am

A performance for parents of Year 1 children.

Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am

A performance for parents of Reception children.



Christmas Lunch

This year we will be holding Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 13th December 2023.

Christmas Parties

All parties will be held during the afternoon of the week beginning 11th December.



There will be an opportunity for the children to play some traditional party games and to eat some food at their party. We ask that you provide a prepared plate of party food for your child. This needs to be labelled with their name. Remember not too much (4 or 5 items max) as the children will have eaten at lunchtime! School will provide drinks and prizes for games.

Children will need to wear their uniform in the morning as usual and they can then bring a change of clothing for the afternoon. Please check the diary dates on the last page for your child's party date.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 8th December, it is Christmas Jumper Day! Children can come in wearing their favourite Christmas Jumper.

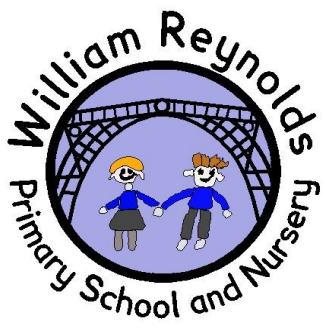




Parent Consultations

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended school to meet with their child's class teacher and completed a parent questionnaire.

We had lots of really positive feedback and wanted to share it with you.



Questionnaire for Parents and Carers



Through this questionnaire we would like to focus on how we communicate with parents.

Tick the box which matches your views

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	My child is happy and likes school	191 79%	47 20%		3 1%
2	My child feels safe at school.	195 81%	41 17%	2 1%	3 1%
3	Children behave well at school.	183 76%	55 23%		3 1%
4	I feel comfortable in approaching the school with questions or a problem or a worry	197 82%	41 17%		3 1%
5	The school sets clear targets for my child.	201 84%	37 15%		3 1%
6	I am kept informed about how well my child has worked towards achieving their targets.	195 81%	43 18%		3 1%
7	My child is given support to achieve well at school.	200 83%	38 16%		3 1%
8	Staff expect my child to work hard and do his or her best.	201 84%	37 15%		3 1%
9	My child is making good progress.	197 82%	41 17%		3 1%
10	There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	195 81%	43 18%		3 1%
11	Staff encourage my child to become mature and independent.	201 84%	37 15%		3 1%
12	My child feels that they can join all activities at school within and after school	195 81%	42 17.5%	1 0.5%	3 1%

Is your child due to start Reception in September 2024?

The online application form for children starting school in September 2024 is now available via the website www.telford.gov.uk/admissions.

The online form will need to be used to apply for a place. The deadline is 15th January 2024.

There is an information booklet available online at: [School Admissions Information Booklets - 2024 / 2025 - Telford & Wrekin Council](#)

Apply online NOW

Starting school?

Closing date for applications:
15 January 2024

If your child has an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) the closing date is 31 October 2023.

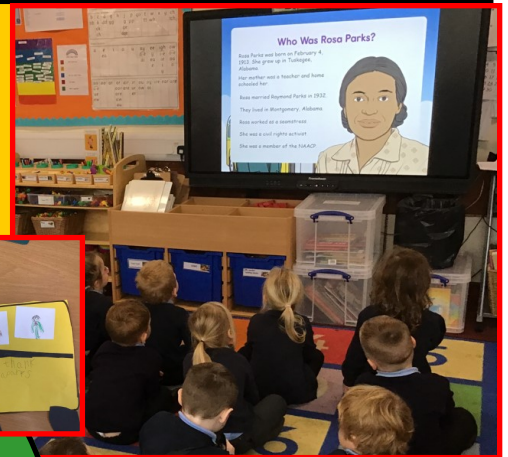
www.telford.gov.uk/admissions

- You must apply if your child was born between 1 September 2019 – 31 August 2020.
- You must apply even if your child is attending a nursery or pre-school on a school site or you have a child already attending the school.
- Attending a nursery does not guarantee a school place.
- School places are allocated in line with oversubscription criteria.
- See website for more information www.telford.gov.uk/admissions or contact School Admissions at admissions@telford.gov.uk

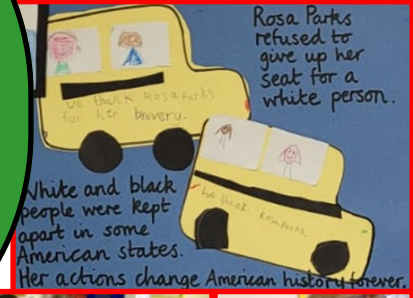
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Global Awareness Day: Black History

In the UK, Black History Month falls in October each year and celebrates Black history and heritage. We recognise that Black history can, and should, be recognised and celebrated all year round, whether this is through the curriculum, assemblies, day-to-day promotion of our school values or the mutual respect we show towards each other every day.

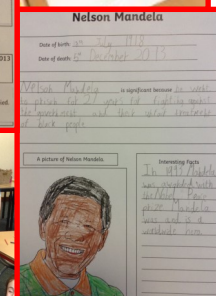


The children in Early Years and Year 1 learnt about Rosa Parks. They talked about segregation where black and white people could not sit together. They did not agree with this and decided that all people should be treated equally.



Nelson Mandela Timeline

1918 Nelson Mandela was born.	1962 Many black people were arrested by the Government after protests from the ANC.	1962 Nelson Mandela was released from prison.	1962 He won the Nobel Peace Prize.	1994 He retired as the president of South Africa.
1944 He joined the African National Congress (ANC).	1962 Nelson Mandela was sent to prison.	1990 Nelson Mandela became the leader of the ANC.	1993 He became president of South Africa.	2013 Nelson Mandela died.



For Black History Month Y2 focused on the life and work of Nelson Mandela and the impact he had upon the world.

We thought of words to describe him and then did research to create fact files and a timeline of his life. We then made a class rainbow using our handprints and fingerprints to represent his idea of a 'rainbow nation'.



Across KS2, classes selected a range of inspirational people to focus on in class.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History

Our 'Rainbow Nation'


Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat for a white person. White and black people were kept apart in some American states. Her actions change American history forever.

In 1963, he gave his famous 'I have a dream speech'


Nelson Mandela believed that everyone should be treated the same. He fought for change, but he was put into prison for 27 years.

Martin Luther King Jr was a social activist who fought against racial discrimination.

Inspire like Louis




Be brave like Malala




Write like Maya




Dream like Martin




Fight like Muhammad



Create like Bob



Study like Rebecca




Stand like Nelson



Race like Lewis



Run like Jesse



Challenge like Rosa



Sing like Diana



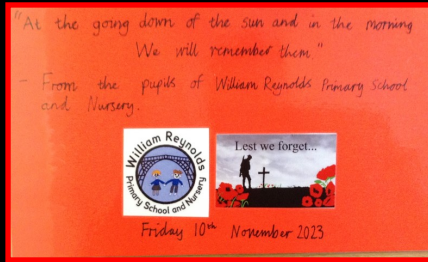


Madeley Remembrance Service



On Friday 10th November 2023, members of the school council visited Madeley War Memorial to pay their respects to those lost to war. The children felt privileged to have represented their school to lay the wreath of remembrance.

During our visit, the pupils met Councillor Helena Morgan, Mayor of Madeley Town Council, who was impressed by their wreath.



This is what the children said of the visit:

'We went to Madeley War Memorial to observe a two-minute silence to remember all of the people who died in the wars.' - Lemuel Amankwaah

'I felt proud to represent our school and lay down the wreath of remembrance' - Megan Wallis



Parking in Westbourne and Ferridays Fields

An issue which is a top priority for us is the safety of our children. That's why we are asking you all to think about where you park when doing the school run. Dangerous parking puts our children at risk and no one wants that.

We appreciate that pick up and drop off times are very busy - please consider walking or cycling to school instead of coming by car. Both are cheaper alternatives, have health benefits and are better for the environment.

Our message is: please park safely, legally and considerately, thinking about our neighbours and setting a good example to our children. This will ensure our pupils have a happy and safe journey to and from school.

We have been contacted by some local residents, who have raised concerns about some dangerous parking, particularly at the back of school. As you can appreciate, the road at the back of school is quite narrow and gets congested really quickly. This often has an impact on neighbours, who may need access to their own homes, as well as the numerous dangers associated with trying to turn cars in such a tight area.



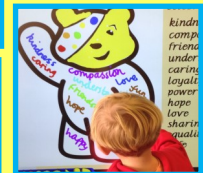
Children In Need - 17th November

The children at William Reynolds Primary School and Nursery came to school dressed in spots to celebrate children in need. They learnt about where the money raised was spent and how this benefited others.

We want to say a huge thank you to Karen Turner, who made Pudsey and organised a raffle, raising £36, which is included in the school total below.



Our efforts raised £448.87



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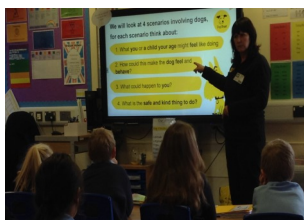


An energetic day was had, when children in school were visited by Dan the Skipping Man. They had a fabulous time developing their skills through a series of workshops in the school day.



On Thursday 16th November, Year 3 and Year 4 had a visit from a Dog's Trust educator. She was full of interesting facts and gave the children lots of guidance and advice about dogs. We learnt when it is a good time to approach a dog and when dogs need their own space.

We took part in some role-play activities, where children portrayed how a dog might be feeling in certain situations. The children were also given time to ask questions and share some of their own experiences.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Jones, our Base 1 teacher, who won a silver veteran individual kata at the FEW European Wadokai championships in Belgium!



Mrs Jones shared her experience:



On Sunday 6th November, I competed in Leige, Belgium at the 48th FEW European Wadokai Championships in the veteran category in kata. My kata was strong and technically very good. This time I beat Norway and came close to gold gaining a silver and becoming a European finalist for the second time - one up from last year. Being up on the European stage was such an indescribable feeling and I will be aiming to be selected for Cyprus next year with the hope that I can go to World's at the Budokan in Japan in 2025. I urge everyone to give things a go without making excuses. I believe if I can do it... so can everyone!

Since returning from the competition, Mrs Jones has even gone on to pass her exam as a 1st dan blackbelt of Wadokai.

Year 5 - Base 12



At the end of the autumn term, Miss Walmsley will be leaving us for a short time to go on maternity leave. Mrs Rachel Nash, who has worked at our school for many years will be taking responsibility for teaching Base 12 until Miss Walmsley returns. We have planned in lots of opportunities so far this half term to allow Mrs Nash to work alongside the teaching staff in Base 12 so that there is a smooth transition for the children.

Winter Coat and Shoes

The Winter Coat and Shoes project is now open for referrals. We have already been in touch with many of our families to put in applications. If you have not been contacted by school and would like us to apply for a coat and pair of shoes for your child, please speak to a senior leader on the playground before school or speak to the admin staff in the office. They can take the sizes from you and ensure the order is placed.



Once your coat and shoes arrive, we will contact you to arrange for you to collect them from school.



Author Visit

Year 1

On Wednesday 25th October, Year 1 were visited by author Sarah Griffiths. The children enjoyed hearing Sarah read her book 'Tom's Gift' which she brought to life for them. They also took part in a mini music workshop where they had the opportunity to learn the accompanying song 'Sing As You Go'. The song was performed by local children from HLC Primary School Choir, and the children joined in whilst performing the actions.



Year 3



Sarah Griffiths, a local children's author, visited year 3 to share her story Tom's Gift. She told us how she came up with the ideas for her story based on her life and the music she would listen to. Sarah also answered questions from the children about when she became an author and how she practised her story writing from an early age. The children enjoyed interacting with the story and singing the song from the book.

Gymnastics - Wrekin College

Tuesday 21st November saw a group of 10 children from years 2, 3 and 4 heading off with Mr Tagg and Miss Chambers for an afternoon of gymnastics at Wrekin College.

The event was being organised by Telford and Wrekin School Sports Partnership and was meant to be a fun afternoon where the children could develop their own gymnastic skills alongside children from different schools across the borough.

Children were given specific routines to practise and complete on both the floor and the vault. Both exercises were familiar to the children as they have already had the chance to learn and develop them in our own school curriculum, before performing them as part of their house competitions.

It was fantastic to see so many children, especially our own, growing in confidence throughout the afternoon. The event culminated in an opportunity for every child to demonstrate their new skills in front of the other children, as lots of children performed their routines and vaults at the same time.



<https://inspire2coach.co.uk/try-tennis/>



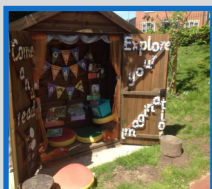
Sewing Club

Sewing Club has been a great success and the children have thoroughly enjoyed attending and learning new skills. They are really proud of their creations.



Nursery Places

We have spaces available for Nursery. Children can start after their third birthday - please ring the School Office.



Wraparound Care

We provide:

Breakfast Club: 07:45am

Cost: £1:50 per session

After School Provision: Until 5:30pm



Cost: £5 per session

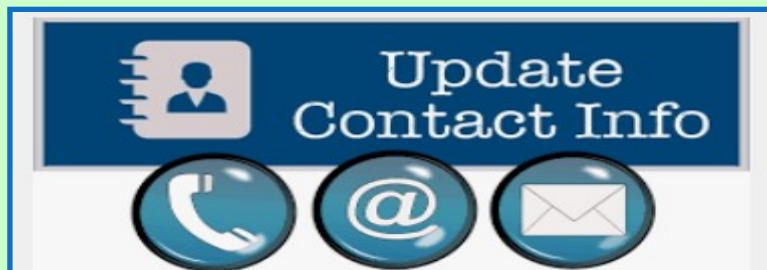
Please fill in a form at the office if you need a place for your child. Payment is made through ParentPay.

A Polite Reminder

We encourage children to travel to school on their bike or scooter and have places for them to store these during the school day. All scooters and bikes are parked at your own risk



Please could we ask that they do not ride these on the school site. We appreciate your support with this to help us ensure the safe drop off and collection of all children. As you are aware, the playground is a busy place at the start and end of the school day and we want to avoid any accidents.



Contact Information

Have you moved or changed your contact information?

If you have had a change of address, contact number or email address, it is really important for us to be informed of this.

Please go to the school office if you need to update any of your contact information. It is really important that there is an up to date contact number held at school so that we can contact you, if needed, during the school day.

It's getting colder...

We are starting to get some colder, and often wetter weather lately. Please ensure you child comes to school in warm clothing appropriate for the weather.



School Uniform Prices

Uniform can be purchased from the school office. Payments for uniform can be made on ParentPay.

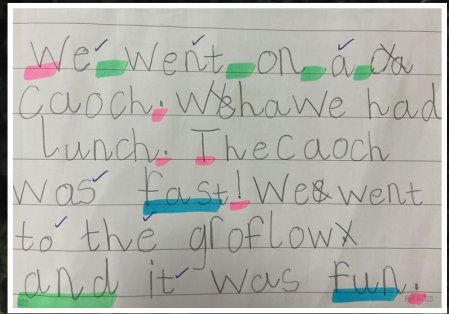
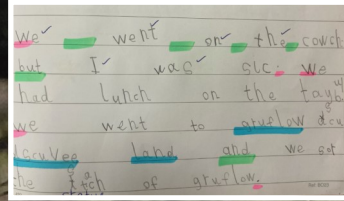
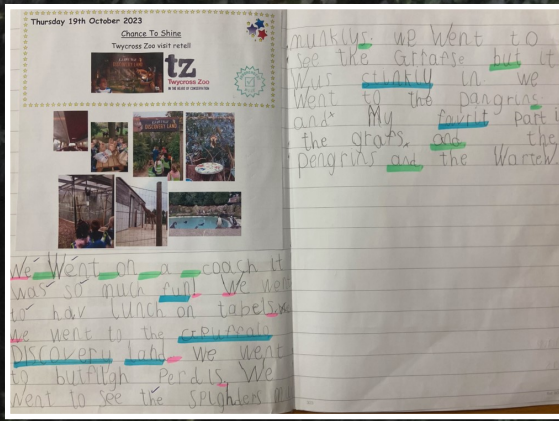


Uniform Price List

Sweat Shirts (sizes 24"-34")	£10.55
Sweat Shirts (sizes S,M,L)	£12.05
Cardigans (sizes 24" - 34")	£11.95
Cardigans (sizes S,M,L)	£12.45
Polo Shirts (sizes 24"-34")	£8.45
Polo Shirts (sizes S,M,L)	£10.45
Book Bags	£7.75
Water Bottles	£3.50
PE Bags	£5.00
PE T-shirts	£3.00
PE Shorts	£4.00

Sweatshirts, Cardigans & Polo Shirt Size Guide (as published by Brigade uniform)

Chest	24"	26"	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"	38/40"	42/44"
Age	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	10-11	12-13	S	M	L



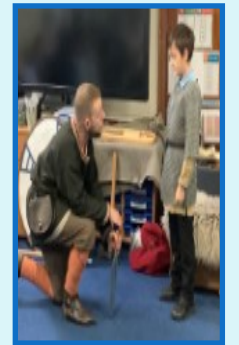
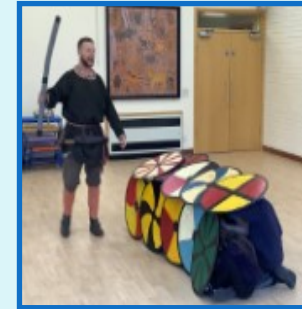
Twycross Zoo - Year 1

On Thursday 12th October, Year One went on a visit to Twycross Zoo. We had a wonderful day visiting all the animals that we had been learning about in school. We saw flamingos, penguins, rhinos, giraffes, monkeys and many more. As part of our visit, we also went on the Gruffalo Discovery Land Trail and met lots of the characters from the popular children's story book along the way. The children all had a fabulous time and produced some lovely pieces of writing about our day!

Year 4 - Anglo Saxon Workshop

Year 4 had a visit from Oswald the Angle. He came to tell the children about his life as an Anglo-Saxon. Throughout the day, the children found out about everyday life as an Anglo-Saxon. They learnt about their food, their homes, their everyday life and even how they fought their battles.

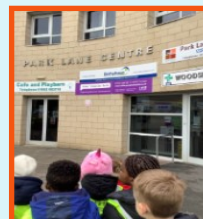
During the day, the children had the opportunity to re-enact a famous battle between the Mercian armies of King Penda and the Northumbrian armies of King Oswald. The battle was eventually won by the army of King Penda who became the Bretwalda (Emperor King). As he had promised before the battle began, King Penda cut Oswald's body up into pieces and scattered it among the branches of a tree. The spot where his body was cast became famous for its healing waters as became known as Oswald's Tree (Oswestry).



Year 1 - Woodside Walk

As part of their theme 'Our World', Year 1 have been learning about their local area of Woodside and Telford, and the United Kingdom.

To familiarise themselves with their surroundings, they went on a walk around Woodside on Wednesday 8th November 2023. This was a great opportunity for the children to look around the local area and see what was available to them nearby. The children had a great time recognising the local shops and doctors, and the park where they play!



Attendance Matters!

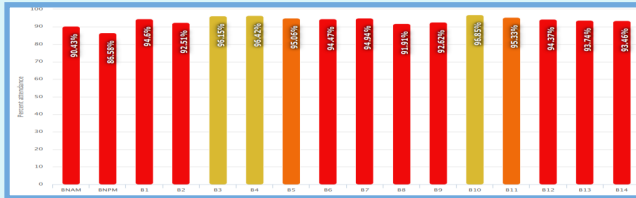


Attendance

We are continuing to work hard on improving our attendance across school.

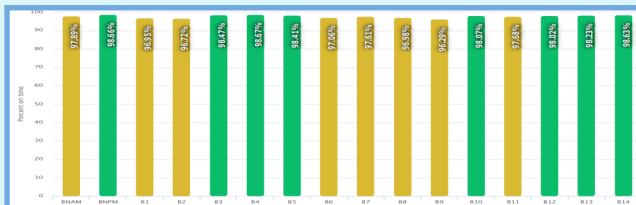
Best Attendance from September 2023 to November 2023:

Base 10 are currently in the lead with 96.85% attendance this year so far - a really big well done to Base 10!



Most Punctual Class from September 2023 to November 2023:

Well done to Base 4 with 98.67% arriving on time.



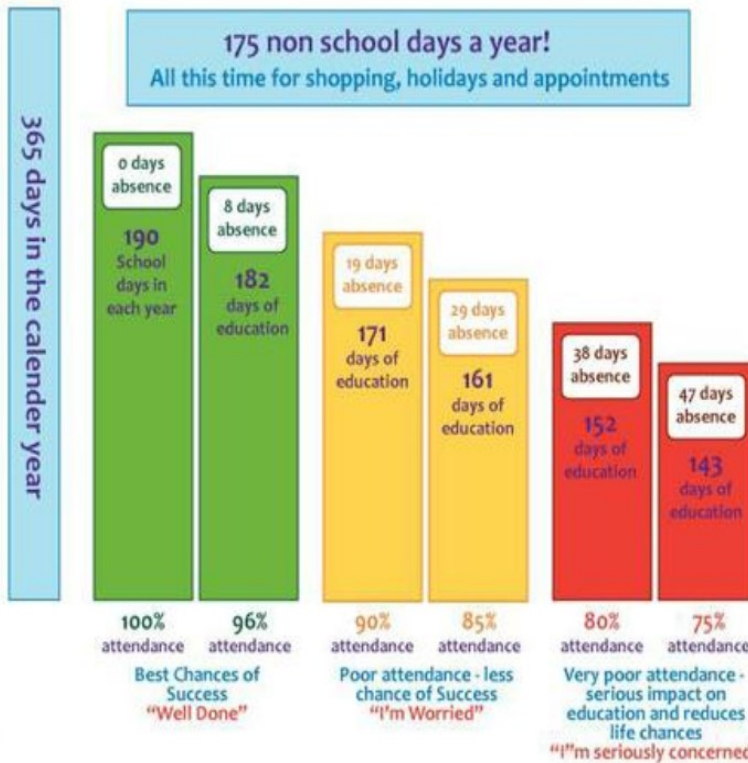
Please book medical appointments outside of the school day, where possible. We appreciate your support with this.

If your child is taking prescribed medication, they can still attend school and we can administer their dose for you.



Good Attendance Means...

being in school at least 96% of the time. This means 8 Days Off!



Does my child need to stay at home?

Cough and cold - Your child can still attend school.

Rash - a rash could be a sign of an infectious illness. Check with a GP, nurse or pharmacist if you are unsure.

Headache - Your child can still attend school.

Sore throat - Your child can still attend school.

Vomiting and diarrhoea - Your child will need to be kept off school for 48 hours.

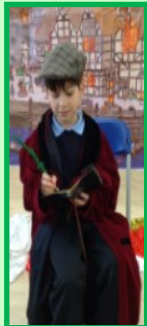
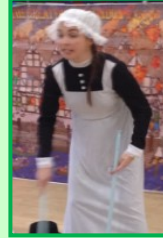
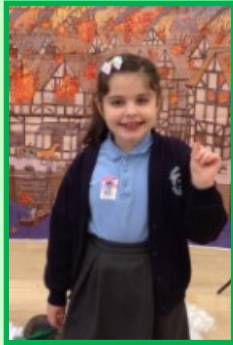
Please call the office by 9am, if your child is too ill to attend school.

The Great Fire of London

To help bring the events of The Great Fire to life, the children in Year 2 took part in an interactive workshop with Divergent Drama.

Various props and costumes were used to help act out key events and to help the children's understanding of the role that key people played in this part of English History.

The children loved being introduced to historical figures such as Samuel Pepys and the importance his diary played in recalling the events of 1666.



Think Tank Visit - Year 3

In science, Year 3 are currently learning about Forces and Magnets. On Tuesday 14th November 2023 we visited the Think Tank Museum in Birmingham. All children took part in a workshop focusing on magnetic materials and friction and we explored the three golden rules of forces. We investigated what metals were magnetic and we tested the friction of different surfaces. We were able to explore the Museum using the interactive equipment and we also visited the science garden. The children and adults had a great day out.

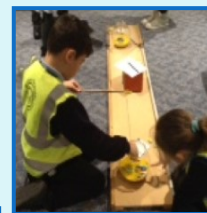
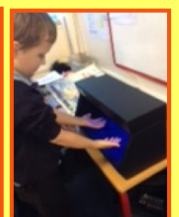


Keeping Clean - Year 2

The school nurse visited Year 2 to explain the importance of good hygiene. The children worked together to explore and discuss the importance of good dental hygiene, as well as how to wash their hands properly to wash away all the germs!



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Subject Spotlight: Mathematics

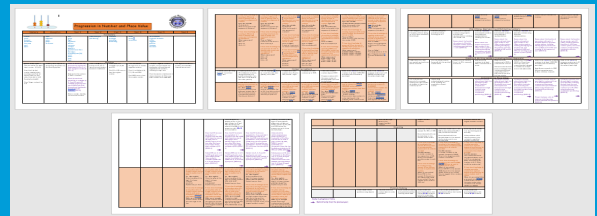


Our three principle aims following the National Curriculum in England for Mathematics are:

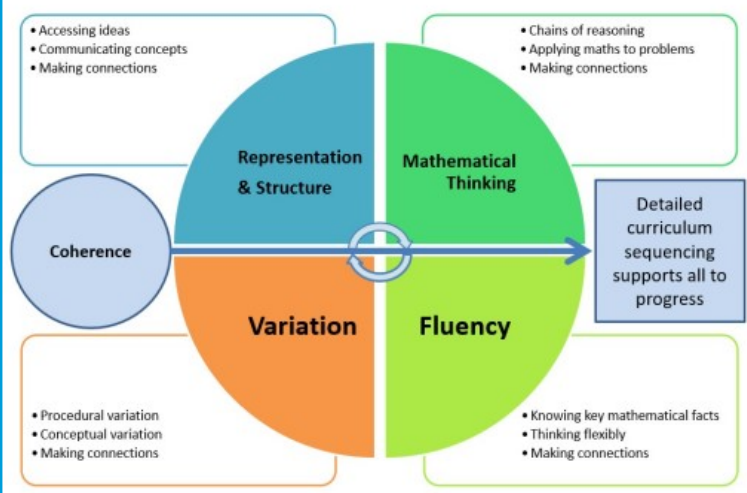
- For all children to be fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics
- For all children to reason and solve a range of problems
- For all children to make choices about the maths they use and be able to apply with confidence.

Progression documents are used to identify clear outcomes from Early Years to Year 6:

[Mathematics | - William Reynolds \(williamreynoldsprimary.org\)](http://williamreynoldsprimary.org)

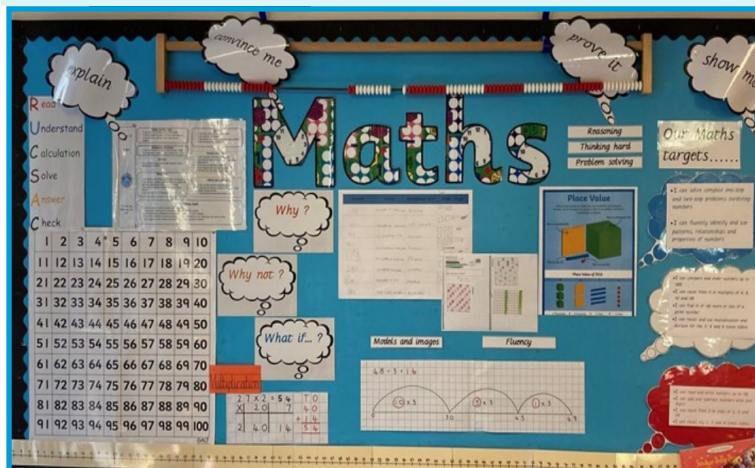
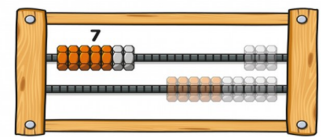
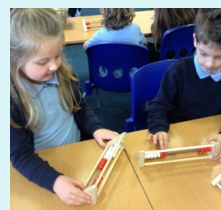


Teaching for Mastery



As part of their Mastering Number work, Year 2 are using a rekenrek daily - the children love using them and its making a real difference to their learning.

A rekenrek is a counting frame, similar to an abacus. It has ten beads on each row, five white and five red which supports the development of number sense. It was initially developed by Adrian Treffers at the Freudenthal Institute in the Netherlands, the word rekenrek translates from Dutch as 'calculating frame'.



Challenge:

Complete the number facts.

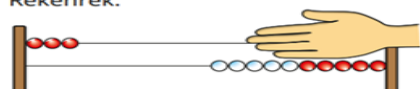
a) $4 + 4 = \square$

c) $3 + 3 = \square$

b) $5 + 4 = \square$

d) $3 + 4 = \square$

Here is a Rekenrek.



How many beads is the hand covering?



Early Years—Diwali

The children in Early Years celebrated Diwali, the festival of light. They listened to the story of Rama and Sita and learnt about why they make Diya lamps and light them. Also, they tasted food eaten at Diwali, made a Diwali card and Rangoli patterns.



Early Years - Wind

As part of Understanding the World, in The Natural World section of the curriculum, the reception children need to understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them. The children worked in small groups to investigate the effects of wind. They explored this using chimes, streamers, windmills and bubbles outside.



Councillor Paul Watling visited Early Years to see a Talk Boost group taking place.

Year 5 - Professor McGinty

In Year 5, we have been learning about the Vikings and their invasion of the United Kingdom. Professor McGinty came to visit us to tell us all about his amazing adventure when he went time travelling back to the time of the Vikings. He showed us some Viking artefacts, we talked about life in the Viking times and he showed us how the Vikings would have dressed. Year 5 had a great time learning more about the Vikings!



Year 6 - Blists Hill

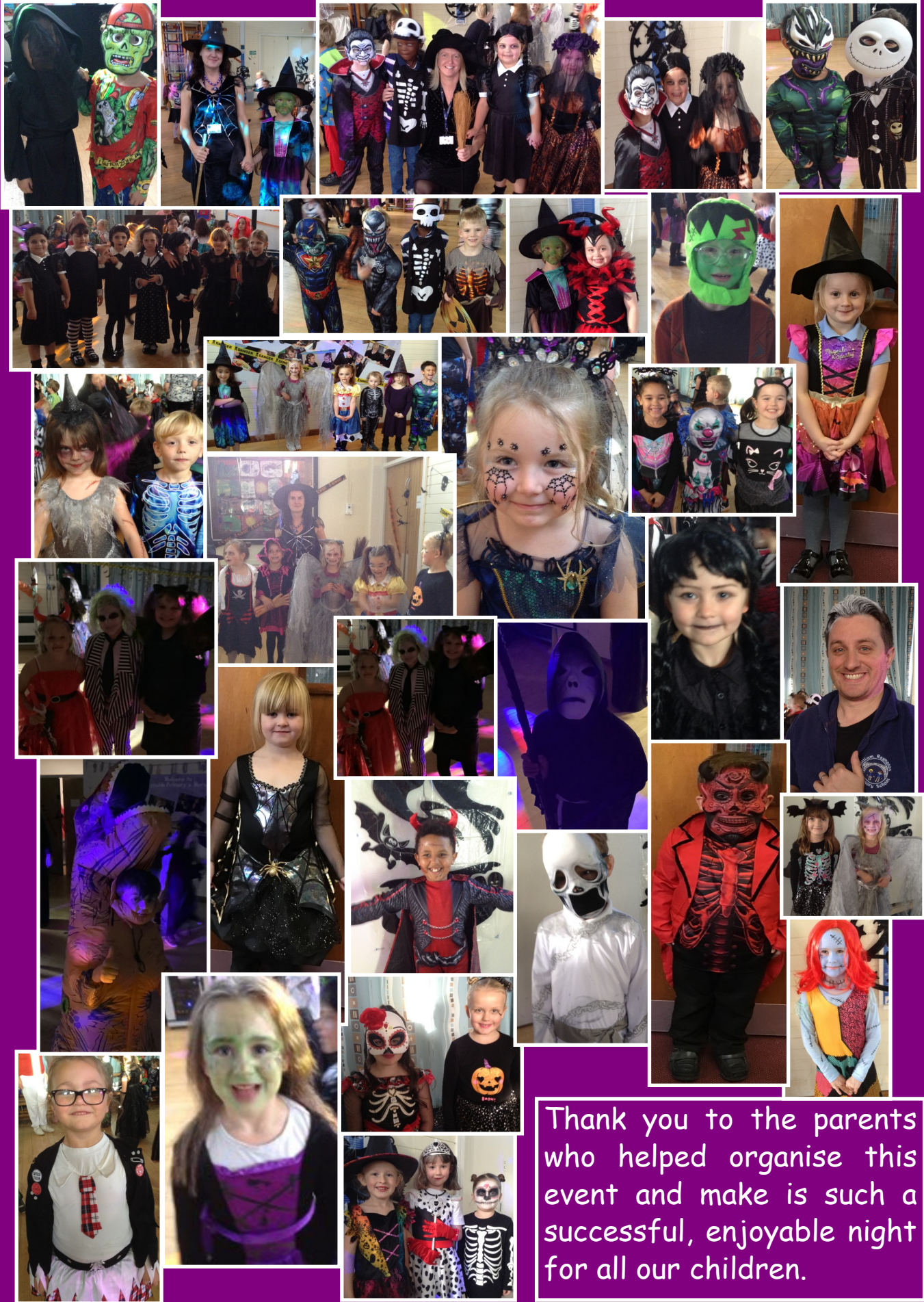
Year 6 enjoyed a visit to Blists Hill Open-Air museum. We learned a lot about the Industrial Revolution, looking at the steam engines, Ironworks and furnaces. We dressed as Victorian children; we were taught in the Schoolhouse the 3R's - Reading, Writing and Arithmetic.



Later we experienced life as a working child, and produced bricks with clay for the Madeley Brickworks Company. Did you know a Victorian child worker would have produced around a 100 bricks in an hour? Life was hard in Victorian England, but the sweets from Pritchard's Sweetshop were amazing!



We had a great time at the Halloween Disco...



Thank you to the parents who helped organise this event and make it such a successful, enjoyable night for all our children.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of the download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

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CENSORED

EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

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TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become 'TikTok famous'. While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.



HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next mean it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 18s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 18s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.





PODS HELPLINE

(Supporting families with disabled/Additional needs children aged 0-25 years)

Are you in need of some guidance or information? Would you like to access our Befriending service or maybe receive a call from one of our staff?

Then please give us a call or email us!

01952 458047
info@podstelford.org

Calls will be answered between 10am-4pm Monday-Friday, outside these hours please leave a message.

SHROPSHIRE BEAM

Emotional wellbeing drop-in service for children and young people under 25

Who are we?
 We're Shropshire Beam, part of The Children's Society. The Children's Society are a national charity that fight for the hope and happiness of every child and young person to achieve long-lasting change for this generation and the ones to come. Here at Beam, we hold drop-in sessions with our experienced practitioners to offer emotional support for children and young people under 25 who are registered with a GP in Shropshire or Telford and Wrekin. We also offer a range of workshops which are advertised on our Instagram account: @shropshirebeam. To access our drop-in sessions, you don't need to book - just pop-in and one of our friendly practitioners will welcome you in!

LOCATIONS AND TIMES

When?	Where?	Time?
Mondays	Sundorne Youth Centre 218 Sundorne Road Shrewsbury SV1 4RG	12pm-4pm (last sessions held @ 3pm)
Tuesdays	Shropshire Beam 9 Market Square Wellington TF1 1BP	10am-6pm (last sessions held @ 5pm)
Thursdays	Shropshire Beam 9 Market Square Wellington TF1 1BP	10am-6pm (last sessions held @ 5pm)
Saturdays	Shropshire Beam 9 Market Square Wellington TF1 1BP	10am-2pm (last sessions held @ 1pm)

CONTACT US

Website:
www.childrenssociety.org.uk/beamshropshire

Instagram: @ShropshireBeam

Email: shropshirebeam@childrenssociety.org.uk

Who is this service for?

Our service is available to children and young people 0-18 years who have a diagnosis of Autism. Our website is available for everyone and offers a wide range of information and resources.

To access our Children's Autism Hub you need to be a resident of Telford and Wrekin.

Telford Children's Autism Hub

Children & Young People 0-18

HOW TO FIND US

We are based at Telford Centre, so its easy to get to us by car, bus or train!

Plus, there's plenty of parking too!

Telford & Wrekin CVS

Suite 12 and 15
Second Floor
Hastings House
Central Square
Telford
TF1 1JA

Phone: 01952 262062 (24-hour answerphone)
 E-mail: childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk
 Website: <https://www.telfordandwrekinautismhub.org.uk/>

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Telford Children's Autism Hub

Come and join us for a Coffee & Chat

"Really nice to share experiences with other parents. Also, to receive support and encouragement from staff and parents"

Every Monday 11.15am to 12.15pm (Term Time Only)

"Attended the coffee & chat. Made to feel welcome, a warm atmosphere and nice just to talk to other parents that 'get it'"

Email us on childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk or call 01952 262062 if you would like to attend

SEND SUPPORT AND PLAY FOR EARLY YEARS FAMILIES

We are excited to announce the upcoming launch of our Early Years SEND Support Group. We will be supporting parents and carers within Telford & Wrekin, whose child has special educational needs and a disability, including parents whose children have a diagnosis of Autism.

Join us for our fortnightly drop in held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month 9.15am to 10.45am (Term time only & Excluding Bank Holidays)

Drop in with Telford SENDIASS and Telford Children's Autism offers you:

- A safe play area for children where parents can relax.
- Guest speakers from relevant organisations to talk about specific issues or how they can help parents.
- Non-judgmental environment for the children to play, socialise and be themselves.
- Understanding environment filled with support, friendship & advice.

To register for our Early Years SEND Support group please call 01952 262062 or email childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk if your child has an ASD diagnosis. Alternatively call 01952 432378 or email info@tandwcvcs.org.uk for all other SEND support.

A project of Telford & Wrekin CVS
 Suite 12 to 15 Hastings House, Central Square
 Telford Centre, Telford, TF1 1JA

Telford Children's Autism Hub

FAMILY FUN SESSION

3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 4PM TO 5PM TERM TIME ONLY

COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR FAMILY FUN SESSION FOR PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN
 If you would like to attend Email our team at childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk

A project of Telford & Wrekin CVS

BeeU Children's & Family Mental Health Services

Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
 A Keele University Teaching Trust

Bee U is the emotional health and wellbeing service for people, up to the age of 25, living in Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin. Previously known as CAMHS the service offers a range of support depending on the needs of the child or young person. The services you may be offered are described briefly here or you can find out more about what help is available at <https://camhs.mpft.nhs.uk/beeU>

Visit our SEND page

SEND Information | - William Reynolds (williamreynoldsprimary.org)

BSAT & The Linden Centre Coffee Mornings/ Evening

Please come and join us for a cuppa, a slice of cake and a chat!

The BSAT Team are keen to hear your suggestions of how we can further support our students and their families. We would also like to support parents/carers and our young people to better understand school systems, exclusion, procedures and signpost the different support agencies that are available.

We look forward to seeing you.

The BSAT Team

@ The Linden Centre
 Oak Road
 Overdale
 Telford
 TF3 5BT

BSAT Coffee Dates:

Wednesday 17th January
 Wednesday 28th February
 Wednesday 17th April
 Wednesday 12th June

9.00 - 10.30am & 5.00 - 6.30pm

The Linden Centre

Headlice Reminder

Please can we ask all parents to regularly check their child's hair for headlice.

Did you know that ...

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact.



Head lice are small insects. They can be difficult to spot in your hair.

Head lice eggs (nits) are brown or white (empty shells) and attached to the hair.



Head lice can make your head feel:

- itchy
- like something is moving in your hair

The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice. You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb).

How to get rid of head lice:

- Treat head lice as soon as you spot them.
- You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

Wet combing:

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

wash hair with ordinary shampoo

apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)

comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

How to get rid of head lice:

Medicated lotions and sprays

Ask a pharmacist for advice.

They may recommend using medicated lotions and sprays. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

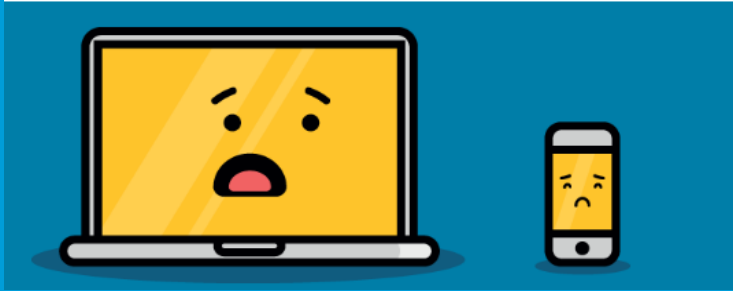
Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them.

If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments.



FamilyConnect



We are all responsible for reporting concerns about a child's welfare.

If you are worried about a child, call Family Connect:

01952 385385 option 1

01952 676500 (out of hours)



What is the process of Early Help?

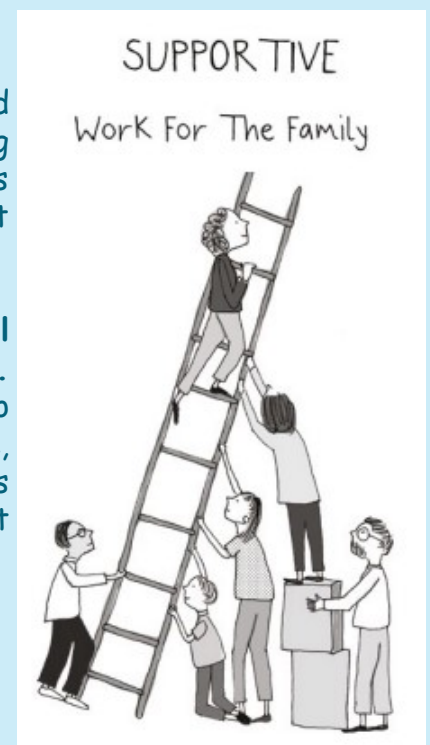
Early Help Assessments (EHA) are used to identify a child and family's needs and strengths, and to plan the right support and services to address those needs at an early stage. The process allows different agencies and services to share information and work together in a coordinated way.

What does an early help support worker do?

Early Help is providing support to children, young people and their families as soon as problems start. When a child, young person or the family need some extra support, Early Help is often the first response offered by those services in contact with them.

We all need a bit of support from time to time. **If you feel that you would benefit from support, please contact school.** We can arrange a meeting with you to complete an Early Help Assessment. Once the referral for Early Help has been made, your family will be allocated a Strengthening Families Practitioner, who will work with you to identify your needs that will be addressed with an Early Help Support Plan.

Strengthening Families are NOT Social Services.



What's going on...before Christmas?



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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Enginuity
 2 Dec 2023 - 3 Dec 2023
 9 Dec 2023 - 10 Dec 2023
 16 Dec 2023 - 17 Dec 2023

Discover the Magical Winter Wonderland
 AN EVENING IN WINTER WONDERLAND TELFORD...

5:00-9:00PM
 15TH, 16TH, 22ND
 DECEMBER
 2023!

MEET SANTA IN HIS ICE-CAPPED GROTTO
 MAKE A WISH WITH HIS REINDEER
 FEED THE REINDEERS AND DANCE IN REAL-LIFE SNOW!!!
 THIS PREMIUM EVENT INCLUDES GRAND
 FIREWORKS THEMED FIREWORKS, CIRCUS
 PERFORMERS & A WOODLAND CHRISTMAS
 EIGHT WALK.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE. PREBOOKING REQUIRED.

The Mayor of Madeley town Council invites you to attend a



Councillor Helena Morgan would also like to invite you for tea and mince pies after the service

SANTA IS COMING TO THE ZOO

Online booking only

MEET SANTA IN HIS GROTTO AT EXOTIC ZOO

EXPLORE THE ZOO WITH ENTRY INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE. AND A GIFT FROM SANTA. GIVE THE CHILDREN AN UNFORGETTABLE CHRISTMAS.

EXOTIC ZOO

Entry to the zoo + Meet Santa + Present
 £15 Children (under 2's £10)
 Adult Entry £8



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VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS WEEKENDS

Blists Hill Victorian Town
 9 Dec 2023 - 10 Dec 2023
 16 Dec 2023 - 17 Dec 2023



Telford Christmas Market

Type: Christmas
 Southwater Square, Southwater, Shropshire, TF3 4EJ

♥ Add to Planner

Opening Times

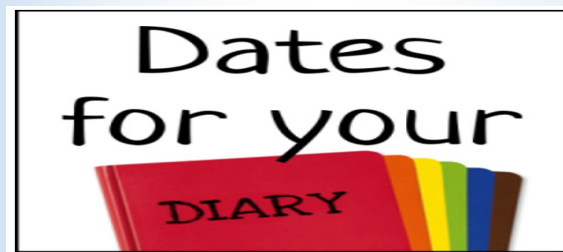
Season
 Dates: 23 Nov 2023 - 23 Dec 2023
 * 10am - 7pm Sunday to Wednesday
 10am-9pm Thursday to Saturday



CHRISTMAS LATES

Blists Hill Victorian Town
 19 Dec 2023
 20 Dec 2023





Date	Year Group	Event
Monday 27th November	Y1	Church Visit
Tuesday 28th November	Y3	Fire Service to visit
Wednesday 6th December	Y2	KS1 Play performed to Year 2 Parents
Thursday 7th December	Y1	KS1 Play performed to Year 1 Parents
Friday 8th December	All	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 11th December and Tuesday 12th December	Y2	Pedestrian Training
Wednesday 13th December	Reception - Year 6	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 13th December	Reception	Reception Play performed to Parents
Thursday 14th December	Nursery	Christmas Activities and Party
Friday 15th December	Reception	Christmas Party
Monday 18th December	Year 1 and Year 4	Christmas Party
Tuesday 19th December	Year 2 and Year 5	Christmas Party
Wednesday 20th December	Year 3 and Year 6	Christmas Party

End of Autumn Term: Friday 22nd December 2023

PD Day: Monday 8th January 2024

Back to School: Tuesday 9th January 2024

