

Friday Newsletter

17/10/2025



This week at school

Very much an autumnal feel to the weather this week, though it has been dry. Monkey Puzzle and Maple classes had a lovely morning at Forest School on Wednesday and Willow class this morning. Oak class released their butterflies amidst great excitement. They have watched them develop from tiny caterpillars and even saw one emerge from the pupa! In other news, our school choir and Oak Class have begun rehearsals for the upcoming Harvest Festival, and the choir will take part in a service at the Priory on Sunday, 26th.

Lessons this week



Deadline for applications for Secondary school is 31st October.

Parents can apply at Secondary school admissions - Herefordshire Council

Request for help

We have an ecologist coming to help regenerate our pond on Monday 27th October, 1st Monday of half term. We could do with some adult volunteers to help drag away pond weed and rotting leaves. Please let us know if you can help.

Attendance

Evidence shows that good attendance is a key factor in enabling children to reach their potential. Parents are reminded that they should not book holidays in term time as this has a significant effect on a child's progress. We have set our target this year at 97% again, but can we beat last year and get higher? Year to date - 96.69%

Stars of the Week

Primrose, Charlie D, Louis, Harry R, Woody, Harry C, Paige, Jonny

Shield Winner

Mathew Hamer

Harvest collection

Harvest Festival next Friday and we are again collecting for the Leominster Food Bank. Below is a list of items they require. They are also pleased to receive any good quality, strong carrier bags.

Cereal (but not porridge)	Tinned soup.meat/fruit/ve getable	Long Life Whole Milk
Cooking Oil	Tinned Tuna	Pasta Sauce
Sanitary Producrs Toilet roll Shampoo Surface Cleaner	Coffee Tea bags (40s)	Rice pudding



Oak Class

Value of the Month

Confidence

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Wednesday - Monkey Puzzle & Maple Forest School
Friday - Willow class Forest School / Harvest Festival at 1.30pm / PTFA AGM

Request for resources

- Willow class would like some newspaper please
- We could use some spare (4-8) girls or boys pants if you can donate to the school for those little accidents.

Calendar | Stoke Prior Primary School

After School Activities

- Yoga, Lucky Dip (Monday)
- Go Green, Art (Tue)
- Football, Netball (Wed)
- Tag rugby, multiskills (Thurs)
- Choir (Fri lunch)

Little Owls Playgroup

You will find us in Stoke Prior Primary School hall, every Friday morning 9:30-11:30. All 0-4 year olds and their parents are welcome to come and 'stay and play' and explore the activities we have in our wonderful outdoor area and large indoor space. Tea, coffee, cake, healthy snacks and crafts will be provided. £2:50 for parent and child, £1 for every extra child. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help at the playgroup on an informal basis, please let Mrs Holder know.

WHY JOIN OUR PTFA?

8 reasons to join our PTFA

YOUR CHILD BENEFITS

The PTFA is an important part of the school and helps to enrich your child's school experience. We support the school by helping to provide things like new books, playground equipment, sports equipment and much more

FEEL INVOLVED

As a parent or carer in our school you are already a member of the PTFA. Every person is welcome to our meetings and we love to see new faces, please consider coming along to our meetings or volunteer an hour or two of your time at an event

BE BETTER CONNECTED

Create closer links with the head teacher, teachers and staff. If you are new to the school, the PTFA is an excellent way to become part of the community

IT IS FUN

Be a part of the team which organises great events for everybody to enjoy. Suggest your wackiest ideas and watch as it catches on

IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS

Everybody is welcome. As a PTFA anybody can join. Grandparents, aunts, uncles its especially important to have dads and male carers as male role models are crucial

ITS TOTALLY FLEXIBLE

Anybody can get involved. Its less commitment time than you think and you dont always have to attend meetings. Small jobs like putting up a poster, sharing a facebook post or running a tuck shop Friday keeps everything running smoothly

KEEP THE PTFA GOING

As parents move on from the school, there is a real danger that there will no longer be a PTFA. Please do consider helping to keep the PTFA going year after year

TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

As well as fundraisers, the PTFA organises events which add so much to our children's school experiences. We organise school discos, tuck shops, pottery visits, duck races and quizzes along with many more events. This creates a real sense of community and benefits our children.

GET INVOLVED - YOUR PTFA NEEDS HELP

The PTFA plays a crucial role in organising events, fundraisers, and activities that benefit our school community, and we are currently looking for volunteers to help us make a difference.

Whether you can spare a few hours occasionally or assist with specific events, your support would be invaluable to us. By joining the PTFA, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the enhancement of your child's educational experience and forge connections with other parents and staff members.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these roles or would like more information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Becky on 07973 985014 or rs4099@hotmail.co.uk. Alternatively let me know in the school office. Your involvement, big or small, can have a meaningful impact on our school community. If everyone volunteered for one thing each year, the

Together, we can create a positive and engaging environment for our children to thrive in. Thank you in advance for considering this opportunity to support our school through the PTFA.

PTFA Activities (a sample)

- Late Summer Fete
- Christmas Bingo
- Christmas Art Dat
- Christmas Party Day
- Easter Bingo
- Leavers BBQ
- Leavers hoodies
- Others throughout the year

Christmas Bingo
@ The Legion
Wednesday 10th
December

Join us and help...if everyone just did one thing.....

OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Our popular half term instructed activity programme for children is back, small groups to ensure your child gets the best from their session.

Only £13 per child, per session
Payment is required at time of booking

Date	Session time/age	Session time/age
	8 – 9 years	10 – 12 years
Monday 27 th Oct	10:00 – 11:00	11:30 – 12:30
Weds 29 th Oct	10:00 -11:00	11:30 – 12:30
Friday 31 st Oct	10:00- 11:00	11:30 – 12:30

Please call to book your place on 01432 359392

Boulder Barn Unit 1A, Holmer Trading Estate College Road, Hereford, HR1 1J5
Tel 01432 359392
www.boulderbarnclimbing.co.uk angle@tasteforadventure.co.uk

Charity Number 1027330



UPCOMING 16-19 OCTOBER
15% Off School Uniform

Hi there,

We know many families are feeling the pinch right now, and every little saving helps. That's why we're offering your parents 15% off selected school uniform items at MyClothing.com with the code MIDTERM15%.

We'd really appreciate your help in spreading the word to your school community – so parents don't miss out on this simple way to save on essential schoolwear.

Details

15% Off School Uniform*

Dates Valid: 16/10/25 - 19/10/25

Use code at checkout: MIDTERM15%

Offer Includes:

- Round Neck Sweatshirts
- V-Neck Sweatshirts
- Jersey Cardigans
- Polo Shirts
- Plain Items

PARENTS CAN BROWSE ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE OFFER BY FOLLOWING THE LINK BELOW

www.myclothing.com/collections/midterm15

LUDLOW OPEN DAY

Ludlow Football Stadium, SY8 2BN

Join us!

Unleash Your Spark with Megan Baker House!
"Step Up, Shine On!"

Our Conductive Education sessions ignite potential for all motor conditions! Children with DCD & Cerebral Palsy, & adults with stroke, Parkinson's, MS, or cerebral palsy find joy and independence through fun, expert-led sessions.

Join our vibrant community! Subsidised sessions make it accessible!
Book your free assessment now & 3 no obligation sessions at meganbakerhouse.org.uk or call 01531 633840. Let's move, laugh, and soar together!

WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER
09:30am - 3:30pm

Oaker Wood
NATURALLY ADVENTUROUS

OCTOBER HALF TERM - OUTDOOR ADVENTURE
Children's Holiday Club, for 7 - 11 year olds
Available 28, 30 & 31 Oct | Book Online

Halloween Themed!

£25 per day

Also, Teen Adventure Day: Paintball & High Ropes
Outdoor adventure & fun for all the family
Birthday Parties available
Get in touch to plan your next adventure!

Visit www.oakerwoodleisure.co.uk

Does your child enjoy singing? If they would like to find out what singing in the **Leominster Priory Choir** is like, please bring them to a free session at Leominster Priory on Wednesday 29th October, 9.30 - 11.30am

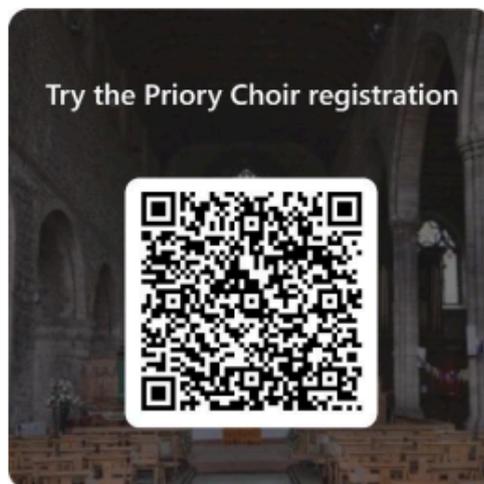
Leominster Priory Choir are a choir of children and adults, led by our Director of Music, Hilary Norris (who is also an experienced teacher). The choir sings at the Sunday morning 10.00am service, (and at other major events throughout the year) and rehearses on a Wednesday evening (7-8.15pm).

We currently have room for more members so we are inviting young people aged 7-18 to find out what singing in the Priory Choir is like. All that is needed is a love of singing as other skills are taught while in the choir.

If your child would like to attend the free session on Wednesday 29th October, 9.30-11.30 please respond via the QR code, or return the form to the Forbury Church Office (Church Street) or email Hilary: music@leominsterpriory.org.uk

What are the benefits of singing in the choir?

- **Enjoyment** of music and new friendships
- A **free** musical education (including vocal tuition and theory)
- Singing in **harmony** in a mixed-aged setting
- Important **life skills** (self-discipline, high standards, sense of achievement and learning, performing) developed in a safe environment
- Annual Cathedral **visits** and participation in festivals at Hereford Cathedral
- Children from families with little or no religious inclination are very welcome to join



CONTACT DETAILS	
Name of child:	Age:
Names of parents /carers:	
Contact numbers:	Email address:
Please give details of any relevant medical details or food allergies:	

In the event of illness or accident, I give permission for any medical treatment to be given by the nominated first-aider. I give permission for my child to receive hospital treatment, including anaesthetic if necessary. If you cannot contact me please sign any consent forms on my behalf.

SIGNED	DATE
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