

## Friday Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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.

Attendance to date 97.5%

#### This week at school

This week, our Year 6 children sat their SATs, and we're incredibly proud of the effort and determination they've shown. A huge thank you goes to the Oak Class team for providing breakfast each morning to help the children start the day right, and to Mr. Farmer for treating them to delicious pizzas to celebrate the end of the tests! We'd also like to wish the very best of luck to our footballers taking part in the tournament at Leominster Primary School this afternoon - go team! Our Go Greeners have been hard at work this week, helping to prepare Mr. Barker's garden and making sure all the plants stay well-watered in the hot weather. Their dedication and green fingers are making a real difference - thank you for your fantastic efforts! We're also incredibly grateful for the support from staff and the many generous donations of plants and compost that will help bring the garden to life. A special mention goes to Andrew, who runs the Golden Valley School Group, for his amazing help in securing plants from Allensmore Nurseries, as well as his generous donations of tools and planters - thank you for going above and beyond!

#### Thanks to the PTFA

Little Owls playgroup would like to express their gratitude to the PTFA for their kind donation towards equipment

#### A few Reminders

We understand that parking outside the school can be challenging. We kindly ask that you remain mindful of where you park, avoid blocking traffic, and show respect for others.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

As we are now into the summer term it may be advisable to ensure your children have adequate sun protection. The school does not usually carry a stock of sun cream. It is best to use sun cream that has longer lasting protection. Some provide up to 8 hours protection and could be applied before school and last throughout the day. It is advisable for children to apply their own sun cream but we can assist your children if you wish. If you need them to re-apply sun cream please send it is a named bottle in their bag. Please be aware of the days when your children have PE as this may lead to additional sun exposure.



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#### Looking ahead

Next week is set to be an exciting one at school! On Monday, Oak Class will be enjoying a Forest School session, followed by a Slam Poetry workshop with Spoz on Tuesday—also for Oak Class. Details on page 3. On Wednesday, we have our whole-school Book Swap, giving everyone a chance to discover something new to read. On Thursday, KS2 pupils will be heading to the Hay Festival for a day of literary inspiration. To finish the week with a bit of fun, Friday is our much-anticipated Break the Rules Day—see the poster further down for all the details! Monkey Puzzle class will NOT have Forest School.

#### Resources Required

Willow class would like some shoe boxes please.

School Lunches - menus School Lunches | Stoke Prior Primary School

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Star of the week & Shield Winners

Stars of the week

16.05.2025 - Dot J, Mizzie, Archie W, Millie, Lewis, Phoebe, All of year 6!

Shield

16.05.2025 - Dot Kearton-Read

#### Upcoming Events and Dates for your diary

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Oak Class Forest School Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Slam Poetry Oak Class Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Bookswap Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Hay Festival KS2 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Break the Rules Day

Please see the school calendar on the website for all the important dates. You can subscribed to get all dates directly to your calendar.

Calendar | Stoke Prior Primary School

Value of the Month - Honesty



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**TUESDAY 20th MAY** 



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# Rock Stories From before the Dinosaurs

Take a walk as you learn what ancient rocks tell us about Shropshire's history. Go back to when there was a chain of volcanos in the sea and make your own. Do an experiment to see how a rock was formed. Look at fossils and complete a puzzle that shows what the continents were like at the start of the dinosaurs.

Booking essential, book online

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> to Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May

1pm - 2.30pm

£4.50 per child
Recommended age 4 - 11 years
Must be accompanied by an adult

www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk

School Road, Craven Arms, SY7 9RS



## Friday Newsletter 16th May 2025

Families with a child or young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) are invited to take part in the first Herefordshire 'Visible and Valued SEND Celebration Week' from Thursday 22 to Wednesday 28 May 2025.



Visible and Valued
SEND Celebration Week

The new event is led by Herefordshire Council in partnership with local organisations and aims to ensure that SEND families feel visible and valued in their local community.

Throughout the week a wide range of fun activities will be on offer to children and young people with SEND and their families (including siblings) and carers.

Many of the events will be free of charge or offered at a reduced price to help families access as many sessions as possible. Families will be able to try out new experiences in a supportive and inclusive environment.

Some of the activities must be prebooked and all sessions are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Activities include stay and play sessions, a family farm day, a range of SEND sessions at Halo leisure centres, sensory room sessions and drop-in opportunities with a range of professionals and practitioners, including health, social care and education.

For a full list of the activities and resources available during the 'Visible and Valued SEND Celebration Week' visit the council's <u>Talk Community website</u>.

Information will also be shared on the SEND Local Offer Facebook page.



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