

# Friday Newsletter

24/10/2025



## This week at school

We have reached the end of the half term! It has been a lovely week, with lots of songs and practice for Harvest Festival this afternoon. There are nerves and excitement in the air as I write this. Maple & Monkey Puzzle enjoyed a fire at forest school on Wednesday, and were able to toast some giant marshmallows, which went down very well. Willow class had their final session of this term this morning and the sun shone for them, as they enjoyed building dens and playing games. Some of our year 6's took part in a Tag Rugby tournament at Bromyard on Tuesday - where they reached the semi finals. Well done all! The choir will take part in a service at the Priory on Sunday, 26th.

## Lessons this week



Deadline for applications for Secondary school is 31<sup>st</sup> October.  
Parents can apply at Secondary school admissions - Herefordshire Council

## First week back

We have the flu vaccination team on Monday, so if you haven't responded please remember to do so. PTFA are running their Christmas art day on Thursday and we hope to have a footie match on Friday. Monkey Puzzle will have Forest School on Wednesday. Willow Class will start their swimming lessons on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Parents Evenings begin on the 11<sup>th</sup>

## 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 - 96.38%

## Stars of the Week

Everyone for a great week and wonderful Harvest Festival

## Shield Winner

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## PTFA

Our PTFA AGM is this afternoon. They have lots of lovely plans for the year ahead - and their fundraising always makes such a huge difference in school. We do hope you can help out at one or more of these events. This newsletter will keep you informed, along with the Facebook page.

## GO GREEN - CHANGE OF DAY

Due to changes in working times of staff we are moving Go Green club to a Monday from November 3<sup>rd</sup>. You will be notified by email if this effects your child.



## Go Green

Value of the Month

# Confidence

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

Monday - flu vaccinations  
Wednesday - Monkey Puzzle  
Forest School  
Friday - Football match v  
Leominster

## Request for help

Maintenance  
of our Pond  
Area  
10am Monday  
27<sup>th</sup> Oct



## After School Activities

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

## Calendar | Stoke Prior Primary School

## 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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup>  
December

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



## Raring2go! Hereford & Worcester

CRAFTS FOR CHRISTMAS P28-29 WHAT'S ON UNTIL NEW YEAR P4 - 15  
 FULL OF HALF TERM FUN MAGAZINE & WEBSITE THE GO-TO GUIDE FOR  
 YOU AND YOUR CHILD [raring2go.co.uk](http://raring2go.co.uk)

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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](http://www.myclothing.com/collections/midterm15)

**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

**£25 per day**

**Halloween Themed!**

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](http://www.oakerwoodleisure.co.uk)

**GLOW PARTY**

A FUN FAMILY EVENT FOR TODDLERS AND PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER  
5:00-7:00 PM

FORBURY CHAPEL  
LEOMINSTER  
HR4 8ND

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CHRISTIAN LIFE  
COUNCIL

**Christmas FAYRE**

Christmas Market  
Santa's Grotto  
Live Entertainment  
Food & Drink  
Free Activities

SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025  
10.30AM TO 3.30PM

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**HEREFORD CITY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
12 - 6pm

Santa's Grotto (proceeds to charity)  
Christmas Market Stalls  
Free Face Painting | Fun activities  
Live Entertainment  
Local Food & Drink  
Maylord Orchards Christmas Lights Switch On at 5pm with Simon The Highland Piper

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JOIN US FOR A  
**YOUTH WINTER MARKET**

6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2025;  
FROM 10 AM TO 4PM  
Maylord Orchards

Come along to shop for holiday gifts, decor and so much more! Support local young artists and entrepreneurs whilst having a fun day out for everyone. All proceeds go to charity.

**FREE ENTRY**

HEREFORD CITY YOUTH COUNCIL