

# Friday Newsletter

27/02/2026



## This week at school

Willow class parents will be super impressed with how muddy their children managed to get at Forest School this morning! They had a wonderful time, some more sensibly playing games that did not involve puddles, and others...the proof is in their clothing! Monkey Puzzle also went to Forest school yesterday - it must have been quite a lot drier, and they enjoyed their first trip of this term. Year 5 children thoroughly enjoyed their taster session at Tenbury High on Wednesday, meanwhile their classmates in year 6 had a quiet morning of SATs preparation.

## Slow your speed

We have been made aware of a concern from a member of the community regarding the speed of some vehicles travelling through the village. The roads are narrow, with cars parked close to the road, and although the speed limit is 30mph, a much slower speed is often the safest and most considerate choice. We kindly ask all parents and carers to drive with extra care to help keep everyone in our community safe.

### ★ Forest School ★

There will be Forest School for Monkey Puzzle Class on Thursday and for Willow class on Friday. These sessions will be weather dependent.

Willow class will need to have wellies for Forest School - trainers and walking shoes are not sufficient for the current conditions. Could you also please send a change of bottoms and socks as these can get wet.

## Next Week

We hope you will join us for the Reading afternoon on Tuesday if you can.

Maple class are swimming all week - so don't forget their kit!

Thursday is World Book Day, where the children can come to school as their favourite character from a book. There is a football and netball fixture against Kimbolton on Wednesday.

## 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 - 96.55%

## Stars of the Week

Nalani, Charlie D, Aria W,  
Teddy, Isaac O, Bobby K,  
Maggie, Daisy Mo.

## Shield Winner

Harry Wilde

## After School Activities

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

No football  
& netball  
after  
school  
club this  
week.

Value of the Month

# Loyalty

PTFA

### 2026 Challenge

We hope you are all having fun and raising money! We look forward to hearing about what you are doing.

# Upcoming Events at School



<b>MAR 02</b> 9.30AM - 11AM <i>Maple Class swim every day for two weeks.</i>	<b>MAR 03</b> 2PM - 3PM <i>Reading Afternoon</i>	<b>MAR 05</b> ALL DAY <i>World Book Day</i>
<b>MAR 12</b> 12PM - 1.30PM <i>Lucton Cross Country - Oak Class</i>	<b>MAR 16-18</b> ALL DAY <i>Oak Class Condover Hall</i>	<b>MAR 20</b> ALL DAY <i>non uniform for Easter Bingo</i>
<b>MAR 25</b> AFTERNOON <i>Owl Tournaments</i>	<b>MAR 25</b> 18:00 <i>Easter Bingo</i>	<b>MAR 27</b> 09:15-10:30 <i>Easter Bonnet Parade and Great Egg Race</i>

<https://www.stokeprior.hareford.sch.uk/calendar>

Calendar | Stoke Prior Primary School

## Little Owls Playgroup

Playgroup continues to be well attended, and it's wonderful to welcome visitors 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.

# Three Counties Academy Trust



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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware of the recent media coverage surrounding proposed reforms to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision. This has been further amplified by the publication of the Government's Education White Paper at the start of this week. As a trust, we recognise that this may raise questions for many families, particularly those whose children receive additional support. I therefore want to outline how Three Counties Academy Trust and our schools will approach these proposals.

The White Paper sets out a number of proposed changes across the education system, including aspects relating to SEND, accountability and wider school expectations. At this stage, these remain proposals. As is standard with Government White Papers, there will now be a period of consultation, followed by further detail, statutory guidance and, in due course, legislation.

Our immediate priority is to carefully review the proposals in full and consider their potential implications for our schools and our pupils. We will engage with national professional networks and sector experts to ensure we have a thorough understanding of any emerging requirements. This measured and informed approach will enable us to respond appropriately when formal guidance is issued.

I want to be absolutely clear: there are no immediate changes to your child's education or current provision. All existing support arrangements, including those set out in EHCPs and individual support plans, remain in place. Our commitment to inclusive education and to working in partnership with families remains unchanged.

We understand that you may have questions about what these proposals could mean longer term. At this stage, there is limited operational detail available, and it would not be responsible to speculate. As further information becomes clear, we will communicate openly and promptly with you.

Education policy may evolve, but our core purpose does not. We will continue to place the needs of our children at the centre of every decision we make, and we will navigate any future changes carefully and responsibly, together with our community.

Kind regards.

Mr. M. Farmer  
Executive Headteacher/CEO  
Three Counties Academy Trust



**FREE tickets for children aged 12 and under!**  
**Join our free Children's Saturday Cinema Club today.**



**Children's Saturday Cinema Club screening:**  
**Kangaroo (Age: TBC)**  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 12pm**



Messy Church will be Thursday March 19th 4-6pm at Leominster Priory. Please note the change of date! Messy Church is for people of all ages and great for families. We have a different Bible story every month and explore it with lots of creativity often including paint and glue, science, edible crafts, playdough or junk modelling. Contact [kathy@leominsterpriory.org.uk](mailto:kathy@leominsterpriory.org.uk) for more information.

