



Newsletter

23rd January 2026

This week in school...

Class 1 enjoyed exploring the classic story 'The Three Bears'. They discovered different sized pawprints in the classroom and were challenged to think which story it might be after following a trail to find three different sized spoons bowls and bears. They took part in lots of activities such as funky fingers porridge oats, comparing and ordering the three bears and got creative drawing and constructing bears from loose parts.

In Class 2 this week they have been historians, asking and answering questions about The Great Fire of London. They compared London in 1666 to London today to try and understand why the fire spread so quickly. They have also continued to develop their computer skills by creating algorithms for a character to follow. In art, they have been exploring printing techniques using shells and plasticine.

This week Class 3 have been super scientists! They have been busy planning an investigation to discover which environment is best for cress seeds to germinate. The children thought about the different variables and how they can make it a fair test. Next week they will be monitoring the seeds and setting up an experiment.

Class 4 have also been investigating and asking 'Do all substances dissolve in water? Using test tubes and the substances sodium chloride, sucrose and magnesium silicate. Once dissolved, the solution was left to see if it can be reversed through evaporation.

Attendance

This week's attendance is

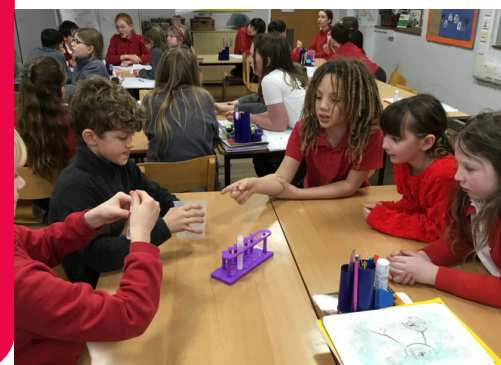
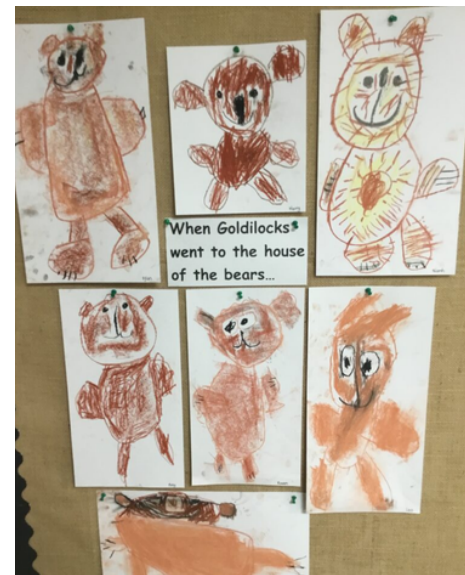
Whole School: 97%

Class 1: 99%

Class 2: 95%

Class 3: 95%

Class 4: 98%



Upcoming Events

Wednesday 21st January - Class 3 Forest School
Wednesday 28th January - Class 4 Forest School
Thursday 29th January - Class 3 Sharing Assembly
Thursday 29th January - Young Engineers Starts
Tuesday 3rd February - Class 4 Sharing Assembly
Wednesday 11th February - Reception and Year 6
Height and Weight Checks (optional)

Class 3's Visit to Forest School

This week at Forest School, Class 3 became landscape designers as they created their own rivers using natural materials. Working collaboratively, they shaped channels in the earth using trowels to design a source, tributary, meander, waterfall and even rapids! There was plenty of muddy fun, problem solving and creativity as they observed how water moves, pools and flows.

2026 - The Year Of Reading



Week 2 - Why Reading Matters

Reading strengthens memory, focus and thinking skills.

Children who read regularly develop stronger comprehension and communication skills over time.

At home: Talk about what was read and ask questions to develop understanding.

Recommended read: *Where the Wild Things Are* - a classic adventure that sparks imagination.

Term Dates

Spring

Starts 06.01.26
Half Term 16.02.26-20.02.26
Ends 27.03.26

Summer

PD Day Mon 1st June 2026
Starts 13.04.26
Half Term 25.05.26-29.05.26
Ends 17.07.26



New Attendance Lead

From this term, we are pleased to introduce Mrs Julie Owen as our new Attendance Lead. Mrs Owen will be working closely with children, families and staff to promote excellent attendance and punctuality across the school, ensuring that every child has the best possible opportunity to learn, thrive, and achieve.

Regular attendance plays a vital role in supporting pupils' academic progress, wellbeing and sense of belonging. As Attendance Lead, Mrs Owen will be responsible for monitoring attendance, offering guidance and support to families where needed, and working collaboratively to help overcome any barriers that may affect a child's attendance.



Mrs Owen brings a wealth of experience working with families and children at Bishop's Castle Primary School and is very much looking forward to getting to know our school community here at St George's. Her role is a supportive one, and she will be available to discuss any concerns or questions you may have regarding attendance.

If you would like to speak with Mrs Owen, she can be contacted via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a positive and successful learning environment for all our pupils.

RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch

Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring. Click [here](#) to find out how to take part in this free event Big Garden Birdwatch.

To celebrate the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre are holding a Wild about Wings event.

Wild about wings - Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms SY7 9RS

24 January 2026 11am - 3pm

Bring the whole family along to celebrate all things birds.

With guided bird walks, bird song quiz, children's activities where you can make bird feeders and much more.

Guided bird walk - FREE at 11am - 12pm and 2pm - 3pm

Join the Centre Manager for a guided tour of the meadows looking at winter birds and exploring a range of different habitats. No need to book, just turn up on the day.

Parent Carer Live Session Guide to Online Gaming Wednesday 28th January 9.30am - 10.15am



Please find below the link to access the parent/carers session scheduled for next Wednesday (28th January 2026 – 9.30am – 10.15am).

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Focus: Guide to online gaming - this will include latest trends and emerging threats and will focus on developing your understanding of online gaming, the associated risks and steps we can take to support our children.

Attendees do not need to register, they simply click on the link at the above time to access the session. Cameras and voice/audio will be switched off for all attendees. Attendees can ask questions by typing in the Q&A box, but this will be explained during the session.

The event will be streamed using Teams. Attendees can watch the live event in:

Teams app—desktop (Windows or Mac) or mobile. (The Teams app is free to download if attendees would like to do that beforehand).

If they don't have Teams they can access it via one of the following browsers - Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Firefox.

As a reminder, this session (and all our virtual sessions) will be recorded and will be subsequently shared so if somebody can't make the live session then they can watch it back at a time that is convenient to them.

National
Literacy
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Change your story

National Storytelling Week

Soundtrack your story

2–8 February 2026

In partnership with

**GO
ALL
IN.**

National
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Reading
2026

Supported by Amazon

National Storytelling Week 2026 is a celebration of oral storytelling, reading and writing for pleasure. In 2026, it will take place from Monday 2 February to Friday 6 February, with the theme “Soundtrack your story.”

Parents are warmly invited to join us at **2:45pm** on **Friday 6th February** for a special sharing session in classrooms, celebrating the wonderful stories the children will have been writing during the week.

Families will be able to hear the children read their own work, see their ideas come to life and share in their progress and growing confidence as young writers.

We hope you can join us for this enjoyable end-of-week celebration.



Activ8Kids

February Half Term MultiSports

Monday - Friday	@ Newtown St Mary's School
Monday - Wednesday	@ Berriew Community Hall
Wednesday - Thursday	@ Knighton CinW Primary

Pay what you can is back!

Simply book online - adding the code of your choice from below.

Discount	Code	Expires	Checklist:
25% off your booking	'250ff'	31 Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plenty of water.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A packed lunch.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suitable footwear and clothing.
10% off your booking	'100ff'	N/a	Contact us for more information on: T. 0333 335 0127 M. 07838 842 113 E. dave@activ8kids.co.uk

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SPRING TERM SEND MEET & CHAT FAMILY DROP-IN

Hosted by Shropshire Early Help









Do you care for a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

These sessions are open to anyone supporting a child with SEND — whether you're a parent carer, family member, or professional.

Come along to ask questions, get practical advice, and connect with professionals who understand your journey

Speak with experts in:

-  EHCPs
-  School support
-  Health and wellbeing
-  Social care
-  Mental health
-  Navigating SEND challenges

Each session will have different professionals available, so come along, have a chat, and find the help you need.

LUDLOW - HELENA LANE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tuesday 20th January 2026
12:30pm-14:30pm

Helena Lane Community Centre, 20
Hamlet Rd, Ludlow,
SY8 2NP

SHREWSBURY THE LANTERN

Thursday 19th February 2026
10:00am-12:00pm

The Lantern,
Meadow Farm drive,
Shrewsbury, SY1 4NG

MARKET DRAYTON RAVEN HOUSE

Tuesday 24th March 2026
13:00pm-15:00pm

Raven House,
129 Cheshire Street,
Market Drayton TF9 3AH



HAVE YOUR SAY!

Scan the QR code to suggest topics and activities for future drop-in sessions.