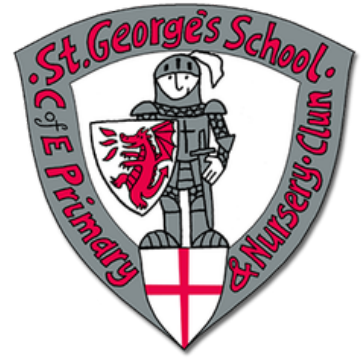




Newsletter

10th July 2026

This week in school.....

The Reception children were Healthy Heroes. The school nurses led a presentation all about how to keep healthy. They talked about brushing teeth, washing hands, drinking water, exercising and eating a balanced, healthy diet. They also talked about the bucket of kindness, a bucket that everyone carries around with them. The children were challenged to be bucket fillers not bucket dippers. By using kind hands and kind words, they could fill other people's buckets.

Class 2 have been working hard on column addition in maths. In art, they have been creating birds out of real feathers and used paper in different ways to produce some amazing results!

Class 3 have been fantastic scientists! Each pair set up their own investigation into the amount of friction created by different surfaces. The children made their predictions and then began testing each surface with a toy car. They had to be careful when pushing the cars, to make sure it was a fair test! After the investigation, the children all evaluated their results and compared them to their original predictions.

Year 6 had two successful transition days at Bishops Castle Community College this week. The children were very excited to share their stories from the day - the main highlight being the food that is available at break and lunch! They are all looking forward to being 'real' pupils in September. Year 5 enjoyed having the swimming pool to themselves on Tuesday and Mrs Banford is very impressed with the progress being made in all groups.

Attendance

This week's attendance is

Whole School: 95%

Class 1: 100%

Class 2: 92%

Class 3: 92%

Class 4: 98%

Class 1's Visit by The School Nurses



www.healthforkids.co.uk

Courage

Ambition

Kindness

Upcoming Events.

Monday 13th July - No Forest School for Class 1
Tuesday 14th July - Class 1 Singing & Class 2 Recorder Performance 9am
Tuesday 14th July - Class 4 Swimming
Wednesday 15th July - Summer Play 9.30am and 1.30pm
Wednesday 15th July - Year 6 Leavers Party 6-8pm
Thursday 16th July - Class 3 Swimming
Friday 17th July - Year 6 Leavers Service in St Georges Church 9am
Friday 17th July - End of Term
Thursday 3rd September - Start of Autumn Term
Thursday 17th September - Nasal Flu Vaccinations



Music Recital



Our recent Music Recital featured wonderful performances by students playing guitar, violin and piano and a lively ukulele performance by Class 3. It was a fantastic event celebrating the hard work, confidence, and musical progress of all our performers. Thank you to all those families and friends who came along to support them.



Class 3's Beautiful Birds



2026 - The Year of Reading



Week 22 - Reading Builds Independence

Independent reading develops problem-solving and persistence.

At home: Encourage trying tricky words before helping.

Recommended read: Nim's Island by Wendy Orr – a story of a brave, resourceful girl learning to do things on her own.

Term Dates

Autumn

PD Days: Tues 1st & Wed 2nd

September 2026

Starts: Thurs 3rd September

Half Term: 26.10.26 - 30.10.26

Ends: 18.12.26

Spring

PD Day: Tues 5th January 2027

Starts: 06.01.27

Half Term: 15.02.27 - 19.02.27

Ends: 25.03.27

Summer

Starts: 12.04.27

Half Term: 31.05.27 - 04.06.27

Ends: 20.07.27

Parent Voice Survey

We'd love to hear your views!

Your feedback helps us understand what's working well and where we can continue to improve for all of our children:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/bBu1n6xGgB>

Parent Voice Survey: July 2026



Oliver Owen's Community Charity

Family Fun Day

Saturday 11th July 2026

Clun Memorial Hall, SY7 8NY

12:00 – 5:00pm

In aid of

Abigail's Footsteps & Newcastle Children's Centre

Only £5 Per Person

Family of 4 ticket £18

Included in the price:

Bouncy Castles
Circus Skills
Children's Disco
Indoor games & activities
Outdoor games and activities
And much more...

Optional Extras:

Face painting
Glitter Tattoos
Hair Braiding
Balloons
Raffle
Tombola
Food Stand
Ice Cream stand
Bar

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Dig into History

Hands-On Family Fun at Clun Castle
Saturday 25th July, 10am -3pm



**free
event**

Roll Up Your Sleeves for a Day of Discovery!

- **Stone Craft challenge** — Try shaping stone like a medieval mason
- **Mini-Dig Sandpit** — Unearth replica finds in our archaeology play-pit
- **Hands-On Conservation** — Learn how we protect ancient archaeology
- **Guided Castle Walk** — Explore hidden stories in the ruins

Activities suitable for ages 6+, young people under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

[heritage.org.uk](https://www.heritage.org.uk) for more information

If you have any particular access needs which we may be able to accommodate better by understanding, please let us know.



**Shropshire
Hills
National
Landscape**



Museum of Clun



**Shropshire
Wildlife Trust**

Clun and Bishop's Castle
Branch



CREATIVE KIDS WORKSHOP

**WE WILL BE CREATING ART WORK FOR
A WINDOW DISPLAY FOR BISHOP'S CASTLE IS OPEN**

**START AT 2-4PM
TUE 11 AUG**

**FREE - DROP-IN
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED**

ALL AGES

**AT SPARC BISHOP'S CASTLE
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Free Summer Holiday Activities and Food Clubs Across Shropshire

The summer holidays are fast approaching, and Shropshire Council's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is offering to make the holidays unforgettable for eligible children and young people!

Fully funded by the Department for Education, the HAF Programme provides free holiday clubs and healthy meals to eligible families across the county from the 20th July to the 28th August and booking is open today, the 29th June

Children aged 4 to 16 who receive benefits-related free school meals, or are referred by professionals due to them experiencing financial hardship, can join exciting activities like sports, crafts, cooking, and outdoor games in community venues across the county.

Taking part in the activities is free for eligible children and young people and each session includes a nutritious meal, with plenty of opportunities to learn about healthy eating.

To check eligibility and to book, visit the [HAF website](https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf). Eligible families will need a unique HAF code from their school or referral professional. All places must be booked in advance and eligibility checks will apply.

Summer Holiday Fun and Food in Shropshire

Book Now!

Spaces are available on the summerr HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programme.

Over the summer holidays, eligible children and young people aged 4 (reception class age) to 16, are invited to attend free holiday clubs across the county.

To find out more please go to:
www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf

