St George's CE Academy

'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living of water.' John 7:38

Newsletter

23rd October 2026

This week in school.....

Reception children have been busy creating funky finger pumpkins. Having looked really carefully at different sized pumpkins, they drew the outline shape and then painted each section a different colour. Once dry, the children then returned to their pumpkin, chose a funky finger pattern and then copied it using a thick black pen. We then put them together to create an amazing pumpkin patch.

Class 2 have been working hard on their shared write about their choice of animal babies who lose their Mother. They thought of great adjectives and used their story maps to help them.

Class 3 have finished their science topic exploring all things rocks and fossils! The children all made their own model fossils on Thursday, using salt dough. They created fossil imprints using shells, leaves and toy dinosaurs. The children worked brilliantly and have been so enthusiastic about this topic. Well done Class 3!

Class 4 had a brilliant Forest School Session on Wednesday. They learned how to tie different knots which proved tricky at first but everyone showed true determination and resilience. Some children were also able to show different knots that they have learned elsewhere. Once equipped with their new skills they were able to build shelters to protect themselves from the rain...and Mrs Banford's jugs of water! Afterwards, we learned to use a Kelly Kettle and boiled water to enjoy a warm cup of tea! Thank you to the families who provided cakes this time.

Attendance

This week's attendance is

Whole School: 95%
Class 1: 98%
Class 2: 99%
Class 3: 98%
Class 4: 89%

Special Reward for Attendance



36 children have 100% this half term!

This week in Class 1











Courage **Ambition** **Kindness**

Upcoming Events....

Thurs 5th Nov - Remembrance Service in Church 9am
Friday 6th Nov - Bonfire Tuckshop
Wednesday 11th Nov - Class 3 Prayer Experience Workshop at St Laurence Church Ludlow
Wednesday 11th Nov - Class 2 Forest school
Thursday 12th Nov - Reception Tour 2pm & 4pm
Friday 13th Nov - Reception Tour 9am
Tuesday 17th Nov - The Snap Trap Yr 5/6 Interactive Theatre Performance Exploring On Line Safety at BC
Wednesday 18th Nov - Class 3 Forest School
Wednesday 18th Nov - Class 4 Trip to RAF Cosford
Sat 21st & Sun 22nd Nov - Jumble Sale 1-3pm
Thursday 26th Nov - Boccia & Curling Event at BC
Thursday 3rd Dec - Aladdin Panto at Theatre Severn
Thursday 10th Dec - Great St George's Bake Off
Thursday 10th Dec - Xmas Fayre
Thursday 10th Dec - **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**
Mon 14th Dec - Christmas Celebration in Church 6pm

Term Dates

Autumn

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

Class 4 Forest School







2026 - The Year of Reading



Week 30 - Celebrating Reading Effort
Every reading attempt matters.
At home: Acknowledge trying, listening and sharing stories.
Recommended read: The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson — celebrates courage and effort in learning and reading.

Safeguarding Information For Parents and Carers

This month's theme is Online Grooming: This video provides a short overview explaining what Online Grooming is, spotting the warning signs and what actions you should take if this is happening to your child.
https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Online-Grooming-November-2026.mp4

Meet St George's Librarians



Do you have any concerns about your child's well-being?

Would you like support with your child's attendance?

If you, your child or family would benefit from extra support with your well-being, or if you are worried about a difficult situation in your family you can contact us for support.



Julie Owen – Pastoral Lead

J.Owen@bishopscastle.dhmat.org.uk

Or via

admin@clun.shropshire.sch.uk

You might also benefit from Early Help.

What is Early Help?

Families might access Early Help for a variety of reasons, including concerns about a child's behaviour, difficulties at school, family relationship challenges, mental health worries, or changes in family circumstances such as bereavement or separation.

Early Help is not just for when things go wrong - it's there to provide guidance and support before small issues become bigger problems. Seeking Early Help is a positive step, showing a family's commitment to working together with professionals to find practical solutions and support their child's wellbeing and development.

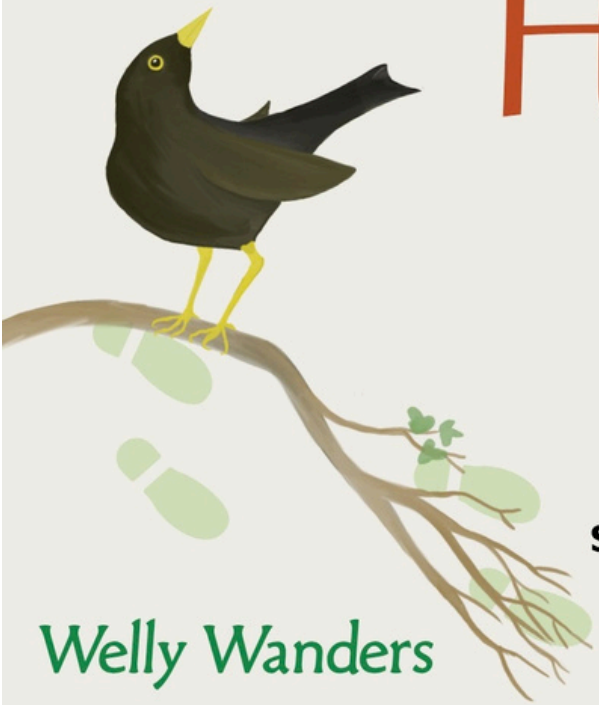
The type of things Early Help can support with include:

- Concerns about child's health, development or behaviour
- How a child is doing at school
- Housing or financial concerns
- Children who may be affected by domestic abuse, drugs, alcohol, ill health or crime

Campaign to Protect Rural England Shropshire

Free entry for under 16s & all activities are free too!

Hedgerows in the Hills For Kids!



Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 October 2026, 10-4
Acton Scott Heritage Farm, Church Stretton

We are delighted to have received a grant from the Shropshire Hills National Landscape Conservation Fund to deliver free children's nature activities for this event.

Welly Wanders

Cath Landles will be leading **Welly Wanders for children and families** looking at the hedges on the farm site and doing some fun Nature ID.

Welly wander timings each day:
11am and 2pm (wanders last about one hour)
Gather at the PlayTent to start.

There will also be drawing, colouring and other paper-based activities under cover in the PlayTent. and a chance to try on a wild animal costume.





Be a Dormouse Detective!

Lucy Grove will open the **Dormouse Detection Den** in the New Shepherds Hut near the heavy horse working area.

Here you can step into the secret and fascinating world of dormice and become a wildlife detective. Discover the clues dormice leave behind—from nibbled nuts and natural nests to tiny footprints—and learn how to spot these elusive creatures in the wild. Get ready to put your detective skills to the test and see if you can uncover the hidden signs of a dormouse.

Big Hedge Hunt: Try your hand at finding and solving the clues in the hedges at Acton Scott which lead you to the ultimate treasure! What will you find?

More info & tickets: www.cpreshropshire.org.uk/hith

Shropshire Hills National Landscape



Autumnal Halloweeny

Animated short films
followed by crafty making session
Wednesday 28 October 11.00-12.45

Ideas, Guidance and all materials with plenty of freedom to create.

Under 8's must be accompanied by a willing helper
Accompanying adults please book a free place
(so we can make sure there's enough seating for the film)
Children £3.50 or 2 FOR £6.00
www.sparctheatre.co.uk

SpArC THEATRE

Sparc Theatre, Brampton Rd, Bishop's Castle SY9 5AY 01588 638038

HAUNTED DISCO

IN AID OF CLUN PTA

CLUN MEMORIAL HALL

3 - 5PM

SATURDAY

31 OCTOBER 2026

TICKETS: £5 PER CHILD

SPOOKY MUSIC, HALLOWEEN CRAFTS, COSTUME COMPETITION, SNACKS & BAR

DRESS UP IF YOU DARE!

ST GEORGE'S CE ACADEMY

RECEPTION SCHOOL PLACE TOURS

For parents of children starting Reception in September 2027







⭐ A nurturing and welcoming school community

⭐ Excellent early years provision

⭐ Caring and experienced staff

Thursday 12th November - 2.00pm & 4.00pm

Friday 13th November - 9.00am

Call us in advance to book your place!

- Tour the school
- Meet staff
- Ask questions

Telephone:

01588 640 229

Visit us:

www.clunprimaryschool.org.uk

Diocese of Hereford Multi-Academy Trust

Creating Life-long Learners: Courage, Ambition & Kindness.

Knowsley City Learning Centres

Online Safety Newsletter Nov 2026

Spotify Parental Controls

Spotify is a music streaming service. You must be aged over 13 to access it. If under 18, parent/guardian consent is required. However, under-13s can access Spotify through a **managed account** set up by a parent or legal guardian.

Since July 2026, Spotify has provided parental controls for managed accounts on both free and premium plans. These controls:

turnmessagingoff.
turnexplicitcontentoff.
turnvideosandcanvasoff.
allowyoutoblockspecific artists or tracks.

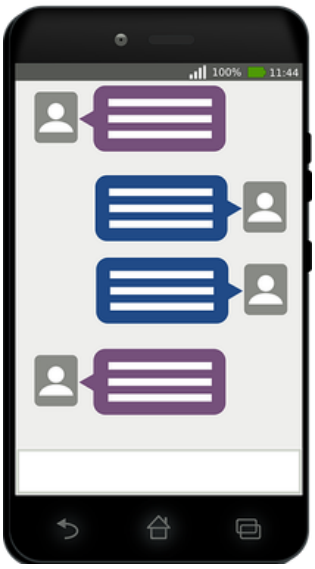
Further information

Read the news announcement here: https://newsroom.spotify.com/2026-05-13/managed-accounts-free-tier-expansion/

Spotify have produced this Parental Guide to assist you with further information: https://www.spotify.com/us/safetyandprivacy/parental-guide

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translation tool on our web version: https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/november-2026-primary/

Online Grooming



What is Online Grooming?

Online Grooming is when an adult builds a relationship online with a child to manipulate, exploit, or abuse them.

How does Grooming take place?

Groomers often use fake profiles to pretend they are someone they are not, for example they may claim to be younger than they really are or pretend to be a person of influence. They will use flattery and attention to build trust and friendship. They may use online games or social media to initiate contact but then encourage your child to switch to a different app to chat with privately - usually on an app that offers limited or no parental controls and/or encrypts messages.

What can I do?

- ☐ Use appropriate parental controls.
- ☐ Set privacy settings.
- ☐ Show them how to use any blocking or reporting tools.
- ☐ Chat to your child regularly about what they do online and who they communicate with. Remind them that people online may not always be who they say they are.

What are the signs that my child is being groomed?

- ☐ Being **secretive** about who they are talking to.
- ☐ They become **withdrawn** from family and friends.
- ☐ Appearing **anxious or upset** after receiving messages.
- ☐ Receiving unexpected **gifts**.

Find out more here: https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/offender-gaining-trust

What should I do if my child is being groomed?

- ☐ If you think your child is in immediate danger, contact the police.
- ☐ Stay calm and reassure your child that they are not to blame.
- ☐ If you are worried about online abuse or the way somebody has been communicating with your child online, report it to CEOP: (https://www.ceop.police.uk).

Further information

- ☐ https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/11_18/lets- talk-about/sexual-abuse/online-grooming/

COM Networks

COM Networks are online communities where harmful and deeply disturbing behaviour occurs, including child sexual abuse, cybercrime and extremism. These networks operate on mainstream messaging apps, gaming platforms and through social media. **It is important to be aware that such networks exist and understand the risks they can pose to children.** Introductions to COM Networks can begin with harmless conversations on a game or social media platform, but then as trust builds, groups will gradually introduce harmful content, extreme challenges and pressure to prove loyalty. Some groups use threats, humiliation or the threat of exposing private information to control members. Images, messages or personal details may be used to blackmail victims.

What should I look out for?

- **Increased secrecy**
- **Emotional or behavioural changes**
- **Unfamiliar language:** using new expressions or discussing extreme content, opinions or beliefs.
- **Unexpected gifts**

Sky News investigation into COM Networks (and links on popular sites such as Roblox and Discord)

You may have seen Sky News' investigation into COM networks. The report highlights findings from a six-month investigation that found self-harm-themed avatars, clothing and related content available on the gaming platform Roblox, including items that could be **accessed by children as young as five years old**. The report can be viewed here, **please be aware that it contains upsetting content**:
https://news.sky.com/video/inside- robloxs-dark-side-sky-news-finds-self-harm-avatars-available-to-young-children-13592551

How can I protect my child?

- Have regular and open conversations with your child. Ask your child what they do online and who they communicate with.
- Reassure them that they can always ask for help, even if they have shared something personal or broken a family rule.
- It is important to remember that threatening to confiscate their devices may make them less likely to talk to you when something goes wrong.
- Regularly review privacy settings and set up appropriate parental controls on all devices your child is using.
- Ensure your child understands the risks of sharing personal information or intimate images online.

Further information

- https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gscp/professional-resources/sadistic-online-exploitation/
- https://saferschoolsni.co.uk/understanding- com-networks/

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WhatsApp Channels and Parental Controls

Users must be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. Children under 13 can access WhatsApp through **a parent-managed account.**

WhatsApp Channels

WhatsApp Channels are a one-way broadcast tool to send updates to followers. Channels can be found in the Updates tab. From here you can view a whole host of channels, including channels that will **not be age appropriate and may include adult content.** If your child has their own WhatsApp channel, then you need to be aware that they are **public. Anyone can view and follow a channel and anything you share on your channel is public.** We would recommend that parental controls are used to prevent children creating and accessing WhatsApp channels.

Parent Managed accounts

Parent managed accounts are required for those under 13. These accounts have additional safety restrictions and do not allow access to features such as Channels, Meta AI and location sharing. You also have control over which groups they can join.

Parental Controls for Teenagers

For users aged 13 to 17, WhatsApp offers parental control settings to limit access to certain features such as Channels.

For more information, visit:
https://www.whatsapp.com/parentalcontrols

Rage Bait

Have you heard of this term? Rage bait is when somebody deliberately posts online content to make people feel angry or frustrated to generate views and engagement. Find out more here: https://findmykids.org/blog/en/rage-baiting