St George's CE Academy

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

Newsletter

6th November 2026

This week in school.....

At Forest School Class 1 created leaf kebabs. First, the children were challenged to find a stick as long as their leg. Next, they used a potato peeler to peel away the bark and create a sharp point. The children then collected lots of different shaped and coloured leaves to push onto their stick. They could decide how many and if the leaves were close together or far part. Once everyone had made their leaf kebab, we pushed them into the ground to create a gallery of leaf sculptures.

Class 2 have been learning how to create a sliding mechanism in DT. They had to create an image of something that moves in or on the ocean and use a sliding mechanism to make it move. The children were really creative and used split pins to create the pivot.

Class 3 have been thinking about persuasive writing in English. They have all worked in groups to create TV adverts for our multifunctional mobile phone, convincing the audience to buy the product. The children have learnt about different persuasive techniques including using rhetorical questions and imperative verbs. Ask your child to try and convince you and see how persuasive they are!

Class 4 took part in a Remembrance Service at St George's Church on Thursday. The children shared the traditional poem 'In Flanders Fields' and a modern poem by Laura Mucha called 'We Remember'. We listened to the roll call of lives lost from the local area in both World Wars and paused to remember, whilst listening to 'the Last Post'. Many Thanks to Frank Nicholls who led the service and shared his own family's memories of World War 2. Thanks also to the parents who joined us for this special service.

Attendance

This week's attendance is

Whole School: 96.9%

Class 1: 98.4%

Class 2: 88.9%

Class 3: 93.3%

Class 4: 92.2%



Class 1 at Forest School









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Upcoming Events....

Monday 9th Nov - Road Safety Assembly
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
Friday 13th Nov - Children In Need Day
Monday 16th Nov - Odd Sock Day
Monday 16th Nov - Friday 20th Nov - Anti-Bullying Wk
Tuesday 17th Nov - The Snap Trap Yr 5/6 Interactive Theatre Performance Exploring On Line Safety 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
NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
Wednesday 9th Dec - Class 4 Forest School
Thursday 10th Dec - Great St George's Bake Off
Thursday 10th Dec - Xmas Fayre 3 - 5pm
Thursday 10th Dec - **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**
Mon 14th Dec - Xmas Celebration in Church 6pm
Tuesday 15th Dec - Christmas Dinner

Term Dates

Autumn

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



The children thoroughly enjoyed a fantastic performance from the Shropshire Music Service today. A brilliant opportunity to experience live musical entertainment.

2026 - The Year of Reading



Week 31 - Celebrate Story Creators

All authors create worlds for us to explore.

Recommended read: The Boy Lost in the Maze — poetry and myth combined

Class 2's Pivot Mechanisms





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.



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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

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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

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Visit us:

www.clunprimaryschool.org.uk

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JUMBLE SALE

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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.

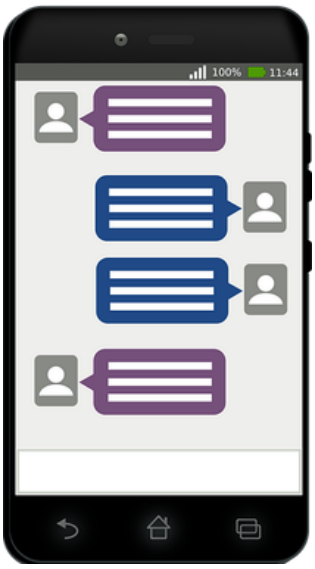
Further information

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