



# Wistanstow CE Primary School Newsletter

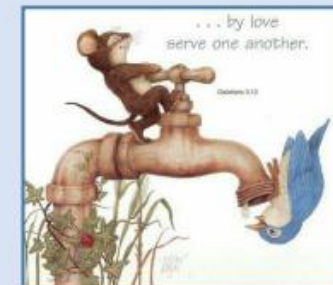
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Wistanstow School - Growing and Learning Together



The Parable of the sower

Our Christian value this term is SERVICE



Today we are thinking about how relationships and friendships are made strong when we both give and receive from one another.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy few weeks with both of our KS2 classes attending their residential visits.

Class 2 enjoyed the Pioneer Centre and last week, I went glamping with Y5/6 children from across the federation to Oaker Wood Leisure in Herefordshire. We had a great time and I was so pleased to see how the children pushed themselves out of their comfort zones with some of the adventurous activities. It was our first visit there and I am sure we will return at some point.

A huge well done to our netball team who won the finals of the South Shropshire netball tournament and will now represent South Shropshire in the Shropshire Games on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. I am very proud of all their hard work and dedication to get this far. Thank you to Mrs Pinches and Miss Pinches for their coaching and support.

Sue Phillips  
Head of School

## Food Bank Friday



Wistanstow CE Primary School are collecting on Fridays for Craven Arms Food Bank.  
Please bring your donations to the school office.

Thank you for your generosity.



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## Dates for your diary



Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Census Day Special Menu
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 3 Farm Visit
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Wistanstow Bike Show
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	World Bee Day Special Menu NSPCC Assembly
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Scholastic Book Fair and author visit Goblin Car Challenge Trials at Bishops Castle
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	D Day Special Menu Goblin Car Challenge, Curborough
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Photographer (Class Photos)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	NSPCC Visit
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Hereford Cathedral
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Crucial Crew (Class 3)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Armed Forces Day Special Menu
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Open Afternoon
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Morning
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Trip
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service in Church

As we start a new term, we politely ask all parents who need to drive to school, to remember to park legally, considerately and safely at school drop off and pick up times. This will ease congestion around the school and help make the area around our school a safer place for our children. Alternatively, when possible, please walk to school or park at the village hall or at the Plough as this will help keep our school street a safer place as well as having health benefits.

We all want our children to be safe and by respecting the space outside school we can do this together.

### Wistanstow Bike Show - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

The Bike show, which raises thousands of pounds for Wistanstow CE School and Midlands Air Ambulance is just around the corner, and as usual it is an 'all hands on deck' event where we hope to get as many parent volunteers as possible to help out on the day.

The money raised from the Bike show over the years, has paid for school trips, coaches, outside play equipment, books for the class libraries, Christmas parties, leavers parties, leavers hoodies, forest school equipment and much more!

For parents who may not have been involved before, it is a fun event to be involved in and if anyone has any questions about the event, please speak to other parents/grandparents that have helped over the years - there are lots!

This is a very busy event and therefore it is not recommended to bring your children if you are volunteering.

For more information about how you can help and to sign up please go to <https://signup.com/go/ghcEkHq>

Many thanks

Wistanstow Bike Show Committee

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals? Please check:

[Apply for free school meals | Shropshire Council](#)



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# Attendance

### Private Tutors

We are aware that sometimes parents choose to hire a private tutor for their children. Please remember that it is your responsibility to ensure that anyone you are "hiring" as a private tutor, has the appropriate credentials and safer recruitment checks in place. Always ask to see their DBS documentation and recent references.

We understand that life can be busy and unpredictable, but your child's regular attendance at school is crucial for their academic success. The continuity of learning and consistent attendance ensures that your child doesn't miss out on essential lessons, discussions, and activities. Each day at school contributes to their overall understanding and progress.

Education is like constructing a sturdy building. Every brick matters. We understand that children can be unwell but when a child misses school for avoidable reasons, it's like leaving gaps in the foundations. These gaps can hinder their future learning and cause anxiety for a child. School is not just about textbooks; it's a place where children develop social skills, build friendships, and learn to navigate emotions. Regular attendance fosters these vital aspects of growth.

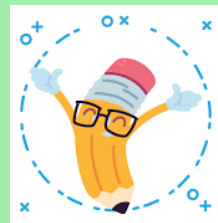
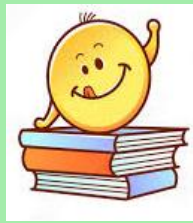
Research consistently shows that students who attend school regularly perform better academically. Missing even a few days can impact their grades and overall achievement. Attending school daily establishes a routine. It boosts your child's confidence, as they feel part of a community and gain a sense of belonging.

**We remind you that Leave of absence in term time is prohibited for the purpose of a family holiday. Only exceptional circumstances will be considered for the purpose of absence in term time by the headteacher of the school that your child is registered at.**

In summary, parents should plan holidays around school holidays and avoid seeking permission from schools to take their children out of school during term time. There are approximately 190 school days in an academic year, leaving 175 days to use for holidays and other activities.

Remember, your child's education is an investment in their future. Let's work together to prioritise attendance and set them up for success!

Education Access Service, Shropshire Council





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Well done to all of our Wistanstow Stars!





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## Class 3: Oaker Wood!

Everyone had an amazing time at Oaker Wood.



### Transport to Secondary School

Any parents/carers of year 6 pupils, who wish to apply for free school transport for their child/children from September 2024, should do so before **31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**. Applications can be made online at <https://shropshire.gov.uk/school-transport/> or over the phone with the Council's Customer Service Team by calling 0345 6789008. Alternatively, should you require a paper copy of the application form, please do not hesitate to contact the school or Passenger Transport directly via email, [schooltransport@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooltransport@shropshire.gov.uk) or over the phone on the above telephone number. It is important to explain that, if the application is not received by **31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**, the Authority may be unable to provide transport for the beginning of the autumn term and parents/carers will need to make their own transport arrangements. Access to school transport is not permitted until entitlement has been confirmed.

Shropshire Council Transport Team

### Y6 Leavers' Hoodies

Please return your order form to the School Office as soon as possible.  
Thank you to the PTA for generously funding the Hoodies.





## Class 1



Looking for parts of plants

## Class 2



We enjoyed the Cricket Engagement Day and really developed our skills.



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# Sports round up

On Tuesday our BEE netball team played in the final at Church Stretton School. The first round we played was Stottesdon and St Lawrence. We won both games, first game 7-1 then second game 12-0.

After this round we were through to the semi final against Corvedale. We won this 6-2. Feeling nervous we were through to the final against Stokesay. We knew this would be a tough game but we won 4-2! This means that Wistanstow has qualified to represent south Shropshire in the Shropshire games!

This is such a fantastic achievement for our school, we will continue our hard work and extra practices. Well done Wistanstow!



Congratulations to our amazing Netball team and a huge thank you to Miss and Mrs Pinches for their dedication and enthusiasm!

