



Wistanstow CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19th April



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the first newsletter of the summer term.

School has been busy with new topics to learn about and residential taking place.

Last week Class 2 went to the Pioneer Centre for one night, with their peers from across the federation, where they took part in a variety of adventure activities, including high ropes, zip wire and abseiling. The photographs I have seen suggest the children had a wonderful time. Thank you to the staff who gave their time to enable this visit to take place.

Next week, Class 3 are off to Oaker Wood for their federation residential visit. We hope they have a great time and look forward to hearing all about it.

In May we are holding a grand opening of our new library which will involve a visit from a local author as well as a Scholastic book fair. Do look out for further details.

Finally, as you know, we have received several complaints recently about parking outside of school. It is imperative that we keep our children safe and I thank you for your support in ensuring that you park in a safe place when dropping off and picking up and for helping your children to understand road safety.

Sue Phillips
Head of School

Wistanstow School - Growing and Learning Together



The Parable of the sower

Our Christian value this term is SERVICE



We all have talents that we can use to **serve** others or brighten up their lives.

Perhaps you have a hidden talent waiting to be discovered!

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



Tuesday 23 rd -Thursday 25 th April	Class 3 Residential at Oakerwood
Friday 26 th April	Pizza Party Special Menu
Wednesday 1 st May	Cricket Engagement Day
Thursday 23 rd May	Scholastic Book Fair and author visit
Sunday 19 th May	Wistanstow Bike Show
Monday 20 th May	World Bee Day Special Menu NSPCC Assembly
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st May	Half Term
Thursday 6 th June	D Day Special Menu
Monday 10 th June	NSPCC Visit
Thursday 20 th June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Hereford Cathedral
Friday 21 st June	Crucial Crew (Class 3)
Wednesday 26 th June	Armed Forces Day Special Menu
Friday 28 th June	Open Afternoon
Tuesday 9 th July	Open Morning
Wednesday 17 th July	Y6 Leavers' Trip

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.



Shropshire family
Information Service

Hello from the Family Information Service (FIS for short).
Our job is to give you the info and resources you need to help your family life run a little smoother.

We can help with:

- Childcare - finding it and advice on paying for it
- Local baby and toddler groups
- Events, activities, and fun things to do in the school holidays,
- Support for parents and families



We cover everything and anything to do with family life, so if you have a question, chances are we'll be able to help, or if we can't, we'll point you in the direction of someone who can.

Follow us on social media for all the latest news and info, or [sign up for our brand new newsletter](#).

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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.

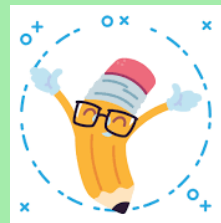
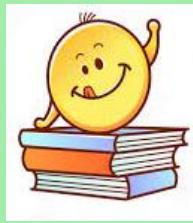
Research consistently shows that students who attend school regularly perform better academically. Missing even a few days can impact their grades and overall achievement. Attending school daily establishes a routine. It boosts your child’s confidence, as they feel part of a community and gain a sense 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 2: Pioneer!

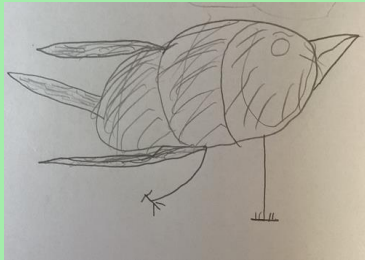
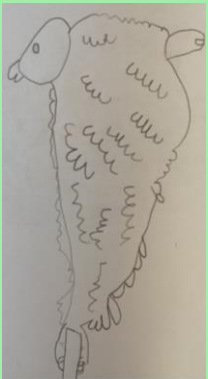


We had an amazing time with our friends across the Federation. Thank you to the staff who made it possible.



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Class 1



We have been drawing birds in Art.

Class 2



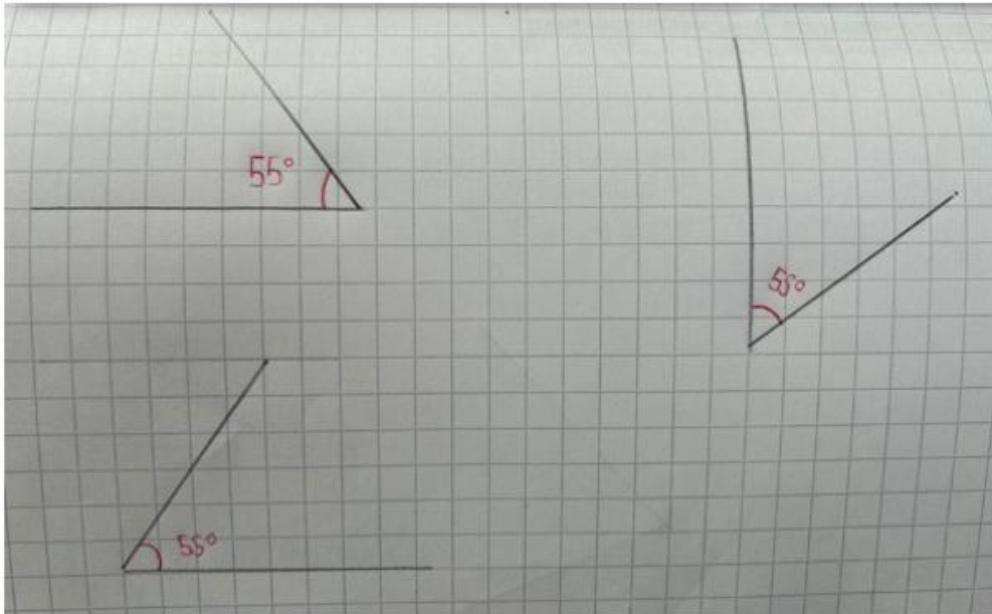
Class 2 were inspired by the work of Inbal Leitner this week in Art.



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Class 3

Service - Using our talents to help others



Children in Class 3 have been helping each other draw angles more accurately. Those who found this activity easy sat with those who found it more challenging and worked together to help each other.

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 **31st 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 or over the phone on the above telephone number. It is important to explain that, if the application is not received by **31st 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.





Sports round up



On Tuesday 16th, nine Class 3 boys competed in the indoor athletics competition at Church Stretton School. The afternoon was split into two events, field and track.

First they did field events which included speed bounce, long jump, vertical jump, javelin, and ball throw.

Then we went onto the track events which is sprinting and relays.

After all the boys showing great effort and determination we came second overall.

Longnor winning by just one point!

The boys should all be very proud of their hard work.

Miss Pinches



We had a great time on the 15th March, raising money for Comic Relief by participating in a fun run at Cardingmill Valley.





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★ ★ ★ Congratulations to Shire Services! ★ ★ ★

We are so proud to announce that at the Public Sector Catering Awards dinner on Thursday 4th April, Shire Services won the Marketing Award for 2024! We are thrilled and want to thank all Shire Services members of staff for their contribution towards our service. We are grateful for Mrs Edwards and her delicious meals each day at our school.



I am writing to inform you that there has been a confirmed case of chicken pox in school, the child is isolating at home.

Chicken pox is a mild and common childhood illness caused by a virus called varicella zoster. It is most common in children under the age of 10 and is contagious. The incubation period is approximately 21 days and the person is contagious from 1 to 2 days before the spots appear. The person stops being contagious when the spots have crusted over (usually 5-6 days after the spots appear).

The groups of people that are most at risk of serious problems if they catch chicken pox are newborn babies, pregnant women and those with a weakened immune system; therefore it is important, if your child has chicken pox, to keep them at home while they are contagious.

Thank you for your support.

For further information about Chicken Pox, please see the NHS Website.

[Chickenpox - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Health

Measles

Cases of measles are increasing in the UK, including in the West Midlands, and it's likely that there will be cases in Shropshire soon.

Measles is a viral illness that can be serious and sometimes fatal. Spending 15 minutes with someone with measles is enough to get the virus.

Symptoms of measles include high fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, small red spots with a bluish-white centre inside the mouth. A rash can appear later, usually on the face, upper neck, hands and feet, fading after 5 to 6 days. If you've not been vaccinated against measles, you can be at risk, but it's most common in young children. Someone with measles can spread the virus up to 4 days before a rash appears, and up to 4 days after.

Measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences, so make sure you and your children are up to date with MMR vaccinations and ask your GP about catch-up jabs if needed. The MMR vaccine is highly effective at protecting against measles.

If you are unsure if your child is up to date with all their routine vaccinations, you can check their Red Book (personal child health record) in the first instance. If you are still not sure, or if you need to bring your child up to date with their vaccines, you should contact their GP practice to check and book an appointment.

If you are concerned that your child has measles, please call your GP in the first instance, to reduce the risk of passing the disease to others in the waiting room.

For further information about Measles and the MMR Vaccination, please see the NHS website.

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

[MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)



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Forest Church

Sunday 28th April @ 4 to 5pm

In Onny Meadow behind the Discovery Centre
All ages are welcome as we worship God in the
open air.

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