



# Wistanstow CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 31st January 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

January is finally over and the mornings and evenings are beginning to get lighter as we look forward to Spring.

This week we Reverend Steve visited to offer worship in our assembly on Thursday. Next week we will be welcoming Carol Morris, along with Reverend Steve, for an Open the Book assembly, where they will teach and act out stories from the Bible. This will be a monthly occurrence. We will also be welcoming the Imam from Craven Arms, who is coming to visit our KS2 children as part of their RE unit of work this half term, where they are learning how festivals and worship show what matters to Muslims.

Please complete the link below to indicate whether or not you are able to join us for our Parent Celebration Assembly at the Village Hall, and return the slip or email the School Office if you would like to join your child for lunch after Half Term.

Link for Assembly form: <https://forms.office.com/e/v4YTGp3tWk>

Sue Phillips  
Head of School

Wistanstow School – Growing and Learning Together



The Parable of the Sower

Our Christian Value this term is **COURAGE**



## 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



# Reminders and School News

Tuesday 4th February	Imam from Craven Arms Mosque visiting school
Wednesday 5th February	PTA Meeting 8pm at The Station Pub
Friday 7th February	National Number Day
Wednesday 12th February	Parent Celebration Assembly 9:30, Village Hall
Monday 17th Feb- Friday 21st Feb	Half Term
Friday 14th February	C1 Balance Bike Training
Monday 24th February	Y6 SATS meeting
Wednesday 26th February	Class 1 Parents Lunch
Wednesday 5th March	Class 2 Parents Lunch
Wednesday 12th March	Class 3 Parents Lunch
Tuesday 18th March	PTA Bag2School Collection
Wednesday 9th April	2pm Easter Service
Thursday 12th-Friday 13th June	C2 Residential at Pioneer Centre

PE Days: Please come in PE Kit.  
 Class 1: Wednesday  
 Classes 2 and 3: Monday and Friday

**Regular Clubs:**  
 Mondays- Science Club  
 Tuesdays- Y6 SATS Club  
 Wednesdays- Netball Club  
 Thursdays- Goblin Car Club and Art Club



Do you recognise this bike? It has been sitting under the bike shelter in our car park for a while now.

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals? All children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 receive Universal Free Meals. If you receive certain benefits, school receive extra funding for your child called Pupil Premium. Please check using the link below:  
[Apply for free school meals | Shropshire Council](#)

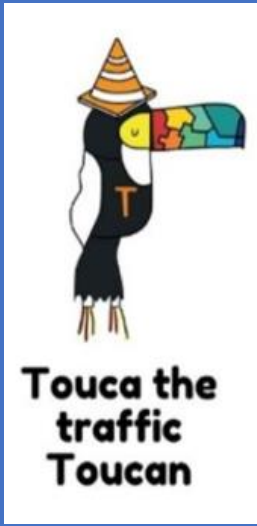


# Reminders and School News

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.



We are delighted that Thomas' design for a road safety character has been included in 'Our Journey', which is a new virtual road safety education programme for Shropshire. Well done Thomas!



**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.

**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, clubs, activities, and fun things to do in the school holidays, for all ages
- Getting parenting and family support
- Finding health and wellbeing support

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.**

 @ShropshireFamilyInfo  
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[www.shropshire.gov.uk/fis](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/fis)



Please check your SchoolMoney account regularly. Many thanks.





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## PTA News

The PTA have arranged a Bag2School Collection to raise funds. Please take the opportunity to have a clear out! Please place the items from the list that you no longer need in the bag your child brought home and bring to school on **Tuesday 18th March.** Thank you!



Below is a list of everything that **we collect.**  
If in doubt, please call us on 01609 780 222.



Clothes



Paired shoes



Bras



Jewellery



Handbags



Hats



Socks



Belts



Bags



Scarves and ties



We are on Facebook! We will be sharing photos of our school community, as well as useful information from external organisations. Please search for Wistanstow Primary School. If you have not yet consented to your child being featured on our page, and would like to, please email the School Office.



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Well done to all our Wistanstow Stars!







# Fundraising

Year 6 presented Grant from the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre with the donations they collected from the bake sale in December. They raised £101. Well done, Year 6.





# Class 1

Class 1 have used drama skills to retell the story of 'Billy and the Beast'.







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# Class 2



I can use descriptive stage directions with adverbials and prepositional phrases



Here we are acting out our play scripts

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## Exploring sounds using our mouths.



We composed music using our mouths to represent 'The Haven'.

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# Class 3



Class 3 have been learning about composer Sally Beamish and her piece 'Seavaigers'. We have been learning about improvisation and chords.



Look at the beautiful 2025 calendars our talented artists have created. Thanks to Mrs Goode and Mrs Pengelly for leading Art Club.





New Menu!

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New Menu!

## Week 1 Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main 1	Beef hotpot (GF, DF)	Cottage pie (GF)	Premium roast beef in gravy (GF, DF)	Pork sausages (DF)	Fish Goujons (DF)
Main 2	Macaroni cheese (V)	Vegetable gratin (V, DF)	Cauliflower Cheese (V, GF)	Cauliflower curry with rice (V, DF, GF)	Baked Potato (V, GF, DF)
Sides	Croquette potatoes (V, GF, DF) Sweetcorn (V, GF, DF) Broccoli (V, GF, DF)	New potatoes (V, GF, DF) Baked beans (V, GF, DF) Cauliflower (V, GF, DF)	Roast potatoes (V, GF, DF) Carrots (V, GF, DF) Cut green beans (V, GF, DF)	Mashed potato (V, GF) Baked beans (V, GF, DF) Mixed vegetables (V, GF, DF)	Chips (V, GF, DF) Sweetcorn (V, GF, DF) Peas (V, GF, DF)
Dessert	Ice cream (V)	Syrup sponge (V)	Apple crumble (V, DF)	Chocolate sponge (V, GF, DF)	Ice cream (V)

We offer a daily option of Baked Potato (V,GF,DF) with Cheese (V,GF) or DF Cheese (V,DF,GF) with the vegetable of the day

Spring Term

6th/20th Jan  
3rd/24th Feb  
10th/24th March  
7th April

Please note that bread, fruit and yoghurts are available each day

V = Vegetarian  
GF = Gluten Free  
DF = Dairy Free

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Please let us know if you have any suggestions for future meal options.



New Menu!

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## Week 2 Menu

New Menu!

We offer a daily option of Baked Potato (V,GF,DF) with Cheese (V,GF) or DF Cheese (V,DF,GF) with the vegetable of the day

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main 1	Chicken goujons (DF)	Beef lasagne	Sliced turkey in gravy (GF, DF)	Chicken korma (GF)	Breaded Cod (DF)
Main 2	Bean chilli with rice (V, GF, DF)	Tempeh katsu curry (V, DF)	Macaroni cheese (V)	Vegetarian hotpot (V, GF, DF)	Baked Potato (V, GF, DF)
Sides	Chips (V, GF, DF) Sweetcorn (V, GF, DF) Baked beans (V, GF, DF)	Saute potatoes (V, GF, DF) Spring vegetable medley (V, GF, DF)	Roast potatoes (V, GF, DF) Carrots (V, GF, DF) Sweetcorn (V, GF, DF)	White rice (V, GF, DF) Vegetable medley (V, GF, DF)	Chips (V, GF, DF) Carrots (V, GF, DF) Baked beans (V, GF, DF)
Dessert	Ice cream (V)	Ginger pudding with orange sauce (V)	Jam sponge (V)	Chocolate sponge (V, GF, DF)	Ice cream (V)

Spring Term

13th/27th Jan  
10th Feb  
3rd/17th/  
31st March

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## Term Dates 2024-2025

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September and Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Training days for school staff (school not open to pupils)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September - Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Pupil days
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Training day for school staff (school not open to pupils)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half term holiday
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Pupil days
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Christmas holidays
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Training day for school staff (school not open to pupils)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupil days
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half term holiday
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupil days
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holidays
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Pupil days
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday (school not open to pupils)
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term holiday
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Pupil days
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Training day for school staff (school not open to pupils)