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Headteacher's Spotlight

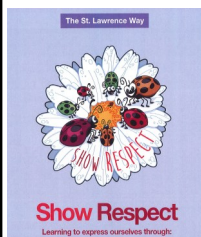
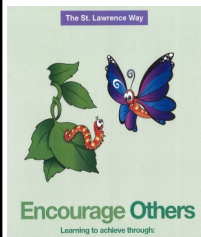
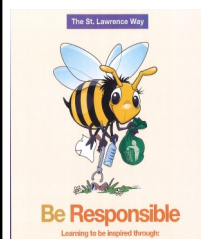
We've now had open lunches for parents of all classes except for Nursery - this last one is taking place on 10th December. The open lunches seem to have been a hit and we will therefore continue with these each term!

The intergenerational project run by Pentabus had its finale at St Chad's on Thursday with 15 of our pupils performing poems written by Oak/Birch Classes poems. All of the pupils from these two classes visited Field House or Sandford Care Home and the residents loved having our pupils there to chat with them.



Twelve of our KS2 children took part in a chess tournament earlier this week with the 'Bishops' team finishing third (Tycho, Jessica, Logan, Archie).

I continue to be so proud of our SEND Hub staff and pupils. We'll be full in January with another pupil joining us and he'll hopefully flourish like the other nine stars. We are so pleased that we can provide ten places for SEND pupils who otherwise would not be in a mainstream school. Many of their parents came for lunch this week and their continued praise for our work is heart-warming.



We had a visit from Stuart Anderson MP last week to launch UK Parliament Week. This week pupils have been learning more about what happens in the House of Commons and the House of Lords and have carried out varied activities including debates, ranging from which story book to read; whether Church Stretton needs more housing.

We say a special thank you to Stuart and Brian Tomlins of Wistanstow Christmas Trees for donating a lovely tree, to our school soon to be decorated. They open this weekend at Wistanstow Village Hall.

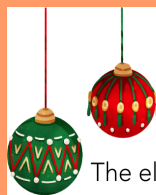
Remember, it's the switching on of the Christmas lights in Church Stretton tomorrow - our singers will be singing at around 3pm!

Alan Brannen
Headteacher

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Christmas Craft Fair

Friday 5th December, 3.15-5pm



The elves are hard at work getting everything ready for our biggest Christmas Fair yet!

Join us for an afternoon filled with festive games, crafts, delicious seasonal food & drink and the return of our Secret Gift Shop! Every child will receive two free tokens to spend at the fair. Pre-order your tokens on Parentmail now to beat the queues! We can't wait to celebrate with you!



**DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR
CHILDS FREE PANTOMIME
ICECREAM ON PARENTMAIL!**

We need 4 more adult 'elves' to help on the Stretton's Santa Sleigh walkabout on Thursday 11th December, 5.30-7.30pm.

*This will raise approx £300
for our children.*



It's here!

See poster below for more info!

PASSMASTER COACHING

Y1-Y6 KIDS

XMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS

ART & CRAFTS, SPORTS, GAMES, OUTDOOR FUN.

£22
8 am - 4 pm
Free with a HAF code

MON 22 & TUE 23 DECEMBER

St Lawrence Primary Activity Camp Church Stretton SY6 6EX

London Road Football Camp Shrewsbury SY2 6PR (No HAF)

 **HAF** Holiday Activities and Food

Department for Education

Shropshire Council

<https://passmastercoaching.co.uk>

Dates for your diary:

29th November	Singing Club singing at switching on of Town's Christmas lights - Singers please meet Mrs A-B by the stage at 2.45. Please wait until Mrs A-B requests for your child to meet at the stage.
3rd December	R - Y6 to Theatre Severn Pantomime
5th December - 3.15pm onwards	Christmas Fair in school
11th December 9.30am & 2.00pm	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Performance
15th - 19th December	No Swimming this week
15th December	KS2 Christmas Service in Church (Parents are welcome to attend)
16th December	Christmas Dinner Day
19th December - 10am	Carols in the Square
20th December - 6pm	Lantern parade
22nd Dec - 2nd Jan 2026	Christmas holidays
5th January 2026	PD Day - School closed to children
4th - 6th February	Y5 Pioneer Centre Residential
9th - 13th February 2026	Y6 to Arthog residential
16th Feb - 20th Feb	Half - term holidays

Glyns Garden presents

Light and Fire

Celebration of the end of the season and the turning of the year.

20th December 2025 6 to 9 p.m.
Cemetery Road Church Stretton

Lantern Parade
Illuminations and fire

Mulled wine, spiced apple
and Kadai cooked light bites available

Limited disabled parking
Please park and walk
and bring a torch

KS1 Children will be making lanterns in school for this event should you wish to join the parade.

KS1 & EYFS CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Thursday 11th December at 9.30am and 2pm

The children and staff in KS1 and EYFS are all busy putting together their Christmas performance. We would like to invite parents/carers to attend at one of the above times.

If you are not able to attend on one of these dates, please contact the office as there may be an opportunity to attend one of the dress rehearsals.

XMAS TREES

EVERYDAY 10AM - 6PM

WISTANSTOW
VILLAGE HALL

OPENING

29th NOVEMBER

Prayer for the Week

Thank you, God, that you love us and care for us. Thank you that, like a shepherd, you want to guide us through life and help us when we are unsure of what to do.

Amen

COMING SOON

Join our school on Classlist

- ✓ Get in touch with parents in our school
- ✓ See what's coming up for you and your child
- ✓ Find like-minded friends in our community
- ✓ Organise meet-ups and birthday parties
- ✓ Buy event tickets & RSVP to invitations
- ✓ Ask parents in your class questions



The Friends (PTA) Committee is very excited to share this (free) bespoke app to communicate with you - as well as for you to communicate with each other!

Classlist will help us create a more inclusive approach for the parent community for everything from lost property, class questions, play dates, toy swaps and play dates as well as gaining more support for our fundraising events.



There is a link in the next poster that will take you to an account request and sign up page. Approvals will be completed during school hours for complete safety, privacy and GDPR compliance.

Is Classlist moderated?

Yes! It's moderated by parents to keep our community friendly, welcoming and useful.

Is Classlist secure?

Yes! It's fully GDPR-compliant and private; only verified school parents can join.

How much information do I need to share?

You're in control of your profile info and notification settings!

You do not have to sign up or use the app - but we'd really love you to be part of it all!



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Connect - Celebrate - Collaborate

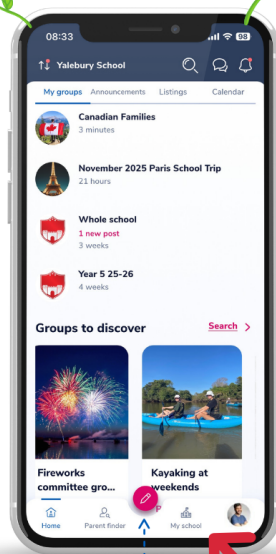


Award-winning
GDPR-compliant



Classlist
The parent to parent
school community app

Quickstart Guide



Check out your messages here

All of our forthcoming events will be listed here AND volunteer sign-up slots!

JOIN HERE!

Click this link!

For GDPR, safety and privacy reasons, your request to join will be processed during school hours Mon-Fri only.

Announcements
Notices and reminders from your PTA, Class Rep or school relevant to your child's class.

Listings
A marketplace for your school to buy, sell and donate, and list lost & found items

Calendar
PTA events: get and view your tickets.
Organise or view private get-togethers and birthday parties

Parent finder
Look up a name of a parent or child in your child's class and year. See the who's who of reps and admins. Volunteer to become class rep!
Includes the **Parent Map** - opt in to find families nearby, organise the school run, find a cycle buddy

Visit www.classlist.com for more details

The Friends committee is very excited to be bringing this to our school to enhance our wonderful parent community and support to our fundraising efforts!

No need for lots of whatsapp groups and your number stays totally private!

Lost property, toy sell/swap and anything else relevant/useful!

Lots of useful information & meet the committee



ANY QUESTIONS to Lisa Butler (Oak Class / Friends Chair) on the app or in person!

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Does your child struggle with their sleep?

Free Sleep Tight Groups

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups and:

- Find out why sleep is important for our health and emotional wellbeing
- Get support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines
- Meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences

Sleep Tight Group Monday 12th January 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams

Sleep Tight Group Thursday 15th January 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am Highley Primary School

Sleep Tight SEND Group Monday 23rd February 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams

Sleep Tight Group Tuesday 24th February 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am Crowmoor Primary School

The groups run for 5 weeks excluding the school holidays

SEND groups are for parents/carers of Children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed to attend the groups

To book a place email Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call 01743 250950

Find out
more here



Shropshire
Council



Know someone who struggles with reading?
Read Easy Shropshire Hills want to help
Free, confidential, one to one volunteer
coaching for adults living in and around
Church Stretton

Call Steve on **07707 762 653** or email
shcoordinator2@readeasy.org.uk



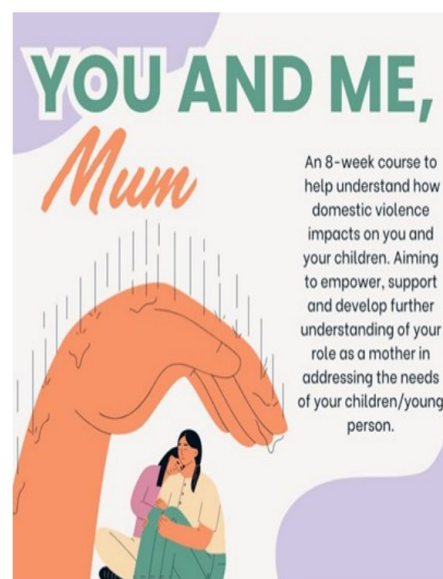
You and Me, Mum Group

This 8-week course will help you understand how domestic violence impacts on you as a parent and how it affects your children. The course objectives are to empower, support and develop further understanding of your role as a mother in addressing the needs of your children and young people

To book and secure your place on this course please call
01743 250400

Every Wednesday from
Wednesday 14th January 2026 – Wednesday 11th March 2026
09:30-11:30am
Venue: Shrewsbury SY1

Facilitated by
Early Help and Support Team with Shropshire Domestic Abuse
Service



CHURCH STRETTON LIBRARY **CRAFT CLUB**

FOR KIDS AGE 5+

£2 PER CHILD

**NOV
22**

**AUTUMN NATURE CRAFT
11 AM - 12 PM**

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS CRAFT
11 AM - 12 PM**

**DEC
6**

**JAN
3**

**NEW YEAR NATURE CRAFT
11 AM - 12 PM**

**VALENTINES DAY CRAFT
11 AM - 12 PM**

**FEB
14**

**MAR
7**

**SPRING NATURE CRAFT
11 AM - 12 PM**

Understanding your child

From toddler to teen

- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you need help and support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers with children of a similar age?

Join us for one of our free virtual or face to face groups, our next groups start:

Understanding Your Child Group 12th January 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am St Giles Primary, Shrewsbury

Understanding Your Child Group 13th January 2026 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm Little Explorers, Ditton Priors

Understanding Your Child SEND Group 14th January 2026 from 10.00am to 12.00pm Severdale Academy

Understanding Your Child Group 14th January 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child Group 14th January 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm St Lawrence Primary, Church Stretton

Understanding Your Child SEND Group 15th January 2026 from 9.00am to 11.00am Clee Hill Community Academy

Understanding Your Child SEND Group 15th January 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child Group 16th January 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am Highley Primary School

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

SEND groups are for parents/carers of Children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed to attend the groups.

To book a place email
Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk
or call 01743 250950

Find more free online courses at:
inourplace.co.uk/shropshire





CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENT

Join us for lots of fun free activities for all ages

Wednesday 3rd December

3.30pm until 4.45pm

Helena Lane Community Centre,

20 Hamlet Road, Ludlow, SY8 2NP



shropshire.gov.uk/early-help



Shropshire
Council

mammoth

SANTA TRAIL



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Connexus

Book
your slot
BETWEEN
10AM AND 3PM

£10
PER CHILD*

Book online

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DEC, 2025

Follow the elves and snowballs through our exhibition as you answer questions and join in activities on your way around.

Say "hi" to the mammoth himself and finish the trail with a gift from Santa as you meet him in his grotto.

There will be festive refreshments available at the end of the trail with treats for the adults too!

***PRICE INCLUDES EXHIBITION ENTRANCE
ONE FREE ADULT PER PAYING CHILD
ADMISSION PRICE APPLIES TO ADDITIONAL ADULTS**



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GROW COOK LEARN, A REGISTERED CHARITY: 1158795



Church Stretton
Christmas Lights Switch On
Saturday 29th November

10-3pm Mayfair Centre
Frost Fair

1-4pm Santa's Grotto
Silvester Horne Inst

From 1pm Stalls & Fair
High St

2-3:30pm Lego Club and crafts
Church Stretton Library
Drop-in crafts all day, suitable
for the whole family

From 1pm Entertainment in
The Market Square

From 4pm Messy Church at
St Lawrence's Church

From 5pm Christmas Lights Switch
The Market Square



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churchstretton-tc.gov.uk/council_events

