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Lilleshall School Newsletter



Years 1 & 2 have absolutely loved taking part in orienteering activities, which have brought a fresh and active approach to our literacy and maths lessons. They have loved learning outdoors and exploring key skills, working together and enjoying the challenge.

In literacy, we've been exploring the story 'Blown Away' by Rob Biddulph. The children have been learning to use adjectives to describe characters and settings and they've been identifying different types of sentences. Year One enjoyed going into the hall and let their kites take them on an imaginative adventure!

We've also been getting creative in preparation for the festive season. The children have been busy designing their Christmas cards, which will be available for you to order soon. They've put so much effort and excitement into their artwork, we're sure you'll love the results! Mrs Giles and Mrs McCormick would like to say a huge well done to all the children for settling in so well and working hard this half term.

Year 6 As we approach the end of our first, busy half term, I would like to acknowledge the effort and determination the children have shown in school and at home. They have made a great start to their SAT booster books, these will really help them throughout the year in the run up to the tests. The children have all settled well into their roles and responsibilities that come with year 6, including the House Captains, JRSOs and Sports Ambassadors. We were also selected by Shropshire Bookfest to be long listers for the books that children across the county will be reading after Christmas as part of a project. A number of year 6 pupils have been busy reading a selection of books and meeting together to discuss which one they will be putting forward as our favourite to the Bookfest committee this week. Thank you to the volunteer children for your dedication and extra time you have given reading these books. Have a week deserved half term everyone.

Years 3 have continued to be very busy in October with lots of exciting learning and activities taking place. Swimming lessons have been happening every Monday and the children are listening well and improving each week with a lot of determination from each of them.



Our work on Oliver Twist has continued in English and the children have written a retell of the events within the story and have also planned and written Oliver's diary entry. The children have really enjoyed reading this story and have produced some super work. We all enjoyed a lovely Autumnal morning at Chetwynd Deer Park; finding out about the trees and their leaves, the fallow deer who live there and enjoying a tractor/trailer ride. Mrs Brannen was very impressed with the children's behaviour and super listening whilst on the trip – well done!



Year 4 Swimming lessons for Year 4 have started this month. It's been wonderful to see the children's confidence grow in the water, whether they are mastering strokes or simply enjoying the chance to splash and play. Back in the classroom, pupils have been working incredibly hard on their times tables. Many of them are now showing a real commitment to improving their speed and accuracy. Have a lovely, well-deserved rest over the half term break!

Year 5 are really getting the hang of the Ukelele this term and have already learnt how to play four chords. They are putting the chords together to enable them to play a range of different songs including Kookaburra and Polly Wolly Doodle. Their ukelele teacher, Mr Bolton, is very impressed with their progress and is moving them on quite quickly!



Year R We are so proud of all the individual achievements of all of our children in Year R this half term. The children have really learned how to make their learning fly and have great attitudes to learning. They have been learning their phonics with so much effort and we are working hard to segment and blend words for reading. We are looking forward to the big challenge of writing letters after half term too. This week children have been reflecting on their learning and finding out how to use the words past, present and future to think about themselves. We made a timeline of all the books we have read and thought about our best memories. It was great fun.



Celebrating Success

Year R –Frederick Hoof

Year 1 - Hallie Taylor

Year 2 –Olivia Urquhart, Freddie Shelley,
Ziazan Welton, Cora Stirling

Year 3 –Lily Hicks, Aiden Duhra, Ivy Rymer

Year 4 – Stella Childs, Eira Urquhart,
Kymarni Dorsett,

Year 5 -Rosie Rymer, Quinn Tolhurst

Year 6 –Brody Preece, Harry Flynn



Safety Reminders

Lilleshall is a 20mph zone, please drive carefully through the village. We understand parking is always an issue around schools, can we please ask parents to think when parking and park courteously and safely in and around the school area.



On average 9 children aged 7 or under are killed or injured on roads in Britain every day!
We are doing our bit to try and make sure this never happens in our community. Please help us by supervising your child closely on roads and helping them learn about road safety.

Please do not bring dogs onto the school playgrounds at any time.



REMINDER:
No Dogs on
School Property



Sports

Well done to our Year 5/6 football team who have been busy this term with football tournaments and matches. They came 1st in the group in the tournament, had a really close game against Meadows at school narrowly losing and won their Small Schools Cup game against Crudgington. You all should be proud!



Congratulations to our Year 5/6 Hockey team who won the Hockey tournament held at Thomas Telford school this month. Well done

Fundraising

This year, we're focusing our fundraising efforts on making some much-needed improvements to our **school hall**—a space that brings us all together for assemblies, performances, celebrations, and events.

Our goal is to raise funds for:

- **New blinds** to brighten the space and improve comfort
- **Updated equipment** to enhance school productions, presentations, and special events

With your support, we can transform the hall into a more welcoming, functional, and inspiring space for our children and families to enjoy.

Headteachers Comment

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our Autumn Half Term, we want to thank you all for your continued support and involvement in school life. It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Day and thank you for your positive comments. The children have made a great start to this academic year and their attitude to school is outstanding. The new reception class are very established and have very quickly settled into the swing of school life. A huge congratulations to our sports teams for their fantastic performances this term! Our Hockey and Football teams have shown outstanding teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship — we are so proud of their achievements and the way they have represented our school. Year 6 went to HLC to take part in the RoarTech Computing Competition and had the winning team in today's event, we await the overall winners announcement. As we head into the half term break, we hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved rest. When we return, we'll be starting the exciting build-up to Christmas, with plenty of festive learning, performances, and celebrations to look forward to! Wishing you all a happy and restful half term holiday.

Christobel Cousins Headteacher



Christmas Toy Run Donations



Help bring joy to children in care
this festive season

Drop-off: Fallow Fields, Hadley Park E, Hadley, Telford TF1 6QJ

Date: Saturday, December 7

Time: 1-3pm Donations accepted all day

True North Bike Community will deliver all donated toys to local children who may not otherwise receive a gift this Christmas morning.

Please give generously!

We're collecting new items for boys and girls of all ages, including:

- Toys
- Colouring books & crayons
- Puzzles & games
- Footballs
- Play-Doh



Governors Corner - October

This year's governors committees meetings began this month with two of our main governor committees meeting. The Finance, Health and Safety Committee has met to discuss the school budget and spending on resources. The focus as always is to ensure that spending helps to improve and enhance the learning experiences of children at the school. The Progress, Achievement and Behaviour Committee has reviewed an extensive range of monitoring activities evaluating the support and progress of our SEND children. Governors were also pleased to hear that the parents' coffee morning was particularly well attended and included positive communication and discussion.

An important part of our governing role is our monitoring and evaluation visits into school. This month governors have experienced the Reception parents phonics information session and a staff meeting where the review of oracy in the school was a key feature.

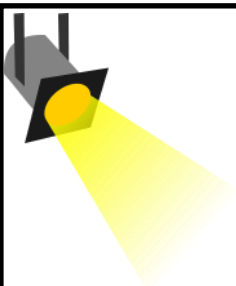
Christine A Raper

Chair of Governors

Cooking Club

Cooking club have been very busy this half term creating all sorts of fabulous sweet and savoury treats.

This week they made some spooky puff pastry hands for Halloween.



Brooks and Bray have had another busy sporting month, this time competing in the West Midland Cyclo Cross League.

Well done boys, we love seeing your achievements.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 24th October—Mufti Day and Coffee and Cake Afternoon
Monday 27th October—Friday 31st October Half Term
Monday 3rd November - Year 3 & 4 Swimming (final session)
Tuesday 4th November—Woodland Nature Reserve Year 6
Thursday 6th November—Woodland Nature Reserve Year 5
Friday 14th November - Years 5 & 6 Cadburys World Visit
16th - 22nd November—National Road Safety Week
Monday 17th November—Friday 21st November—Year 6 Arthog
Friday 21st November—Mufti Day in exchange for Tombola items
Tuesday 2nd December—KS1 Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 3rd December - KS2 Christmas Fayre
Thursday 11th December—Christmas Disco (details to be confirmed)
Friday 12th December—Mufti in exchange for chocolate for the Christmas Bingo
Tuesday 16th December - YR and KS1 Christmas Production 10am
Wednesday 17th December - Yr and KS1 Christmas Production 10am
Thursday 18th December - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Bingo
Friday 19th December - Last day of term.
Tuesday 6th January 2026—School returns
Thursday 12th February—Bikeability Year 4
Monday 16th February—Thursday 19th March—Bikeability Year 5
Thursday 26th March—Easter Extravaganza Orienteering Event
Thursday 16th April - Image Theatre
Tuesday 21st April - Pedestrian Training
Monday 11th May—Friday 15th May—Year 6 SAT's Week
Monday 18th—22nd May - Walk to School Week
Monday 1st June—Friday 5th June—Year 4 Multiplication Checks
Monday 8th June—Friday 12th June—Year 1 Phonics Screening
Monday 15th June—Friday 19th June—Sports Week
Thursday 18th June—Bikeability Year R and Year 1
Monday 22nd June—Thursday 25th June—Bikeability Year 6
Thursday 2nd July—Transitions Workshop
Monday 6th July and Tuesday 7th July—Burton Borough School Transitions Days

Please note, dates and times can be changed and added to throughout the year. Updated versions of this section will be on each months Newsletter.

Lateness

We've noticed an increasing number of children arriving at school more than **30 minutes after the start of the school day**. Please be aware that arrivals after this time are recorded as an **unauthorised absence (U code)**, in line with national attendance guidelines.

Being on time is incredibly important—not just for learning, but for helping children settle into their day calmly and confidently. Late arrivals can be disruptive for both the child and the class, and repeated unauthorised absences may be referred to the Education Welfare Officer.

We understand that mornings can be hectic, and we appreciate your efforts to ensure children arrive promptly. If you're experiencing any difficulties, please don't hesitate to reach out—we're here to help.

Attendance Support Team

Late arrival at school Information for Primary School parents

When your child arrives late at school, they miss the teacher's instructions and the introduction to the lesson. Your child may also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late.

Late arrival means:

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year INFANTS	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year JUNIORS
5 mins	3.7 days	3.4 days
10 mins	7.4 days	6.9 days
15 mins	11 days	10.3 days
20 mins	14.7 days	13.8 days
30 mins	22 days	20.7 days

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost, and can seriously disadvantage your child. Please help your child to be punctual.

Absence from school

Children are required to attend school for 190 days each year.

Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	340 lessons



How does your child's attendance compare with this?
Please remember that children who miss a lot of school achieve less.
Call 01952 385220 for further information



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Starting school?

Closing date for applications:

15 January 2026

If your child has an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) the closing date is **31 October 2025**.

www.telford.gov.uk/admissions

- You **must** apply if your child was born between 1 September 2021 – 31 August 2022.
- You **must** apply even if your child is attending a nursery or pre-school on a school site or you have a child already attending the school.
- You are advised to list four schools on your application form, including your catchment area/nearest school.
- Attending a nursery does **not** guarantee a school place.
- School places are allocated in line with oversubscription criteria.
- See website for more information **www.telford.gov.uk/admissions** or contact School Admissions at **admissions@telford.gov.uk**





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Weekly Drop In's



Monday	Dawley Town Hall, TF4 3JR	10:00-12 noon Term Time
	Lightmoor- Oak Tree Centre, TF4 3EG	First Monday of the month 1:00-3:00pm
	Lawley Community Hub TF3 5BZ	Second Monday of the month 1:00-3:00pm
Wednesday	Southwater library, -children's section	9:30am-12:30pm
	Madeley Community Library, The Anstice TF7 5BB	On selected dates and times See website for further information
	Oakengates – The Wakes, TF2 6EP	Starting 5th November 1-2:30pm
Thursday	The Hub Newport TF10 7BH	10am-12noon
	Arlleston Community Centre, TF1 2AB	10am-12noon Term Time
	Sutton Hill - Hub on the Hill and The Silver Birch Family Room	Starting October 10:00-12:00 noon
Friday	Donnington Community Hub TF2 7PR	9:30-11:30 am Term Time
	Hazel Family Hub, Hadley Learning Community, TF1 5JU	Starting 14th November 2-4pm Term Time
Selected dates only	Evening Telephone Drop In Pre booked appointments only	6:00-7:30pm See website for further information

Visit- www.telfordfamilyhubs.co.uk or Call- 01952 385465
for further information



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EVENING TELEPHONE DROP IN



6:00-7:30pm

On selected dates below

Monday 29th September

Tuesday 7th October

Monday 20th October

Pre-Booking Essential

To book your time slot please contact 01952 385465

Our telephone drop in offers you support, advice and information to connect you with local organisations and services for your family.

Support we cover includes

Parenting and Behaviour support, Online and Community safety,
SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities) and more



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URBAN GAMES

NO NEED
TO BOOK

AGE 0-16

FREE / LOCAL /
ORGANISED

There's plenty to do this half-term with Telford & Wrekin Council's Urban Games.

Check out your local park, playground, MUGA or Nature Reserve for sports and activities for all ages, hosted by professionals.

Check out www.telford.gov.uk/WhatsoninTelford for even more activities for young people.



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URBAN GAMES



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT
TO DO THIS **HOLIDAY?**



Sessions are completely **FREE** – funded through the council's Safer & Stronger Communities programme.

1.5 hours of **FREE & FUN** hockey for Juniors. England Hockey qualified coaches. **No experience necessary. Equipment provided.**



Open to non-club members

8 - 12 Years old. Boys & Girls
(Years 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8)

- Date: Thursday 30th October
- Time: 11am - 12.30pm

- Location: Telford & Wrekin Hockey Club,
St George's Sports & Recreation Ground TF2 9LU (Behind the green trees)

Sticks will be provided. Come give it a go :)

Please email Jodie to book your place: mail@telfordhockeyclub.co.uk

Magnets can rip holes in your child's gut

Magnets can be great fun. But it's really dangerous if a child swallows them.



They can attract to each other inside the body, cut off the blood supply and tear holes in the gut.

A child may need major surgery to remove them. So, keep them away from young children. And teach older children the risks.



If you suspect a child has swallowed magnets, get medical help straight away.

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EDUCATING KIDS OUTDOORS

EKO Holiday Club October Half Term

at Weston Park, Weston-under-Lizard, Shifnal, TFI1 8LE

Tuesday 28th to Friday 31st October 2025

Sessions from 10:30am - 4:00pm - £38

Early Drop off 9:00am - 4:00pm - £44

**BOOK
NOW**



If you're new to EKO we are all about having fun outdoors whatever the weather. We might be bug hunting or plant spotting or den building or creating natural art, the list is endless and there will always be something new to try.

We are based at Weston Park and have our own dedicated EKO Outdoor Learning Site and Orchard Hive Classroom as well as use of the extensive grounds.

To book a place at our Holiday Club, simply visit <https://educating-kids-outdoors.classforkids.io/>
For more information take a look at our website www.ekolearning.org.uk
and if you have any questions or concerns email us at info@ekolearning.org.uk.



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TELFORD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

WOLVES FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

Monday Evenings:
Outfield & Goalkeeper sessions

Where: Holy Trinity Academy,
Teece Drive, Priorslee,
TF2 9SQ

Who: Mixed (Boys & Girls)
Reception* to Year 7

Times: 6:00 - 7:00pm (R-Y7)

*GK from Y2-Y7

Wednesday Evenings:
Outfield only sessions

Where: Telford College,
Haybridge Road, Telford,
TF1 2NP

Who: Mixed (Boys & Girls)
Reception to Year 8

Times: 6:00 - 7:00pm (R-Y3)
7:00 - 8:00pm (Y4-Y8)

To book, visit coaching.wolves.co.uk or email footballdevelopment@wolves.co.uk for more information.



TELFORD GOALKEEPER DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

WOLVES FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

Monday Evenings:

Where: Holy Trinity Academy,
Teece Drive, Priorslee,
TF2 9SQ

Who: Mixed (Boys & Girls)
Years 2 to 7

Times: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday Evenings:

Where: Telford College,
Haybridge Road, Telford,
TF1 2NP

Who: Mixed (Boys & Girls) Years 2 to 8

Times: 6:00pm - 7:00pm (Years 2 & 3)
7:00pm - 8:00pm (Years 4 to 8)

To book, visit coaching.wolves.co.uk or email
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October half term

Woodland Fun

Wednesday 29th October
10am - 12pm

Bring your little adventurers (sugg. age 3-5) for a magical woodland experience. Explore nature through playful activities, get creative with woodland crafts & games and even enjoy a camp fire treat!

£8.50 per child* Online booking:
fordhallfarm.com

**Siblings welcome with no charge if NOT participating.*



Water 4 Wildlife Trail

A fun activity trail only £2.50 p.p.
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Sun: 10am - 4pm
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27th -31st
October



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included in the price!



Book your child's
place online via
Tickets Telford



Everyone is different
but we recommend
3 sessions



Any enquires please email:
thebikehub@telford.gov.uk





**FREE
HALLOWEEN
GLOW RIDE
30 OCTOBER**

5:30 - 6:30PM

**£3 Bike Hire is available - email
thebikehub@telford.gov.uk to reserve
bikes**

**Book your place online at Tickets
Telford**

HALLOWEEN!

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AND

BONFIRE EXTRAVAGANZA AT WREKIN FOREST SCHOOL

26TH OCTOBER 2024

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Join us for a frightfully fun-filled afternoon of:

- 🎯 Archery, obstacle course & air rifles
- 🧶 Zip wire, den building & mud kitchen
- 👻 Creepy crafts, treasure hunts & biscuit decorating
- 🎃 Mass pumpkin carving (tea-lights provided!)
- 🔥 Roasting marshmallows & Burning the Guy

🍴 Food & Treats

Tasty hot food (pizza, hot dogs, baked potatoes, pasta bake + vegan options).

🍰 Judie's spooky cupcakes - just £1.50 each!

💧 Drinks included.

🌟 As darkness falls...

A dazzling fireworks display to end the night!

👻 **All inclusive (except cupcakes) - no hidden costs!**

Bring your pumpkin & sparklers for the ultimate autumn celebration!

BOOK NOW



www.wrekinforestschoo.co.uk/events



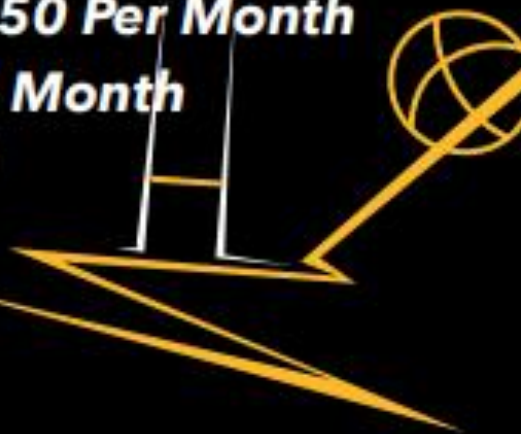
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