



Lilleshall School Newsletter



Year 6 children took part in a finance workshop called 'Skills 4 Bills', which taught them how to spend carefully, save money and not get into debt. There were a range of stations covering different aspects of finance: Tax, buying a home, Bills – living costs, transport, events, holidays, entertainment, and an accountant– where the children had to work out what they spent and how much of their budget was left. Each child had a clipboard with their job title, income per month, qualifications and benefits on. They had a form to fill in detailing all their expenses. Initially, most of the children overspent, but then they had another go to see how the debt could be paid back. They were encouraged to think how to make choices to save money. The Skills 4 Bills staff said that ‘many children have gone for the good economic choice, we’re having to force them to spend!’ The children commented on their budget management, ‘I can’t afford it’, ‘I chose not to go on holiday’, and ‘I bought the cheapest things’.



Year 1 & Year 2 What a wonderful time Year's One and Two had on our visit to Weston Park! We had the opportunity to begin the visit driving around the estate on the coach to get the full effect of the size and gardens, exactly how Capability Brown wanted it to be appreciated. The children even saw the ha-ha (sunken fence, exactly as it had been designed). It is hard to imagine he had such vision over 300 years ago that we can still appreciate today. The children had the opportunity to design their own gardens using natural materials in front of the Temple of Diana. We also had the opportunity to experience the pleasure garden, walking around the lake and over the bridges. The day was completed by making smores around the campfire and playing on the adventure playground. A thoroughly enjoyable day enjoyed by everyone.



Year 4 had a fantastic time at Chetwynd Deer Park where we had the chance to explore nature as it began to bloom this Spring. During our visit, we took part in pond dipping where we searched for various creatures beneath the pond's surface. We also enjoyed putting our hands in sensory boxes before going bug hunting to discover the multitude of insects that inhabit our environment. These activities allowed us to make valuable connections to our science learning, enhancing our understanding of different organisms and their habitats as well as classification keys. We wish you all a very happy half term!



Year 3 The 80th celebration of VE Day was perfect timing for the children in Years 3 and 4 as we are looking at the theme of WW2 this term. We listened to the recording of Winston Churchill announcing the end of the war and we looked at the different ways people commemorate the war. We really enjoyed our street party style celebrations! In our design and technology this half term we have been researching, designing and making fruit smoothies. We have enjoyed working out which flavours we like best and choosing which ingredients we want to use. We have also had some fantastic hockey sessions led by an expert hockey coach. This has helped us with our hockey skills and it has been great fun!



Year R have really enjoyed their short half term. We have focused on learning how to plant seeds and have grown sunflowers, beans and carrots. This week we have transferred the seedlings to our outside area and hope they will continue to grow. We really enjoyed creating our sculptures using natural materials in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. What fun it has been. Have a sunny half term!



Year 5 had an enjoyable day when they visited Haberdashers' Adams Grammar School on Tuesday. The visit gave the children a great insight into what a secondary school is like and the differences between there and a primary school. They sampled a range of lessons including history, drama and psychology but of course, the best part of the day was the lunch!

Celebrating Success

Year R—Isaac James
Year 1 –Louie Berry, Elliot Young,
Olivia Urquhart, Ethan Duncan
Year 2—Bray Thompson,
Sofia Skidmore, Harris Walker, Saroop Kaur
Year 3 –Eliza Jones, Trisha Shah,
Alfie Lewis, Ariyan Singh
Year 4 –Ava Petford,
Tabatha Mountford-Shaw,
Lochley Wilson, Rose Shelley
Year 5 - Theo Waterworth,
Poppy Pryor
Year 6—Ewan Kelsall Edkins



Eco

Our amazing Eco team applied for a grant from Dobbie's and then gave up some of their weekend to go down and pick up some prizes.



They have also been busy maintaining the garden vegetable plot and composting.



Sports

A massive congratulations to everyone who has taken part in a sports competition this term.



The Year 5/6 football team won the SSFCA John Hatfield Village Cup at the Acoustafam Stadium. What an incredible achievement lads. You all should be so proud.



Our Year 3/4 boys football team lost in the 3rd/4th place match against a very strong Crudgington side.

Finally, we had two teams representing Telford at the Shropshire School County Games. Our Tag Rugby team were amazing and played some really tough teams.



Our Archery team went on to win the competition crowning them county champions which is an incredible feat! You all did yourselves and school proud!



Others Sporting Achievements

Leonardo in Year 3 won a Gold, Silver and Bronze medal at his track cycling competition over the Easter Holidays. Well done Leonardo, you should be very proud of yourself.



Eliza in Year 5 has won the County Gymnastics Championship for the 2nd year in a row. What an amazing achievement!



Once again we've been blown away by the social and environmental awareness of our children.

William in Year 4 has written to the Prime Minister to tell him how wrong he feels it is that vapes are sold in lots of shops and displayed as if they are sweets. He has had a lovely response and his letter has also been passed onto the Department of Health and Social Care to review.



Headteachers Comment

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take a moment to say a huge *well done* to our Year 6 children for their wonderful attitude and determination during SATs week. They approached the assessments with great maturity, resilience, and a real sense of pride in their learning. We are so proud of each and every one of them for giving their best and supporting one another throughout the week.

A big *congratulations* is also in order for our football team, who triumphed in the Village Schools Football Final! Their performance on the pitch was nothing short of amazing, and they represented Lilleshall with great sportsmanship, teamwork, and enthusiasm.

Following the match, I received a phone call from Mr Anders Rowlands, Headteacher of the opposing school. He told me he has been taking football teams around Shropshire for 15 years, and he wanted to say how impressed he was with the attitude and conduct of our children and staff. He described them as "a credit to the school" and said how much he enjoyed the match, even though his team came second. What a lovely reflection of the values we hold dear at Lilleshall.

In other news, we've already had our first meeting with the new Reception children who will be joining us in September 2025. It's hard to believe, but time is flying by — and there are now just seven weeks left until the end of the academic year!

Wishing you all a lovely half term break. We look forward to seeing everyone back on **Tuesday 3rd June**.

Christobel Cousins
Headteacher

Governors Corner - May

The new summer term started with the Local Education Authority's briefing session, which involves all local schools. This feeds into our Strategic Governors meeting where we review forthcoming activities at school and plan governors monitoring and evaluation visits. One of these visits was the national SATs tests for Year 6 children. Several governors attended the week long tests to observe it's administration and processes.

This month has also seen two of our main governor committees meeting. The Progress, Achievement and Behaviour Committee has met and reviewed children's learning at the end of the spring term in the core subjects. It is important that the school regularly reviews the progress and achievement children make each term to ensure children are on track to meet their age related expectations, and to put in place any targeted support that may be needed. 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.

Christine A Raper
Chair of Governors



Thank you to everyone that came to the book fair, we made a huge £521.17! This will all be spent on buying books for school to improve our libraries.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 26th—Monday 2nd June—Half Term
Monday 2nd June—Multiplication Check Week
Tuesday 3rd June—Year 6 Adopt a School Cooking
Wednesday 4th June—Year 5 Photography workshop
Monday 9th June - Friday 13th June - Arthog for Year 6
Monday 9th June—Phonics Screening Week
Friday 13th June - Year 5 Photography deadline
Wednesday 18th June— Class Photographs and Year 6 Photographs
Thursday 19th June—Year 5 Weston Park visit
Friday 20th June - Year 6 Alton Towers Trip
Monday 23rd—Friday 27th June—Sports Week
Wednesday 25th June - Sports Day
Monday 30th June & Tuesday 1st July—Idsall Transitions
Wednesday 2nd July - Transition Workshop
Friday 4th July—Year 6 Crucial Crew
Tuesday 8th July—Year 6 Prom/leavers party Cassey's
Friday 11th July - Reports
Monday 14th July - Move Up Day
Tuesday 15th July—Year 5/6 Performance (Year 5 Parents only)
Wednesday 16th July—Year 5/6 Performance & Leavers Assembly (Year 6 Parents only)
Thursday 17th July—Party on a Plate
Friday 18th July - Staff Vs Y6 Rounders
Friday 18th July—Last Day of Term

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.



[Holiday Activity Programme - Telford and Wrekin Leisure Services](#)

URBAN GAMES



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(Years 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8)

- **Date: Wednesday 28th May**
- **Time: 11am - 1pm**

- **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





**Visit a farm & discover
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8th June 2025

11am - 3:30pm

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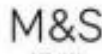
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- Make new friends through fun games and activities
- Build confidence and performance skills
- End the week with a fantastic showcase for family and friends!

Dates: 18th - 22nd August 2025

Times: 9-3 full day

9-12 morning session

Location: Gem Academy Wellington

Ages: 4-15

Price: £125 for the full week. £40 a day
morning price £20



Limited spaces available – book now to avoid disappointment!

07883586818 gemacademy1@gmail.com www.gemacademy1.com



EDUCATING KIDS OUTDOORS

EKO Holiday Club May Half Term

at Weston Park, Weston-under-Lizard, Shifnal, TF11 8LE

Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th May 2025

Sessions from 10:30am - 4:00pm - £38

Early Drop off 9:00am - 4:00pm - £42

**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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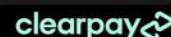
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We are looking to fill 150+ School Support vacancies in local schools (e.g. SEN Support, Behaviour Mentors, 1-1 Classroom Support, Cover Supervisors etc). These roles are available in both full time and part time positions.

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This is a 6 week course, full time, intensive course, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.

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