



# Wistanstow C.E. Primary School's Bulletin

Date 13.10.23



## Head of School's Message



Dear Parents,

I am very proud of how well Wistanstow has performed in recent sporting events. Over the last few weeks, have had some outstanding results in the interschool competitions. The children inspire each other, and it has been a pleasure to watch the children choosing to practice their skills at break times. Miss Pinches has more events lined up as well as the after-school clubs she offers with Mrs Pinches.

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October, we will be holding our Harvest Festival at 2pm at the church. We have been practicing our singing and Rev Clive will offer prayers. You are all very welcome to join us and, if you choose to, will be able to take your child home afterwards.

Finally, a reminder that now that the weather is changing, please ensure that your child has a coat in school for those cooler and damper days.

Mrs Phillips

## 2023 Dates for the Diary

**Wednesday 18th October**— Reception Vision Screening in School and Flu Vaccinations

**Thursday 19th October**—Y6 Choral Trip to Shrewsbury Girls' High School

**Thursday 26th October** - Harvest Service in the Church at 2pm (parents welcome) and Mexican Fiesta Special Dinner Menu

**Friday 27th October**— School closed to pupils for training

**Monday 30th October-Friday 3rd November** Half term

**Monday 6th November**— Special Dinner Menu for Bonfire Night

**Thursday 9th November**—Class 3 trip to Spaceguard Centre

**Friday 10th November**—School photo day

**Tuesday 14th November**— Class 2 and 3 Trip to Wroxeter

**Wednesday 6th December**—Pantomime Theatre Severn

**Wednesday 6th December**—Federation Carol Service 6pm St Laurence's Church, Church Stretton

**Thursday 14th December**—Class 1 Dear Santa, Theatre Severn

## A Few Reminders

Where at all possible, dental and medical appointments should be made outside of school hours. We understand that this is not always possible so please provide an appointment letter/reminder text/email should you only be able to make an appointment during school the school day.

Named water bottles with **water only** should be brought in daily. We have 'Wenlock Water' stations supplied to the school so that the children can refill their bottles throughout the day.



Children in Y3-Y6 are welcome to bring in a **piece of fruit** to eat at morning break. Any grapes should be cut in half lengthways for safety purposes. We will provide children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals with a piece of fruit. Children in KS1 have milk and fruit provided. We are looking into starting a 'fruit scheme' for KS2 pupils.



## P.E Days

**Class 1 Thursday**

**Class 2 Monday and Friday**

**Class 3 Monday and Friday**



**Forest School**



**Class 1 Monday**

(Please make sure your child comes wearing clothes covering their arms and legs. Thank you)

## Harvest Service

Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend our Harvest Service at Holy Trinity Church, Wistanstow on Thursday 26th October at 2pm. We will be collecting tinned and non-perishable produce for Craven Arms Food Bank. All donations would be very gratefully received. Thank you.





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## Birthday Board



## Wistanstow Stars



Caiden



Joshua



Ben

These children have been awarded certificates over the last two weeks for super work in science super effort in maths, a positive attitude and fantastic improvement in reading.

Well Done!!

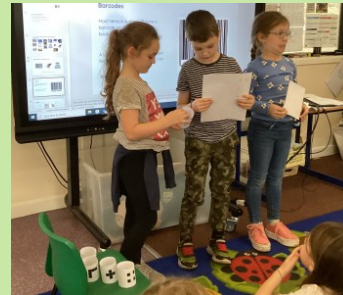
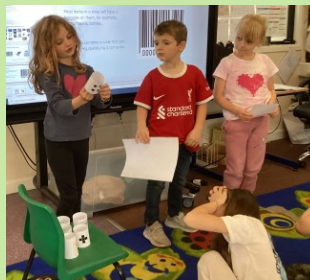


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In Computing, we thought about how important IT is in our everyday life, as otherwise, we would not have tills at the shop.



We learnt how to make spirals in art.



Lots of photographs of our learning in Class 1 this week.



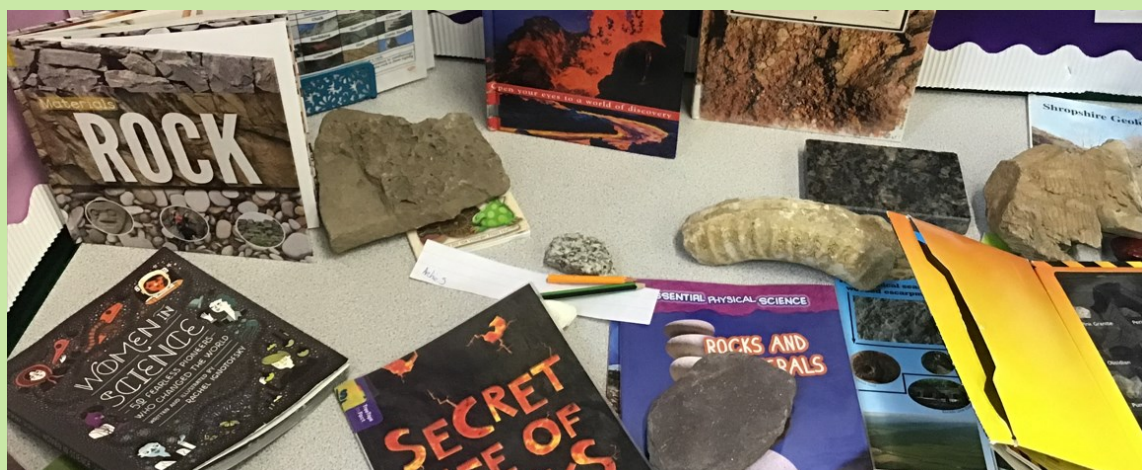
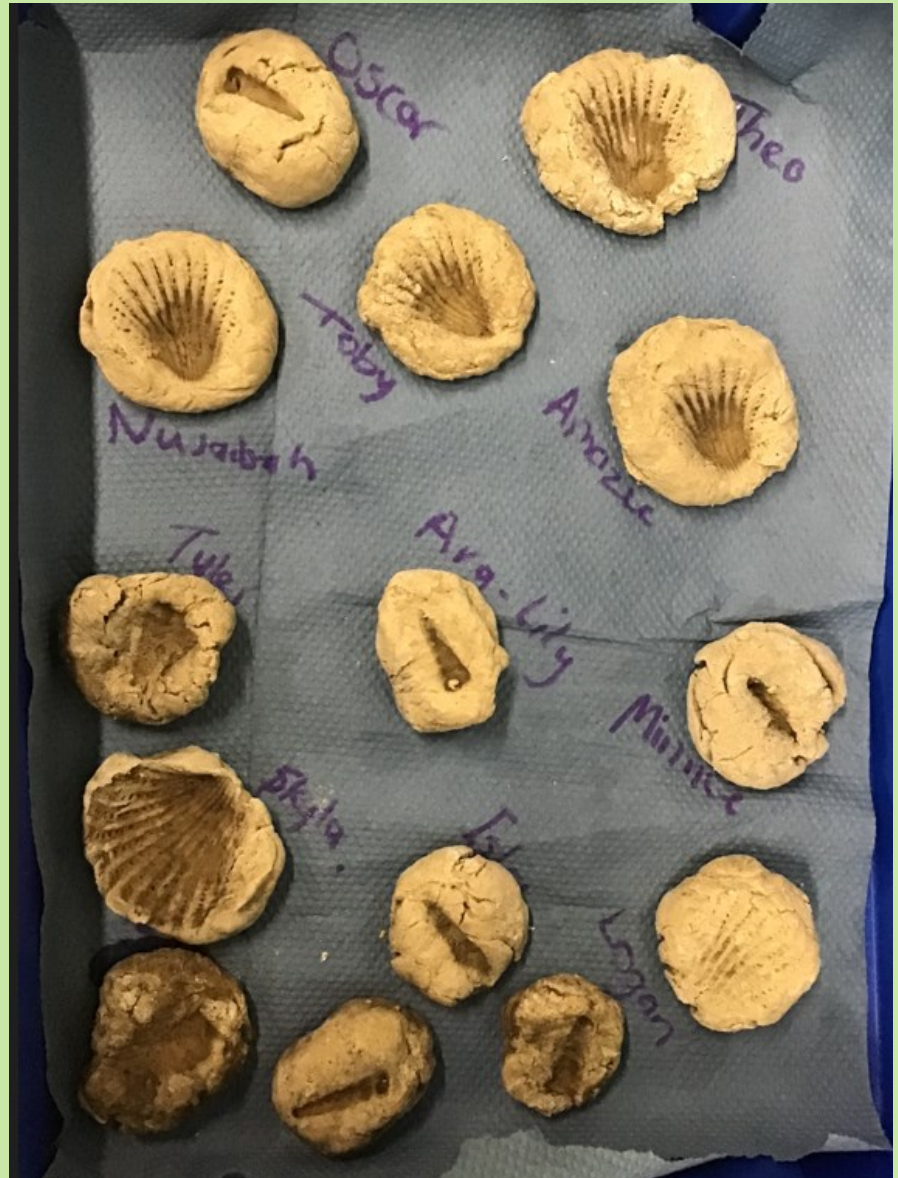


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## Class 2

In Science, we have been finding out how fossils are formed as part of our study on rocks. We had a go at making our own too.





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This week in Class 3 in science we have been finding out what makes night and day.

In maths we have been learning about drawing and measuring angles. Using the protractors has been good fun!

Here is Robyn's fantastic work on day and night.



Rotate: verb. to spin on the spot or around an axis

Earth ~~orbits~~ the Sun and also rotates on its

axis. Earth rotates once every 24 hours or

one day. The places on Earth which are facing the Sun are lit up and experience daytime. The parts of Earth which are facing away from the Sun are in shadow and experience night-time.



## Class 3





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## Year 6

### *\*Parents of Year 6 Pupils*

*Your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September 2024. The online application process opens on the 4 September 2023 and closes on 31 October 2023. A letter will be sent home with your child, outlining the process. Alternatively, please follow this link - [Apply to start or transfer school | Shropshire Council](#) which takes you to the Shropshire Council Admissions website. Applications received by Shropshire Council after the closing date will be classed as late, so please ensure you make your application on-time. Details about secondary school open evenings can be found in the Parents' Guide to Education in Shropshire booklet, on the same website.*



We are delighted to announce that the Goblin Car Challenge Club will begin again at Wistanstow on Thursdays after half term. The club is open to Y6 children and there is a £20 charge to cover the costs. This is a super opportunity for the children to put their technology, Maths and Science learning into an exciting practical context. Letters will be going home with the children with a permission slip. Please return this to the School Office if you would like your child to participate.



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## Health Advice

### Measles

The United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) have recently published a press release following a national increase in the number of measles cases. UKHSA is urging parents of young children, teenagers and adults to check they are up to date with their MMR vaccines.

Children are offered the first vaccination at 1 year and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months.

Everyone is encouraged to check their vaccination status. You can do this by checking in your NHS app if you have access to this or contact the GP practice. If anyone has missed one or both doses of the MMR vaccine, contact the GP practice to book an appointment. It is never too late to catch up. Parents/Carers can check if their child is up to date with their MMR vaccines, by looking in the child's personal child health record (PCHR), known as the [red book](#).

### Symptoms of measles

Measles usually starts with cold like symptoms e.g. a high temperature, blocked or runny nose, sneezing, cough, red, sore watery eyes

Other symptoms:

Small white spots in mouth

Measles rash (red and blotchy) which usually appears a few days after the cold like symptoms starting on face and behind ears then spreading to rest of the body.

Anyone displaying symptoms should consult the GP or NHS 111



- Would you like to know more about why sleep is important for our health and emotional well-being?
- Does your child struggle with their sleep?
- Would you like to access support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines?
- Would you like to meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences?

### SLEEP TIGHT WORKSHOP

The workshops are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shrewsbury

Our workshop runs for 5 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays

**Starts on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm**  
Virtually Via Teams

**Starts on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm**  
At Sunflower House, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury

**Starts on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm**  
Virtually via Ms Teams

**Starts on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm**  
At Sunflower House, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury

To book a place on one of our workshops or for further information on the workshops we run please contact the Parenting Team by:  
Emailing [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk)  
Or call us on 01743 250950



[www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)  
General Enquiries: 0345 678 9000



- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you need support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet & chat with other parents and carers?



### UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS

The groups are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shropshire

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 for our SEND Groups

**Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 9.30am to 11.30am**  
Virtually via MS Teams

**Understanding Your Child starts on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 09.30am to 11.30am**  
at Sunflower House, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury

**Understanding Your Child starts on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 12.30pm to 2.30pm**  
Virtually via MS Teams

**Understanding Your Child SEND starts Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 from 09.30 to 11.30am**  
at Sunflower House, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury

**Understanding Your Child starts on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 from 9.30am to 11.30am**  
at Market Drayton Infants School, Longslow Road, Market Drayton

To book a place on one of our groups or for further information on the groups we run please contact the Parenting Team by:  
Emailing: [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk)  
Or Telephone: 01743 250950



[www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)  
General Enquiries: 0345 678 9000



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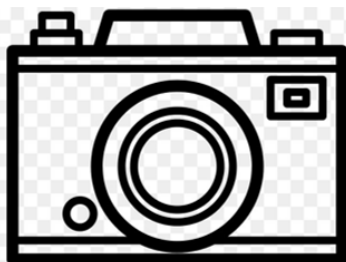
## Wistanstow C. E. Primary School **Safer School accredited**



- Safety and security is important at our school.
- We involve our pupils in the Safer School process.
- The school governors have endorsed the Safer School scheme.
- Security/safety is regularly reviewed by our Safer School group.
- Our curriculum includes good citizenship.
- Authorised visitors on our school grounds wear a visitor badge.
- We use a risk management process and analyse issues or problems.
- School problems are reviewed by our Safer School group.
- We have professional advice and support from the Police and Shropshire Council.
- We implement essential security/safety measures for staff, pupils & property.
- If parents/carers have an issue or concern, the Safer School group needs to know.
- Through our newsletters we inform parents of our Safer School work.
- Our curriculum illustrates how incidents of crime or problems can impact on the school.



For further information, please contact  
Ian Bartlett – tele (01743) 252821 or  
E mail – [ian.bartlett@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:ian.bartlett@shropshire.gov.uk)



Don't forget!  
School Photo  
Day is on  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup>  
November.





# Thursday 26th October



## MEXICAN FIESTA



## MENU

Chilli & Rice Filled Taco Shells  
or Nacho Cheese Bites

SERVED WITH...



Sweetcorn & Peas

Vegetable Rice (with turmeric)



FOLLOWED BY...

Butterscotch Delight  
Mexican Chocolate Cake



Fresh DINING



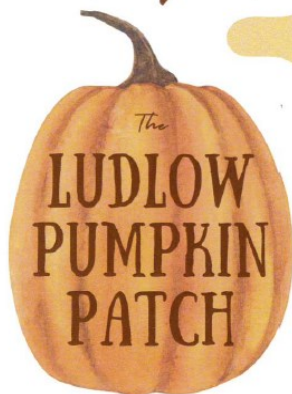
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## Community Events

DOWNTON HALL ESTATE

*invites you to*



### TAKE YOUR PICK OF THE PATCH

Experience the best of autumn with your family at the Downton Hall Estate. Enjoy a day in the Shropshire countryside and access the pumpkin patch for just £5 per car, redeemable against the pumpkins you pick.

OCTOBER  
14TH - 31ST  
10 am - 4 pm

DOWNTON HALL ESTATE  
Use What3Words for exact spot:  
youthful/swims/contracts  
Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 2EE, UK

PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE TO SECURE YOUR SPOT

✉ [info@downtonhall.co.uk](mailto:info@downtonhall.co.uk)

🌐 [downtonhall.co.uk/ludlow-pumpkin-patch](http://downtonhall.co.uk/ludlow-pumpkin-patch)



FOUNDATION  
The Club's Official Charity

Shrewsbury Town F.C.

### Soccer Schools



### Get your footy fix this holiday!

Come along to our Shropshire based Soccer Schools.

Led by a team of experienced coaches and backed by the only professional football club in Shropshire, Shrewsbury Town F.C.'s Soccer Schools are the perfect place for any young footballer to develop their skills, make new friends, and stay active over the holidays.

Scan for more information or visit:  
[bit.ly/3ZqUiKT](https://bit.ly/3ZqUiKT)



## Supporting Young People in Music

**Shrewsbury Theatre Singers** is a vocal group open to adults and children aged 8+.

We are now pleased to offer **FREE** places to all those in full-time education who are on benefits. (See below for full list.)

To apply for a **FREE** place for your child, please go to:

[www.kscleaton.co.uk/supporting-young-people](http://www.kscleaton.co.uk/supporting-young-people)

### Questions? Contact Kimee (Director):

[www.kscleaton.co.uk/STS](http://www.kscleaton.co.uk/STS)  
[shrewsburytheatresingers@gmail.com](mailto:shrewsburytheatresingers@gmail.com)  
07751 960600

### Benefits List

- ✓ Income Support ✓ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- ✓ Free school meals ✓ Working Tax Credit ✓ Universal Credit
- ✓ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ✓ Child Tax Credit (when not also on Working Tax Credit & income less than £16,190) ✓ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance



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## Community Events

**New players welcome**  
Clee Hill RFC Mini Junior Rugby

**Girls and Boys**  
Year 9 and below

Sundays at 0930  
Starting 3rd September

First session - free

We take boys and girls from 3 years

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:  
Lorna • 07791689312 • cleehillrfuminisection@outlook.com  
Clee Hill Rugby Club, Tenbury Road, Knowle SY8 3NL



**Girlguiding**  
Church Stretton District

Through fun, friendship, challenge and adventure we empower girls to find their voice, inspiring them to discover the best in themselves and to make a positive difference in their community.

**Do you have a daughter aged between 4 and 18?**

Girlguiding Church Stretton has active Rainbow (4-7), Brownie (7-10), Guide (10-14) and Ranger (14-18) units meeting on Monday nights in Church Stretton and we would love you to come and join the fun!

For more information please contact Sophie Burgoyne (District Commissioner) on [sophie.burgoyne@gmail.com](mailto:sophie.burgoyne@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook at Girlguiding Church Stretton District

**We help all girls know they can do anything**

Girlguiding Church Stretton District



In aid of:  
**WISTANSTOW UNDERFIVE'S**

**Christmas BINGO!**

**WISTANSTOW VILLAGE HALL**  
**FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER**  
Doors open 6:30pm, eyes down 7:30pm



**Ludlow Community**  
Free information, advice and support

**Helena Lane House**  
20 Hamlet Lane, Ludlow SY8 2NP

**Every Monday 9.30-11am**  
and  
**Every Wednesday 1.30-3pm**

You can chat, have a coffee and see how we can help you with:

- Housing support
- Children's health and wellbeing
- Healthy living advice
- Dementia support
- Family life
- Home fire safety
- Domestic abuse support
- Drug & alcohol support
- Financial advice
- Getting older

and lots more!

Shropshire Strengthening Families



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### GET a WORD in Edgeways

FAMILY-FRIENDLY  
**SATURDAY**  
**14TH OCTOBER**

For Story Lovers, Would-be Rappers, and Budding Poets of all ages... join our family day as part of Get a Word in Edgeways festival.

10.30am **Drumming Workshop** with Peta Beaumont

12pm **Tales of Trolls!** with storyteller Jason Buck

1pm **The Big Draw:** Unicorns

2.30pm **The Three Skills of Rap Workshop** with Martin Daws

4pm **Playing with Words** with Sal Tonge

A family ticket, which lets you join in with any or all of these fabulous activities is just £10.

**Priory Hall, MUCH WENLOCK TF13 6HS**

Tickets and programme at  
[www.gawiefest.co.uk](http://www.gawiefest.co.uk)

### Scouts cubs

2nd Longmynd Scout Group



2nd Longmynd Scout Group has availability in both the Tuesday night and Wednesday night Cub Scout packs, if you:

- Are you aged 8-11?
- Like the great outdoors and learning new skills whilst making new friends?
- Enjoy everything from arts & crafts to ropes & rafts with some camping thrown in, there are a wide range of activities to take part in.

Come along from 6:30pm till 8pm to see what cubs is like at

The Scout Hut, Church Street, Church Stretton, SY6 6DQ

For more information, Contact 07714 811969, 07742 718691 or

07484 717317



### Long Mynd Music Academy **LITTLE ROCKERS** FRIDAYS AT 4.30PM - 5PM



WANT TO BE A ROCKSTAR? - COME AND TRY OUT BEING IN A BAND! LEARN THE BASICS ON DRUMS, GUITAR, BASS, KEYS AND SINGING - THEN PERFORM AT OUR SUMMER CONCERT!

Email - [Longmyndmusic@outlook.com](mailto:Longmyndmusic@outlook.com)  
Phone - 07528372471



**Church Stretton**  
**Dragon Spotting Walk**

**October Half Term**  
**28th October to 4th November 2023**

Entry is Free & Everyone is welcome.

There will be ten dragons hiding in shop windows and ten hiding in the Town Parks.

Entry forms from **Burway Books** or directly from us via email; [shropshiredragonsopg@aol.com](mailto:shropshiredragonsopg@aol.com)

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**Bonfire and Fireworks**

**Saturday 28th October**

**Food Stalls Fairground Rides**

**Glow Sticks and Flashing Toys**

In advance: £5.50 per adult, £3.50 per child, £16.00 per family (2 adults and 3 children)  
On the night: £6.00 per adult, £4.00 per child, £18.00 per family (2 adults and 3 children)  
Gates open 5pm, bonfire lit 7pm, fireworks 7.30pm

**Sunshine Street Team Entertainment**

**Supported by**

**No sparklers**  
**No dogs**

**Off-site parking**

**Gates close at 7.15pm**

www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk  
info@shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk  
01588 676060  
School Road, Craven Arms SY7 9RS  
A registered charity: 1158795

Tickets available from the front desk now

Charity fundraiser for Grow Cook Learn



**Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre**

**arts alive** **FLICKS IN THE STICKS**

**Presents**

**Held in the rotunda Cinema Room**

Adult £6.00 Child £4.00

Family £18.00 (2 adults, 3 children)

Booking essential, call 01588 676 060 to book

**Thursday 2nd November**

**Film starts at 5pm**

Free themed crafts from 4pm. Hot dogs, pizza and popcorn available to purchase in the cafe from 4pm.



**OCTOBER HALF TERM**

**SPOOKY SCIENCE**

**MONDAY 30TH OCT - FRIDAY 3RD NOV**

**1PM - 2:30PM**

THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM, JOIN IN WITH SOME SPOOKY SCIENCE! MAKE A CUP SCREAM, A FACE JUMP ONTO A PUMPKIN AND A PARACHUTE THAT WILL SAFELY LET A SPIDER GET TO THE GROUND. MAKE A PAPER SKELETON TO TAKE HOME AND MUCH MORE!

£4.50 PER ACCOMPANIED 4-11 YEAR OLD

MEMBERS PRICE - £4.05

BOOKING ESSENTIAL, CALL 01588676060

**Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre**  
the home of Grow Cook Learn

www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk  
info@shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk / 01588 676060  
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**Girls Youth Group**

**Mondays 5.30pm - 7pm**

**For girls aged 9 - 14 years**

**FREE** **Fortnightly**

**Club sessions dates:**

- 18th September - Pond Dipping
- 2nd October - Hedgehog Den Challenge and Toasted Marshmallows
- 16th October - Apple Evening - bird feeders, tarts, peeling contest, shrunken heads
- 30th October - Halloween Arts and Science
- 13th November - Taco Dinner (please RSVP)
- 27th November - Newspaper Clothing Fashion Shows
- 11th December - Card Making
- 8th January - Willow Dragonflies

For more information contact Stephanie on 01588 676060 or stephanie.bellows@growcooklearn.co.uk

All volunteers DBS checked and safeguarding trained

**Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre**  
the home of Grow Cook Learn

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info@shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk / 01588 676060  
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**müller** **Win** **Plant growing kits for your school**  
Subject to availability



Simply show us your **best ideas** to reuse your Müller yogurt pot - be **creative**, we can't wait to see your inventions

**my yogurt pot**

Once you have completed your design, hand it to a member of the catering team for your chance to Win!

The Winning School will have the opportunity to visit a local Müller Farm for an educational tour. *Bring your wellies!*

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Pupil: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Stretton School Presents...

# SIX

TEEN EDITION

Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th  
October 2023  
7:00pm  
(Doors Open 6:15pm)

Tickets - £5 / £4 Students and Under 16  
Available from school reception, Vine&Co and  
ParentPay

This amateur production of SIX: TEEN EDITION is presented by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals. [www.concordtheatricals.co.uk](http://www.concordtheatricals.co.uk)







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## TERM DATES 2023-24

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Training Day for school staff – school not open to pupils
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Pupil days
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Training day for school staff – school not open to pupils
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Half term holiday
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November – Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Pupil days
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December – Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Christmas holiday
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Training day for school staff – school not open to pupils
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupil days
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term holiday
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Pupil days
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holiday
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Pupil days
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday - school not open to pupils
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half term holiday
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Pupil days

