



Wistanstow CE Primary School Newsletter

Monday 16th September



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and the first couple of weeks back in school have gone smoothly.

We have welcomed two new members of staff to our school: Miss Martin, who is teaching in Class 3 at the beginning of the week and Mrs Woodhouse who is working in Class 1.

We have lots of activities, visits and visitors planned for this term to enrich our children's learning and invite you to share some of their learning with us on Wednesday 23rd October at the village hall at 9:30am. Please put it in your diary. There will be refreshments available afterwards.

Please be respectful of our neighbours when dropping off or picking up. We have already received a complaint regarding inconsiderate parking by parents. Parking is available at the village hall with just a short walk down to school. Thank you for your understanding.

This week our netball and art clubs started and I was very pleased to see how well both clubs are supported. Please ensure that you have completed a permission form for your child to attend any clubs.

Sue Phillips
Head of School

Wistanstow School – Growing and Learning Together



The Parable of the Sower
Our Christian value this term is **GENEROSITY**



**BEING
GENEROUS**

A good way to test how **generous** we are being to others is to think about whether we are being as good to them as we are being to ourselves.

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



Wednesday 18 th September	C2 & C3 Bread workshop in school
Thursday 19 th September	Class 1 Cross Country at Carding Mill Valley
Tuesday 24 th September	Flu Immunizations in School Class 3 Football at Church Stretton School – return at approx. 4:00pm
Thursday 26 th September	Class 2 Cross Country at Carding Mill Valley
Thursday 3 rd October	Class 3 Cross Country at Carding Mill Valley
Thursday 10 th October	Class 3 STEM day at RAF Cosford
Wednesday 23 rd October *please note change of date*	9:30am Celebration Assembly at Village Hall
Friday 25 th October	PD Day- School closed to pupils

Reminders and School News

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

Y6 Parents- remember that applications for Secondary School must be made online by 31st October 2024.

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](#)



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Reminders and School News



We are delighted that Tesco in Ludlow have chosen our playground improvement project for fundraising in store from October 2024 to January 2025. We hope to purchase play equipment, planters and plants. Customers can vote by placing a token in the box by the store entrance after shopping. We will win either £500, £1000 or £1500 depending on the total of votes. Thank you to Tesco and please vote for us when you do your shopping. Many thanks for your support.

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.

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.



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, activities, and fun things to do in the school holidays,
- Support for parents and families

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, or [sign up for our brand new newsletter](#).



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Please check your SchoolMoney account regularly.
Many thanks.



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The Edge Schools' Federation



Church Preen Primary School is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, highly motivated and excellent practitioner to join the committed and dedicated team at our outstanding rural school.

Required January to July 2025 (maternity leave cover):

Key Stage 2 Class teacher

Full time 1.0FTE

Main Scale MPS

This post is not suitable for ECTs

We are looking for an outstanding new member for our teaching team to cover maternity leave full time in a Y3/4/5/6 class from early January to mid-July 2025.

We can offer you:

- a warm, friendly close-knit team where staff are respected and valued and staff wellbeing is high on everybody's agenda;
- motivated pupils who are independent and keen to learn;
- a school which is at the heart of the local community with excellent resources and outdoor learning opportunities;
- a culture of high expectations and promotion of a strong sense of independence for our children so they enjoy their learning and make good progress;

Find out more about Church Preen and The Edge Schools' Federation on our website www.edgeschoolsfederation.co.uk

A school visit will be held on Monday 23rd September at 4pm. If you wish to book a place on this visit please contact our school Administrator, Audrey Plant on:

admin@ChurchPreenSchool.co.uk 01694 771359

Details and application form available from the school office at the contact details above or apply online at <https://careers.shropshire.gov.uk/>

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post is subject to a satisfactory Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) Enhanced Disclosure Certificate.

Closing date: Friday 27th September 2024 at 12 noon
Interview date: week commencing Monday 30th September 2024



The Edge Schools' Federation



Wistanstow CE Primary School is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and motivated person to join our committed and dedicated team. Start date as soon as possible, fixed term to 18.7.25 in the first instance:

Catering Assistant

10 hours per week (term time only)
Monday to Friday 11am to 1pm

Grade 2 (SCP 3)
£11.79 per hour

This post is suitable for a job-share application

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to join our team to serve school meals every day to our pupils. We are looking for an individual with excellent communication and interpersonal skills, who has the ability and flexibility to undertake this role and is:

- A good team player willing to use initiative and work independently in a busy school environment
- Experienced in working with food service in a customer-oriented setting

Find out more about Wistanstow and The Edge Schools' Federation on our website www.edgeschoolsfederation.co.uk.

For further information about this post contact our school office by email admin@wistanstowprimary.co.uk.

Details and application form available from the school office at the contact details above.

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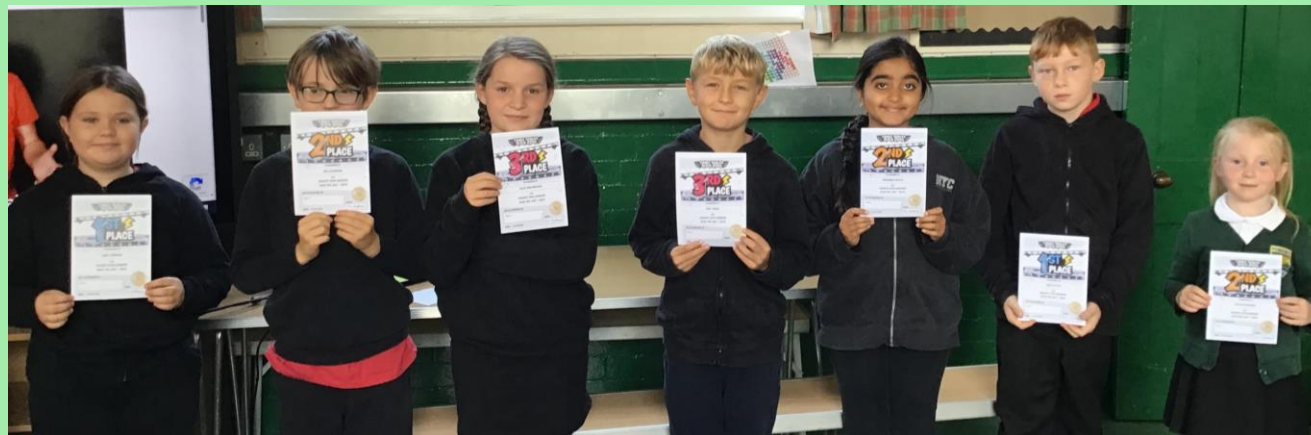
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Well done to all of our Wistanstow Stars!





Welcome to our new School Council, who held their inaugural meeting this week.



Our school council have decided to support a Shrewsbury based charity, Omega, whose aim is to fight loneliness and isolation. As part of their Pupil Pals scheme, they would like children to make special, exciting cards or create magical, amazing pictures that we will send to Omega who will forward them to people who do not have friends or family around them. We will do this each half term. Entries should be sent into school by **Monday 23rd September**.

class 1





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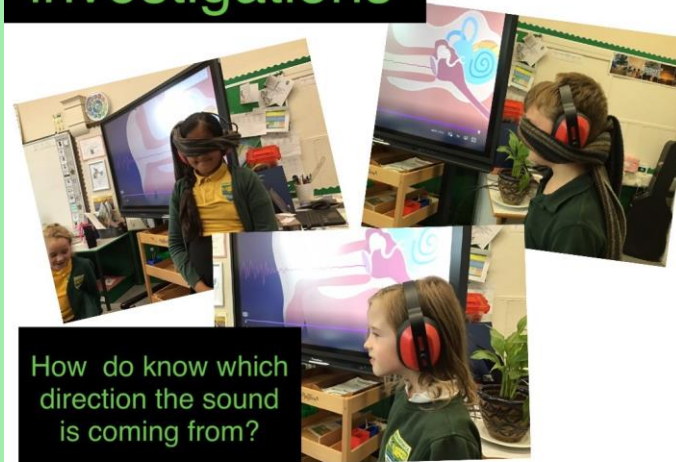
Class 2



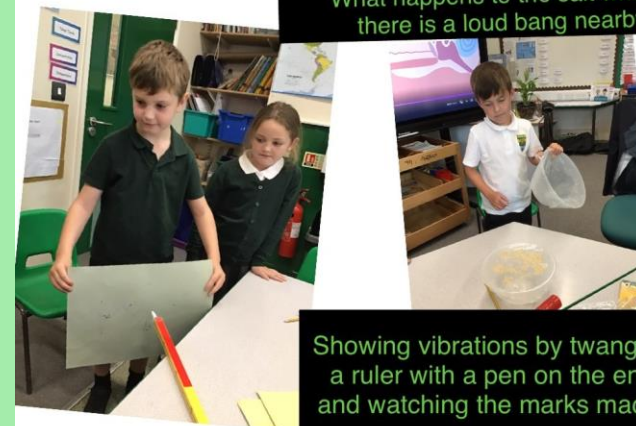
Class 2 bread tasting in D&T. They enjoyed the white sliced farmhouse!

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Sound investigations



How do you know which direction the sound is coming from?



What happens to the salt when there is a loud bang nearby.

Showing vibrations by twanging a ruler with a pen on the end and watching the marks made.

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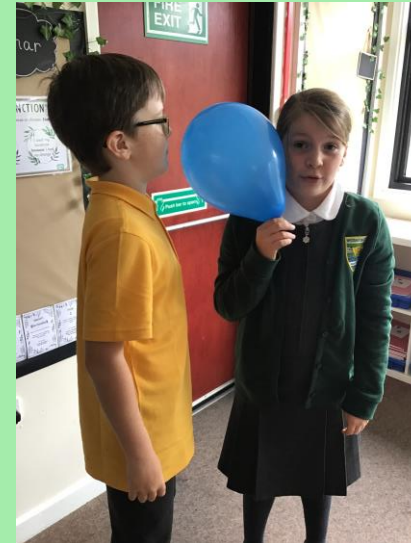
Class 3



This week in Class 3 the children have been exploring sound as part of their science unit this term.

They have investigated how sound causes vibrations when a medium is involved. They had lots of fun using the balloons as their medium to feel these vibrations.

We looked in detail at the structure of our ears and even looked at each others'. We even tried to create a model ear drum to see if could see the vibrations using a toilet roll, tinfoil and a touch.



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main 1	Shepherds Pie (GF)	Pork Sausages (DF)	Premium Roast beef in gravy (GF,DF)	Chicken Curry (GF,DF) with White Rice (V, GF, DF)	Breaded Cod(DF)
Main 2	Plant based Shepherds Pie (V,DF)	Vegan Sausages (V, DF)	Potato, Cheese and Leek Bake (V, GF)	Macaroni Cheese (V)	Baked Potatoes (V,GF,DF) with Cheese (V,GF)
Sides	Saute Potatoes, Peas (V, GF, DF)	Mashed potatoes, Carrots (V, GF, DF)	Golden Roast potatoes, Mixed vegetables(V,GF,DF)	Croquette Potatoes, Broccoli(V,GF,DF)	Oven Chips, Baked beans, Peas (GF,DF)
Desserts	Vanilla, Chocolate or Strawberry Icecream (V, GF)	Chocolate Chip Sponge(GF,DF)	Apple Crumble (V,DF)	Chocolate Sponge(GF,DF)	Vanilla, Chocolate or Strawberry Icecream (V, GF)

Week 1 Menu

Autumn1:
Weeks commencing:
2nd/16th/30th Sept
14th Oct

V = Vegetarian
GF = Gluten Free
DF = Dairy Free

Please note that bread, fruit and yoghurts will be available each day

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FARM
FOODS

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

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main 1	Pasta Carbonara	Beef Lasagne	Roast pork in gravy (GF,DF)	Chicken & Sweetcorn Bake	Fish Goujons
Main 2	Moroccan Bean Casserole (V,DF,GF)	Cauliflower Cheese (V,GF,DF)	Meat Free Mushroom & Chicken Style Pie (V, GF)	Vegetable Lasagne (V)	Baked Potatoes (V,GF,DF) with Cheese (V,GF)
Sides	Croquette Potatoes, Carrots (V, GF, DF)	Baby potoes, Cut green beans (V, GF, DF)	Golden Roast potatoes, Peas(V,GF,DF)	Saute Potatoes, Broccoli (V, GF, DF)	Oven Chips, Baked beans, Peas (GF,DF)
Desserts	Vanilla, Chocolate or Strawberry Icecream (V, GF)	Rice Pudding (V, GF)	Lemon Sponge(GF,DF)	Somerset Apple Cake (V)	Vanilla, Chocolate or Strawberry Icecream (V, GF)

Week 2 Menu

Autumn1:
Weeks commencing:
9th/23rd Sept
7th/21st Oct

V = Vegetarian
GF = Gluten Free
DF = Dairy Free

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yoghurts will be
available each
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Attendance

We understand that life can be busy and unpredictable, but your child's regular attendance at school is crucial for their academic success. The continuity of learning and consistent attendance ensures that your child doesn't miss out on essential lessons, discussions, and activities. Each day at school contributes to their overall understanding and progress.

Education is like constructing a sturdy building. Every brick matters. We understand that children can be unwell but when a child misses school for avoidable reasons, it's like leaving gaps in the foundations. These gaps can hinder their future learning and cause anxiety for a child. School is not just about textbooks; it's a place where children develop social skills, build friendships, and learn to navigate emotions. Regular attendance fosters these vital aspects of growth.

We remind you that Leave of absence in term time is prohibited for the purpose of a family holiday. Only exceptional circumstances will be considered for the purpose of absence in term time by the headteacher of the school that your child is registered at.

In summary, parents should plan holidays around school holidays and avoid seeking permission from schools to take their children out of school during term time. There are approximately 190 school days in an academic year, leaving 175 days to use for holidays and other activities.

Remember, your child's education is an investment in their future. Let's work together to prioritise attendance and set them up for success!

Education Access Service, Shropshire Council



Term Dates 2024-2025

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