



# Wistanstow CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September



Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been very impressed with the sporting achievements that I have witnessed from Wistanstow pupils over the last couple of weeks. I accompanied our Class 1 pupils to Cardingmill Valley for a cross country event. They were fantastic in their racing and were so well behaved. I also went with C3 to a football tournament at Church Stretton School. Both the girls' and boys' teams played extremely competitively. I couldn't have been more proud of the effort and good sportsmanship shown by all of our children. Well done, Wistanstow!

Last week, we welcomed Rev Steve to our Christian Values worship. Our value for this half term is generosity. He will now be visiting fortnightly to deliver our worship.

As the weather is getting cooler (and wetter again!), please ensure that your child brings a warm waterproof coat to school now. We will always try to get the children out for some fresh air and will need a coat when the weather is bad to do so.

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 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	PTA AGM 8pm in the Greene Room, Wistanstow Village Hall
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Class 3 Cross Country at Carding Mill Valley
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	2:30 Harvest Service in Church Parents and family members welcome
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Class 3 STEM day at RAF Cosford
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October–Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	C3 Bikeability
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Y6 Girls– This Girl Can sports event
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October *please note change of date*	9:30am Celebration Assembly at Village Hall
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Photographer in school
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

Do you recognise this bike? It  
has been sitting under the bike  
shelter in our car park for a  
while now.



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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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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Well done to all of our Wistanstow Stars!



Last week, our Stars of the Week celebrated their achievements with Mrs Phillips.







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## Class 1

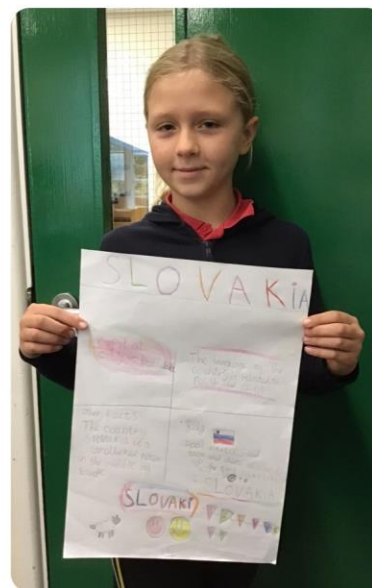
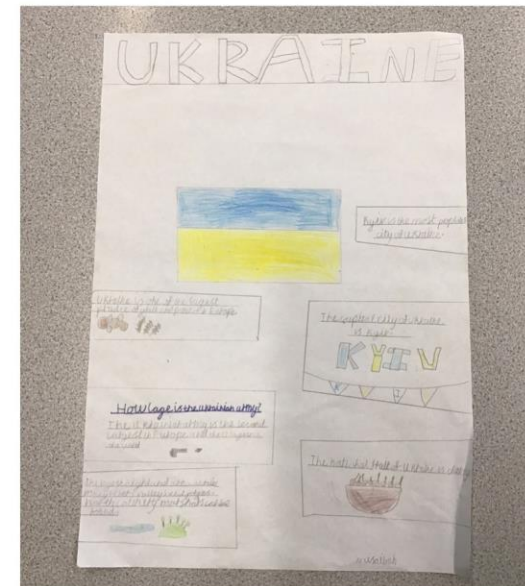
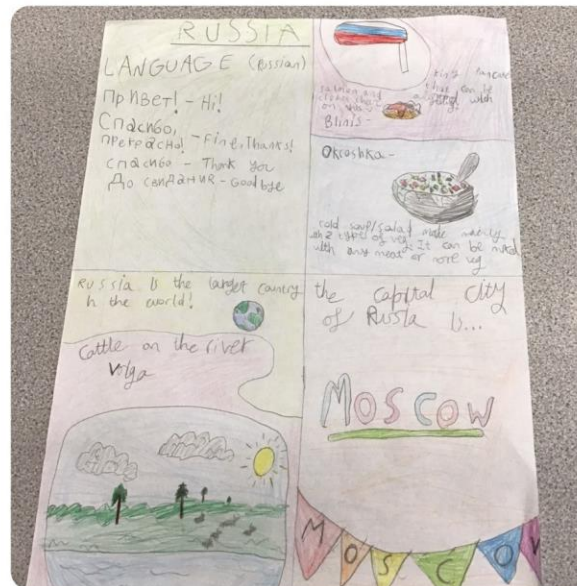




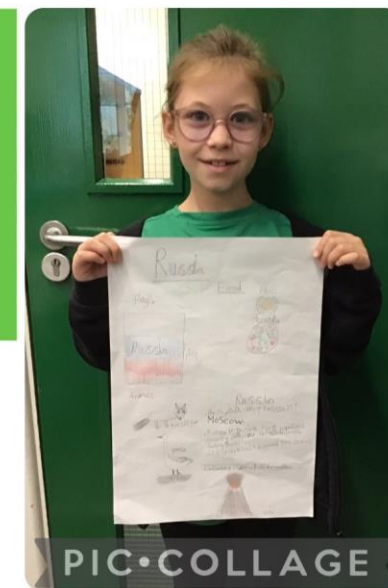


## School Council

Our school council thought about how we could improve our playtimes. The children thought they would like to have zones within the playground and that our children would benefit from some new playtime equipment. They chose some new items that have been ordered to make playtime more enjoyable and suggested different zoned areas which we will be implementing soon.



We have been researching countries in Eastern Europe. Here are some of our fact files!







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## Class 3



### Class 3's Bread Workshop

Last week, class 3 enjoyed their bread workshop with Stephanie from the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre. The children made a Polish 'proziaki' soda bread roll from scratch. Weighing, measure and mixing the ingredients together before getting their hands in to knead the dough. We did have lots of sticky hands at this point.

I hope they have made you a batch of proziaki bread Rolls.





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## Sports



On Thursday afternoon, Class 1 did a cross country race at Carding Mill Valley. Everyone had a go at the running and all tried their best! Lola from reception won her race and Darcy from reception was a close second. Everyone enjoyed their afternoon and had great fun!



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On Thursday afternoon, Class 2 enjoyed a cross country race at Carding Mill Valley. We look forward to seeing how the Y4 Boys get on next week.







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# Sports



On Tuesday afternoon, class 3 attended a football tournament at Church Stretton school.

The girls played Rushbury and drew 3 all, then lost to Longnor 5-0. The final game was against Stokesay. This was tough but the girls play awesome, unfortunately they lost 2-0. Despite the scores, all girls gave 100% effort and played some fantastic football. We were all very proud. Well done girls!

The boys played against Longnor and won 8-0, they then won against Rushbury 2-0, then finally won their pool by beating St Lawrence A 2-0. The boys then won the semi final against St Edward's 2-0. This lead us into the final against Stokesay. After an intense 8 minutes, we went to penalties which we sadly lost.

All the boys playing, did amazing and did our school so proud!

However, we have recently had an email to say that the top two teams from the boys and girls have qualified to a final in Bridgenorth! Well done to the boys, we wish them luck in the next round in November.

Miss Pinches



# Wistanstow CE Primary School

## Week 1 Menu

Autumn 1:  
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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main 1</b>	Sweet & Sour Chicken (DF,GF) with White Rice (V,DF,GF)	Pork Sausages (DF)	Premium Roast beef in gravy (GF,DF)	Chicken Curry (GF,DF) with White Rice (V, GF, DF)	Breaded Cod(DF)
<b>Main 2</b>	Plant based Shepherds Pie (V,DF)	Vegetarian Hotpot (V, GF, DF)	Potato, Cheese and Leek Bake (V, GF)	Macaroni Cheese (V)	Baked Potatoes (V,GF,DF) with Cheese (V,GF) or DF Cheese (V,DF,GF)
<b>Sides</b>	Saute Potatoes (V, GF, DF) Peas (V, GF, DF)	Oven Chips (V, GF, DF) Baked beans (V,GF,DF) Carrots (V,GF,DF)	Golden roast potatoes (V, GF, DF) Cut green beans(V,GF,DF)	Croquette Potatoes (V, GF, DF) Broccoli (V,GF,DF)	Oven Chips (V, GF, DF) Baked beans (V,GF,DF) Peas (V,GF,DF)
<b>Desserts</b>	Vanilla, Chocolate or Strawberry Icecream (V, GF)	Chocolate Sponge (V,DF,GF)	Apple Crumble (V,DF)	Lemon Sponge (V,DF)	Vanilla, Chocolate or Strawberry Icecream (V, GF)

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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	Ham & Pasta Bake	Beef Hotpot(GF,D F)	Roast pork in gravy (GF,DF)	Beef Lasagne	Breaded Fish
Main 2	Moroccan Bean Casserole (V,DF,GF)	Cauliflower Cheese (V,GF)	Meat Free Mushroom & Chicken Style Pie (V, DF)	Cauliflower, Spinach & Lentil Curry (V,DF,GF) with White Rice (V,DF,GF)	Baked Potatoes (V,GF,DF) with Cheese (V,GF) or DF Cheese (V,DF,GF)
Sides	Croquette Potatoes (V, GF, DF) Carrots (V,GF,DF)	Baby potatoes (V, GF, DF) Cut green beans (V, GF, DF)	Golden roast potatoes (V, GF, DF), Peas(V,GF,DF)	Saute Potatoes (V, GF, DF) Broccoli (V, GF, DF)	Oven Chips (V, GF, DF) Baked beans (V,GF,DF) Peas (V,GF,DF)
Desserts	Vanilla, Chocolate or Strawberry Icecream (V, GF)	Jam Sponge (V,DF)	Chocolate Sponge (V,DF,GF)	Somerset Apple Cake (V,DF)	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

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

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