



Wistanstow C.E. Primary School's Bulletin



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Head of School's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I was so impressed with some of the number inspired outfits that children were wearing for the NSPCC Number Day. Thank you to all who donated to the charity. We raised £27. In the summer term, the NSPCC will be visiting school to support our PSHE curriculum with their Speak Out, Stay Safe programme.

After the half term break, we will be teaming up with the Craven Arms foodbank as a food collection point. We are also in discussion with them as to how else we can support the local community as part of our Courageous Advocacy programme that we are developing in school. Courageous advocacy is the act of speaking out against an issue of injustice, often on behalf of those whose voice is not heard. If you are aware of any local concerns that you think we may be able to raise the profile of, please let us know. I am particularly interested to hear of any environmental issues.

Finally, I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable half term break and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 19th February.

Sue Phillips

Head of School

Wistanstow School – Growing and Learning Together.



The Parable of the Sower

Our Christian value this term is **COURAGE**



Today Rev. Steve led our worship. He told the children the story of David and Goliath.

Dates for your Diary

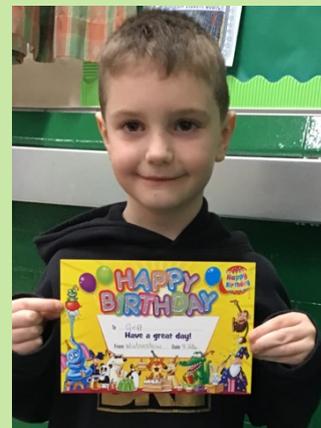
Wednesday Afternoons	Class 3, Team Talk with Shrewsbury Town Football Club.
Monday 19th February	Best of British Special Menu
Tuesday 20th February	Pancake Day Special Menu
Thursday 22nd February	MTC Year 4 Parents' Information Meeting
Monday 26th February	Passion drama workshop for Class 3 at Village Hall
Wednesday 28th February	School Nurse Visit- Reception and Y6 KS2 Rehearsal for Shropshire Sings at Brockton.
Thursday 29th February	Class 1 Trip to Shrewsbury
Tuesday 5th March	Class 2 Trip to the Discovery Centre
Wednesday 6th March	Swimming gala
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day including Special Menu for Lunch
Thursday 21st March	Class 3 Trip to Malvern Theatre Class 2 PE Event at Church Preen
Thursday 11th-Friday 12th April	Class 2 Pioneer Centre Residential
Tuesday 23rd-Thursday 25th April	Class 3 Residential at Oakerwood



Well done to all of our Wistanstow Stars!



★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!





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Reminders

Parking

Please be considerate of our neighbours in the village when parking your car to drop off or collect your child.

Parking is available at the village hall and The Plough car parks.



Please remember that school is a NO SMOKING site and this includes Vapes.

Tuesday 20th February

PANCAKE DAY

Try our **American Pancakes**
topped with...

Sugar & Lemon
Chocolate Sauce or
Strawberry Sauce

www.shireservices.co.uk

Food Allergies & Intolerances - Before ordering, please speak to our staff about your requirements

On Tuesday 20th February, the lunch will be Chicken Pie instead of Beef Pie. This is due to supply issues.

Going forward, Monday in Week 3 of the dinner calendar will now be Battered Chicken Bites instead of Sweet and Sour Chicken.

Monday 19th February

Best of **BRITISH MENU**

British Banger
Vegetarian Sausages v

SERVED WITH...
Buttery Mash
Garden Peas

FOLLOWED BY...
Apple Crumble & Custard

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Please make every effort to pay for school dinners and trips on time. If you need any assistance making payments, please contact the school office. We are able to take payments using your debit card at the office.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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Important Information



Mobiles/Tablets

You can set up parental controls and restrictions on most mobile devices, which can limit what your child can access.

Additionally, make sure appropriate settings are applied on the apps your child is using.

Apple devices: [Families - Apple \(UK\)](#)

Android devices: <https://families.google/familylink/>

Further information Internet Matters provide a checklist here: [Set up devices for children - Internet Matters](#)

New Devices

If your child has a new device, have you set up parental controls?

Consoles

All consoles offer parental controls such as limiting the time spent on the device or restricting who your child can communicate with.

Find out the specific settings below:

- PlayStation: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/psn-safety-parents-guide/>
- Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>
- Nintendo Switch: [Nintendo Switch Parental Controls | Hardware | Nintendo](#)

We are very excited about our upcoming residential!

Pioneer Residential for Class 2 is Thursday 11th April - Friday 12th April.

Oakerwood Residential for Class 3 is Tuesday 23rd April - Thursday 25th April.

Thank you for making your payments on time.



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Sports



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We are still competing in the south Shropshire netball league at Craven Arms on a Wednesday Evening. On the 31/1 Wistanstow B had a rest week. Our Mixed team played Stokesay B, they won a whopping 28-3! A game with an even better score.

This week our mixed team played our B team. This was a tough game, all players played some amazing netball. Skills from afterschool practise are starting to pay off. The final score was 5-1 to the Mixed team. Well played all, keep up the good work!

The photos shown were taken by Shania in Class 2. I think she's done a great job as school photographer!

Miss and Mrs Pinches



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Sports

This week in PE our Bronze Ambassadors held a Kurling competition for Class 2 and Class 3 in PE on Friday. The Bronze Ambassadors did a brilliant job and everyone had a great time! Well done to the Bronze ambassadors.
Miss Pinches



On Tuesday afternoon Class 2 and Class 3 attended a KS2 football tournament at Church Stretton School. We had four teams over the two classes. We all had a fantastic time showing off some amazing football skills. A special mention to the year 5/6 A team, they came second overall which is an amazing result! Well done team.

I was especially proud of Wistanstow because of their incredible team work and sportsmanship. All pupils gave 100% and worked as a team on and off the pitch. Despite the rain and mud, everyone had a fantastic time.

Miss Pinches



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Class

We celebrated National Storytelling Week with a visit to Church Preen Primary School, where local storyteller Amy Douglas visited to share some of stories from her book *Shropshire Folk Tales for Children*. We were enthralled by Amy's storytelling! We took part in wonderful workshops, teaching us techniques for telling stories effectively. A brilliant opportunity to develop our literacy skills, we were in awe of the stories linked to our local area. Some children received signed copies of her book too! It was a joyful celebration of the power of sharing stories; we learned how stories teach us about the world, allow us to step into someone else's shoes, help us relax and escape, and how they develop essential literacy skills.



The School Nursing Team will visit Reception on Wednesday 28th February to talk about Dental Hygiene and will also be measuring the children as part of the National Childhood Measurement Programme, unless parents have opted out.



Class 2

Class 2 took part in some Maths activities as part of the NSPCC National Numeracy day. We compared lengths of carrots and made a multiplication flower.



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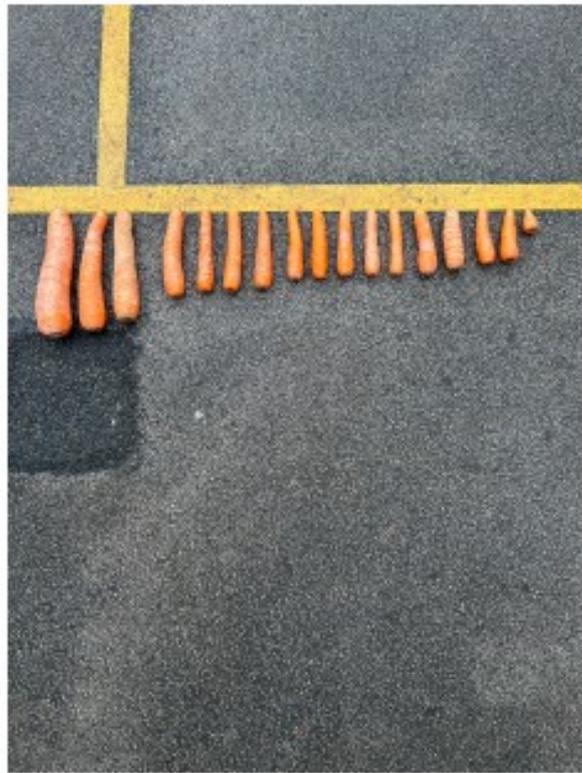
Message for Year 4 Parents:

Your child will be participating in the statutory multiplication tables check (MTC) between Monday 3 June and Friday 14 June. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their multiplication tables up to 12 x 12. We will be holding a parent information meeting after school on Thursday 22nd February, if you would like more information on the check and ways you can support your child's fluency of times table facts. There is also information available on the website below:

[Multiplication tables check: information for parents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)



Class 3



NSPCC number day Class 3 took up the challenge to measure accurately and order 19 carrots.

First we measured in cm and mm using a measuring tape. Next we converted our measurements into mm. Finally we put our carrots in order from longest to shortest.

The School Nursing Team will visit Y6 on Wednesday 28th February to talk about Hygiene and will also be measuring the children as part of the National Childhood Measurement Programme, unless parents have opted out.



Health

Measles

Cases of measles are increasing in the UK, including in the West Midlands, and it's likely that there will be cases in Shropshire soon.

Measles is a viral illness that can be serious and sometimes fatal. Spending 15 minutes with someone with measles is enough to get the virus. Symptoms of measles include high fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, small red spots with a bluish-white centre inside the mouth. A rash can appear later, usually on the face, upper neck, hands and feet, fading after 5 to 6 days. If you've not been vaccinated against measles, you can be at risk, but it's most common in young children. Someone with measles can spread the virus up to 4 days before a rash appears, and up to 4 days after.

Measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences, so make sure you and your children are up to date with MMR vaccinations and ask your GP about catch-up jabs if needed. The MMR vaccine is highly effective at protecting against measles.

If you are unsure if your child is up to date with all their routine vaccinations, you can check their Red Book (personal child health record) in the first instance. If you are still not sure, or if you need to bring your child up to date with their vaccines, you should contact their GP practice to check and book an appointment.

If you are concerned that your child has measles, please call your GP in the first instance, to reduce the risk of passing the disease to others in the waiting room.

For further information about Measles and the MMR Vaccination, please see the NHS website.

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

[MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Safeguarding

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.