



Friday 5th June 2026

Headteachers report of the week

A Successful Harvest: Our First Crop of the Season

We are delighted to share some exciting news from our school garden

- the first crop of the season has officially been picked!

Over the course of the school year, our learners have dedicated their time, effort, and enthusiasm to nurturing the garden. From planting seeds and watering regularly to carefully weeding and monitoring growth, their commitment has truly paid off. The result is a wonderful harvest that reflects not only their hard work, but also their growing understanding of nature, sustainability, and teamwork.

This gardening project has provided learners with valuable hands-on experience. They have developed practical skills while learning about where food comes from and how important it is to care for the environment. It has also encouraged patience and responsibility, as they have seen first-hand how small actions contribute to successful outcomes.

The excitement was clear as learners proudly gathered the produce, celebrating the fruits of their labour. This milestone marks the beginning of what we hope will be many successful harvests to come throughout the year.

We would like to thank all staff who have supported the project, as well as our learners for their dedication and positivity. We look forward to continuing this journey and sharing future updates with you.

Well done to everyone involved!

Best wishes

Jules





Tyler has made a fantastic start to his mechanics course this term. Showing great enthusiasm and determination, he has already begun working hands-on with an engine as part of his practical training.

Tyler has been developing his understanding of how engines work, including identifying key components and learning how they function together. This hands-on experience is helping to build his confidence and technical skills, as he carefully takes apart and examines engine parts before reassembling them.

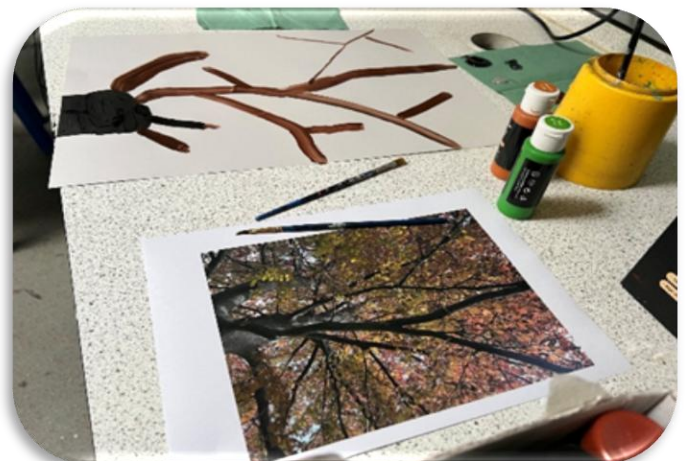




This award is a focus on the environment, encourages outdoor learning and inspires pupils about trees, woods and wildlife. There are three awards; Bronze, Gold and Platinum, these are based on completing specific activities earning points for each. I started working with learners and the Green Tree School Award in 2018, we have completed some brilliant activities over the years and hopefully continue to do so, caring for our environment and the wildlife around us. The school achieved Bronze 2022, Gold 2023 and finally in May 2026 Platinum.

Thank you to all the learners that have taken part and the staff who have supported many of the activities whether classroom based or outdoors.

- Debbie J



Creative Design: Oscar's Castle

Oscar designed an impressive castle this week, demonstrating both creativity and careful planning.

He began by studying the most common features of castles, such as towers, battlements, and drawbridges. Using this knowledge, Oscar then chose the elements he wanted to include, thoughtfully bringing them together in his own unique design.

Fantastic attention to detail and a great understanding of the topic Oscar.

Well done, Oscar!

My Castle Design

You are going to build a castle. First, you need a plan! Draw your castle design in the big box below.



Castle Features

Look at your drawing. What parts did you use? What parts did you leave out? Write them in the table.

Features I Included	Features I Left Out
turrets	drawbridge
archery holes	drawbridge
slugs	drawbridge

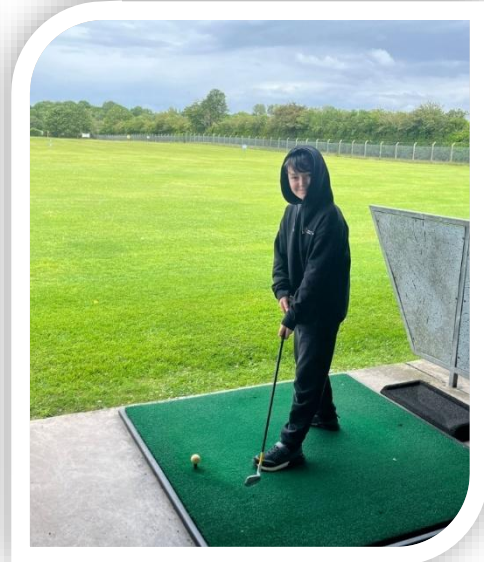
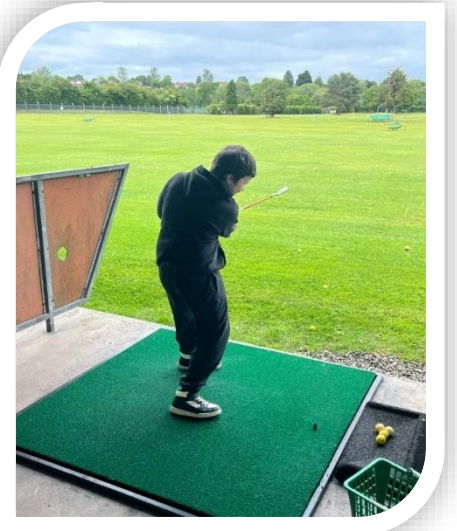
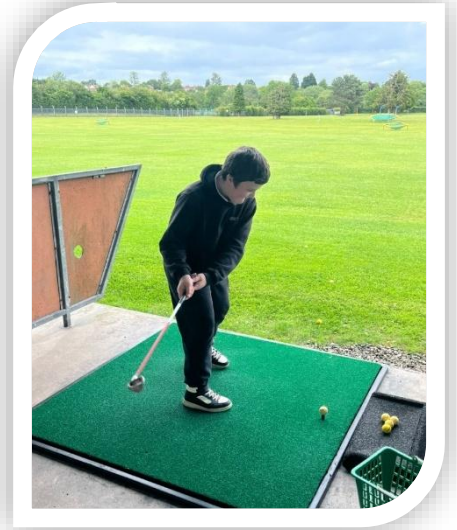


Don't forget to label your drawing!



★ Reward Time: First Choice Friday ★

Our learners here, top choice was a trip to the driving range, where they had a fantastic time enjoying the activity together. It was a great way to celebrate their positive behaviour, effort, and commitment throughout the week.





This week Saplings 1 have been developing their Ice-cream making skills, they had the basic recipe then developed the flavours. These are the results, Vanilla with Chocolate Chip and Double Chocolate. Tasting tomorrow when frozen!

- Debbie J



Creative Spotlight: Zane's Nature-Inspired Artwork

Zane made this incredible piece of art this week, showcasing both his creativity and attention to detail.

Taking inspiration from nature, he carefully explored colours, patterns, and textures to create a truly eye-catching piece. His work reflects a thoughtful appreciation of the natural world and highlights how beautifully art and nature can come together.

We are so proud of Zane's effort and imagination, his artwork is a fantastic example of the creativity we love to see in our school.

Well done, Zane!

Pride Month Celebration

To celebrate Pride Month, Destiny has shown her creativity and individuality by painting her very own pair of jeans with the vibrant colours of the LGBTQ+ flag. This wonderful piece of artwork is a powerful expression of inclusivity, identity, and pride.



Destiny's colourful design is a fantastic example of how art can be used to share important messages and bring our school community together.

We are incredibly proud of your creativity and confidence, well done, Destiny! 🌈

Sensory Garden Transformation

We are excited to share that our sensory garden has entered an inspiring new phase following a complete transformation over the half-term break. The area has been thoroughly refreshed and revitalised, creating a clean, tidy, and welcoming space for all to enjoy.



One of the standout improvements is the addition of a brand-new roof for the shelter, providing a comfortable and usable space in all weather conditions. Alongside this, the garden now features an



enhanced growing area designed specifically for sensory plants, offering learners the opportunity to

explore a variety of textures, scents, and colours.



We are also delighted to introduce our new planter, which will further support hands-on learning and encourage students to

engage with gardening in a meaningful way.

Along the far wall, you can see a blackboard alongside a climbing wall, both created by learners with support from Andy providing both a creative space for drawing



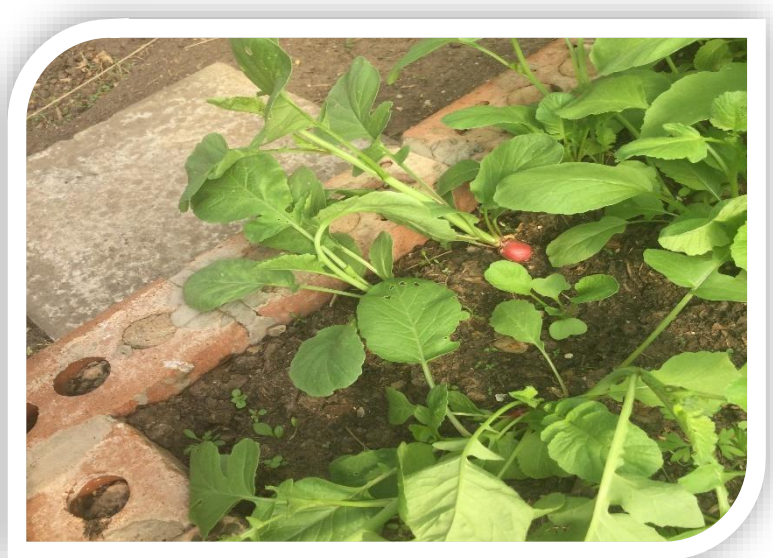
and an engaging area for active play.

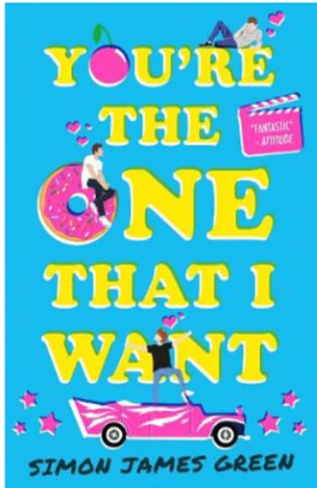
This transformation has created a fantastic environment for both learning and relaxation, and we look forward to seeing our learners continue to make the most of this wonderful space.

Keep watching this space for more exciting updates to come!



Learners have been working hard throughout the school year in the garden, developing their skills and knowledge so that they can successfully grow and harvest their own produce. From planting seeds to caring for the plants each week, their dedication and teamwork have truly paid off.





Freddie doesn't stand out in any way, and in fact teachers and fellow students keep forgetting who he is. After a particularly awful night, Freddie decides to follow a new, proactive philosophy designed to transform his social and romantic life: saying 'yes' to every opportunity. It works! He's becoming a whole new Freddie. But the path to love is never smooth, and sometimes getting things very wrong is an important part of figuring out what – and who – you really want. ***Contains some swearing and mild sexual references.***

BOOKMARK

384 pages

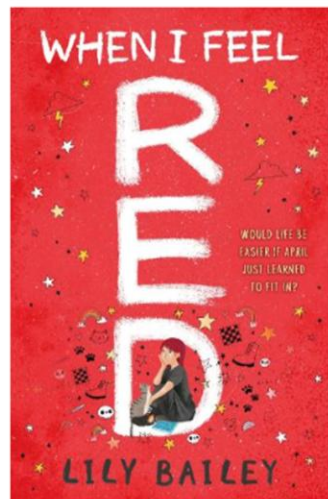
Friendship – Funny – School

Bullying – LGBTQ+ – Relationships

Reading Age: 11

Interest Age: 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Simon
James
Green



April has always been different – would life be easier if she learned to fit in? She's now in Year 8 and things have got harder. She's more interested in rescuing animals than in who's dating who at school. Her dyspraxia also means she is finding school really hard and not all her teachers sympathetic. At home, her brother is going away and even her best friend Ben seems to be keeping his distance. Can she find a way to fit in and still be true to herself?

BOOKMARK

336 pages

Family – Friendship – School

Animals – Dyspraxia – Neurodivergence

Reading Age: 10

Interest Age: 10, 11, 12

Lily Bailey





Glimmers



Welcome to our new learners this week, to Colby, Leah-May, Hunter and Leighton. You have all had a great first week and it's lovely having you in the Woodlands family

Shout out to all learners who gained their first-choice activity this Friday
– Great work being your BEST!



Dates for the Diary

- PCP Parents Evening
 - Online, by phone or in person
 - Thursday 9th July 3.30 – 5.30pm
 - Online, by phone or in person

Coming Soon...

- 19th June – Collaboration Day – School Closed
- Secondary Sports Day – 20th July
 - Oswestry School – Full Day
- Primary Sports Day – 21st July
 - TBC location – Half Day
- Summer Fayre – 22nd July
- End of Summer Term – 23rd July



Headteacher Awards



- Ollie C for showing great kindness and going the extra mile to make a new learner feel welcome.
- Bobby for handling unexpected change calmly and consistently showing maturity in lessons and at break times.
- Zane for his amazing behaviour this week and focus during lessons.
- Arran for his fantastic work in DT yesterday, he was extremely focused and engaged.

Lexia Certificates

Core 5:

- Abel
- Charlotte
- Eliza
- Joey

Power Up:

- Lexi



Back2basics FAMILY FEST

AUGUST 3RD & 4TH

At Wellness Woodlands, Highley, Shropshire

£99 inc camping

£33 Family day ticket

Ticket inc 1 free Stone Age workshop

2 full days of outdoor fun & wild skills for
all the family

More info &
tickets



Workshops in
Stone Age
Bushcraft
Forest School
Nature Crafts
Graffiti
Singing

Wellness
Wood fired
saunas
Yoga
Breath work
Demos, talks &
loads more

Wood fired pizzas
Evening BBQ
Bar
Live music

For more info

email: info@outback2basics.co.uk

Register Now!!

SUMMER

Healthy Lives Holiday Programme 2026

Activities for children and young people with SEND in Shropshire



The Healthy Lives Programme is PACC's Holiday offer. Healthy Lives offers a variety of activities to support physical and mental wellbeing, providing young people with SEND with opportunities to catch up with friends and be active.

Summer Activities are grouped for: 8 to 14 year olds, 14-25 year old's, 8 to 25 year old's and all-age family activities

How to register

1. Complete a Registration form- this will give you access to the whole year's activities.
2. A member of the team will contact you if we need further information.
3. You will receive an activity request email for each school holiday.
4. You will receive an email confirming allocated activities

The programme does not provide 1:1 support, a PA or Parent Carer needs to attend the sessions to provide support. The Healthy Lives programme is not suitable for children and young people requiring 2:1 or 3:1 support where behaviours that challenge are likely to occur when activities or the environment are not highly personalised.

Some confirmed activities for summer include:

- Cycling
- Gym
- Pool Parties
- Zoo trips
- Farm trips
- Trampolining
- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Animal Experiences
- Cinema
- Music
- Guitar and Drum lessons
- Forest School
- Fire Safety
- First Aid
- Pottery Painting
- Challenge Zone
- Building Challenge
- PACCfest
- Independence sessions

Locations include:

- Bridgnorth
- Condover
- Kidderminster
- Ludlow
- Market Drayton
- Oswestry
- Shrewsbury
- Staffordshire
- Telford
- Wem
- Whitchurch

If you would like to find out about further help and support the Parenting Team offer please email

Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

or call us on 01743 250950

All our services are free of charge to Shropshire Council residents.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



S O L I H U L L A P P R O A C H

PARENTING HELP AND SUPPORT LINE

available

Monday to Thursday from 9.30am to 4.30pm

and

Friday 9.30am to 3.30pm

You can contact the Parenting Help and Support Line by calling

01743 250950

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. The Parenting Team is here to help and support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment.

Do you have any questions around your child's development and parenting?

Why not call our Parenting Help and Support Line where one of our trained Parenting Practitioners will be ready to listen.

(Please note the Parenting Help and Support Line will not operate on Bank Holidays)

If you have concerns about a child's safety or well-being, please call

First Point of Contact 0345 678 9021



Sending an Email to the Safeguarding Team

safeguarding@wdl.mmat.co.uk

- If you have any worries Parents/Carers or Students, please email the above address.
- Students, you can use your school accounts or personal email addresses.

Why not follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/WoodlandsShropshire/>

Or

Take a look at our website!

www.woodlands.school

Or

Join the conversation - We love hearing from you! Share your thoughts, questions, and suggestions with us.

rachel.bates@wdl.mmat.co.uk

If you need to contact us out of normal school hours, please either email on the above address

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ALLERGIES & ANAPHYLAXIS

An allergy is an overreaction of the immune system to a food or substance that's usually harmless. Symptoms can be mild, but for some people they can be very serious. This is known as anaphylaxis.

HOW TO SAY ANAPHYLAXIS: ANA-FIL-AX-IS

ALLERGIES AND ANAPHYLAXIS



- Mild allergy symptoms are treated with antihistamines.
- Anaphylaxis is treated with adrenaline, which is administered via an adrenaline device, injected into the outer upper thigh or using a nasal device.
- Anaphylaxis is a medical emergency and a threat to life.

WHAT ADRENALINE DOES

Adrenaline reduces swelling, opens the patient's airways and raises their blood pressure. Patients must go to hospital for monitoring, as the reaction could return.



ANAPHYLAXIS SYMPTOMS

AIRWAY

Symptoms include swelling in the throat, tongue or upper airways; tightening of the throat; a hoarse voice; and difficulty swallowing.



BREATHING

Symptoms include persistent cough; sudden onset of wheezing; breathing difficulty; and noisy breathing.



CIRCULATION

Symptoms include pale and clammy skin; dizziness; feeling faint; sudden sleepiness; tiredness; confusion; and loss of consciousness.



In extreme cases of anaphylaxis, there could be a dramatic fall in the patient's blood pressure. The patient may become weak and floppy, and have a sense of something terrible happening. Any of the ABC symptoms listed above may lead to collapse and unconsciousness and, on rare occasions, be fatal.

TOP 14 FOOD ALLERGENS:

(However, be aware people can be allergic to anything.)



NON-FOOD ALLERGENS:



LINKS TO FURTHER RESOURCES - Scan the QR codes to find out more



AllergyWise®



EpiPen



Jext



ADRENALINE AND AADS

Meet Our Expert

Anaphylaxis UK is the only UK-wide charity operating solely for the growing numbers of people at risk of serious allergic reactions and anaphylaxis. While there's no treatment or cure for anaphylaxis, we believe that by providing information, training and support, there's a brighter future for people living with serious allergies.



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