



Friday 20th March 2025

Headteachers report of the week

What a sensational week it's been, full of discovery, creativity and first-time achievements. Exploring mechanics has brought a spark of excitement to our community. Learners have been delving into the wonders of machinery and motion as learners stripped an engine for the very first time. With tools in hand and determination in their hearts, they uncovered the inner workings of this mechanical beast. The sense of accomplishment was palpable, what an unforgettable introduction to the world of engines!

Our science learners had a "sound" week! The focus was on exploring the principles of soundproofing. Whether it was dampening vibrations or experimenting with different materials, the learners demonstrated hands-on brilliance in combining theory with practice.

Safety goggles on, Bunsen burners lit, and minds aflame with curiosity, our Shore learners embraced their first laboratory experience with Bunsen burners with enthusiasm. Watching them balance caution and creativity was a true testament to their budding scientific spirit.

In Acorns, learners took on the exciting challenge of a courtroom drama. Their trial for the defence showcased brilliant argumentation, teamwork, and critical thinking. Witnessing their growth in confidence and public speaking was truly inspiring.

Best Wishes

Jules



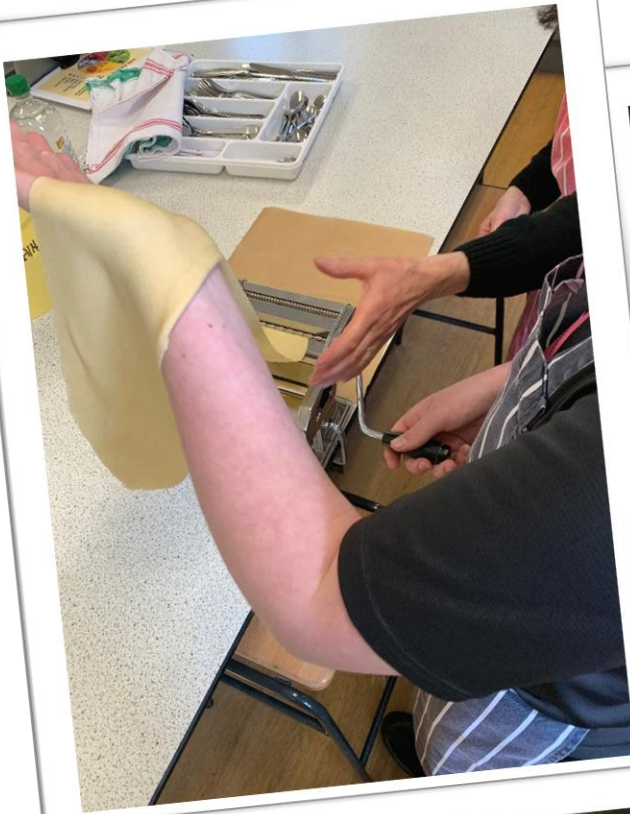


An afternoon at the garage and
Mason could not be happier!
Mason joined Andy in the
Vocational Centre and enjoyed
motor vehicle. Do I see our next
mechanic?

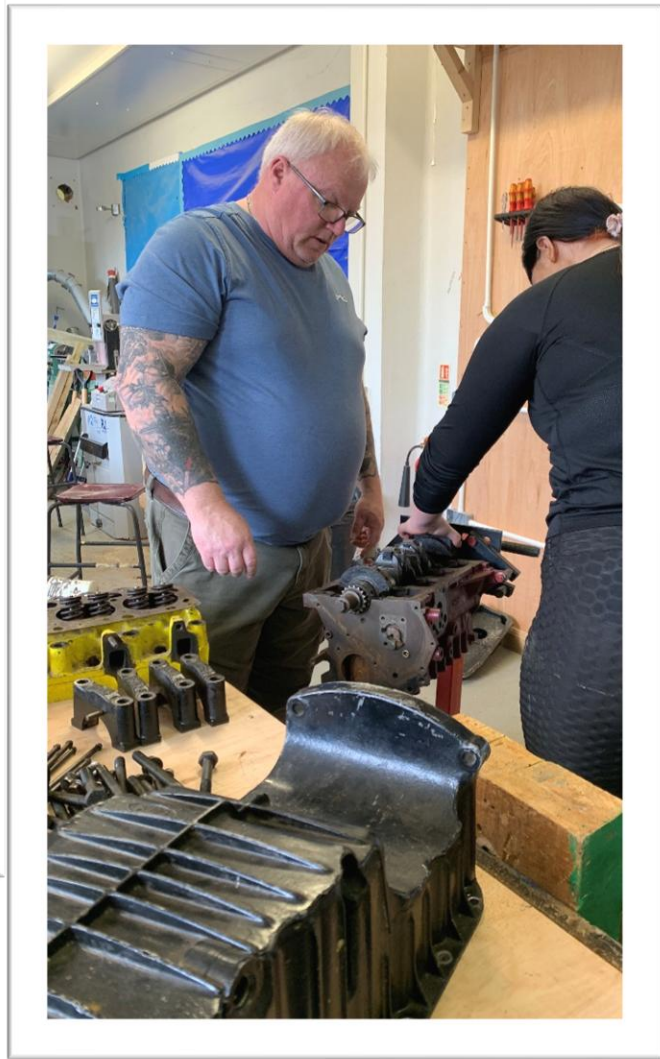
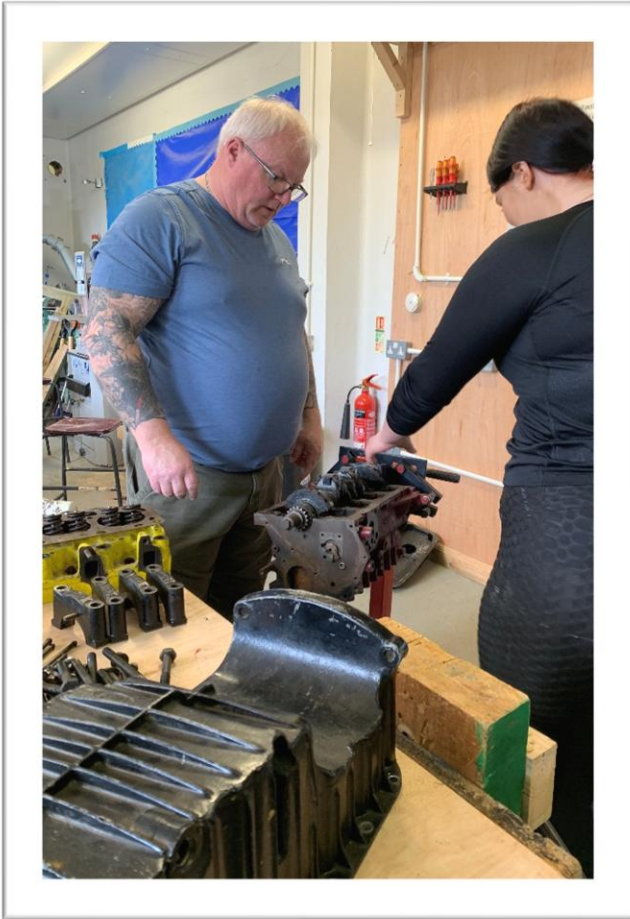


Emilia did amazing work during maths yesterday, she stayed for the entire lesson and persevered with challenging work, she showed resilience and grit!

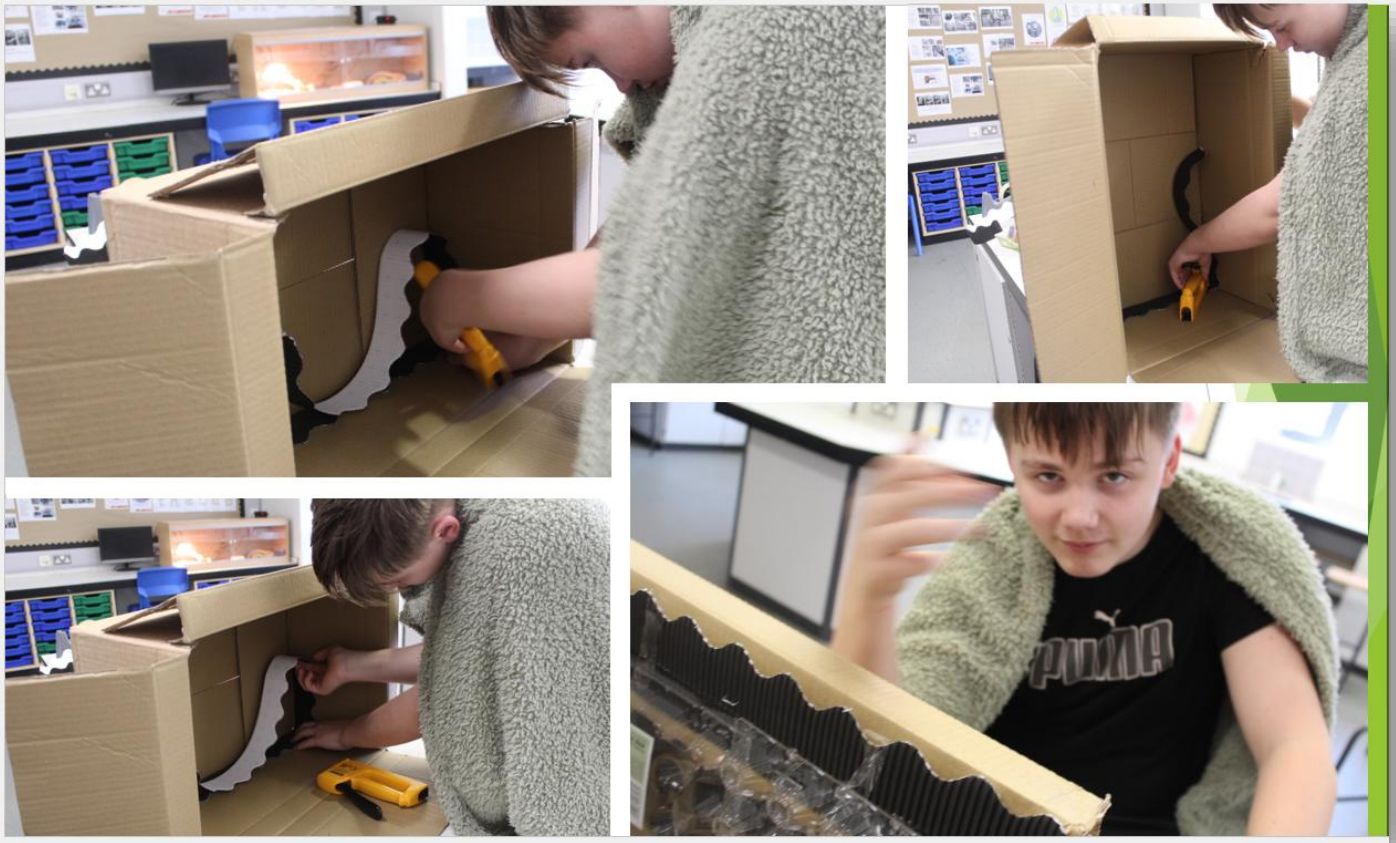
- Syrene



Well done
Leighton!
He made his
own pasta
from scratch
for the first
time!
- Hannah

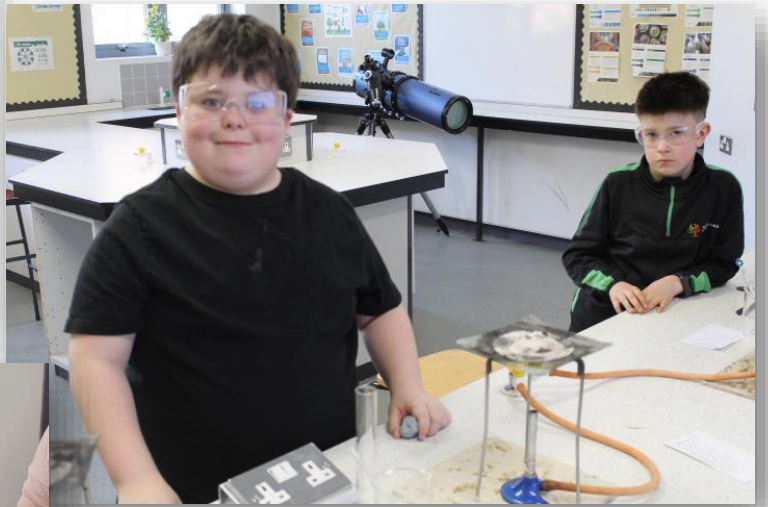
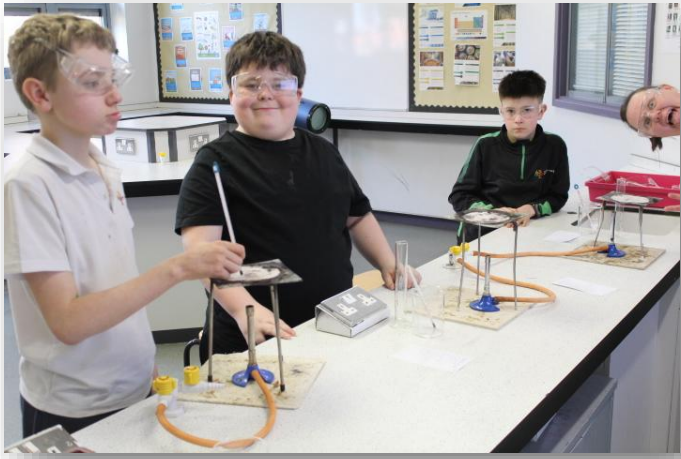


Lacey stripped an engine for the first time and was amazing!
- Hannah



Learners have been looking at sound proofing. They have been experimenting on how to control sound waves to reduce noise transmission and looking at techniques that help to block or absorb sound waves to make spaces quieter.





Our Shore learners have been experiencing the delights of science using Bunsen burners and becoming professional scientists



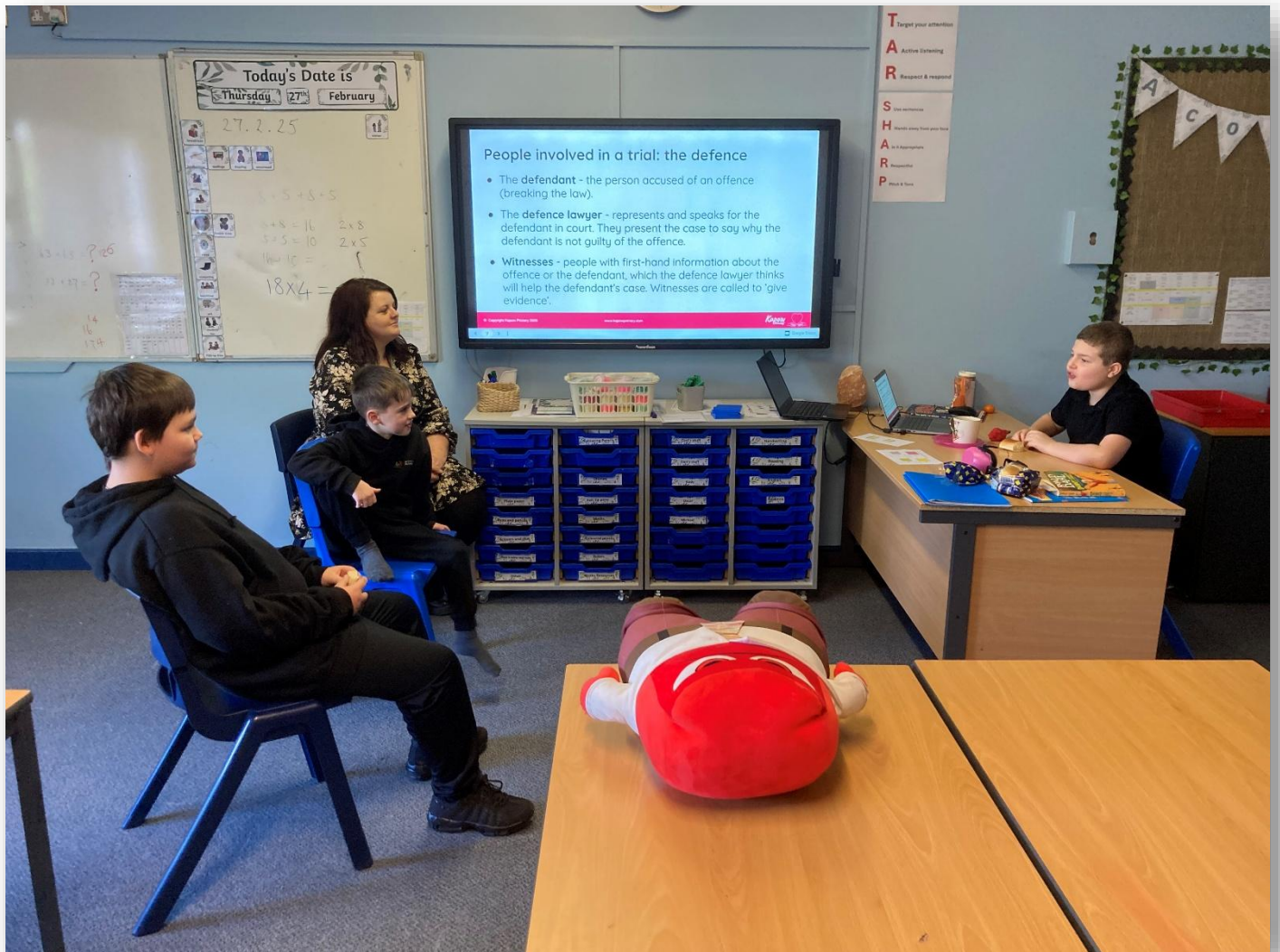
Lexi and Destiny made sausage rolls and cheese and onion rolls this week, rolling out the puff pastry was a challenge but they made a super job.

- Debbie J



NEST

Art lesson, their interpretation of planets - Wendy



The trial of Acorns
Judge Oscar's verdict is in...
Will he find his friends
guilty or not guilty?



Healthcare Assistant

Healthcare assistants look after patients in hospitals or sometimes at a patient's home

Average salary (a year): £22,000 (starter) to £28,000 (experienced)

Typical hours (a week): 37 to 40 a week (evenings/weekends/bank holidays, on a rota)

You can get into this job through:

College

You could do a college course, which may help you when looking for work. Courses include:

- level 2 Diploma In Preparing for Further Study in Health, Social Care and Social Work
- level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care
- level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care
- T Level in Health

Most health and social care courses include work placements which is a good way to get experience.

Entry requirements

You may need:

- 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A* to D), or equivalent, for a level 2 course
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 (A* to C), or equivalent, for a level 3 course
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths for a T level

Apprenticeship

You can get into this job through an intermediate apprenticeship as a healthcare support worker.

Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- some GCSEs, usually including English and maths, or equivalent, for an intermediate apprenticeship

Work

You could work as a trainee care assistant in a residential home or care home while you complete a qualification.

You'll find it useful to get some paid or voluntary experience in care. This will help when you apply for jobs or training.

You can also find volunteering opportunities through The National Council for Voluntary Organisations and Do IT.

Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- sensitivity and understanding
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- the ability to work well with others
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- the ability to work well with your hands
- excellent verbal communication skills
- customer service skills
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

Restrictions and Requirements

You'll need to:

- pass enhanced background checks knowledge of maths

Day-to-day tasks

In this role you could:

- help patients shower and get dressed
- help people eat
- make beds
- use equipment to lift and move patients
- talk to patients and reassure them
- help patients to use the toilet
- tidy the ward or patients' homes
- take patients' temperature or pulse
- attend meetings with other healthcare professionals

Working environment

You could work in an NHS or private hospital, at a client's home, at an adult care home or at a hospice.

You may need to wear a uniform.

Career progression

Healthcare assistant roles can be a stepping stone to other health careers.

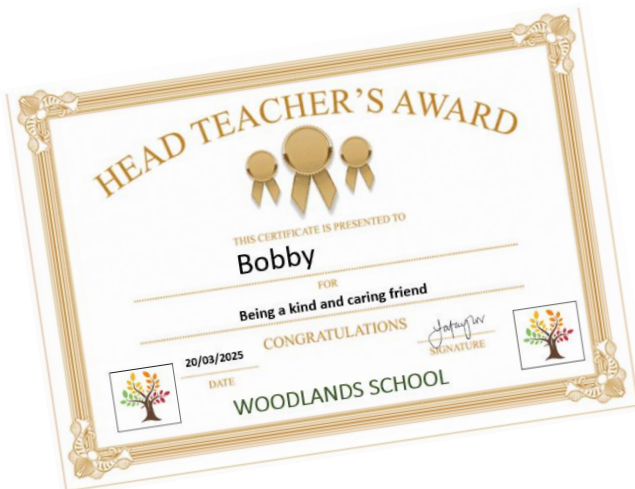
With training, you could become an assistant practitioner in chiropody or podiatry, occupational therapy, radiography or physiotherapy.

With experience you could train new healthcare assistants.

You could also apply to train as a nurse, radiographer, dietitian, midwife or social worker.



Headteachers Awards





Congratulations
Willow!
On achieving your
Introduction to
riding certificate

Lovely day today, Willow has shown a lot of resilience today as she rode a horse that was unfamiliar to her, she wanted to give up but with some persuasion didn't. Very proud of her and I think she's proud of herself.
- Becky, Sprinkbank Riding

Woodlands Shout Outs



- Shout out to Tyler ST for fully engaging with his science lessons – Linda
- Taylor, Kieran and Mason showed excellent engagement in science finding their way around the lab and using some of the equipment for the first time! – Linda
- Special shout out to Caleb for sitting and persevering in Maths – It was a pleasure to have him in class – Syrene
- Oscar for making really sensible choices this week! – Sarah
- Shout out to Taylor and Kieran for focus and effort working on the garden and poly tunnel with Vincent - Alice

- Shout out to Shore who are always ready for dismissal on time – Helen D

- Shout out to Kody for giving 100% focus and effort during swimming – Ceri

- Shout out to Billy for excellent engagement in Science, exploring the phases of the moon – Ceri

- Shout out to Charlotte for demonstrating great cooking skills and being brave trying new foods. – Ceri

- Shout out to Arran and Xander for a fantastic Forest school lesson – Wendy

- Shout out to Tommy for his kindness and respect towards staff – Helen D



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Easter Bingo

Set your schedule and join us at

Woodlands School

Thursday 10th April at 1.30pm

Have fun with your family while playing bingo and
winning cool prizes



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

SEND MEET & CHAT FAMILY DROP-IN

Hosted by Shropshire Early Help



Are you a parent or carer of a child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)? Join us for an informal drop-in session where you can ask questions, get advice, and explore the support available to you within Shropshire.

Speak to a range of professionals who can help with:

- Education, health, and Care Plans (EHCPs)
- School support and advocacy
- Health and Wellbeing for children with SEND
- Social care and family support
- Mental health and emotional wellbeing
- Advice for navigating SEND challenges.

Each session will have different professionals available, so come along, have a chat and find the help you need!

SUNFLOWER HOUSE

Wednesday 26th February 2025

10:00am-12:00pm

Sunflower house, Kendal Road,
Shrewsbury, SY1 4ES

BRIDGNORTH LIBRARY

Tuesday 25th March 2025

1:00pm-3:00pm

Bridgnorth Library, Listley Street,
Town Centre, Bridgnorth, WV16 4AW

OSWESTRY LIBRARY

Wednesday 9th April 2025

10:00am-12:30pm

Oswestry Library, Arthur St,
Oswestry SY11 1JN

LUDLOW YOUTH CENTRE

Wednesday 30th April 2025

1:30pm-3:00pm

Ludlow Youth Centre, 65 Galdeford
Road, Ludlow, SY8 1RT



HAVE YOUR SAY!

Scan the QR code to suggest topics and activities for future drop-in sessions.

Spring Holiday Fun and Food in Shropshire

Book Now!

Spaces are available on the Spring HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programme.

Over the summer holidays, eligible children and young people aged 4 (reception class age) to 16, are invited to attend free holiday clubs across the county.

To find out more please go to:
www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf



Woodlands Code is TKBBS

During 14th to 25th April 2025, HAF eligible children and young people are invited to take part in a range of fun free activities, happening at holiday clubs from across the country.

Understanding your child

From toddler to teen

- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you need help and support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers with children of a similar age?

Join us for one of our free virtual or face-to-face groups, our next groups start:

Understanding Your Child Group 29th April 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am at Crowmoor Primary School, Shrewsbury

Understanding Your Child Group 30th April 2025 from 9.00am to 11.00am at Clee Hill Community Primary School

Understanding Your Child SEND Group 30th April 2025 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm at Shrewsbury TBA

Understanding Your Child Group 30th April 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm at Belvidere Primary School, Shrewsbury

Understanding Your Child Group 1st May 2025 from 09.30am to 11.30am at Highley Community Primary School

Understanding Your Child Group 1st May 2025 from 09.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child Group 1st May 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at St Lucia CofE Primary School, Upton Magna

Understanding Your Child SEND Group 2nd May 2025 from 09.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child Group 2nd May 2025 from 1.15pm to 3.15pm at Christ Church CofE Primary School, Cressage

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 to attend the groups.

To book a place email
Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk
or call 01743 250950

Find more free online courses at:
inourplace.co.uk/shropshire

Find a list of
local groups
here



Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

01743 250950

Mon - Thurs, 9.30am - 4.30pm
Fri, 9.30am - 3.30pm

No judgment, just support.



Find out
more here



Does your child struggle with their Sleep?

Free Sleep Tight Groups

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups which run for 5 weeks and:

- Find out why sleep is important for our health and emotional wellbeing
- Get support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines Meet
- other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences Our next groups start:

Sleep Tight SEND Monday 9th June 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm

Virtually Via MS Teams or

Sleep Tight Monday 16th June 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am

Virtually via MS Teams

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COFFEE MEET-UP
0930 AT WEM TOWN HALL
(FIND US IN THE GALLERY)

Friday 17th January
Monday 3rd February
Friday 28th February
Monday 17th March
Friday 11th April



Are you a parent carer or a young person with a diagnosis or special needs or learning differences, with or without a diagnoses.

Join us for a cuppa, company and chat with others experiencing a similar journal.



@Wem SEN Hub

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities – and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.

NEGATIVE INFLUENCES



While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.

FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.

UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS



Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.

MISINFORMATION



Streamers are, in many ways, just like us – and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.

ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME

If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS

For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that – influencing young minds, for better or for worse.

DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION

Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.

CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS

While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers – despite many being dogged by controversy.

SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS

You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of the Daily Star, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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