



Friday 18th July 2025

Headteachers report of the week

This term, our learners have been diving into the exciting world of business through the Community Young Entrepreneurship Project. An inspiring and educational programme designed to spark creativity, build confidence and nurture real-world business skills.

From brainstorming innovative product ideas to pitching business plans, learners have embraced the entrepreneurial spirit with enthusiasm and imagination. The programme offers a hands-on approach to learning, encouraging participants to think critically, collaborate effectively and take initiative, skills that are essential not just in business, but in life.

Workshops and mentoring sessions have helped learners explore key concepts such as budgeting, marketing and customer engagement. More importantly, they've learned the value of resilience, adaptability and the power of turning ideas into action.

Whether it's designing a hoodie or developing digital plans our young entrepreneurs are proving that age is no barrier to innovation. The project culminates in a showcase event where learners have their designs made into hoodies, with an exciting opportunity to celebrate their achievements and wear them around school.

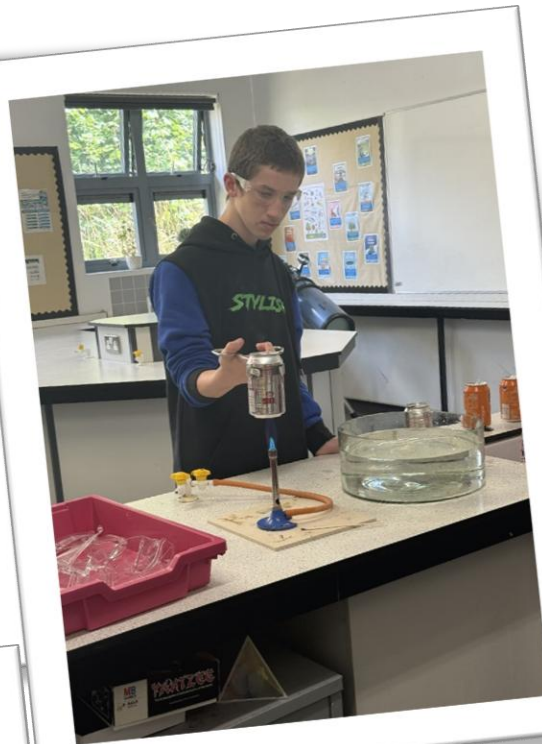
We're incredibly proud of the creativity and determination our learners have shown. The Community Young Entrepreneurship Project is more than just a programme, it's a launchpad for future leaders, changemakers and trailblazers.

Best Wishes

Jules



Nest



We were lucky enough to have a science lesson in the lab on Tuesday.

We looked at imploding (solid, liquid, gas) where we heated a can with a little water in, when steaming the can was put upside down in water, the can then imploded. - Wendy



Woodlands Trust

Saplings 3 took part in a Platinum Project for the Woodland Trust on Monday, the activity is called 'Wild Trails', they search for interesting items and flag them, take pictures and will later draw these. Destiny found an egg that had hatched, Charlotte some unusual cones, Frankie and Noah the roots of a fallen tree that they thought looked like claws on a giant foot. - Debbie J



Community Young Entrepreneurship Project



Learners rolled up their sleeves and brought out their inner designers in this hands-on hoodie design and making workshops. This fun and practical experience was blended with fashion, creativity and teamwork.





In a unique blend of safety and self-expression, Olly recently took part in a creative design challenge, adapting a standard hard hat into a bold, artistic statement.

The result, a striking red helmet adorned with pointy features and covered in imaginative drawings that turned heads and sparked conversations.



Pride, Curiosity and Talent

Lexi came out for her taxi with this beautiful picture, instantly peaking my curiosity and I had to ask for a photo. Little did I know that our little superstar would proudly produce this amazing T-Shirt! – Super proud of you Lexi!



Does your child struggle with their sleep?

Free Sleep Tight Groups

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups 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

SEND Group Tuesday 23rd September 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams

or

Group Wednesday 24th September 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams

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 out
more here



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 September 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually Via MS Teams
- Understanding Your Child Group 29th September 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Ludlow Primary School
- Understanding Your Child Group 1st October 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm at Whitchurch CofE Infants School
- Understanding Your Child SEND Group 2nd October 2025 from 9.00am to 11.00am at Woodlands School Wem
- Understanding Your Child Group 2nd October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Sunflower House Shrewsbury
- Understanding Your Child Group 2nd October 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Whittington Primary School
- Understanding Your Child SEND Group 3rd October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually Via MS Teams

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

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



Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

01743 250950

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

No judgment, just support.



Coffee & chat



How can we help you?



Free info, advice and support for your family
shropshire.gov.uk/early-help

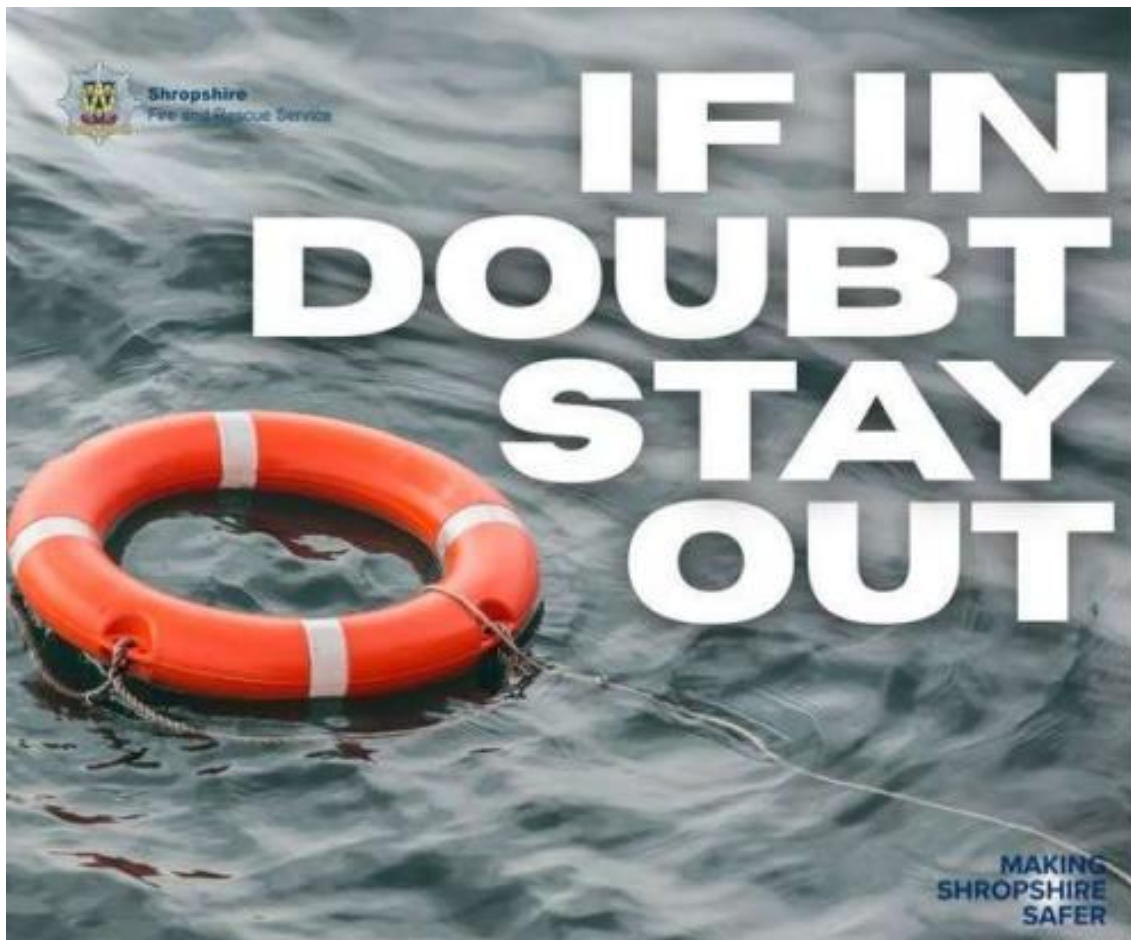


You can get free information, advice and support on all aspects of family life, at our family drop-ins. Come along for a coffee and a chat, and find out how we can help you with things like:

- ♥ Family life
- ♥ Parenting support
- ♥ Domestic abuse support
- ♥ Money worries
- ♥ Housing support, and much more

There are drop-ins all over Shropshire find your nearest one here:

<https://orlo.uk/Nt3iP>





Shropshire
Fire and Rescue Service

Be Fire Safe in this warm weather...



Don't
place
BBQ on
grass



Ensure
BBQ is
properly
out



Have a
water
supply
near by



If a fire starts call 999, don't tackle the fire yourselves

Community hubs webpages promote wellbeing support for Shropshire



Shropshire Council and its partners have launched new webpages to highlight the community and family support on offer in hubs all over the county.

The community and family hubs are located in Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Bridgnorth, Market Drayton, Highley and Ludlow, with activities and guidance available to help families and residents stay healthy and connected.

There is a wide range of support on offer based on feedback from communities, from early help for families, domestic abuse support, help to stop smoking, information and housing and more, for all ages, as part of NHS integrated neighbourhood teams.

Whilst much of the support is already ongoing, the new webpages bring the services together to one online space, so people can easily search and find what they need.

[Find the pages and share with your communities.](#)



Free CBT Courses

Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin NHS Talking Therapies offers free access to digital Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT) and various courses to support mood and anxiety. These courses, run by trained psychological practitioners, use research-backed techniques to improve emotional wellbeing. They address issues like low mood, anxiety, intrusive thoughts, obsessive-compulsive difficulties, and trauma-related distress.

Courses are available in group settings with varying levels of participation. For those preferring self-paced learning, the Silvercloud digital CBT programme provides a private, supportive platform with online clinician assistance to help achieve personal goals.

If you would like support with your mental health, you can make a self-referral by:

- **Online:** Completing a self-referral form, or chat to our Limbic digital assistant via our website – mpft.nhs.uk/stwtt
- **Phone:** 0300 123 6020

Shropshire Libraries



Celebrate with us

Bridgnorth Library - Saturday 19 July - 10am

Join us for a tea party. All welcome to drop-in, no need to book. There will be a display of library history and refreshments (donations to the Friends of the Library appreciated)

Oswestry Library - Saturday 19 July - all day (9.30am - 4pm)

Contribute to our memory tree, enjoy a cake or treat on us!

Shrewsbury Library - Saturday 19 July - all day (9.30am - 4pm)

Peruse our display of library history and contribute to our memory tree. Tea and cake available. The Deputy Mayor of Shrewsbury will be visiting to join in the celebrations.

Church Stretton Library - Thursday 28 August - 2pm - 4pm

Celebrate with a slice of cake at our tea party, or call in throughout the month to view our display and contribute your library memories.



Summer Reading Challenge launches

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The Summer Reading Challenge, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

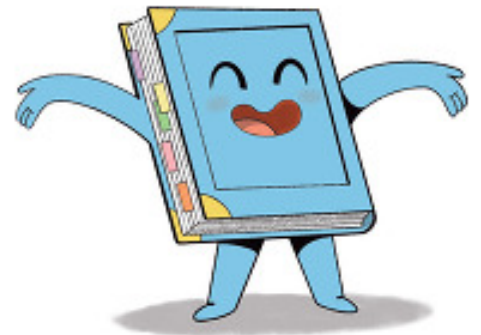
This year's theme is Story Garden, where imagination blossoms and stories grow!

- It's FREE! Available at local libraries and [online](#)
- Inspires a lifelong love of reading
- Boosts confidence, creativity, and imagination
- Earn stickers, a medal, and certificate
- Fun for the whole family. Visit your local library together
- 95% of children said they read more after joining!

Children's activities

Story Garden themed activities will be running through the summer, many of them free.

See our [events page](#) for full details.



Shrewsbury Summer of Wellbeing

This summer, Shrewsbury will host its first-ever [Summer of Wellbeing](#) — a six-week celebration of creativity, movement, mindfulness and fun. Led by wellbeing expert Annie Hambley and supported by Shrewsbury BID, the event features two interactive town trails: *The Happy Explorer* for families and *The Mindful Meander* for adults.

Over 25 local businesses are involved, offering activities like pop-up yoga, wild wellbeing walks, creative workshops, alternative wellness activities, free family activities and drop-in mental health support.





FREE WEEKLY WELLBEING ACTIVITIES

JOIN OUR WEEKLY WELLBEING ACTIVITIES!



EVERY MONDAY

10:30AM UNTIL 12:00PM

AT THE DITHERINGTON COMMUNITY
CENTRE, SHREWSBURY, SY1 4DF

WEEKLY WORKSHOPS WILL INC:

- ARTS AND CRAFT ACTIVITIES
- GARDENING PROJECTS
- FILM DAYS
- PLUS MORE!

WEBSITE WWW.4ALL.FOUNDATION

EMAIL INFO@4ALL.FOUNDATION



WOODLANDS

**FREE
ENTRY**

School fair

**11AM
-1PM**

**THURSDAY
24TH JULY**

**BOUNCY CASTLES
MEGA SLIDE
BBQ
CAKES
ENTERTAINMENT
AND MORE!**

**FAMILY WELCOME
JOIN US FOR FUN AND LAUGHTER**

WOODLANDS SCHOOL





Headteachers Awards



Woodlands Shout Outs



- Romeo engaged well in maths, applying what he had learned - Syrene
- Leighton had a positive conversation, reflecting on the day - Simon
- Sophie completed her reading functional skills - Natalie
- Ollie was supportive with a caring approach with his peers - Simon
- Morgan interacted/engaged with his peers and teacher Natalie playing UNO and won five times, we have a master UNO player at Woodlands!
- Zane has engaged well and had a very positive day
- Riley has been supportive of his peers
- Leo and Tyler ST have been consistently engaged in English and doing their BEST.
- Shout out to Thomas who engaged with his peers and came into class – Well done Thomas!
- Shout out to Taylor for being supportive and encouraging and understanding the needs of his peers – We're very proud of you Taylor

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**

or call Rachel Bates on **07967 763324**

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



6 SUPERVISION IS KEY



For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

7 DON'T GO TOO FAR



When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED



For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

9 FLOAT AND CALL 999



If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



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