



Friday 14th November 2025

Headteachers report of the week

It has been a busy and inspiring week across our school, filled with creativity, hands-on learning and opportunities for growth.

Our learners stepped back in time during their cooking lesson, preparing Corned Beef Hash from an authentic WWII ration recipe. This activity not only taught practical cooking skills but also gave learners a taste of history and an appreciation for resilience during challenging times.

Learners showed fantastic adaptability during Forest School by crafting Remembrance poppies using lollipop sticks when twigs were too wet, what a brilliant example of problem-solving!

We are proud of learners working closely with mentors to complete learning tasks. These partnerships are helping learners develop their skills, confidence and a sense of achievement.

As always, thank you for your continued support in helping our learners thrive.

Best wishes

Jules





We're excited to share the progress of one of Tyler H who has been working closely with Andy, his mentor to complete learning tasks and build confidence. This supportive partnership has created a positive environment where Tyler feels encouraged and motivated to succeed. Through one-to-one guidance, he is developing new skills, staying focused, and making steady progress toward his goals. It's fantastic to see how mentorship is helping to unlock potential and create opportunities for success.



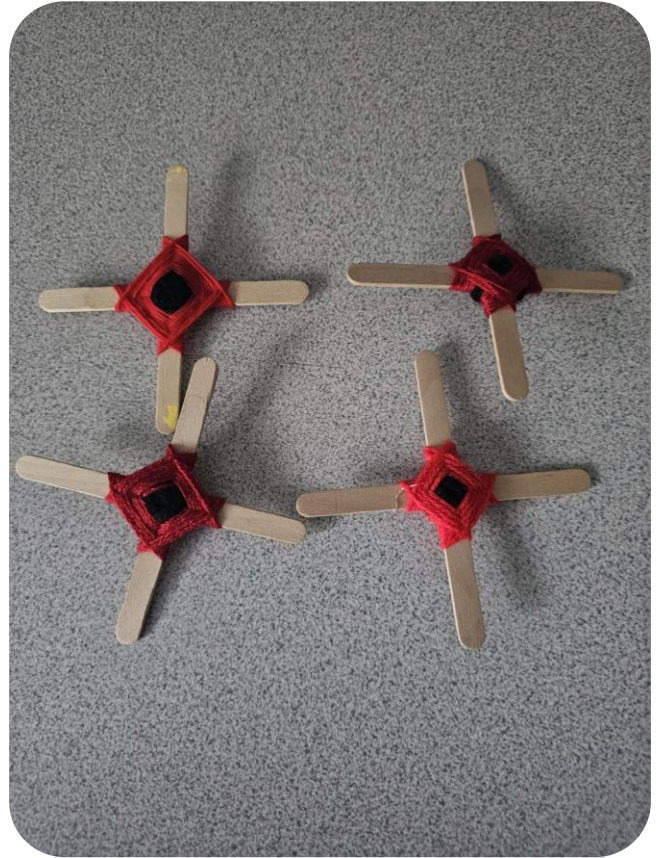
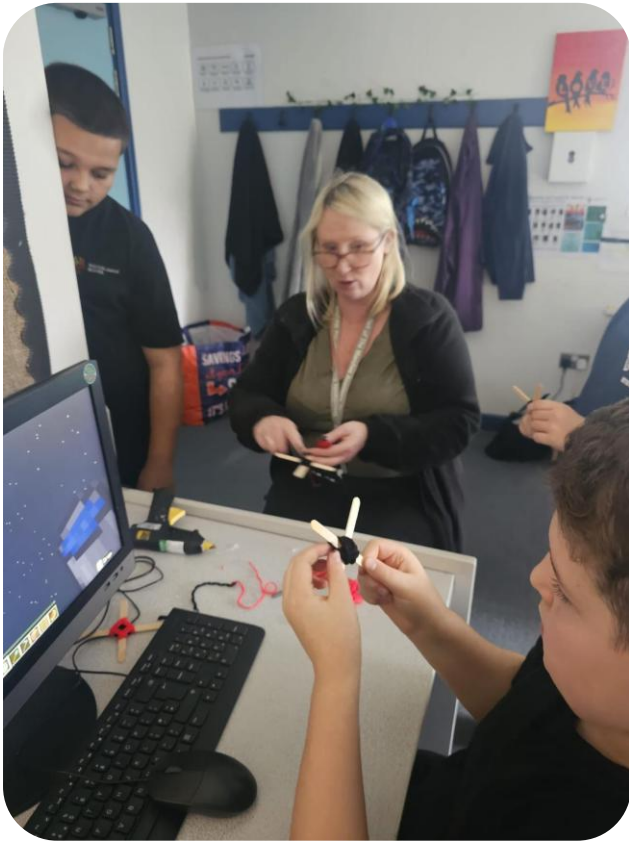
This week, **Acorns 1** dived into history with a delicious dish straight from their WWII ration recipe collection

- Corned Beef Hash.

Simple, hearty, and full of flavour, this recipe was a staple during the rationing era, making the most of limited ingredients while still delivering comfort and nourishment. It was a wonderful reminder of resilience and creativity in the kitchen.

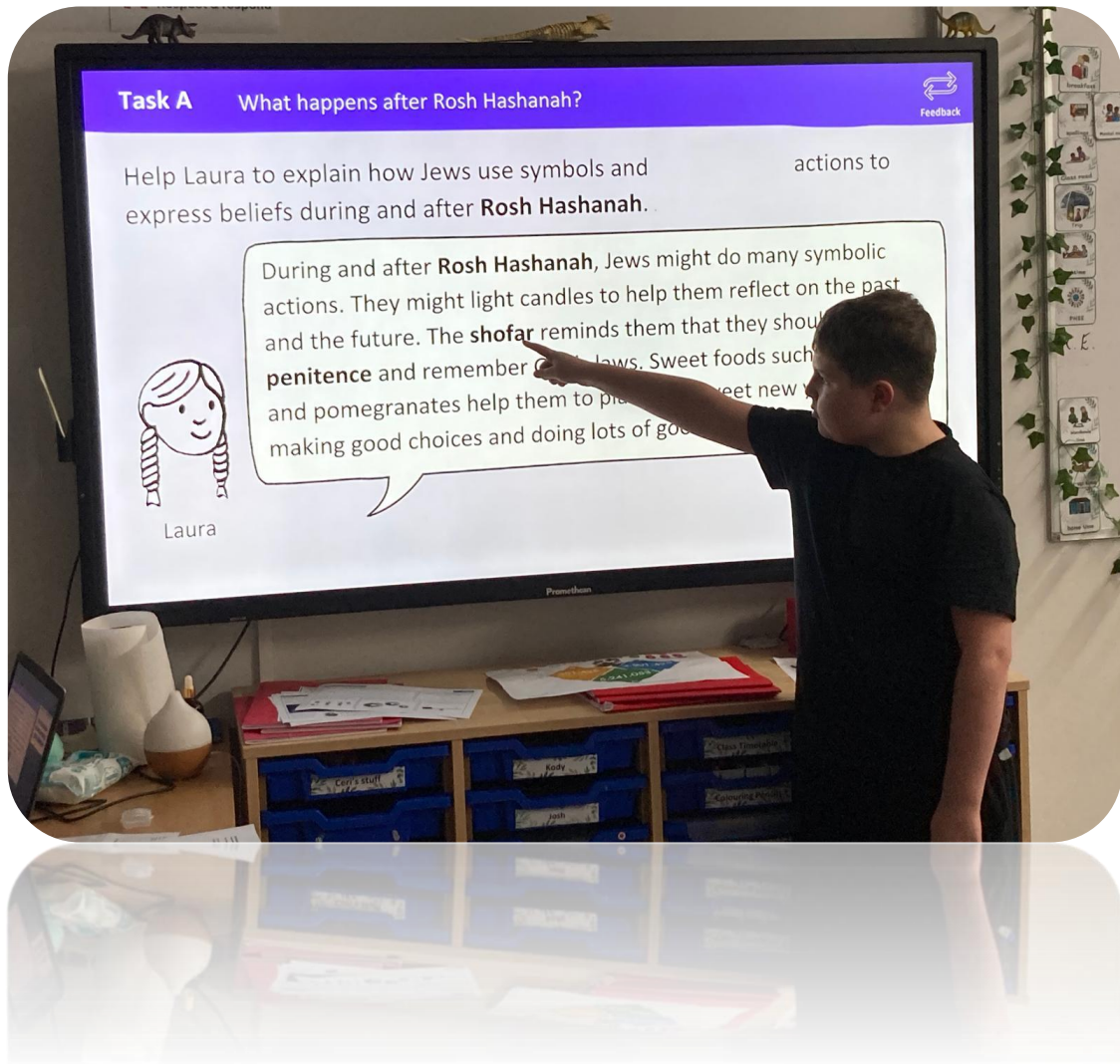


This week, Acorns 2 completed their cooking lesson with a fascinating twist—preparing **Corned Beef Hash** from an authentic WWII ration recipe. Learners explored how families made the most of limited ingredients during wartime, turning simple items into hearty, comforting meals. It was a fantastic opportunity to combine practical cooking skills with a taste of history, and everyone enjoyed the experience!



Our learners in **Acorns 1** showed incredible creativity during Forest School this week as they made beautiful **Remembrance poppies** to honour those who served. Despite the challenge of wet twigs, they adapted brilliantly by using **lollipop sticks** as stems—what a fantastic example of problem-solving and resilience! These handmade poppies are a heartfelt tribute, reminding us all:

Lest we forget.



And introducing our newest member of staff,

Mr Roberts, RE teacher

– great engagement and knowledge leading Acorn 1
learning

- Ceri





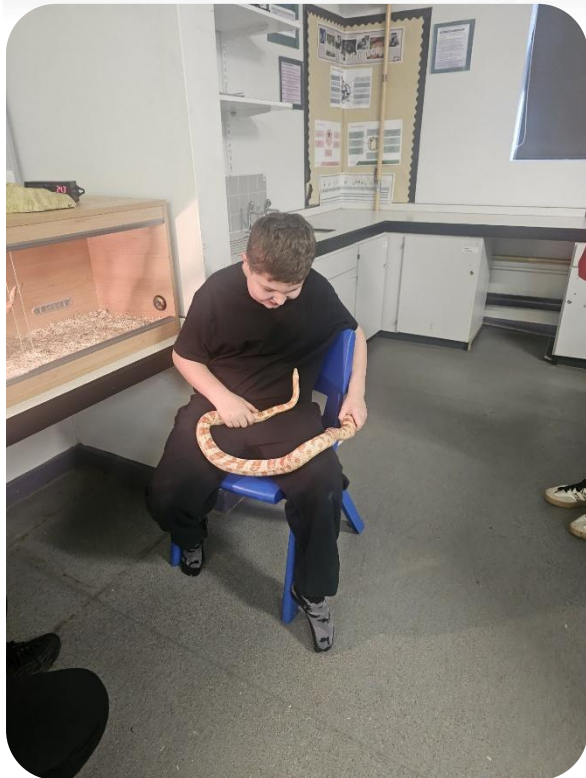
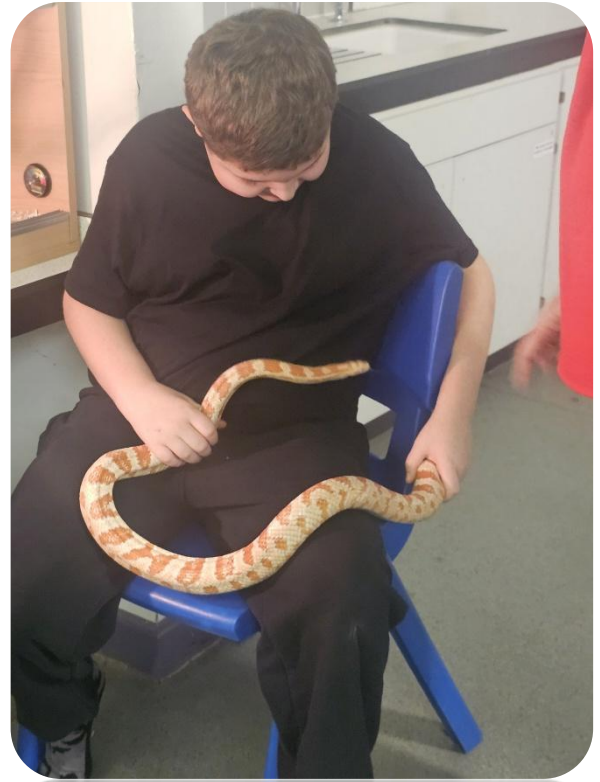
Acorns 1 had the fantastic opportunity to attend the **Marches Careers Fair**, where they explored a wide range of career pathways and spoke directly with employers and training providers. Learners gained valuable insights into future opportunities, asked thoughtful questions, and discovered what skills and qualifications are needed for different roles. It was an inspiring experience that helped them start thinking about their next steps and aspirations.



Saplings 3 made a map of their woodland trail for the
Woodland Trust.

This is to share their experiences with other learners and the wider school community. They found woodland bugs, leaves, horse chestnut shells and acorns. They were fascinated by the difference between English Oak Acorns and Turkish Oaks; examples they found are on the map. This is the final aspect of a **Platinum Project** they have been working on since the Spring, it will be submitted to the Woodland Trust for approval.

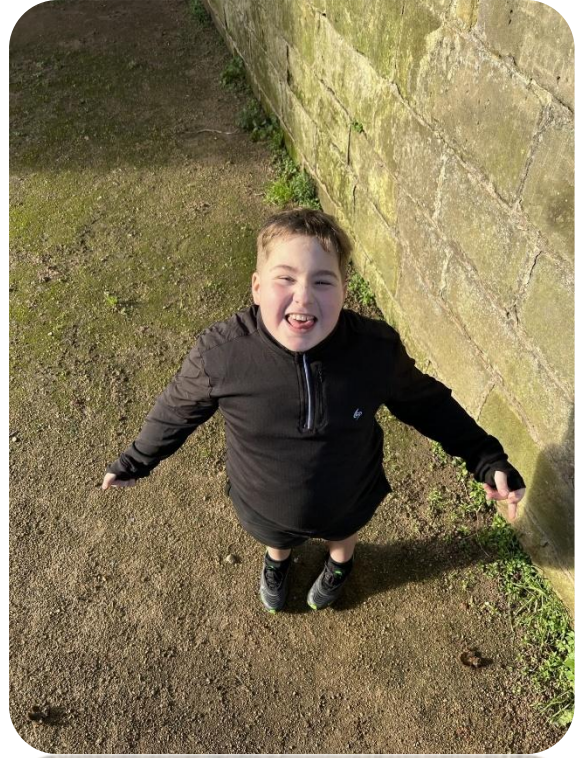




Oscar showed incredible courage and curiosity by handling

Willow the snake

With guidance from Wendy, he learned about reptiles, their habitats, and how to handle them safely. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that sparked lots of questions and built confidence around animals. Well done for embracing this unique learning opportunity!



Acorns 2 and 3 joined together on a trip to Morten Corbet and explored the old ruins together. They played hide and seek and looked at the sights from a height.

- Natalie D

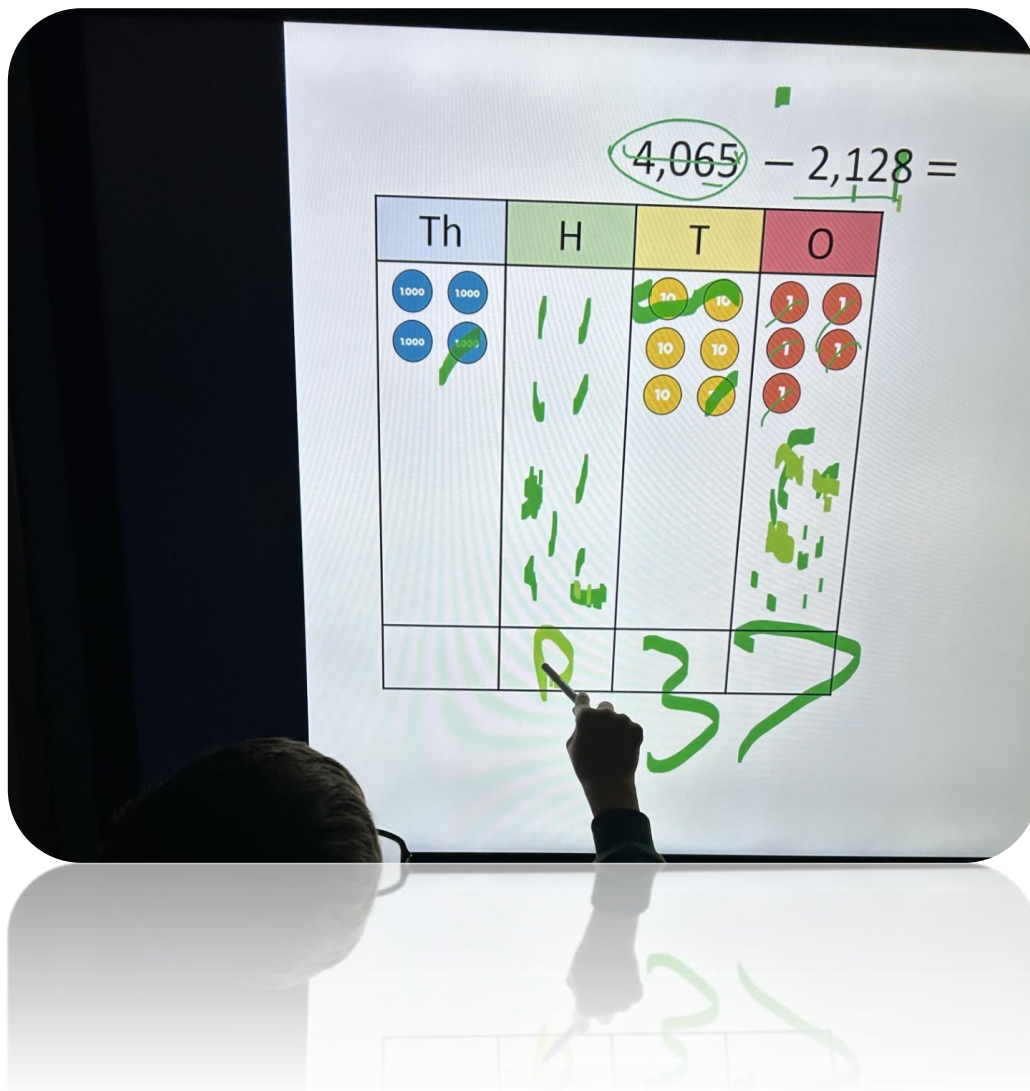




This week for art in Acorns 3 we used charcoal to draw faces.

Bobby really enjoyed this lesson.

- Sian



Tricky Maths

Acorns 3 have been taking on

Subtraction with Multiple Exchanges

When subtracting numbers where the top digit is smaller than the bottom digit, we need to **regroup (borrow)** from the next place value. If that place value is also zero or too small, we continue borrowing from the next column until we have enough to subtract.

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STRUGGLING WITH FUEL PRICES?

Are you struggling with fuel prices and need some advice?

If you, or someone you know, is struggling with their energy bills, we may be able to help

Our dedicated mentors can provide advice by visiting you at home and continue support through further visits or remote assistance to help you save money on your energy.

We may be able to help speak to your supplier about any questions you may have regarding billing issues or outstanding debt.

We can support you with:



ENERGY CRISIS & ADVOCACY SUPPORT



ENERGY SAVING AWARENESS



INCOME MAXIMISATION



ENERGY EFFICIENCY ADVICE

PLEASE CONTACT OUR HOME ENERGY ADVICE TEAM TODAY!



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Are you a parent carer or a young person with special needs or learning differences (with or without a diagnosis)?

Here's where you can join us: Natter Matters sessions and family events

Natter Matters

Monday 8th September, 9.30am-11.30am Wem Town Hall

Stories and Crafts - Stories told by Jake Evans

Saturday 13th September, 1.30pm-3.30pm Wem Town Hall

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Saturday 11th October, 1.30pm-3.30pm Wem Town Hall

Natter Matters -Abi from PACC-Community Navigator Service

Monday 13th October, 9.30am-11.30am Meeting Room, Wem Town Hall

Natter Matters

Monday 10th November, 9.30am-11.30am Wem Town Hall

Swimming - Whitchurch Swimming Pool

Date TBC (November), Sunday 11am-12pm

Natter Matters

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Please book on to events via the Wem SEN Hub Facebook Page

**WEM TOWN HALL
SEN EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**



Relaxed Screening of Hotel Transylvania

Tuesday 28th October, 1.30pm - Wem Town Hall

Wem Town Hall Halloween Crafts SEN Session

Friday 31st October 1pm-2pm

Relaxed Screening of Polar Express (PJs Welcome)

Saturday 20th December, 1.30pm, Wem Town Hall

please book for these events directly with Wem Town Hall

You can also find us at

Wem Market every Thursday until 9th October

Wem Car boot - Sunday 14th September
9.00am-12.00pm Wem Recreational Ground

Quiet Space during
Wem Christmas Lights and Festival
1pm-6pm, Wem Town Hall



**Events coming in the
New Year**

The Animal Family
and
Keystage Circus



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

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.](#)

Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

01743 250950

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

No judgment, just support. For **all** Shropshire families, including those whose children have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)



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

Sleep Tight Group Monday 12th January 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams

Sleep Tight Group Thursday 15th January 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am Highley Primary School

Sleep Tight SEND Group Monday 23rd February 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams

Sleep Tight Group Tuesday 24th February 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am Crowmoor Primary School

The groups run for 5 weeks 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 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 12th January 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am St Giles Primary, Shrewsbury

Understanding Your Child Group 13th January 2026 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm Little Explorers, Ditton Priors

Understanding Your Child SEND Group 14th January 2026 from 10.00am to 12.00pm Severdale Academy

Understanding Your Child Group 14th January 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child Group 14th January 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm St Lawrence Primary, Church Stretton

Understanding Your Child SEND Group 15th January 2026 from 9.00am to 11.00am Clee Hill Community Academy

Understanding Your Child SEND Group 15th January 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child Group 16th January 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am Highley Primary School

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



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

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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



Woodlands Shout Outs



- **Shout out to Tommy who took responsibility to manage his own behaviour and supported his peers – Well done Tommy!**
- **Kiean engaged in his learning and worked with his peers – Great work Kiean!**
- **Tyler H engaged well in English – Brilliant Tyler – well done!**
- **Tyler ST and Leo made great progress in their GCSE Art – Fantastic boys, can't wait to see it!**
- **Leo Gu held the door open for Syrene to come through and spoke about respecting others independently – WOW! Superstar! Well done Leo**
- **Josh took responsibility and reflected and apologised – Fantastic Josh well done!**
- **Jayden R regulated himself without the support of staff or peers – Super proud of you Jayden!**
- **Tyler H has had a great week taking on a responsible role of supporting his peers – Lovely to see Tyler, well done!**
- **Emilia has engaged well in her lessons this week – Well done Emilia**
- **Oaks have been really engaged in their learning this week – Well done all!**
- **Shout out to Xander who has passed his entry level 2 Maths!! – Amazing – Well done! Xander**



Headteacher Awards



- **Bobby Chandler** for great engagement in your learning
- **Corey Bridgwood** for challenging racism and supporting younger learners when dysregulated
- **Corey Bridgwood** for engagement in your work
- **Eliza Wainwright** for excellent contributions during your Branch session about anti-bullying week
- **Kody Watkins** for representing Woodlands at the Trust Careers Day with brilliant questions and beautiful manners!
- **Michael Wright** for representing Woodlands at the Trust Careers Day with brilliant questions and beautiful manners!
- **Ollie Coogan** for fantastic engagement in History and English!
- **Oscar Roberts** for representing Woodlands at the Trust Careers Day with brilliant questions and beautiful manners!
- **Tyler Horner** for engagement in your work and being a role model to learners
- **Tyler Horner** for supporting a younger peer in science. Your encouragement and empathy combined with gentle humour enabled a learner to access their learning.



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.

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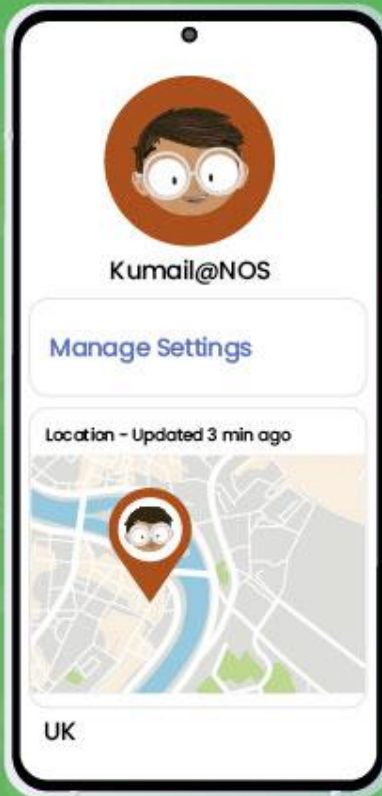
If you need to contact us out of normal school hours, please either email on the above address

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS to limit age-inappropriate CONTENT Android Phone



www.nationalonlinesafety.com

The settings on an Android device allow you to prescribe certain rules for when your child is using it. For example, you can block specific types of content to reduce the risk of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate material (music with explicit lyrics, for instance, and games, TV shows or movies that are unsuitable for young people). There are two ways to access parental controls on an Android phone: through Google Play or via the Google Family Link app. You can also lock your changes behind a PIN, so your child (or anyone else) can't change them back.



Set up parental controls with Google Family Link

- 1 On your phone, install Google Family Link for Parents
- 2 Tap Open and review the information
- 3 Tap Get Started
- 4 Tap Next to set up your child's device
- 5 On your child's phone, download Google Family Link for Children & Teens and enter the Family Link setup code provided
- 6 On your phone, open the Family Link app
- 7 Tap your child's name
- 8 Tap Manage Settings
- 9 Tap Controls on Google Play
- 10 Tap the content you would like to restrict
- 11 Choose how to filter or restrict access

Set up parental controls with Google Play

- 1 Open the Play Store app
- 2 Tap Menu (represented by three horizontal lines)
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Tap Parental Controls
- 4 Enable Parental Controls
- 4 Create Pin
- 4 Tap the content you would like to restrict
- 4 Choose how to filter or restrict access

