



Friday 21st November 2025

Headteachers report of the week

This week, we want to celebrate an amazing learner who went above and beyond to keep our school environment clean and welcoming. Taking the initiative, they joined in a litter-picking activity around the grounds, showing real care for our community and pride in our shared spaces.

Armed with gloves and a litter picker, they worked diligently to collect rubbish, helping to create a safer and more pleasant area for everyone. Their effort reminds us that small actions can make a big impact and that looking after our environment is everyone's responsibility. A huge well-done Arran for showing such responsibility and teamwork. You've set a fantastic example for us all!

Our learners have been shining in activities that celebrate teamwork. Working together in PE, classroom projects and group challenges, they've shown how collaboration leads to success.

Teamwork isn't just about sharing tasks, it's about listening, supporting each other and combining strengths to achieve a common goal. We've seen learners encouraging one another, solving problems as a group and celebrating achievements together.

A big thank you to everyone for showing such fantastic cooperation and positivity! These skills will serve you well both inside and outside school. Keep up the great work!

Best wishes

Jules





Bobby chose to make edible playdough for golden time he really enjoyed the process and wants to make it again.

– Sian





Acorns 3 art session was powerful, as vivid pastel strokes lit up the sky with bursts of colour. Shadows and streaks captured the chaos of the Blitz, contrasting bright flames against the dark night sky. The process felt immersive, blending creativity with history to produce a striking, atmospheric scene. Bobby captured the chaos of the skies during the blitz.

- Sian



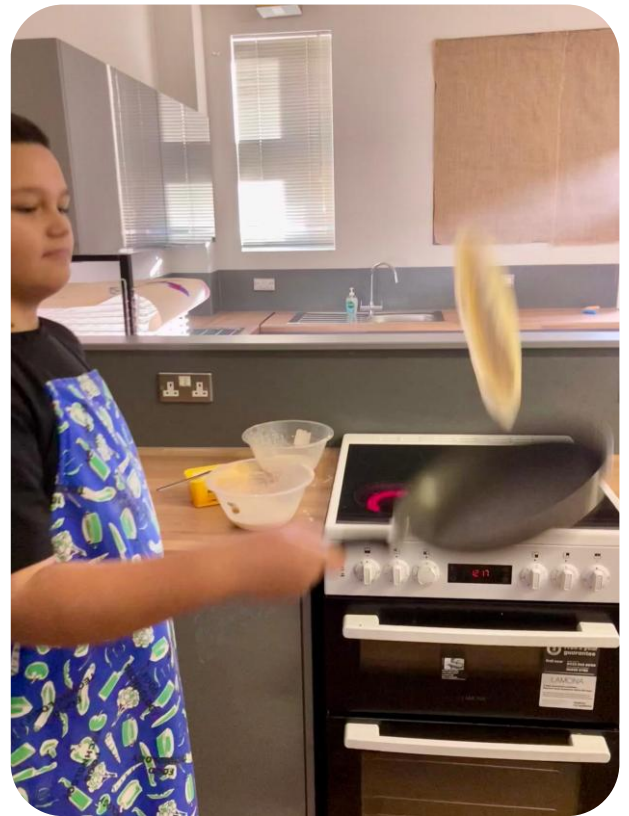
In Acorns 3 we had a flipping good time making pancakes. Bobby showed expert skills when flipping his pancakes and really enjoyed them topped with golden syrup.

- Sian





Acorns 1 had a flippin'
fun time making wartime
pancakes
- Ceri



Team Building



Lexi and Destiny both worked together really well and used great communication to master the All-Aboard Teambuilding Challenge, which is much harder than it looks!

- Ben



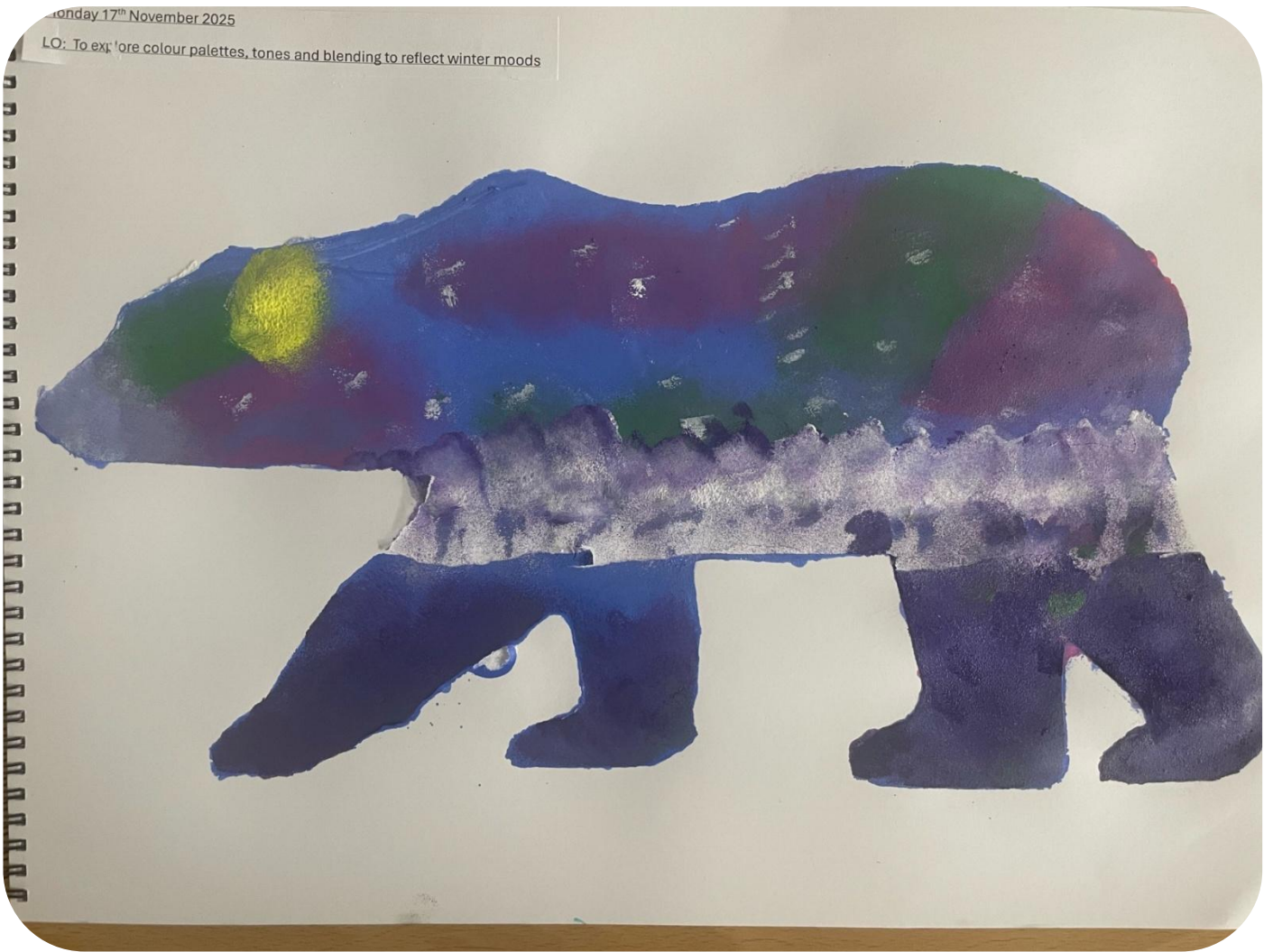
In Science Charlotte has been doing an experiment
on
chromatography.

Chromatography is a great way to separate mixtures
based on how their components travel through a
medium. Charlotte was separating ink or different
food colourings.

- Joseph

Monday 17th November 2025

LO: To explore colour palettes, tones and blending to reflect winter moods



Eliza, one of our talented learners explored colour palettes, tones and blending to reflect winter moods. She captured the beauty of winter through an acrylic painting that truly evokes the season's magic.

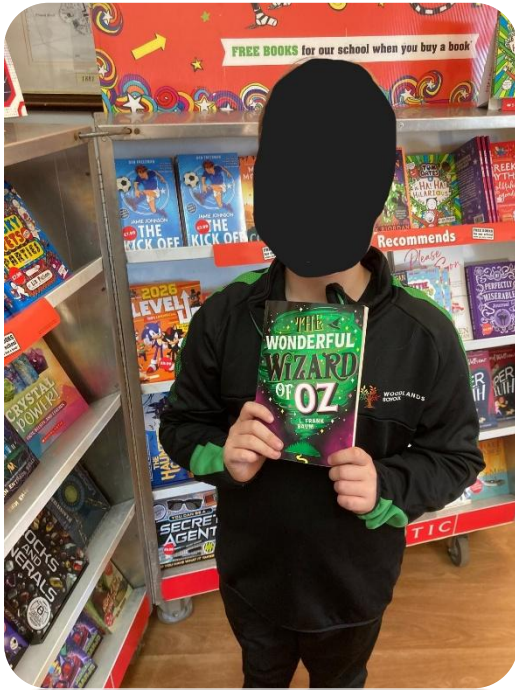
Eliza experimented with layering techniques to achieve texture and contrast, giving the piece a sense of movement.



Arran and Hasan spent time collecting rubbish and making sure our environment stays safe and welcoming for everyone.

Arran and Hasan taking pride in their / our surroundings, contributes to a cleaner, happier school community.

Thank you!



We were thrilled to a Book Fair this week—a fantastic celebration of reading and learning! The event allowed learners to explore a wide range of books, from adventurous stories and inspiring biographies to fun activity books and educational resources.

The Book Fair is more than just an opportunity to buy books, it's a chance to spark imagination, encourage a love of reading, and support literacy across our school community. Every purchase helps fund new books for our classrooms and library, ensuring that learners have access to fresh and exciting reading material.

A big thank you to everyone who visited and supported the fair! Your enthusiasm for reading makes a real difference.

Woodlands Book Fair - Friday 21st – Wednesday 26th November - Bring cash and enjoy!

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Every book you buy gets **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

Come to our **BOOK FAIR** to spot the books you'll LOVE to read!

Come and find me!

My brand new book!

Bluey AMAZING STORIES!

NORA NIGHTSEY

DOGMAN BIG ZIM BEGINS

THE GATES PESTY PETS PARTIES

Fri 21st – Wed 26th Nov
Bring cash and enjoy!

MORE NEW BOOKS to look out for!

Football 2026

Wimpy Kid Party Poppers

GEMS

Janty Genlee

Flop class

MAJOR JAMES LITTLE BROOKS

PERCY JACKSON

THE GAME I WILL NEVER FORGET

Books from **£2.99**

DISCOVER MORE BOOKS ONLINE!

www.bookfair.scholastic.co.uk/bookfair

All books subject to availability.

It's not just books – there will be accessories, stationery and fidgets too! Have a look and see!

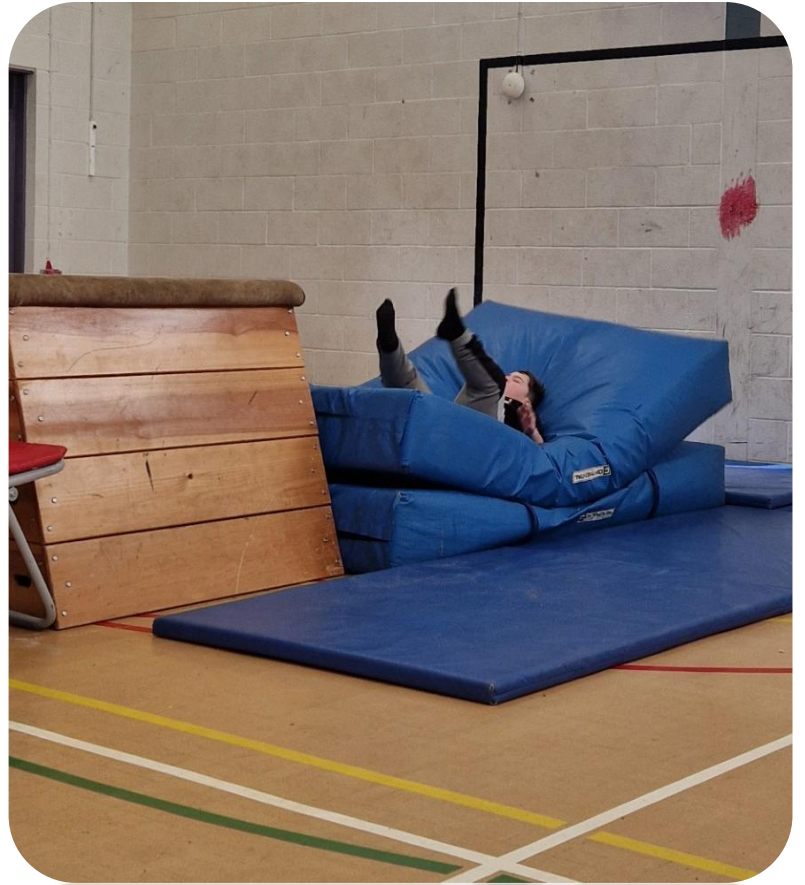
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DISCOVER MORE

Still opportunities to visit the Book Fair on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday



This term, our learners have been exploring gymnastics techniques using the **vaulting box**

a key piece of equipment that builds strength, coordination, and confidence.

The vaulting box allows learners to practice controlled jumps, landings, and body positioning, all while improving balance and agility.



Activities have included approaches, take-offs, and safe landings, with an emphasis on correct form and safety. Learners have shown fantastic progress, mastering skills that challenge both their physical ability and their focus.

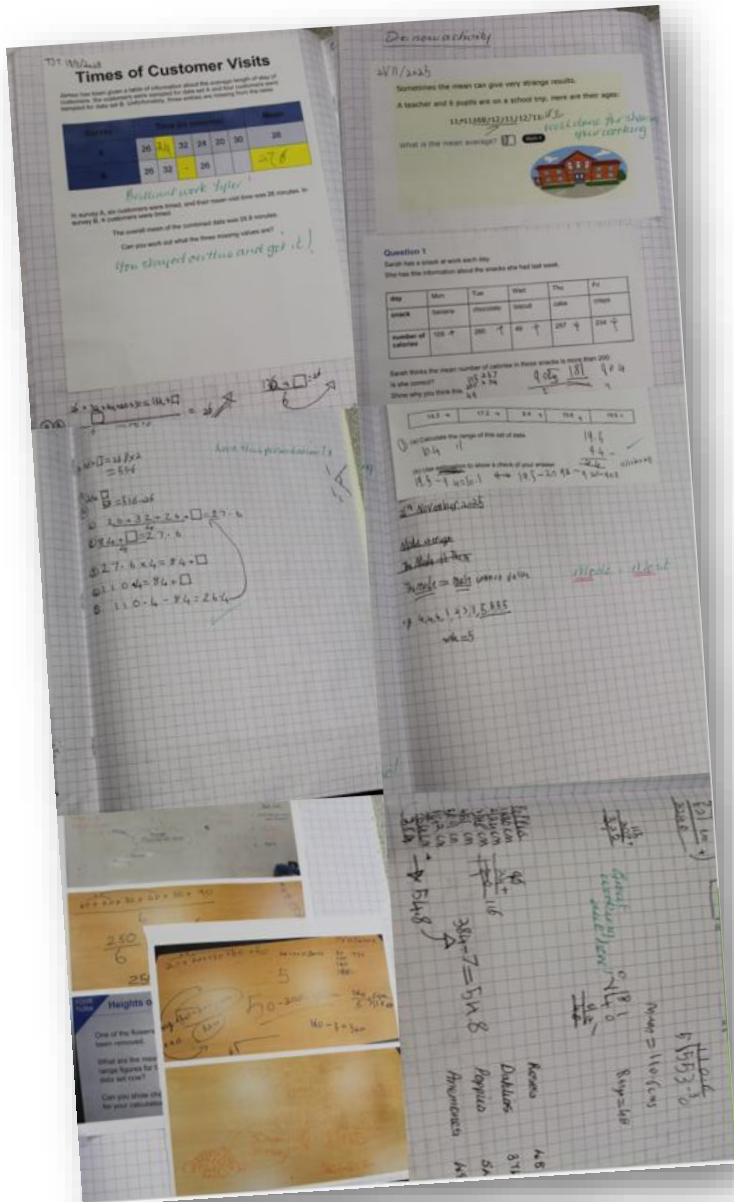


This week, Olive impressed us all with their culinary skills by making a delicious batch of **flapjack**! Using oats, butter, golden syrup, and sugar, they carefully measured and mixed the ingredients before baking them to golden perfection.

The result? A tray of sweet, chewy flapjack that was as tasty as it was beautifully presented. Olive demonstrated fantastic focus and creativity throughout the process, showing that cooking is not only a practical skill but also a fun way to express yourself.



Learners have been working hard in maths and showing fantastic progress with calculating the mean average. Through practical examples and problem-solving activities, they explored how to add a set of numbers and divide by the total count to find the average.



It was inspiring to see learners not only get the correct answers but also understand why the mean is such an important concept in everyday life, from sports scores to science experiments! Their determination and teamwork really shone through.

A big well done to Tyler ST and Leo Gu for your amazing effort and brilliant maths work!
 Keep up the great learning, you're building skills that will help you in so many areas.

The Woodlands family would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the generous donation of building supplies for our sensory garden from Oscar's family.

Your support is helping us create a calming and engaging space where learners can explore, relax and connect with nature.

This project would not be possible without contributions like yours, and we truly appreciate the time, effort and kindness you've shown.



What's on in December Oswestry Early Help Coffee and Chat

Thursday 4 th December 2025	Who can I talk to today: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Help team Health Visitor clinic Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service Star Housing Jess from the Parenting Team 	Look what's on today.... Stay and play. Join us for Christmas card making Jennifer from the 0-5 team will be on hand for any support
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Who can I talk to today: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Help Team Jess from the parenting team 	Look what's on today.... Stay and play. Christmas tree finger painting & Christmas card making
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Who can I talk to today: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Help team Health Visitor clinic Neonatal Team Maternity & Neonatal Voices Partnership Star Housing Jess from the Parenting Team 	Look what's on today.... Stay and play. Join us for some Christmas themed messy play & Junk Modelling Fiona from the 0-5 team will be on hand for any support

Free sessions
 You do not need a child to attend the session to access family help.
 Safe, comfortable, confidential and informal space to talk.
 Early Help Family support workers available to chat to every week.
We look forward to seeing you

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you peace, joy, and well-being during this festive season and as we welcome the new year.
 We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, 8th January 2026.



Oswestry Library, Arthur Street, Oswestry.
 SY11 1JN
 9.30 until 12.00



What's on in December at Market Drayton Early Help Coffee and Chat

Tuesday 2 nd December 2025	Who can you talk to today: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Help Team Employment advisor Stop Smoking 	Look what's on today.... Stay and Play - Christmas Crafts
Tuesday 9 th December 2025	Who can you talk to today: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Visitors 0-5 early help Shropshire domestic abuse service Early help team Employment Advisor Stop Smoking 	Look what's on today.... Stay and Play - Christmas Crafts Fiona from the 0-5 team will be on hand for any support
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Who can you talk to today: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Help Team Employment advisor Stop Smoking 	Look what's on today.... Stay and Play Sensory Session
Tuesday 23 rd December 2025	Who can you talk to today: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Visitors 0-5 Early Help Early Help team Stop Smoking 	Look what's on today.... Stay and Play Christmas Party Fiona from the 0-5 team will be on hand for any support
Tuesday 30 th December 2025	Who can you talk to today: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Help Team Employment advisor – Appointment only 	Look what's on today.... Stay and Play - New Year Crafts

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 9.30 until 12.30



HEAT



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!



0800 092 9002



HEAT@THEWISEGROUP.CO.UK



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

Stories and Crafts - Stories told by Jake Evans

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

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

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 Emilia who engaged well in Art and Maths this week – great work Emilia**
- **Leo and Tyler have been brilliant this week – great engagement and focus in Maths, lovely presentation and working out – We’re all really proud of you boys – Well done!**
- **Lincoln has took responsibility and attended his lessons for the whole time – Superstar Lincoln, Well done!**
- **Lincoln handed his phone in, without having to be asked – well done! Lincoln, brilliant decision making**
- **Leighton was able to recognise his own emotions and regulate himself. – Well done Leighton!**
- **Noah Hu went to the rescue of Michael W when he fell over ice-skating and helped him back up – Amazing Noah! Super proud of you!**
- **Rhys has engaged well in English – Great work Rhys!**
- **Shout out to Primary and Saplings 4 in the reading fair, they really embraced the event and emersed themselves, so lovely to see! – Well done! All**
- **Debbie J has had a great afternoon in Nest, learners have been very funny and it was pleasure to be with them – Wow! Nest – Well done!**
- **Shout out to Michael W, who has voluntarily gone into the the office and shared his food around from ice-skating – Michael that is so kind! – Well done!**



Headteacher Awards



- **Eliza** for always trying her best and giving 100%
- **Harley** for a good effort with this work this week
- **Joey** for a fantastic engagement in Maths and walking away from frustrating situations
- **Kiean** for a good effort with his work this week
- **Leighton** for fantastic engagement and effort with his reading functional skills paper
- **Leo Gu** for completeing your functional skills entry level 1 speaking assessment
- **Leo Gu** for showing perserverance and respect
- **Matthew** for your maturity towards your work this week
- **Tyler H** for fantastic engagement and effort with your reading functional skills paper
- **Tyler ST** for completing your functional skills entry level 1 speaking assessment
- **Tyler ST** for showing perserverance and respect
- **Zane** for his grown up and sensible attitude this week



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 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.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College