



NEWSLETTER

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Let's celebrate!

Here are the amazing children who have gone the 'extra mile' this week to meet our school expectations.

Our expectations are:

- 1) **We are kind to one another**
- 2) **We work hard together**
- 3) **We are honest with each other**

To celebrate their achievements the children have had the opportunity to wear one of our special T shirts for the day. This is what each T shirt says:

- 1) **It's cool to be kind**
- 2) **I worked wonders**
- 3) **I did the right thing**

We are so proud of the children we hope you are too!

Best Attendance



Chicks 1	91.14
Chicks 2	90.71
Wrens	96.07
Robins	94.36
Swifts	95.69
Swallows	96.62

This week's attendance cup winner is:

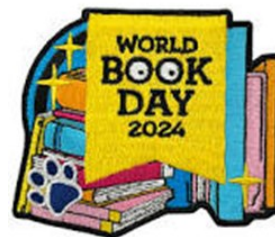
Swallows

Well done and thank you parents for ensuring your child has been attending school.

World Book Day

Changing lives through a love of books and reading.

Thursday 7 March 2024



World Book Day is an annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading.

We are asking all children to come to school on **Thursday 7 March** dressed as their favourite book character. Click [here](#) to get inspired with tips, ideas, alternatives, and low-cost costume resources.



Music Share scheme in conjunction with Telford & Wrekin Music are hosting

Telford Sings

Friday 15 March 2024 6-7pm
at Charlton School Theatre, Apley Avenue,
Wellington, Telford

**Tickets available from 9am on
Monday 12 February
£3 per person**

<https://www.telfordtheatre.com/whats-on/music/>

Comic Relief—Red Nose Day

Comic Relief supports incredible projects and organisations that are making a difference for people across the UK and around the world. **Friday 15 March** is a non uniform day wearing something red is optional please give a small donation towards this worthwhile cause.



SEND

Do you have a child or young person who has a disability or additional need? Follow the link for advice and support



[Home - PODS \(podstelford.org\)](http://Home - PODS (podstelford.org))

PODS aims to:

- provide emotional, practical and social support.
- help reduce isolation and increase well-being.
- provide an opportunity to participate in joint decision making on services.
- provide information to help increase knowledge of the SEND reforms and legislation.
- improve and influence those services affecting these families.

Phone number: 01952 458047 **Email:** support@podstelford.org

Address: PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU

30 hours free childcare funding for 3-4 year olds

Click on the following link to check whether you're eligible

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

Are you already claiming your 30 hours free childcare funding?

Don't forget to confirm your details are up to date every 3 months.

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account>

The deadline for confirming your funding code for the Summer Term is **31 March 2024**. If you miss this deadline you may lose your funded childcare.



Get set... we're taking part in Big Walk and Wheel 2024 the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from **11-22 March**. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do?

Encourage your child to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event. We'll be competing against other schools in Telford & Wrekin and right across the UK and if we clock up the most bike and scooter journeys we'll win!

Why we are taking part

Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. Plus there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part.

Useful resources

To help you prepare, follow the link for a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you..

www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk

Enjoy the challenge!

Our Learning this week

Reception

This week the children in reception learned about African dancing. The children were taught different dance movements and they were able to dance in time to the beat of the drum.

We had lots of fun learning, practising and performing this dance with our friends.



Year 1

This week The Zamble African Dance company joined us in school. They delivered dance workshops to the children. The Year 1 the children were really good at learning how to move to the rhythm of the music.



Year 2

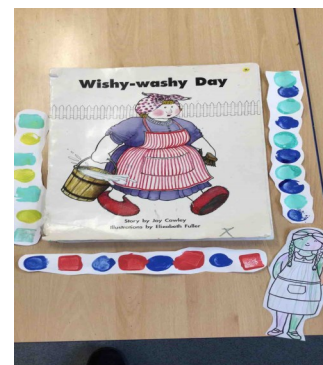
The children in Year 2 enjoyed learning a sequence of dance movements to perform an African Dance to music.



The Nest

In Nest Nursery we have been reading “Wishy -Washy Day” Mrs Wishy -Washy has a stripy patterned apron which has inspired us to learn about and make repeating patterns in Maths. We have had lots of activities to help us make ABAB patterns with bobbins, counters and sorting objects. We printed with paint and used crayons to make a stripy apron for Mrs Wishy -Washy.

We had fun making patterns.



Important Reminders

To report your child's absence call the school office on 01952 387860 before 8:40am. Should you require to collect your child early from school for an appointment could you please bring an appointment card or letter into the school office.



In order to keep your child safe if we have not been notified in advance of any change in collection arrangements we will not allow your child to leave without contacting you first.



When dropping off and collecting children we ask parents to park with consideration for local residents, other road users and most importantly for children's safety. We ask parents not to access the school car park when collecting or dropping off children at anytime. Parking is available at Oakengates Leisure Centre.



Children should must not use the adventure playground before or after school. Parents are responsible for children's safety before and After school.



A reminder that adults and children must dismount from all wheeled vehicles at the school gate, so that everyone remains safe. Scooters and bikes can be left in the racks provided.



Dates for your diary

Date	Event
4 March	Incredible Eggs –duckling eggs arrive in Early Years
7 March	World Book Day– don't forget to dress up!
7 March	Year 1 Exotic Zoo visits school
10 March	Mothering Sunday
11 –15 March	Parent Teacher Consultations– don't forget to book an appointment.
11-15 March	British Science Week Theme: Time
11-15 March	Big Walk and Wheel Week
14 March	KS1 Football Festival
15 March	Comic Relief– non uniform day
17 March	St Patrick's Day
18 –21 March	Stay and Play Sessions in The Nest (nursery) for parents
22 March	Easter Bonnet Parade– Easter eggs for the winners
25 March –5 April	Easter Holidays
8 April	Professional Development Day (only teachers in school today)
9 April	Start of the summer term for the children.
12 April	Year Reception visit to Dudley Zoo
16 April	Year 2 visit to Chester Zoo

Water Bottles

Even in cooler months it is really important that we drink water to stay hydrated. Can children in Years 1 and 2 please remember to bring into school a named water bottle each day containing fresh water. We do have water coolers in school so bottles can be replenished throughout the day.



No Dogs Allowed on school premises

We recognise that dogs are an important part of family life for many, however others may find their presence stressful or frightening.

For these reasons, our school policy is that No dogs (apart from guide or registered assistant dogs) are allowed on the school playground either on a lead or carried.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FACEBOOK

AGE RATING

13+

With 2.8 billion users, Facebook, owned by the recently rebranded Meta, is the world's most popular social media platform. It encourages interaction with other people by (among other things) adding them as friends, reacting to or commenting on their content, sharing images and videos, posting status updates, joining groups and playing games. Facebook is free, and anyone over 13 can join – but with no age verification, younger children can easily create an account. It's likely your child is already familiar with the platform, even if they don't yet use it themselves.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Facebook's quick reward cycle of likes and comments on shared posts can be hugely addictive. It encourages users to keep coming to post things and increases the fear of missing out, which can lead people checking the app even more frequently and finding themselves easily scrolling through content.

CYBERBULLYING

A 2021 Ofcom report found that around one in five UK 12–15-year-olds had been cyberbullied (intentionally antagonised online). On Facebook, this can happen through private messages (on Facebook Messenger); hurtful comments on their profiles and posts; pages or apps set up purposely to torment a victim; or exclusion from pages or groups.

REPUTATION IMPACT

Like most social media platforms, anything posted on Facebook leaves a permanent 'digital footprint'. This can have serious consequences for young people: any unwise and unhelpful, for example, new reviews someone's Facebook page during the application process.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Like in the offline world, there are people on Facebook with malicious intentions. Ofcom reports, for instance, that 30% of 15-year-olds have received a friend request from a stranger. This, sadly, can include predators seeking to take advantage of impressionable youngsters.

OVERSHARING

Facebook encourages you to post "what's on your mind", but children should be wary of revealing too much about themselves online. Users can give away their location by checking in or using Facebook Live, for example, while some photos can also be traced using the data.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Facebook monitors and removes material like hate speech or extreme political views, while adverts on the platform are now forbidden from targeting under-18s based on their interests. Offensive content isn't always taken down instantly, however, so there's still a risk of children encountering it.

VIDEOS AND STREAMING

Facebook Live lets users stream video live to their friends or watch others' broadcasts. Viewers can comment in real time, which is problematic to moderate. Short, user-created clips called Reels can now also be displayed on profiles and feeds. These video lectures could contain unsuitable material or allow children to beajoined into doing something on camera that they wouldn't normally do.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

In the settings area, you can choose whether your child's Facebook profile is public or private. By far the safest option is to switch your child's to private, so they can only interact with people they are friends with on the platform. Facebook's settings can also prevent your child's personal information (such as their details, school name or date of birth) from appearing publicly.

BE CAREFUL WITH SHARING

Make sure your child realises that what they post online with friends can end up being read again by others. It's important that they think about what they share online and how they share it with Facebook's 'Audience selector' gives users the option to filter who sees what they are sharing, whenever a post is updated, photos are uploaded or anything is posted.

ENCOURAGE SAFE FRIENDING

Facebook can help your child to stay connected with the people and the things that they care about. However, it's important for them to understand that they should only accept friend requests from people who they know. The key questions to consider are "has your child met them in person?" and "do they know and trust them enough to feel comfortable accepting them as a Facebook friend?"

RESPECT BOUNDARIES

Once you've talked about Facebook safety with your child, give them some space and trust them to make smart choices. Make it clear, however, that you're always open to discussing social media if they need to. In the early stages, you could occasionally review your child's social media activity with them to put your mind at rest – but take care not to become reliant on checking it every night.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your child watch you using Facebook – this will demonstrate how it can be used safely and appropriately, reducing the risk of them encountering harmful content themselves. Teach them the habit of thinking before sharing anything online and try to follow the same rules that you set for them – so if you agree time limits on your child's Facebook use, then you should stick to them, too.

BLOCK AND REPORT

On Facebook, you're able to report harmful content and block particular people or groups so they can't contact your child or view their profile. Before they start spending serious time on the platform, show your child how these features work and explain why they might need to be used. Facebook's Bullying Prevention Hub offers advice on dealing with harassment on the platform.

Meet Our Expert

Matthew is a former Facebook employee and social media expert with more than 15 years' experience in digital media. He's worked with some of the biggest organisations in the world and has a great understanding of how social media works and how they engage their audience.



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

Health Information

Health Protection Advice Measles

Cases of measles are increasing in the UK, including in the West Midlands, and it's likely that there will be cases in Telford in the near future.

Measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences, so make sure your children are up to date with MMR vaccinations, and ask your GP about catch-up jabs if needed. The MMR vaccine is highly effective at protecting against measles.

If you are concerned that your child has measles, please call your GP in the first instance, to reduce the risk of passing the disease to others in the waiting room.

More information on measles can be found and information on the MMR vaccine can be found by following the links below.

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
[MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing infectious diseases. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery each day your child is absent unless the school or nursery agrees a different arrangement. You must let the school or nursery know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let the school office know.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Dental Advice Line

Do you have an urgent dental problem or need dental advice?



Are you looking for an NHS dentist for routine care?

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Telford Public Health Nursing Service



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School nurse 07520 619 051
Follow on twitter @ShropPHNurse **Open**
9am-4.30pm excluding bank holidays

Advice for Chicken Pox

Chickenpox is usually a mild illness and children usually get better by themselves. Children with chickenpox should stay off school for at least five days from onset of rash and until all the lesions have crusted over.

Children who have had chickenpox recently may develop complications if they also catch scarlet fever. Parents should remain vigilant for symptoms in children who have had chickenpox such as:

- a persistent high fever
- the skin around chickenpox blisters becoming red, hot or painful (signs of infection)
- joint pain and swelling
- your child's symptoms not improving or getting worse.

Sports Newsletter

March 2024

Biggest Ever Football Session



On Friday 8th March we will be taking part in the 'Biggest Ever Football session' across school. Throughout the day the children will be practising and developing their footwork skills when moving, aiming and passing a football.

As we will be participating in football games throughout the day, children are being asked to come to school in PE kit/sport wear. Please ensure your child wears leggings or jogging bottoms and trainers if possible as some activities may take place outside.

Did you know?

Children need to be physically active for 60 minutes a day, with 30 minutes of that activity taking place outside of school.

Click [here](#) to access activities you can do at home to inspire children to move more out of school hours!



Events

Biggest Ever Football session	8 March 2024
Big Walk and Wheel	11-22 March 2024
Football Festival (Year 2)	13 March 2024
National School Sports Week	17-24 June 2024
Fun Sports Day	21 June 2024



Sporting sessions in the community

Kickstars Football is committed to providing your child with an enjoyable, fun experience at every lesson. Team Kickstars has years of coaching experience to provide a combination of football fundamentals with social skills such as teamwork, taking instruction, communication, listening, sharing, and much more! It supports children with achieving their early years learning objectives by encouraging numbers, colours, coordination, and balance

You can book a FREE taster session at their venue in Telford. To find out more please use the link below:

www.kickstarsfootball.co.uk



CRAFT WITH NUMBERS AND PATTERNS

Start Date: Tuesday 5 March 2024
End Date: Tuesday 19 March 2024
Start time: 9:15-11:45am
Duration: 3 weeks
Location: Donnington Community hub, TF2 7RB

**FREE
course**

Maths is embedded into everything we do, including crafts!
Come along to this **FREE** informal course and try some
craft activities that involve numbers and patterns.
All the materials will be provided on this course.
Eligibility: Adults aged 19+.



SCAN ME

BSAT & The Linden Centre Coffee Mornings/ Evening

Please come and join us for a cuppa, a slice of cake and a chat!

The BSAT Team are keen to hear your suggestions of how we can further support our students and their families.

We would also like to support parents/carers and our young people to better understand school systems, exclusion, procedures and signpost the different support agencies that are available.

We look forward to seeing you.

The BSAT Team

@ The Linden Centre

Oak Road

Overdale

Telford

TF3 5BT

BSAT Coffee Dates:

Wednesday 27th September

Wednesday 15th November

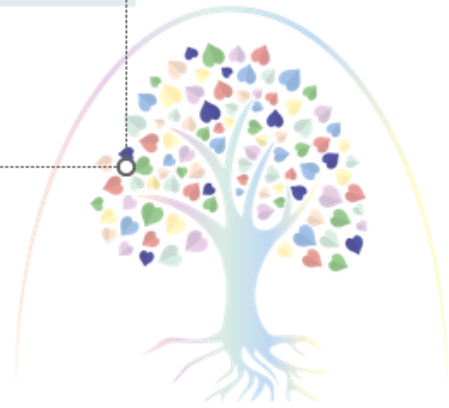
Wednesday 17th January

Wednesday 28th February

Wednesday 17th April

Wednesday 12th June

9.00 - 10.30am & 5.00 - 6.30pm



The Linden Centre



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- Mental Health First Aid & Mental Health Advocacy in the Workplace
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- Safe Handling of Medication
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- Principles of Team Leading
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- Understanding Behaviour that Challenges
- Understanding Domestic Abuse
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