



# **Buntingsdale Primary School & Nursery**

## **NEWSLETTER**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Dear Parents

As you can see 'Move up day' has been added to the Diary Dates so I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you of the class structure for next year. As you know we had to take the very difficult decision last year to go down to 3 classes due to the low birth rate for the children starting in Reception. I wanted to thank you for your loyalty and continued support during this time. We have striven to maintain the excellent standards of education throughout the year but obviously it is more beneficial for our children if they were taught in smaller class sizes and with no more than 2 year groups in one class. I am delighted to say that we are now in a position to go back to our 4 class structure for the coming year. These will be the classes and teachers for each class:

**Daffodil Class (Nursery and Reception):**

Mrs Brimley (mornings) and Mrs Elkes (afternoons)

**Rose Class (Year 1 and Year 2):**

Mrs Boote

**Thistle Class (Year 3 and Year 4):**

Miss Benford

**Shamrock Class (Year 5 and Year 6):**

Miss Baxter

We hope you are as delighted as we are that, going forward, we are now a 4 class structure school. I wanted to thank all of the staff and governors for their professionalism, dedication and hard work throughout the year in ensuring that the children received the very best education. We look forward to continue to work in partnership with our families in the coming year.

If you have any queries or questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me in all the usual ways.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs Elkes



### SAT's week—well done year 6

This week year 6 have completed their KS2 SATs with confidence and resilience and everyone at Buntingsdale could not be prouder of their efforts. We celebrated the end of SATs week by going to the park and enjoying a McDonalds courtesy of FOBs, who kindly gave £100 to pay for the meals.

We'd also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Miskelly for running breakfast club this week for the year 6's. A range of options were cooked for the children including pancakes, eggy bread, bacon sandwiches and sausage sandwiches.

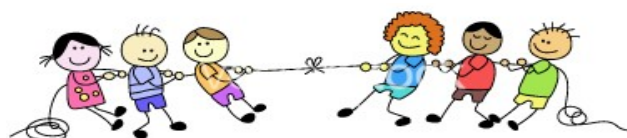
Here's some photos from this week.





We now have a **Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity** container in the school car park. Please donate any unwanted gifts, clothes, pairs of shoes, etc. A list of what they will accept is on the front of the container which is sited to the left as you enter the staff car park.

Thank you for your support.



If anyone has one of the sports day trophies at home please can they bring it back to school as it is needed for this years Sports day presentation.

Thank you.



## **Year 6 Transition—THOMAS ADAMS SCHOOL**

Year 6 children who are going to be transitioning to Thomas Adams School in September, please see below dates for your information.

Key dates for your diary/awareness at this stage include:

- **TUESDAY 10th JUNE** – SEND Support Morning (by invitation from our SENDCo (Ro Turner) following discussion with primary colleagues)
- **WEDNESDAY 25th JUNE** - Small induction day (by invitation for students joining us as individuals or pairs from their school)
- **MONDAY 30th JUNE and TUESDAY 1st JULY** - Main induction 'Moving Up' days (all of our new students invited for both days) – these dates were previously agreed via Secondary Head's meeting
- **TUESDAY 1st JULY** - Parents Information Evening (7.15pm in Main Hall)

## **THE GROVE SCHOOL**

### **Year 6 Transition Days**

**Day 1-** Monday 30th June 8.35am—3.00pm

**Move up Evening—**Monday 30th June 5.30pm – 7.00pm

**Day 2-** Tuesday 1st July 8.35am—3.00pm

### **Year 5 Taster Day**

**Tuesday 8th July—**Time to be confirmed (will be a full day)



Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Thomas Adams School - Year 5 Taster Day Experience, June 2025**

My name is Lea Winter and I am responsible for Primary Liaison here at Thomas Adams School, Wem. I am contacting you via your child's primary school to share details of an exciting opportunity that we hope your child will wish to take part in.

I am delighted to announce that we will once again be holding our **Year 5 Taster Day Experience** which will provide your child with the opportunity to visit Thomas Adams School and be involved with some exciting taster sessions in a variety of subject areas including Technology, Science, Art and PE.

**Your child is invited to EITHER Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June OR Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June between 9.30am and 2.30pm.** Your child should attend the event in his/her **usual primary school uniform**, bring their own **packed lunch/water** and their **school bag/pencil case**. We would also ask that your child **brings a pair of trainers** in his/her bag for the PE session (no other PE kit is required).

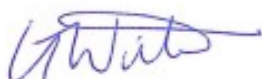
I very much hope that you will support this event and I hope that it will be an excellent opportunity for your child. **Transport is not provided so parents/carers need to make their own arrangements or your child's primary school may have more information about their own plans.** Students should **arrive at 9.30am** for a 9.40 start. Students should then be **collected at 2.30pm** – again from the main entrance of the school. Please note that the site will be drop off only at the start of the day entering from the Pym's Road entrance (rear) and exiting on to Lowe Hill road (front). There will be no on-site parking available. At the end of the session there will be no vehicle access to ensure safety – please park off-site to collect your child (unless your child's primary school has other plans in place).

**Please confirm your child's place at this event** by contacting Mrs Howells (Head's PA) by email ([belinda.howells@tas.318education.co.uk](mailto:belinda.howells@tas.318education.co.uk)) or phone (01939 237011). **You will need to provide your child's name, primary school and any medical/dietary/allergy/SEND information** as appropriate along with **your name/emergency contact number**. Please state whether you prefer Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> OR Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June when you confirm your child's place.

**Please note that the deadline to register is FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE.**

Very best wishes and I look forward to meeting your child in June.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Lea Winter  
Primary Liaison  
Thomas Adams School



# FRIENDS OF BUNTINGSDALE TUCK SHOP

**SWEETS - POP - CRISPS  
ICE CREAM AND LOLLIES**



**JOIN US FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL**



FRIENDS OF BUNTINGSDALE  
**Summer Fair**  
FRIDAY 4TH JULY  
2PM TO 4PM

Join us for lots of fun including  
bouncy castle • games • raffle •  
bunty chocolate shop • stalls •  
glitter tattoos • refreshments  
and much much more!

BUNTINGSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL



**The parents  
lottery**  
Support your school with every ticket

**WIN £25,000 and  
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL**

Various prizes up for grabs each week! Buy your tickets at [theparentslottery.org](http://theparentslottery.org)



Choose us on The Parents Lottery list → Each ticket only £1 → Play with up to six tickets → Prize draw every Friday → Each ticket supports our school

The Parents Lottery is a weekly lottery promoted by Parentkind Enterprises Ltd (PFL Company no. 3584280), a wholly owned subsidiary of Parentkind. It is run under our remote operating licence (Licence no. 057904). The Parents Lottery is strictly 18+ only. Playing a lottery is a form of gambling. If you, or someone you know, needs information and/or help with a problem gambling, please call the National Gambling Helpline on 0808 8020 133.

GambleAware GAMBLING COMMISSION PARENTS LOTTERY

Parentkind The parents lottery

**OPEN DAY**  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
12pm-5pm

**FREE COACHING SESSIONS**

Find out about:  
**WALKING TENNIS**

12:00-5pm: **All ages & abilities**  
Including, **FREE** coaching sessions at:  
2:00 - 2:45pm: **5-8 yrs:**  
3:00 - 3:45pm: **9-14 yrs:**

Free tennis for all ages and abilities  
Rackets and balls provided  
**SPECIAL OFFER: 10% off for new members joining on Open Day**

Scan the QR code to book one of the sessions, or visit:  
<https://inspire2coach.co.uk/marketdrayton/>



[www.marketdraytontennisclub.co.uk](http://www.marketdraytontennisclub.co.uk)  
Market Drayton Tennis Club, Greenfields, Greenfields Lane, Market Drayton



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please can you ensure your child/children have the correct school uniform.



**No trainers please, black school shoes only.**

**No jogging bottoms or jeans, Black/Grey trousers only.**

**No PE Hoodies during the school day, school jumpers only.**

Please make sure all items are clearly marked with your child's name.

We do have spare items in school, if you wish to have a look.

Thank you for your co-operation.



## BUNTINGSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Tern Hill, Market Drayton, Shropshire. TF9 2HB

Email: [admin@buntingsdaleprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@buntingsdaleprimary.co.uk)

Telephone: 01630 638370



### PLACES AVAILABLE

To find out if your child is eligible for 30 hours FREE childcare please visit  
<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

We Offer FREE Nursery places for children from 3 years old. Funding is also available through Tax Free Childcare & Forces Wrap Around Childcare (WAC).

Breakfast and Afterschool Club is available from 8am until 5.30pm.



**NEW—STAY AND PLAY**  
For Pre-school children and their  
parents/carers



Parents/Carers to stay with your child and join in all the activities with our

Early Years Class **EVERY** Wednesday 2.15pm—3.15pm

Squash and fresh fruit provided. We look forward to seeing you!





The bicycle rack has now been re-located to the top of the car park.

Children can enter the staff car park, but they **MUST**

**walk** with their bicycle to the bicycle rack.

House points will be given to pupils who park their bike correctly.

Please ensure your child/children wear a cycle helmet.

Thank you.



It is important that children arrive on time.

The school day starts at **8:45am**.

**The gates open at 8:35am and close promptly at 8:45am.**

By law, schools must record absences and the reasons given.

If your child is going to be absent from school you must notify us immediately.

You can do this via phone call, leaving a voicemail or reporting on parent mail.

Thank you.

**Could you be a young Carer?**

If you are under 18 and help look after a family member with their ...

- illness
- disability
- mental health issues
- alcohol or drug misuse

Many young carers go unnoticed. Don't struggle in silence!

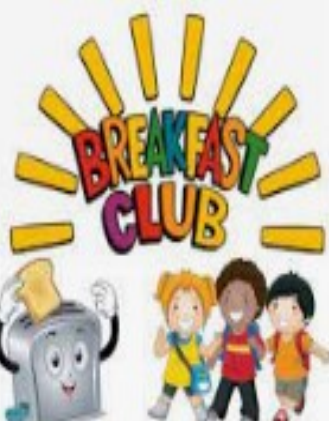
you could be a young carer.

Contact Shropshire Young Carers Team today to find out how we can support you.

01743 341995 | [youngcarers@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:youngcarers@shropshire.gov.uk)  
[www.shropshire.gov.uk/adult-services/shropshire-carers/young-carers/](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/adult-services/shropshire-carers/young-carers/)



**NURSERY PLACES**  
**FUNDED HOURS AVAILABLE**



## **BREAKFAST CLUB & WRAPAROUND CARE**

**8.00 — 5.30pm Monday - Friday**

**Breakfast Club 8.00—8.45 (includes breakfast) £3.00**

**Wraparound Care 3.15—4.15pm, £2.50**

**4.15—5.30pm, £2.50**

**To book places please call the Office  
on 01630 638370**

**Or email: [admin@buntingsdaleprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@buntingsdaleprimary.co.uk)**





## 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 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm**

**Virtually Via MS Teams**

or

**Sleep Tight Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am**

**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](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) or call 01743 250950

Find out  
more here



**Have you ever wondered what a school governor does?**

**Do you have any spare time?**

**Would you like to make a difference?**

Buntingdale Primary School Governing Body has 1 vacancy for a Parent Governor. Governors play a key role in the school, working as a team to provide support and challenge, and Influencing strategies.

We are hoping that parents will nominate themselves or others and help us by contributing ideas and influencing decision making. Please make contact with school if you think you would make a positive impact on our school development.

## kids' happiness club

supporting youngsters in our region impacted by cancer

### What?

A four-week 'gentle therapy' programme for young children (6-11) and older teens (11+) who have loved ones with cancer.

These group sessions - focused on emotional resilience, coping strategies and peer support - are an opportunity to talk about the things affecting them, take part in creative activities, and meet others affected by cancer.

### Where and when?

Shrewsbury-based (venue TBC) also available online

**Saturdays 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th June**

1 hour sessions starting at **10am or 11am**

For more info, or to sign up, please email

[katie@thehappinessclub.co.uk](mailto:katie@thehappinessclub.co.uk)

We will be launching additional dates in Telford and Newtown later this year.

**Please note, these sessions are not for patients.**





## May Half Term Activity



Shropshire Hills  
Discovery Centre

## Rock Stories From before the Dinosaurs

Take a walk as you learn what ancient rocks tell us about Shropshire's history. Go back to when there was a chain of volcanos in the sea and make your own. Do an experiment to see how a rock was formed. Look at fossils and complete a puzzle that shows what the continents were like at the start of the dinosaurs.

Booking essential, book online

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> to Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May  
1pm - 2.30pm

£4.50 per child  
Recommended age 4 - 11 years  
Must be accompanied by an adult

[www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk](http://www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk)

School Road, Craven Arms, SY7 9RS

Shropshire Hills  
Discovery Centre



## OPEN DAY

Join us for this FREE family day out full of fun, activities and knowledge.

### What's On?

- Face painting
- Free exhibition
- Garden games
- Walks and talks
- Kid's craft activities

FREE  
DAY OUT  
FOR ALL  
THE  
FAMILY

FREE  
ENTRY

01588 676 060

School Road  
Craven Arms, SY7 9RS

SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
11AM-3PM

## Safety around dogs

The bond between your child and dog can bring fun and happiness to family life. We don't expect our own dog to bite, but any dog can bite if they feel they have no other option.

Children are most likely to be bitten at home, by a familiar dog. Luckily most bites are preventable and close supervision is key.

**A calm, happy dog** is less likely to react unsafely to children's natural exuberance.

- Give your dog a safe space of their own where they can go if they need time out. Have a rule to leave them alone when they're there.
- Keep them occupied – physical exercise and mental activity help keep your dog happy.
- Teach your child to be calm and kind with your dog. Avoid shouting, teasing or restrictive cuddles.



**Close supervision** is the most important thing to keep children safe.

- Watch, listen and remain close when your child and dog are together.
- If either your dog or child seems unhappy, positively and calmly separate them. You can throw your dog a treat or toy, or lead your child away.
- Understand your dog's body language so you can spot signs they feel uncomfortable or stressed.
- When you know you'll be distracted during busier times, use safety gates to keep children and dogs separate. Or, take your child or dog with you.

**Trigger times** – teach your child to leave your dog alone when they are:

- Sleeping – no-one likes to be woken up suddenly.
- Eating or having a treat – they might think you're going to take their food.
- Have a toy or something else they really like – they might not want to share!

**Your growing child** – as your child changes, the risks can change too.

- Teach the rules to your child from an early age and keep explaining them as your child understands more.
- As your child becomes more mobile, review changes needed, like adding safety gates.
- Think ahead about your changing family life and new risks that can emerge. Read our fact sheet on bringing baby home.

**Still worried?**

- If you're worried by the way your dog is with your child, talk to your vet. They'll check your dog's health and can refer you to a qualified animal behaviourist.
- Visit the [Animal Behaviour and Training Council](http://AnimalBehaviourandTrainingCouncil.org.uk) website to find a qualified behaviourist near you.

child accident  
prevention trust

Department  
for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs



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## The Green Cross Code



**Think first**  
Find a safe place  
to cross then stop



**Stop**  
Stand on the pavement  
near the kerb



**Use your eyes and ears**  
Look all around for traffic  
and listen



**Wait until it's safe to cross**  
If traffic is coming let it pass -  
then look all around again



**Look and listen again**  
When there is no traffic  
near walk straight across  
the road

**6 Arrive alive** Keep looking and listening  
for traffic while you cross

Remember the  
Green Cross Code





## 2025 DIARY DATES—Changes in red

### MAY

- 21st Period/puberty talk
- 22nd FOBs meeting in school 2—3.15pm**
- 23rd Break up for half term

### JUNE

- 2nd Back to school
- Y2 transition**
- 4th 9.00-12.00 Parents Drop-in Session**
- 6th Non uniform in exchange for tombola prize
- 13th Father's Day Breakfast 8.30—9.00 approx.
- 17th Thistle Class visit to RAF Cosford
- 23rd & 24th Rounder's Y5 & 6 3.30—6.00pm team tbc
- 24th Daffodil Class visit to BeWILDerwood**
- 26th SEND Parent information session  
9.00—10.00
- 27th Practice sports day
- School Move up Day**
- Yr 6 Transition Day 1—The Grove School  
8.35 am—3.00pm**
- 30th Yr 6 Transition Day 1—Thomas Adams**
- Move up Evening—The Grove School  
5.30pm—7.00pm**

### JULY

- Yr 6 Transition Day 2—The Grove School  
8.35am—3.00pm**
- 1st Yr 6 Transition Day 2—Thomas Adams**
- 7.15pm Transition Evening—Thomas Adams (Main Hall)**
- 3rd Sports Day 9.30am start
- 4th Summer Fair from 1pm
- 8th Yr 5 Taster Day—The Grove School  
Time to be confirmed (will be a full day)**
- 16th Leavers Assembly**
- 18th Break up for Summer holidays

### SEPTEMBER

- 1st PD Day
- 2nd Back to school





# CERTIFICATES



This Week's Certificate Winners are:

## DAFFODIL:

Being Responsible: Isabelle

Being Respectful: George

Being Friendly: Evelyn

## THISTLE:

Being Responsible: Joshua

Being Respectful: Kieran

Being Friendly: Friendly

## SHAMROCK:

Being Responsible: Ayla

Being Respectful: Scott

Being Friendly: Noya

And the  
winners are...

## THE OVER AND ABOVE AWARDS GO TO:

DAFFODIL: Jacob

THISTLE: Ciara

SHAMROCK: All our year 6 children  
for completing their SATs this week!

Well done to Lucas, Athena, Manasa,  
Oscar, Joshua, Seth, Robert, Alfred,  
Michael, Mereani, Sophia, and Keleki

