



Friday 17th October 2025



WE ARE RECRUITING Part time Administrator

Maternity cover

We have an exciting opportunity to join our administration team for 3 days a week in school term time to cover maternity leave. You will work alongside our current administrator. Full training will be provided where required and there are opportunities for further development, qualifications and CPD.

It is a requirement that the post holder will have a minimum of NVQ Level 3 qualification in administration or equivalent.

Term time only. 22.5 hours per week. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.00am - 4.00pm Grade 6 £13.90 per hour Closing date: Friday 7th November - 12 noon Interview date: Wednesday 10th November

Required from January 2026 - December 2026

Visit www.buntingsdale.shropshire.sch.uk for an application form and further details about the role.

Visits are welcome. To arrange, please contact us on 01630 638370



	2025 DIARY DATES—Changes in red
<u>OCTOBER</u>	
19th	Harvest Festival at Christchurch with Choir
23rd	Thistle & Shamrock—Severn Trent interactive van
24th	PD Day
27th –31st	Half Term
31st	Deadline for year 6 parents/carers to apply for secondary school in September 2026
NOVEMBER	
3rd	Back to School Year 6—World War talk
5th	Schools open day 1-3pm
6th	KS2 Tag Rugby @ Market Drayton Junior School—team tbc
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W/b 10th	10.30 Remembrance at Christchurch
13th	Tag Rugby competition —Years 5 & 6 at Market Drayton Juniors 9.30—11.45
14th	Children in Need day
<u>DECEMBER</u>	
9th	Christmas Dinner Day
10th	Daffodil/Rose Nativity 9.15am
	Christmas Dinner Day
11th	Christmas Fair 2.30—4.30 Christmas Jumper Day
11(11	Dodgeball competition—Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 at Maurice Chandler Sport Centre 9.30—11.45
	Daffodil and Rose Christmas Party am
	Thistle and Shamrock Christmas Party pm
17th	Thistle/Shamrock Christmas Nativity @ Christchurch, 2pm
19th	Break up for Christmas holidays
<u>JANUARY</u>	
5th	PD day
6th	Back to school
26th—28th	Shamrock Class—Bikeability



Here's our Rotary Club members from Shamrock class. They delivered an assembly to the whole school this week related to looking after the environment.

Rose and Shamrock Class

Cross Country



On Thursday children in Rose and Shamrock class attended the Cross Country competition at The Grove in Market Drayton, competing against other Shropshire Schools.

All the children did us proud! The KS2 race is a huge 1500 metres long. A special well done to Amelie who came 2nd for the girls overall.

The Year 1 and Year 2 children showed great determination during the cross country event at The Grove secondary school on Thursday. The best results in each year group were:

Year 1 girls - Silgy 5th place

Year 1 boys - Elia 16th place

Year 2 girls - Nevaya 1st place

Year 2 boys - Oscar 15th place

We were so proud, and the children seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.



Thistle Class visit to Fordhall Farm



Buntingsdale Primary School Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Termly Parent Information Session



To be held in the school hall on Wednesday 26th November 9:00 to 10:00



What is Quality First Teaching?

This session is aimed at all parents who would like to find out more about SEND.

Really informative....
Was lovely to talk to other parents!



Really helpful session. Not only is the information relevant, it is beneficial to feel you're not fighting alone.

Coffee and light refreshments available

BUNTINGSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY



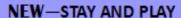
Tern Hill, Market Drayton, Shropshire. TF9 2HB Email: admin@buntingsdaleprimary.co.uk Telephone: 01630 638370



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.



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!

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Pumpkin Patches

Pick your own pumpkins

It's that spooky time of year and pumpkins across the county are now ready to pick! We have put together a list of local pick your own pumpkin patches. We didn't realise there were so many! From pumpkins and alpacas, spooky mazes, witches villages and other kids activities, pumpkin patches make a great family day out.

<u>Information to help families in Shropshire - Shropshire Together Community Directory</u>



Firework displays near you

Remember, remember the 5th November, gun powder, treason and plot. Also, fireworks that make you go 'ooooh', toffee apples that stick to your teeth and the smell of bonfire smoke that sticks to your coat for days.

There are some fantastic organised firework displays happening this year, including some low noise displays. Take a look at our directory to see what's happening by you

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Holiday clubs

Childcare and holiday clubs

If you are looking for holiday clubs or childcare for October half-term, check out our list of local providers in our Family Information Directory. From arts and crafts, to animals, to football, there is something for everyone!

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Free scavenger hunt



Autumn scavenger hunts

Looking for things to do with the kids this half term? Why not try one of our free scavenger hunts?

We have three to choose from - one to do in your neighbourhood, one on a nature walk and one indoors.

Don't have a printer? Grab a piece of paper and get the kids to create their own, using ours for inspiration.

Autumn Scavenger Hunt 2025.pdf















As the fireworks season approaches, the night sky will be lit up with firework displays.

with fireworks

With all the sparkle, it's easy to forget that fireworks can be dangerous if not used correctly and responsibly. This advice will help everyone to stay safe while celebrating.

Using fireworks at home?

If you decide to use fireworks at home, here's how everyone can stay safe

Only buy from licensed sellers

Check before you buy. Make sure you buy fireworks from a licensed retailer, both in-store and online. Do not buy fireworks from unknown retailers on social media sites. It's illegal for anyone under 18 to buy or carry fireworks.

Store fireworks safely

Store fireworks in their original packaging. Lock them away from children and animals. Keep fireworks dry and away from sources of heat or ignition.

Check your timings

Did you know that you can't let fireworks off between 11pm and 7am? The only exceptions are Fireworks Night, when the cut-off is midnight, and Diwali. New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year, when it's 1am. Timings may be different in Scotland, Search 'fireworks' on gov.scot for more advice.

Be considerate

i i People and animals may be affected by fireworks. Let your neighbours know in advance if you're planning on using any fireworks. Be mindful of where you site fireworks to minimise disruption.

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Look after pets

Cats and dogs should stay inside. Give small animals who live outside lots of extra bedding and nesting material to burrow in.

Read all the instructions

The box of fireworks will tell you important things like how far away people need to stand back once the firework is lit. If you don't understand the instructions and warnings, don't use the firework.

Dispose of fireworks safely

Ensure that fireworks are out, soak them in water overnight, then put them in a rubbish bag and in the bin.

Which fireworks can I use at home?

Category information can be found on the label

Category F1, F2 and F3 fireworks are on sale to the general public. Consumer fireworks will fall into either category F2 or F3 depending on how much of a safety distance is required. Check you have enough space to safely use a firework before you buy. Always follow the Firework Code <u>www.saferfireworks.com</u>

Go to www.gov.uk/fireworks-the-law for more advice

DNFIRE



Join us for a night of family fun and firework spectacular at our bonfire event on

SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER









Live music from Andrew Pearce



Firework display by the creators of the London New Year's Eve team



GATES OPEN AT 5PM | BONFIRE 7PM | FIREWORKS 7.30PM

Adults £7 | Kids £5 | Under 5s are FREE

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SCAN FOR 10% OFF ADVANCE **TICKETS**



Join us for an afternoon of crafting this Halloween. Make halloween decorations, experiment at making a pumpkin be "sick" and explore feelie boxes.

Spooky refreshments will be available.

£5 per child









Drop in between

1PM - 4PM



01588 676 060 School Road, Craven Arms SY7 9RS. Grow Cook Learn, a registered charity: 1158795 www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk info@shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk



£8.50 per child* Online booking: fordhallfarm.com

*Siblings welcome with no charge if NOT participating.

even enjoy a camp fire treat!

Water 4 Wildlife Trail

A fun activity trail only £2.50 p.p.

No need to book, simply purchase in the shop

Have you visited Fordhall Farm?







Budgeting for Christmas

Is it too early to mention the C word? We know Christmas can be a really expensive time of year so here are our top tips for keeping the costs down.

Are you receiving everything you are entitled to? Turn2Us is a charity who believes everyone in the UK should have financial security so they can thrive. They offer a free benefits calculator and grants search on their website. It onlu takes a few minutes to check if you are missing out on something you could be entitled to. https://www.turn2us.org.uk/

Credit unions are not-for-profit organisations that provide savings, loans and a range of services to their members. There are two Credit Unions in Shropshire, <u>Fair Share Credit Union</u> and <u>Just Credit Union</u> Both offer Christmas loans to help you pay for this year and then save towards next Christmas.

You can get support with housing, energy and food costs through <u>Shropshire Council's Cost of Living website</u>. You can be referred to the foodbank by a professional who knows you, such as your housing association, GP, support worker or school. They can also refer you for a Christmas Food and Gift Hamper and schemes such as <u>Santa's Little Stars</u> who provide wrapped age-appropriate Christmas presents to children all over the county.

<u>Our Family Information Directory</u> will have lots of free or low cost activities and events to make Christmas fun. We are beginning to add events now and normally have over 100 listings by December



Free School Meals applications and updates:

Free School Meals applications should be made using the Shropshire online portal. Where parents and carers have an email address we try to encourage the online application as much as possible, it is quick and easy to complete and the applicant also gets an indicative eligibility result at the end of their application.

This is different to the Universal Free School Meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, so if you have a child in those year groups, it is still worth applying. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, they'll also qualify for the Holiday Activity and Food Programme. Food vouchers may also be available through the Household Support Fund during school holidays.

Children in receipt of Free School Meals (benefits related) can attend **one** free Additional After School Club per week. In addition, children in receipt of Free School Meals will also be allocated Pupil Premium funding by the Government to help school improve educational outcomes. Currently, the funding per year is £1,480 per pupil.

Transitional protections have been extended until the end of the 2025/26 school year. All pupils becoming eligible for free school meals under the benefits-based criteria, should continue to receive this entitlement, regardless of any change in household circumstances or phase of education until the end of the 2025/26 school year.

From the start of the 2026/27 school year, the Department for Education will introduce new eligibility criteria meaning that all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit will be entitled to receive a free meal. It is their intention to end transitional protections alongside this change in threshold, with eligibility for all pupils reverting to whether they meet the eligibility criteria regardless of whether they were previously protected. They will issue further guidance ahead of September 2026.

Market Drayton 2026 Schools Calendar Project Art Exhibition 2025

We are delighted to announce the list of children's paintings, from Buntingsdale Primary School for the month of November 2026 which have been chosen to be displayed at the Annual Schools Calendar Art Exhibition from Wednesday 29th October to Saturday 1st November 2025 in the Grove School Main Hall - open to the public from 10 am – 2pm.

Paint a Picture Sessions

This year we are also offering 'Paint a Picture Sessions' to adults and children during the open days in the Grove School Main Hall, Wednesday – Friday from 11am- 1pm. All materials and some guidance will be provided.

Special Presentation Ceremony

On 1st November at 12.30pm all the children listed below, and their families are invited to the Grove School Main Hall to receive a certificate, presented to every child by Tim Manton, Mayor of Market Drayton

Exhibition in the Festival Drayton Gallery

The 2026 Calendar paintings will also be on display in the Festival Drayton Centre Gallery during the month of November.

Shortlisted children from Buntingsdale Primary School

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Timoci Kete Age 5 Commended

Evelyn Jennings Age 5 Commended

Brooke Tapley Age 5 *Highly Commended

Year 1 & 2

Harper Tokai Age 7 Commended

Molly Williams Age 7 Commended

Billy Johnson Age 7 * Highly Commended

Sophia Gavrillta Age 7 * Highly Commended

Year 3 & 4

Clark Middling Age 8 Commended

Ayla Moore Age 9 * Highly Commended

Amelie Tokai Age 9 * Highly Commended

Year 5 & 6

Kerry Whippy Age 10 *Highly Commended

Oscar Jackson Age 11 Commended

Joshua McLoy Age 11 *Winner

©ESCAPE ROOMS

Can your team solve the escape room puzzles to unlock the team members' certificates?

In the Discovery Centre take on this popular family activity, you'll need to solve the puzzles and clues to "escape". There will be a range of activities for different ages and abilities for to move through.

All groups must be accompanied by an adult.

OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITY

Mon 27thth to Thurs 30th Oct Book your slot at our front desk

£4.50 per child Recommended age 4 - 11 years



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Plus, you'll get...



Exclusive retailer offers

Competitions A warm feeling inside!





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9AM - 10.30AM Macmillian coffee morning, parents &

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FOBs meeting 🐪

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Penny wars competition begins 👴

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NOV 05 3.15PM - 3.30PM Bonfire Night refreshment stall 🔝

NOV Break the rules day X

DEC 2.30PM - 4.30PM Christmas fair 🎄



confidential and impartial information, advice and support for children, young people (0-25) and their parents and carers

(SEND), including related health and social care issue



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Shropshire Music Service is a non-profit organisation employing more than 40 highly skilled, professional music teachers. We visit schools around the county to deliver instrumental lessons, curriculum support, workshops,

We deliver consistently excellent teaching, whilst ensuring that financial circumstances are not a barrier to music education. We also ensure that young people have access to performance opportunities and group music making, either in their school or the local community.

Our teachers work within experienced teams, where learning resources are developed to refect the changing needs of students. Safeguarding of children is a priority and all our teachers beneft from regular training in several key areas. Teachers are subject to enhanced DBS checks, suitability to work checks, routine monitoring, and performance management.

Students may be taught individually or in small groups, and lessons usually take place in school during the normal day. Timetables are monitored to reduce the impact this may have on core subjects. We teach most instruments and have a range of equipment for hire. We are also happy to advise parents when buying an instrument, and we work with a number of specialist, local retailers.

Scan the QR code on this flyer to find out more and enrol for lessons.



www.shropshiremusicservice.org.uk



Worried about your child's health?

Think 'Pharmacy First'

You can now get treatment for a variety of common conditions and minor illnesses from your local community pharmacy.

Your pharmacy can help with:

- Earache (ages 1-17)
- Infected insect bites (from age 1)
- Impetigo (from age 1)
- Sore throat (from age 5)
- Hay fever (all ages)
- Conjunctivitis (all ages)

If you don't know whether a pharmacist can help with what you need, give them a call first or just pop in.

If you get a prescription through your pharmacy, you'll never pay more than if you had seen your GP.



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Come along to our open access clinic for health advice, information and support for you and your baby/child. No appointment needed.

- EMOTIONAL HEALTH & WELLBEING
- GROWTH MONITORING & HEALTH ADVICE
- INFANT FEEDING & INTRODUCING SOLIDS SUPPORT
- DEVELOPMENT, BEHAVIOUR & SLEEP SUPPORT



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ARE YOU CURRENTLY PREGNANT OR HAVE HAD A BABY IN THE LAST YEAR?

As part of the Telford & Wrekin Start for Life initiative, there are FREE places available for **Shropshire**, **Telford & Wrekin** PARENTS/ PARENTS TO BE to attend a Baby and child **First Aid and Accident Prevention** class run by

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DRINKS AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED



Please note that this is only open to pregnant parents or parents who have a child under the age of 2 years old in the Shropshire and Telford area











AUTUMN TERM SEND MEET & CHAT FAMILY DROP-IN

Hosted by Shropshire Early Help



Do you care for a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

These sessions are open to anyone supporting a child with SEND — whether you're a parent carer, family member, or professional.

Come along to ask questions, get practical advice, and connect with professionals who understand your journey

Speak with experts in:

- EHCPs
- · School support
- Wealth and wellbeing
- Social care
- Mental health
- Navigating SEND challenges

Each session will have different professionals available, so come along, have a chat, and find the help you need.





October Halloween

Holiday Clubs

27th to 31st October, 9am to 3pm

For children ages 5 to 11, our holiday clubs are open to all abilities with a focus on fun, sports, and some Halloween themed activities! Groups of mixed age and ability.

at The Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST & Ludlow Football Stadium, SY8 2BN

Scan the QR code or visit our website to book a single day for £18.

foundationstfc.co.uk/fun



HAVE YOUR SAY!

Scan the QR code to suggest topics and activities for future drop-in sessions.







Get in touch

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You're welcome!

Our team is here to help you – and you might be surprised at how much we can do.

We'd love to meet you and tell you all about that in person, so we're inviting you to pop in and see us. You don't need to tell us you're coming, or to have been referred.

Although these sessions are designed to be more of a social gathering for anyone with a palliative diagnosis, members of our team will be on hand to answer general questions and provide advice regarding our hospice services.



10.30am - 12.30pm

Every **Tuesday** at our Telford Hospice,

Apley Castle, Telford TF1 6RH

Every Thursday at our Shrewsbury Hospice, Bicton Heath, Shrewsbury SY3 8HS

No appointment needed!





Are you a serving family that is new to the area?



Serving Families: On the Move

Support for serving personnel and their families with the challenge of relocating to a new area.



Serving Families: On the Move

What support is available?

We know that being posted can turn life upside down.

Our Serving Families: On the Move project is here to ease that transition and help you feel at home.

We help serving personnel and their families newly posted to Shropshire Telford and Wrekin to overcome the challenges of relocation.

Support* can be offered in areas such as:

- overcoming isolation and loneliness
- mental health and wellbeing
- successfully integrating into your new community
- financial management
- exploring your new area
- accessing services such as healthcare and schooling

*Where we are unable to directly offer support, we will aim to signpost you to the the best services.

Contact us to get local support for your next move

Call: 01743 360641

Email: enquiries@community-resource.org.uk

About Community Resource

We are a charity that is committed to making life better for people and communities facing challenges in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin.

Find out more at community-resource.org.uk

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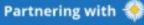
Starting Tuesday 4th November | 09:45 - 11:15

Barnabas Church Centre, SY3 7DN

Visit our website to find out more or sign up:



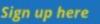
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CERTIFICATES

This Week's Certificate Winners are:



DAFFODIL:

Being Responsible: Killian

Being Respectful: Uzair

Being Friendly: Oliwier

ROSE

Being Responsible: Thomas

Being Respectful: Beau

Being Friendly: Isabelle

THISTLE:

Being Responsible: Arabella

Being Respectful: Maisie

Being Friendly: Kieran

SHAMROCK:

Being Responsible: Tilly

Being Respectful: Eliza

Being Friendly: Lekan



THE OVER AND ABOVE **AWARDS GO TO:**

DAFFODIL: Poppy

ROSE: Nevaya

THISTLE: Sean

SHAMROCK: Noya

HOUSE POINTS

