



Buntingsdale Primary School & Nursery

NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th September 2025



WE ARE RECRUITING

Two 1:1 SEND Teaching Assistants



The Governors wish to appoint 2 enthusiastic and experienced SEND Teaching Assistants.

We are seeking 2 dedicated 1:1 Teaching Assistants to join our nurturing team. One post will be to support a wonderful Neurodivergent pupil, and another post to support a wonderful pupil with autism and global developmental delay, helping them thrive both academically and socially

30 hours per week to include 0.5 daily lunchtime supervisor role
£13.05 per hour.

Term time only, Monday- Friday: 8.45 – 3.15.

Closing date: Friday 3rd October 2025 at midday

Interview day: Friday 10th October 2025

Required as soon as possible.

To apply

Visit <https://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

School Census Day

Why is it important?

It is school census day on Thursday 2nd October where schools have to provide information to the Department for Education (DfE). This data is used to calculate and allocate how much funding the school receives. As you know, the more funding we receive, the better provision we can provide for your children.

One of the key funding categories is how many children take up Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) on census day. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free meal every day. Some parents choose not to take this offer and supply their children with a packed lunch. We always try to ensure that on census day one of the more popular meal choices is available to encourage as many as possible to take up their free meal.

To maximise our potential funding, we would encourage all families with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to enjoy their free meal on Thursday 1st October.

Thank you for your continued support.

Menu
Thursday 2nd October 2025

Sausage & Chips
Or
Cheese Pizza & Chips
Or
Jacket Potato

Waffles or Pancakes
With Ice cream and toppings

As we continue with our PE lessons this term, we kindly ask for your support with a few important reminders:

- Please ensure that all items of your child's PE kit are clearly labelled with their name. This helps us to quickly return any misplaced clothing.
- Children should come to school with the full PE kit, including pumps.
- For health and safety reasons, all jewellery must be removed for PE, including earrings. Please note that children need to be able to remove their earrings independently.



Thank you for your continued support in helping us ensure that PE lessons run smoothly and safely for all children.

2025 DIARY DATES—Changes in red

SEPTEMBER

W/b 29th Parent discussions and SEN reviews

OCTOBER

8th NHS Flu Immunisations—Reception to Year 6

10th World mental health day

15th Harvest service in school. Collection for the foodbank

16th KS1 & 2 Cross Country at The Grove School 9.45—11.30

Fordhall Farm visit—Thistle class

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

13th Tag Rugby competition —Years 5 & 6 at Market Drayton Juniors 9.30—11.45

14th Children in Need day

DECEMBER

10th Daffodil/Rose Nativity 9.15am

11th Christmas Jumper Day

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 (time tbc)

19th Break up for Christmas holidays

JANUARY

5th PD day

6th Back to school

26th—28th Shamrock Class—Bikeability



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.

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



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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

FREE

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!



Just £3 per session



MINI MASTER CHEFS WANTED!

Join us to celebrate food glorious food at
our fun, hands-on, delightfully messy
cookery clubs!

Tuesday's aft-school

OUR FOCUS...

- Healthy eating and the role of food in the body.
- Nurturing confidence, connection and joy through food.
- Teaching your child to love cooking.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- All ingredients and equipment provided.
- A recipe card to recreate the delicious dish again at home.
- Proud creations for your child to share with you!

Contact Nikki for more information:

07967004824

Raise funds for us for **FREE**

with easyfundraising



Join as our supporter today at:
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause

Just search for:

Friends of Buntingdale PTA

8,000+ retailers will donate to us whenever you shop with them



Start at the
easyfundraising
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Click out
to where you'd
like to shop



Checkout:
prices are exactly
the same!



The retailer sends
a % of your spend
to easyfundraising



They pass
it on to us
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Plus, you'll get...



Exclusive retailer offers



Competitions



A warm feeling inside!

Over
£60m
raised for UK good causes

£0
extra cost to anyone

Upcoming Events

SEPT
24

3.30 - 5.00PM

K Pop Demon Hunters
movie night 🍿

SEPT
26

9AM - 10.30AM

Macmillan coffee
morning, parents &
children welcome ☕

OCT
01

1.30PM - 3.00PM

FOB's meeting ✨

OCT
01

Penny wars competition
begins 🏆

OCT
22

4PM - 6PM

Family Halloween disco
& cash bingo 🎃

NOV
05

3.15PM - 3.30PM

Bonfire Night
refreshment stall 🔥

NOV
21

Break the rules day ✖

DEC
10

2.30PM - 4.30PM

Christmas fair 🎄

FREE

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

special educational needs and disabilities

(SEND), including related health and social care issues.



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WE HAVE A NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM PROVIDER!

As a small community school we strive to support local businesses and so our new uniform supplier is based in Market Drayton. To order your school uniform please click on this link:

[BUNTINGSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL - Shop](#)

The prices are very competitive and most merchandise is the same as our last providers. The only change we have made is to our PE kit. We have decided that the t shirt should be the child's house colour and the shorts are now black.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have already purchased the PE kit from School Trends please do not buy this PE kit again. We will accept both P.E. kits during this transition period as



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

Reception

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 Gavrilita 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

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
- Health 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.



HAVE YOUR SAY!

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



RAVEN HOUSE

Tuesday 23rd September 2025
2:00pm-4:00pm

Raven House,
129 Cheshire Street,
Market Drayton, TF9 3AH

BRIDGNORTH LIBRARY

Tuesday 14th October 2025
1:00pm-3:00pm

Bridgnorth Library,
Listley Street, Town Centre,
Bridgnorth, WV16 4AW

THE LANTERN

Thursday 13th November 2025
10:00am-12:00pm

The Lantern,
Meadow Farm drive,
Shrewsbury, SY1 4NG

OSWESTRY LIBRARY

Thursday 4th December 2025
1:00pm-3:00pm

Oswestry Library,
Arthur Street,
Oswestry, SY11 1JN



Shrewsbury Town Foundation

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

Get in touch

E: admin@foundationstfc.co.uk T: 01743 289177 opt 6



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!



severnhospice.org.uk



Newborn event

Thursday 2nd Oct
2025

9-11am

Raven House,
TF9 3AH

Clothes for babies
up to 6months

Email: babybankmd@gmail.com

Tel: 07444 272388



Supporting Shropshire Communities since 1960

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

Find us on:



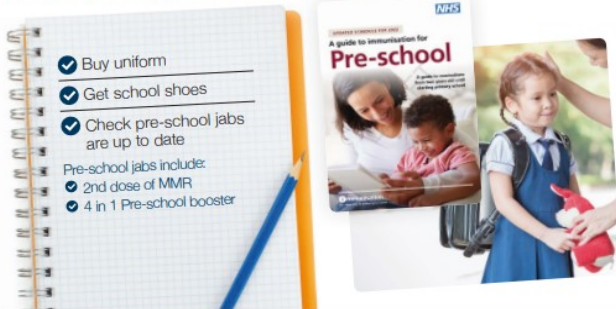
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Starting a new school?

Your child will be learning and playing with more children when they start their new school and could be at risk of catching preventable diseases if they haven't had all their childhood jabs.



If you are not sure if your child has had all their routine vaccinations, check their personal health record (Red Book) or contact the GP surgery. To get the best protection for your child, they need to have had two doses of MMR vaccine. For a checklist of the vaccines and the ages at which they should ideally be given visit:

www.nhs.uk/vaccinations

MMR for all leaflet



qrco.de/MMRFORALL

Preschool immunisations



qrco.de/PreSchool

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Helping to protect everyone at every age

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flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu immunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

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

MINI FIRST AID SHROPSHIRE



DRINKS AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

FIND YOUR NEXT CLASS:

[HTTP://bookwhen.com/mfashropshirecombined](http://bookwhen.com/mfashropshirecombined)



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

Please email kellie@minifirstaid.co.uk or shwma@minifirstaid.co.uk if you'd like more information

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Shropshire Together
Community and
Family Hubs

Local Maternity &
Neonatal System

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Shropshire, Telford
and Wrekin



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.



CERTIFICATES



This Week's Certificate Winners are:

DAFFODIL:

Being Responsible: Oliwier

Being Respectful: India-Mae

Being Friendly: Mollie

ROSE

Being Responsible: Elia

Being Respectful: Addi

Being Friendly: Charlie

THISTLE:

Being Responsible: Scarlet

Being Respectful: Joshua

Being Friendly: Maisie

SHAMROCK:

Being Responsible: Tymur

Being Respectful: Lily

Being Friendly: Eliza

And the
winners are...

THE OVER AND ABOVE AWARDS

GO TO:

DAFFODIL: Rosie

ROSE: Oscar

THISTLE: Abubakar

SHAMROCK: Thomas

HOUSE POINTS

