



## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Dear families,

What a fantastic week it has been! Our Key Stage 1 performance of "Light Camel Action" was nothing short of spectacular. The children wowed us all with their fabulous singing and dancing – truly *Strictly Come Dancing* worthy and deserving of a perfect 10! A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event and helped make it such a memorable occasion.

Looking ahead, if you have a younger sibling due to start Reception in September, we are holding an Open Event on 8th January. If this date doesn't suit you, please remember you can book an alternative time to look around. Applications for Reception places must be submitted by 15th January, so please make sure you meet the deadline.

Following our recent pantomime visit, some of the children suggested making a school Christmas video – a fun parody of "The Twelve Days of Christmas." We loved the idea and will be filming next week! Children are welcome to bring in festive accessories such as Santa hats, headbands, or Christmas glasses to wear during filming. We can't wait to share the finished video with you – the excitement is building already!

Next week is packed with festive fun with our Year 5 Production, Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day on Wednesday and rumour has it that Santa himself may even make an appearance!

Finally, we have had a large number of children off this week with coughs, temperatures, and other seasonal bugs. Thank you for supporting our school community by keeping your child at home if they are unwell. Hopefully, this will act as the circuit breaker we need so everyone can return for our last fun-filled week of term!

Thank you for your continued support, and wishing you all a healthy and joyful lead-up to Christmas!

Warm regards,

Samantha Hill



## REMINDERS & NOTICES:

### Join Our Team!

#### Casual Wraparound & Holiday Club Assistant

- Salary: NJC Grade 4 SCP 4 – £13.05/hour Hours:
- Wraparound: Flexible, 7:45–8:45am & 3:00–5:45pm
- Holiday Club: Flexible, 8:30am–6:00pm
- Role Purpose: Join our team to supervise and care for primary school-aged children outside of regular school hours. You'll provide a safe, secure, and stimulating environment that's relaxed, fun, and focused on the children's wellbeing and positive development.
- Interested? Apply here: [Careers - Marches Academy Trust](#)
- Key Dates: Application Deadline: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December
- Interviews: Wednesday 17th December

#### School Lunch Menu:

Next week we will be on **week 1** of our school lunch menu. Please note it will be Christmas dinner on Wednesday!

#### Year 5 performances:

Year 5 are looking forward to their performances next week at Christ Church:

- **Tuesday 16th December:** Please arrive at **1:30pm** for a **1:45pm** start.
- **Wednesday 17th December:** Please arrive at **9:30am** for a **9:45am** start.

A form has been sent out regarding home-time arrangements for the Tuesday afternoon performance. If we have not received a completed form for your child, they will return to school with staff and follow their usual end-of-day routine.

As the performances will be held in a larger venue, **no tickets are required.**

#### Afterschool clubs:

Please note next week the only clubs running will be Young Voices on Wednesday and Valor Combat Thursday. Wraparound care will be running as normal, please ensure you book on via Arbor.

#### Wraparound bookings:

During this term, we have transitioned from School Money to Arbor for all payments and bookings, including wraparound care.

As previously advised, from January onwards all wraparound accounts must be kept in credit. If an account is not in credit, unfortunately you will be unable to make any bookings.

This requirement is in place for audit purposes, and as a school we are not permitted to carry any debt.

If this causes any issues or you would like to discuss it further, please call and ask to speak with Elaine Fletcher or Sam Frost, or email the school marked for their attention.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams

Sleep Tight Group Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am Highley Primary School

Sleep Tight SEND Group Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams

Sleep Tight Group Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) or call 01743 250950

Find out more here



# IMPORTANT DIARY DATES:

## December 2025

Monday 15th December	Hawks water safety swimming lesson
Tuesday 16th December	Year 5 Christmas performance at Christchurch 1.30pm arrival
Wednesday 17th December	Year 5 Christmas performance at Christchurch 9.30am arrival
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas dinner and jumper day
Friday 19th December	Last day of term

## January 2026

Monday 5th January	Children back in school
Thursday 8th January	Open Event 2pm
Friday 9th January	Young Voices Concert
Monday 12th January	Foxes swimming
Monday 12th January - Friday 16th January	Y5 Bikeability
Monday 19th January	Foxes swimming
Monday 19th January - Friday 23rd January	Y6 Bikeability

## COMMUNITY NEWS:

### Woodland walk:

On Saturday 13th December the lit up woodland walk will take place at parr's wood from 4:00pm until 7.30pm.

The event is free but there will be hot chocolate and non-alcoholic mulled wine to buy.

**Winter Holiday Programme**  December 2025

**Sports, arts and crafts, quizzes, dance, games, drama and more**

**Grange Primary School, Shrewsbury:** 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 9am - 1pm

**Harlescott Grange Community Hub, Shrewsbury:** Winter Party Day, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am - 4pm

**Longlands Primary School, Market Drayton:** 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 9am - 1pm

**Lower Heath CE Primary School, Whitchurch:** 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 9am - 1pm

**Pontesbury Public Hall:** 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 8.30am - 4.30pm

**Sir John Talbot's School, Whitchurch:** 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 9am - 1pm

**Tilstock CE Primary School CE, Whitchurch:** 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 9am - 1pm

**Bushcraft trips: foraging, shelter building, fire-craft and navigation**

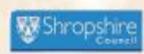
**For primary school children, leaving from Longlands Primary School:** 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 9am - 5pm

**For secondary school children, leaving from Sir John Talbot's School:** 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 9am - 5pm

**Book a place now at**  
[4-all-foundation.classforkids.io](http://4-all-foundation.classforkids.io)

Please email [HAF@4all.foundation](mailto:HAF@4all.foundation) to enquire about eligibility for free places (including for children who are eligible for Free School Meals).

Non-funded places are £8 for half-day sessions, including lunch, and £16 for full-day sessions, including breakfast and lunch

### 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)



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