NEWSLETTER

Selattyn C. E. Primary School

16th October 2026

This terms Collective Worship theme is: **Generosity**

Small School, Big Heart

Attendance letter

Please see letter regarding attendance

Choking risk

If your child brings small fruit (e.g. grapes, cherry tomatoes and large blueberries) into school, either for snack or at lunch time, please ensure they are cut along the length or into quarters. This is due to updated guidance related to choking risks for children. Thank you for your support with this.

After-school clubs

After-school clubs for the next half term are now available on ParentPay. Please ensure you sign your child up for the new half term before we return on 2nd November.

Reading Meeting for Reception parents

There will be an important 'Reading Meeting' on Wednesday 4th November at 2.30pm in the hall. This is for Reception Parents, and any Year 1 Parents who would like a refresher.

Tempest Photography

Tempest photography will be taking individual and family group (Children in school) photographs on Monday 9th November. Please let the office know if you do not wish for your child to be photographed.

Chester Zoo & Teddy Bear's Picnic

Please see letter regarding trip to Chester Zoo on 10th November and Teddy bears picnic for Class 1 children on 10th November.

Christmas Card Competition

Our local MP Helen Morgan has invited children to enter a competition to design a Christmas Card that she will be sending out this year. Please see full details in this letter. Please return entries to school by Thursday 5th November.

Bags2School

PTA have organised a Bags2School collection on Friday 9th November. They will collect donations of clothes, shoes, textiles to raise funds for the PTA. To enable you to drop off as many donations as possible, they can be left in reception from 2nd November. Please see full detail at the end of the newsletter.

Secondary Application deadline – 31 October 2026

Please remember, the closing date for secondary applications is 31 October 2026. There is no grace period for late applications. The link for the website is – Transferring to secondary school | Shropshire Council

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Don't forget to sign up for this years residential visit through ParentPay.

Wishing you all a happy and fun filled half term holiday. See you all on 2nd November

Stars of the Week

Class 1 – Olimpia & Harry W
Class 2 – Adira
Class 3 – Edward
Class 4 – Ted & Angus

Question of the Week

What is more important sugar or salt?

Upcoming Events

16th Oct – Break for half term
2nd Nov – Return to school
9th Nov – Tempest individual photos
1st Dec – Open Day 1:30 – 3:30
10th Nov – Chester Zoo visit
23rd Nov – Height & Weight checks Reception & YR 6
10th Dec – Pantomime – Whole School
14th & 15th Dec @ 2pm – Christmas Service


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October Half Term Holiday Workshops

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Magic and Mischief

The Oswestry Memorial Hall
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Monday 26th October

10.30 - 12PM Potion Bottle with Acrylic

12.30 - 2PM 'The Rabbit Who Escaped the Hat' with Clay & Acrylic

Wednesday 28th October

10.30 - 12PM 'The Key to Anywhere' with Printing

12.30 - 2PM Design Your Own Magical Portal with Watercolour & Watercolour Pencils





Lots of different projects to choose from:

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LONDON SW1A 0AA

Ross Shepherd
Selattyn CE Primary School
Glyn Road
Oswestry
SY10 7DH

9th October 2026

Dear Ross Shepherd ,

My Christmas card competition

With the festive season not too far away, I'm writing to you about my Parliamentary Christmas card competition for this year.

I'd like to invite students at your school (up to year six) to take part in the competition to design the front of the card. I'll be sending my Christmas cards out to groups and individuals across North Shropshire.

I will also choose a number of runners up to appear on the back of the card. Most of the other designs submitted will be displayed in my office and will likely be included in the local media coverage about the competition.

If your school decides to take part, thank you so much! Here are some guidelines:

- Each picture should be A5 landscape in size (wide not tall);
- The back of each picture should state the student's name and age along with the name of your school;
- Please ask the students not to use templates but to create their drawings from scratch – this makes it fairer for all taking part;
- Please send submissions to my office here in Wem by 13th November (address below).

You can send me an email if your school is taking part, just so I know to expect your submissions. I will let you know by the end of November if any of your students' pictures have been chosen.

I look forward to seeing all the wonderful designs from primary school-children across North Shropshire.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Morgan

Member of Parliament for North Shropshire

HELEN MORGAN MP
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Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are pleased to announce that Selattyn School PTA) has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the PTA

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 1999 it has now paid out over £48 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for Selattyn School it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to https://bag2school.com for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from Selattyn School on Friday 6th November. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to Selattyn School reception and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Yours faithfully





Welcome to the October edition of the Family Info Service newsletter. It's jam packed with spooky fun and ideas to keep the kids busy this half-term!
Remember, we cover everything and anything to do with family life, so if you have a question, chances are we'll be able to help, or if we can't, we'll point you in the direction of someone who can. Find us on **Facebook**, **Instagram** or **X**. Call 01743 254400 or email ShropshireFIS@shropshire.gov.uk



Things to do this half-term
We have been scouring social media and noticeboards across the county to put together a list of activities and events for you to enjoy this half-term. From free library events to spooky Halloween discos, there is so much going on! Take a look and discover what's on near you.

Find out more



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.

Find out more



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

Find out more



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!

Find out more



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.

Find out more



Stay safe this bonfire night
In the lead up to Bonfire Night 2026, the **Children's Burns Trust** have released data showing a 63% rise in firework related injuries to children between 2024 and 2025. This increase is seen in the serious burns to children that need admission to a Specialist Burns Unit and doesn't even include the thousands seen and discharged from A&E each year.
It is also predicted that this year 500 children and their families will join the growing number of people who will remember bonfire night for the wrong reasons. They will have been injured as a result of an accident with fireworks.
The vast majority of injuries are to the eyes, head or hands – so children will have visible scars for life;
Most injuries happen at private or family displays;
Rocket, air bomb and sparkler incidents are the most common;
Many more boys than girls are injured by fireworks – especially boys aged 12 to 15 years.
Sparklers are often seen as a relatively harmless way of allowing very young children to participate in the thrill of fireworks night – THIS IS NOT TRUE – a sparkler can reach temperatures of 20 times the boiling point of water.
Never give sparklers to children under the age of five. Make sure that older children wear gloves, hold the sparkler at arm's length and ALWAYS have a bucket of water nearby to put the used sparklers in – hot end down.
Read the Child Accident Prevention Trust's advice for staying safe around fireworks.
The best way to enjoy fireworks is at an organised display. The fireworks will be bigger, you're not responsible for safety and you'll be part of the crowd.

Find out more



Free first aid app

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The British Red Cross First Aid training apps equip you with simple first aid skills to use during emergencies.

Their first aid apps are available for free to download on Android and Apple mobile devices. They provide life-saving advice on first aid scenarios, such as choking, heart attack, seizures, and burns. They have a general first aid app as well as a first aid app specifically for baby and child first aid.

Find out more



Text for health advice



Health advice for your child

Did you know you know you can get free health advice for your child via text?

If your child is 0-5 years old text Shropshire Health Visiting on 07520 635212, or if you live in the Telford area text 07520 619053

If your child is 5-19 years old (or 25 if they have special educational needs or disabilities SEND). Text Shropshire School Nursing Service on 07507 330346, or if you live in the Telford area text 07520 619051

Find out more



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New Baby group Shrewsbury

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Peep Learning Together for 0-2 year olds is a fantastic new free baby group starting soon at The Lantern in Harlescott, Shrewsbury.

Fun, expert-led sessions will help your child develop communication, social and learning skills. The sessions are also a great chance to meet other parents and children, get tips on supporting your child's learning and take away fun activities to try at home.

The group starts on Tuesday 10 November, 10am-11.30am and runs until Tuesday 8 December.

Book your free place



Coffee and Chat

You can get free information, advice and support on all aspects of family life, at our Family Drop-Ins. Come along for a coffee and a chat, and find out how we can help you with things like:

Family life
Parenting support
Domestic abuse support
Money worries
Housing support, and much more

Our sessions in Shrewsbury, Market Drayton, Oswestry and Bridgnorth also include a free Stay and Play for your children.

Find out more



Christmas finances

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 only 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. In Shropshire we have **Just Credit Union** who offer Christmas savings accounts and affordable loans.

You can get support with housing, energy and food costs through **Shropshire Council's Cost of Living website**. 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 **Santa's Little Stars** who provide wrapped age-appropriate Christmas presents to children all over the county

Our Family Information Directory 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.

