



Growing Together, Shining Forever

Respect Responsibility Resilience



October 2026 Newsletter

Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents and Carers

We are nearing the end of our first half term and what a busy one it has been. Last week we enjoyed a fantastic visit to Wrekin Forest School. It was a great opportunity for the children to learn some new skills, such as starting fires and archery, as well as enjoying experiences such as the zip line, climbing, building dens and paddling in muddy puddles! The staff there were incredibly helpful and so enthusiastic about the children learning from everything. They are open during school holidays if your child would like to go again, and don't forget to check out our website for more photos of the day.



A couple of weeks ago we were delighted to welcome you all to our Harvest Festival at the church. It was fantastic that all our children were represented as they were so proud to sing and recite poems for you. Thank you so much for your generous contributions to Newport Foodbank. We have joined with the church this year in donating to them. Our Friends of School were thrilled to have a few more people sign up at the event and are even more happy that since then more people have joined. This means that at our Christmas Performance we will hopefully be able to raise further funds with a tombola and refreshments.



This Thursday is our last day before the half term break. It will be a **non-uniform day** for the children, however we are asking for a donation of £1 towards Friends of School. Thank you.

After half term each class will be having **parent teacher meetings** (further details below). These provide us with an opportunity to let you know how your child is doing in school, for you to look at their books and to ask any questions you may have. A sign-up sheet with appointment times will be made available in November. If you are unable to make the dates, please talk to your child's teacher.

Finally, our topic after half term is Toys, with a focus on the history of toys over the years. We would really love to welcome in some grandparents or great grandparents who would be willing to talk to the children about toys they played with when they were this age. Please let me know of any interest and we will sort some dates. Thank you.



Have a wonderful half term break with your children. I look forward to hearing all about their adventures.

With warm wishes

Mrs Sarah Pitt

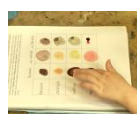
Class 1

The children have been loving learning about how to keep their bodies healthy. We undertook some exercises to see the effect they had on our bodies. The children could feel their hearts beating faster and noticed that they were out of breath and sweaty. We discussed how it was important to exercise our muscles and organs such as our hearts and lungs to help keep us strong. Alongside this we explored the Eatwell Plate, learning the names of different food groups and understanding why we need more or less of different types of food and why.



Year 1 children have learnt about Black History Month over the last couple of weeks. They learnt about why it is marked and have explored the life of Britain's first black officer in the army, Walter Tull. They were very disappointed to learn that he died in World War I but amazed that he had played football as a career before that. This week they will be learning about the American black rights activist Rosa Parks, who fought for equality for all.

Class 2



Our artwork this half term has focused on self-portraits and the children have been exploring how to mix colours to represent skin tones, as well as creating texture in paint. They are building up their skills ready to produce final self-portraits.

In geography the children have been exploring Church Aston through photographs, aerial images and maps. They have looked at the symbols on maps and what human and physical features they represent. They went on to create their own maps of Church Aston, thinking about where the different features are in relation to one another. Year 2 then went on to learn about how to read simple grid references on a map to answer questions.

Diary Dates

Thu 22nd Oct - NON-UNIFORM DAY - Children may wear their own clothes with a donation of £1 for Friends of School

Thu 22nd Oct – school finishes for half term (Friday 23rd October is a PD day)

Mon 26th – Fri 30th Oct – Half Term holiday – school closed

Mon 2nd Nov – school reopens

Tue 3rd Nov – school photographer in – see information below, **siblings at 8:30am.**

Thu 5th Nov – flu vaccinations take place in school – see information below.

Tue 10th Nov – Class 1 Parent Teacher meetings – **please sign up for a time after half term.**

Thu 12th Nov – Class 2 Parent Teacher meetings – **please sign up for a time after half term.**

Tue 15th Dec – Christmas Performance at St Andrew's Church – 2:15pm

Wed 16th Dec – Christmas Lunch in school, **apologies but no sandwich bar will be available on this date.**

Fri 18th Dec - school finishes for the end of the autumn term

Mon 21st Dec to Mon 4th Jan – Christmas holiday (Monday 4th January is a PD day)

Tues 5th Jan – school reopens

Please note that dates and times are subject to change throughout the year. Updated information will be included in each monthly newsletter.

Information

3rd November - School Photographs— Siblings at 8.30am. All children will have an individual photograph taken. Proofs will be sent home once available so that you can order photos if you would like to. Orders are online only. We ask for consent for school photographs as part of our admissions process. If you wish to review consents you have provided, or have any concerns or

questions, please contact Mrs Reynolds in the school office, thank you. **If you would like a sibling to have their photograph taken with your child please arrive at 8:30am.**

Thursday 5th November – Flu Vaccination date. Consent information will come directly from the NHS school age immunisation service as per the email sent on 3rd September 2026. You will receive an email or text message from the NHS with a link to an online consent form.

Admissions for September 2027

The online admissions application process is now available at www.telford.gov.uk/admissions. The following deadlines apply this year:

- Applying for Reception Year school places to start in September 2027 (starting school for the first time) - closing date 15 January 2027
- Applying for Infant to Junior school (Year 2 into Year 3) places to start in September 2027 (current Year 2 pupils) - closing date 15 January 2027
- If a child has an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) the closing date is 31st October 2026 for all applications.

Posters and Events

Please see posters we have been asked to share with you on the following pages.

October Happy Healthy Active Holidays (HHAH) Bookings Now Open Information for Parents and Carers

We are pleased to let schools know that the Happy Healthy Active Holidays (HHAH) October Half Term booking system is **NOW LIVE!**



This year, families can access a wide range of Happy Healthy Active Holiday Club activities taking place throughout the October half-term holiday. The programme offers children and young people opportunities to take part in fun, engaging activities while staying active and enjoying healthy food.

The HHAH programme is available to children and young people who are eligible for Targeted Free School Meals, with a range of activities available across the borough during the holiday period.

Due to the changes to Free School Meal eligibility that came into effect in September 2026, we have secured **Crisis Resilience Funding** to support families affected by these changes who now fall within the **expanded Free School Meals eligibility criteria**. In addition, through recently awarded **Crisis Resilience Funding**, we are able to offer additional holiday club places to support families who may be experiencing financial hardship. This funding will help ensure that more children and young people can benefit from accessing enriching activities and healthy meals during the October half term.

Bookings are now open, and families can check their eligibility, register, explore and reserve activities by visiting the HHAH booking system:

👉 <https://hhah.telford.gov.uk/>


EDUCATING KIDS OUTDOORS



Ages
6-16

October Half Term Holiday Club

Tuesday 27th to Thursday 29th October 2026



Sessions 10:30am - 3:30pm, £39
Early Drop Off 9:00am, £45.50



Bookings NOW Open



If you're new to EKO we are all about having fun outdoors whatever the weather. We might be bug hunting or plant spotting or den building or creating natural art, the list is endless and there will always be something new to try.

We are based at Weston Park and have our own dedicated EKO Outdoor Learning Site and Orchard Hive Classroom as well as use of the extensive grounds.

NEW for Half Term

This half term we are able to offer funded places through the HHAH scheme to children who attend a school in Telford & Wrekin.

HAPPY Healthy ACTIVE Holidays

To qualify for a place your child must receive benefits related free school meals. To check you eligibility please register on the HHAH website.

Please make your HHAH booking through hhah.telford.gov.uk



EKO at Weston Park, Weston-under-Lizard, Shifnal, TF11 8LE



Educating Kids Outdoors Ltd, registered charity in England and Wales (108565)
A company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales company number 2014074
Registered office: Astor Court House, Norton, Shifnal, Shropshire TF11 8AW


Telford & Wrekin Cooperative Council

Protect, care and invest
to create a better borough

TravelTelford



LEARN 2 RIDE A BIKE

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Monday 26th October - Thursday 29th October 26

Group Learn 2 Ride and 1-2-1 sessions available



Book online at Tickets Telford



Children aged 4+ can learn to ride a bike with Telford Bike Hub



Bike and helmet hire is included in the price



Book your child's place online via Tickets Telford



Everyone is different but we recommend 3 sessions





Any enquires please email: thebikehub@telford.gov.uk


Telford & Wrekin Cooperative Council

Protect, care and invest
to create a better borough



GLOW ROPES

ARE YOU BRAVE ENOUGH?

TAKE ON THE HIGH ROPES IN THE DARK!

Experience Telford Aerial Adventure like never before as the high ropes course lights up for a thrilling Halloween evening adventure.



FAMILY FRIENDLY



GLOW-THEMED COURSE



HIGH ROPES ADVENTURE AFTER DARK



THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER



6:00PM START



£10 PER PERSON



BOOK ONLINE AT
TICKET TELFORD

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE - BOOK EARLY!

TELFORD AERIAL ADVENTURE • FUN • ADVENTURE • HALLOWEEN THRILLS


Telford Bike Hub

HALLOWEEN FAMILY GLOW RIDE

FREE EVENT!

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT THIS HALLOWEEN!
Bring the whole family along for a spooky and spectacular evening ride around Telford Town Park.



THURSDAY 29th OCTOBER



6:00pm - 7:00pm



Suitable for all the family



Decorate your bike with lights and glow accessories!



Bike Hire Available



Adaptive Cycle Hire Available



Wear your Halloween costumes (optional)

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!
Book online at
Tickets Telford



Fordhall Farm & Love Lee Productions proudly present **Chris Eldon Lee's** **updated** musical play about Shropshire's famous **Fordhall Farm** based on the lives of **Arthur, Ben and Charlotte Hollins**.

Arthur's Plough 2026

Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the saving of Fordhall Organic Farm
featuring **The Moonlight Revellers & The Mere Singers** plus performing pigs, dancing microbes and plenty of organic muck, mirth and magic!

Market Drayton Festival Centre
Saturday 17th October at 2.30pm and 7.30pm
Tickets 01630 654444 festivaldraytoncentre.com

Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury
Thursday 22nd Friday 23rd Saturday 24th October at 7.30pm, with a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm
Tickets 01743 281281 theatresevern.co.uk

WONDERFUL!
Shropshire Star
Real country wit, rice and deep and warm! **BBC Radio 4**



CHURCHES TOGETHER

Light Party

Saturday 31 October 2026
4.00 – 5.30pm

Newport Baptist Church
Water Lane, Newport TF10 7LD

Games Crafts Songs Refreshments

4–11 years

Please contact Mona Malt on **07890511904** to register





WOLVES
OFFICIAL WOLVES FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT



OCTOBER '26 SOCCER SCHOOLS

TEARS 1-7

MONDAY 26TH TO FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2026
9AM TO 3PM

PRICES START FROM £25

Pre-book via www.wolves.co.uk/coaching