



EVERYONE COUNTS 'Our school is a welcoming, inclusive community where everyone counts'



Our Value for this Half Term is:

Generosity

& we have been

Celebrating Harvest

Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter.

Well, what a busy start to the new school year we have had. The children are all looking smart in their new uniform – thank you for continuing to support us with everyone looking smart and tidy, including having appropriate shoes, and not trainers!

All classes have made a great start with their new topics; can we remind you to keep an eye on the Topic Webs and the Homework sheets which went out earlier in the term, so that you remain up to date with expectations for your child's class. The Half Term coming up is always an opportunity for catch up time, with Topic Homework, but can also be a great time for getting out and about in the Autumn sunshine – fingers crossed!

As you will see on the Class and Forest School Pages, on our new improved website, (<https://www.leacofprimaryschool.co.uk/topic/children>) the children's learning has got off to a great start with topic based trips and local sporting events already taking place, and lovely activities happening in our wonderful Forest School areas with Mrs Stafford. Our new Reception children have settled amazingly well, with Mrs Cook and Mrs Kendall, as have our new children at nursery, and it already feels like they have always been here. Please do find time to check on the website to see what your children have been doing; there are some lovely pictures.

Finally, we continue to be grateful to you for supporting our continued drive to improve your children's attendance in school. It really is so vital that, where possible, your child is in school, on time, on a daily basis. Evidence shows that frequent time out of school impacts on your child's wellbeing, attainment and ultimately life chances. Remember that every day counts! Thank you for your continued support with this, building resilience with your children.

*Mr Manning &
Mrs Vines*

Attendance Ladder



CLASS NEWS!

Below you will find links to the website news pages for each individual class; including Forest School and Nursery. These pages will be updated regularly, to enable parents to see more of what their child/children have been doing in school; we are able to upload far more content this way, than via our newsletter. We hope that you will still enjoy seeing what the rest of the school have been doing too!



Important

Drop Off and Pick Up
Reminders



Parents / Carers are kindly reminded that the only times they should use the Staff /Visitor Carpark are:

7.45-8.15am, if dropping off at *Breakfast Club*, and

4.00 -5.30pm when collecting from *Afterschool Club*.

When dropping off at Breakfast Club, we ask parents not to use the marked bays but instead to park along the side of the path, as members of staff who park in these bays are arriving at this time.

When dropping-off at the start of the school day, or collecting at the end, parents must please park in the Village Hall Car Park . **This includes mornings when you are late arriving at school.** If the school gate has been locked, please leave your car in the Village Hall Carpark and use the pathway to walk your child around to reception, and sign them in.

Parking in the staff carpark is extremely limited and mornings are particularly busy with staff arriving and the addition of delivery vehicles - we simply do not have the capacity for parents to use this carpark at these times.

Thank you for your support in this matter and the safety of everyone.



Change of
Date

Willow and Maple Nativity Performances

We have, unfortunately, had to change the timings of the two performances in December.

The new times will be:

Tuesday 9th December @ 5.30 pm

(Children will need to be in school by 5.10pm please)

Wednesday 10th December @ 2.15 pm

(Doors will open at 2.00pm)

Open Afternoon

Thursday 20th November

1.30pm – 3pm

Open to both new, prospective parents and current parents too.

We warmly invite you to come and meet the staff, explore the school and its grounds, and experience all Lea School and Gateway Lodge Nursery have to offer your child/ children.

Breakfast and After School Care

We offer Breakfast Club from 7.45 to 8.45am with two different session charges - starting at 7.45am or at 8.00am.

Breakfast is served from 7.45 until 8.20am.

School pupils:

7.45-8.45am @£5.00

8.00-8.45am @£3.75

Nursery:

7.45-9.00am @ £7.25 age 3-4 / £6.65 age 2

8.00-9.00am @ £5.80 age 3-4 / £5.30 age 2

After School Childcare is available every day from 3.15pm (3pm for nursery children) to 5.30pm. There are various sessions / price blocks available and bookings should be made via ParentPay. **The cut-off for booking Afterschool Care is 10am on the day required. In an emergency, if you need to book after this time please ring school.**

Where possible, we do prefer Breakfast Club to be booked in advance but **you can always just turn up if necessary** - all we ask is that you log in and make payment later that day.

If you would like to pay for Breakfast and/or afterschool care via childcare vouchers, or the Government tax-free voucher scheme, you will need to make payments in advance which can then be allocated to your child/ children's accounts - please contact the school office for further details.

Whole School Flu Vaccinations

Vaccination UK, who are commissioned by the NHS to provide child immunisations within schools, will be attending our school to deliver the Flu Nasal Spray's or IM alternative (porcine free injection) on **Tuesday 21st November**.

It is really important that they receive an electronic consent form back for every child, even if you do NOT wish for your child to receive the immunisation, there is an option to decline. Please complete the link below to state whether you wish to consent or decline.

[Vaccination UK Immunisation](#)

If you do have issues with the E-consent link, please contact Vaccination UK on **01432 663085** or you can request paper consent forms via the email address below. For any other information, please contact them on: **01432 663085**

or via email :

Herefordshire@v-uk.co.uk



Other Vaccinations

We have been asked, by our health colleagues, to share the following information to our parents

Vaccines teach your child's immune system to read viruses and bacteria. This means they can identify the disease more quickly, respond and resist.

Childhood vaccinations prevent serious diseases like measles, polio, and whooping cough, which can cause severe illness or even death. These vaccines are carefully tested for safety and effectiveness, preparing your child for a healthy childhood.

By vaccinating your child against serious diseases like measles, polio, and whooping cough, you're not only safeguarding their well-being but also contributing to the broader community's health by helping to prevent the spread of these dangerous diseases.

Vaccinations for preventable illnesses, like Measles, are free as part of the NHS childhood vaccination schedule. And if you think your child has missed out, you can catch up on any missed doses at your GP practice. Your GP practice will make sure to offer appointments that suit your schedule.

You can find more information about vaccinations on the [NHS website](#).



Mrs Kendall and I are delighted to share just how brilliantly our new Reception children have settled into life in Willow Class!

From their very first day, the children have shown great enthusiasm, curiosity, and a fantastic willingness to get involved in all aspects of school life!

Over the past few weeks, the children have adapted incredibly well to the daily routines in the classroom. From morning registration to tidy-up time, they are becoming increasingly confident in knowing what to expect and what is expected of them. It's been wonderful to see them following instructions, moving sensibly around the school, and engaging in their learning with growing independence.

A key focus in Reception is learning how to work and play alongside others – and this group of children has truly risen to the challenge! They are learning to share, take turns, and show kindness to one another, which has helped create a calm, caring, and cooperative classroom atmosphere. Whether they are building together in the construction area or taking turns in our role-play corner, the children are demonstrating those all-important early social skills every day.

Another highlight has been watching so many new friendships blossom. It's been heartwarming to see the children supporting one another, including others in their play, and building strong bonds as a class community. These positive relationships lay a strong foundation, not only for a happy school year ahead, but also for a lifelong love of learning.

We are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled in and look forward to all the exciting adventures ahead in Willow Class. A big thank you to our families for your continued support – together, we are helping your children to get off to the best possible start!

To find out more about what we have been doing in Willow Class, please look at our class webpage on the school website.

Mrs Cook



Nursery

We welcomed lots of new little faces in September, and they have settled in beautifully. Our topic this term is, "All about me," and we have been looking at the different features we all have. We have also been sharing family photos at 'show and tell.'



With the seasons change, we have been looking at autumnal changes and using our outdoor environment resources to make different crafts, such as clay faces and autumn frames using different coloured leaves.



Positions of Responsibility in School

A few weeks ago, Year 6 children were given the option to apply for school *positions of responsibility*, by giving a presentation to their class about why they should be chosen for the role and what they have to offer. They all did an amazing job!

As a result, the following Year 6 children were voted in by their peers for particular roles:

School Captains:

Alex and Layla

House Captains:

Raglan: Dexter
Goodrich: Fraser
Eastnor: Maisy
Wilton: Osian

Eco Warrior:

Henry

Gadget Guardians:

Kai and Teigan

Play Patrol:

Mia and Sienna

In addition to the Year 6 roles above, the following positions have been filled by children across Years 5 to 6:

Reading Ambassadors:

Betty, Ivy, Olivia, Sienna

Resource Rangers:

Esme and Josh

School Council Representatives were voted for by their class members, as follows:

Year 6: Sienna
Year 5: Taryn
Year 4: Axl
Year 3: Lily
Year 2: Riley
Year 1: Charlie
Reception: Violet



As one of their first missions, the School Council met our local Police Officers at the Village Hall, to discuss Road Safety. They are hoping to come back and visit at drop off and collection times at some point soon.

SAFEGUARDING



Keeping Our Children Safe Online

Supporting your child to use technology safely and sensibly is so important. Here are some simple ways to help at home:

- **Set Screen time Limits** – Agree clear daily limits and balance screen use with reading, play, and outdoor fun.
- **Use Parental Controls** – Set up restrictions on devices and apps to block unsuitable sites and manage usage times.
- **Check Age Ratings** – Always make sure games, apps, and videos are age-appropriate (look for PEGI or Common Sense Media guidance).
- **Keep Screens in Shared Spaces** – Always supervise online use and talk about what your child enjoys watching or playing.
- **Talk Regularly** – Encourage your child to tell you if something online makes them uncomfortable or worried.
- **Be Involved** – Play games or watch videos together to understand their online world.
- **Avoid Social Media Platforms** – Primary-aged children should **not** have accounts on **YouTube, WhatsApp, TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, or Facebook**. This is a SAFEGUARDING CONCERN. If we become aware of this, it may result in advice being taken from the Local Authority.
- **Create Screen-Free Times** – Especially before bedtime; use device “downtime” or “bedtime” settings.
- **Finally, Be a Good Role Model** and stick to agreements– Show balanced screen habits and enjoy family time away from devices

Please contact us should you need further advice / help with this.

Online safety (Child exploitation) session for Parents and Guardians

TUESDAY 21st October 12 – 1pm



Book you free online session place at:

[Online safety \(Child exploitation\) session for parents and guardians Tickets, Tue 21 Oct 2025 at 12:00 | Eventbrite](#)

School admissions

Applications are now open.

Apply online today!

Primary School:

Parents with a child due to start school next September (ie born between **1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022**) need to apply now, for a Reception class place for their child to start school in September 2026.

This should be done via the Council online portal, link below:

[Apply for a Primary School Place](#)

The online portal is now open and closes on 15th January 2026

Please note that attending a nursery does not automatically guarantee a place at the associated primary school, therefore parents must still apply.

Secondary School:

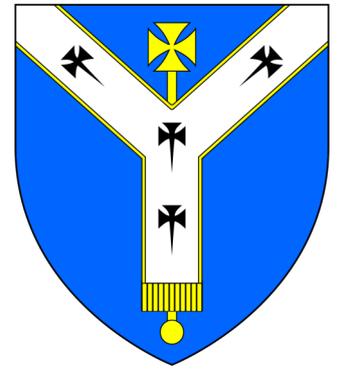
The closing date for applications for children starting Secondary School in September 2026, is **Friday, 31st October 2025**

Once again, this needs to be done via the Council's online portal:

[Apply for a Secondary School Place](#)

Further information regarding catchment areas and application processes can be found via both links above.

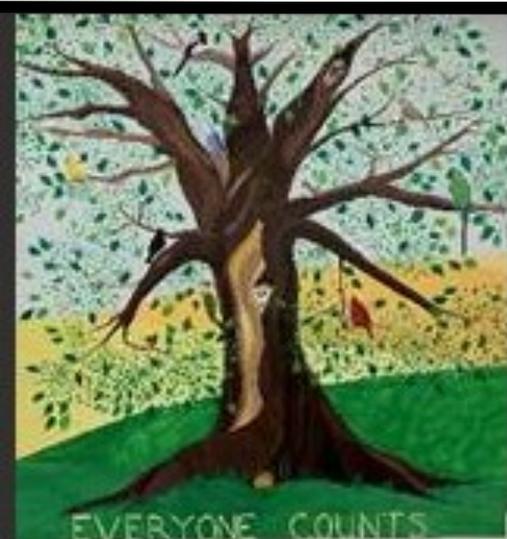
We have received a special notification from the Hereford Diocese, of which we are part, and are supported by, as a Church of England School:



“ I am delighted to welcome Bishop Sarah as the first female Archbishop in the history of the Church of England. Sarah brings a wealth of experience from her nursing career and a profound pastoral heart which she has demonstrated consistently in caring for those with many different views in the Diocese of London.

As the only Diocese in the Church of England where no churches have passed motions to restrict women's' priestly ministry, we are delighted to welcome her as our Archbishop and look forward to her first visit. Personally, in my role as Clerk of the Closet, I look forward to presenting her to His Majesty to pay homage in February. This is an extraordinarily demanding role and she will need our prayers and support which we gladly offer to her and her family. ”

Rt Revd Richard Jackson, Bishop of Hereford



Our School Vision And Values

A quick reminder, at the beginning of this new school year, that as a Church of England School, we live by our **Vision** of **'Everyone Counts'**.

Our main school Christian **Values** of **Compassion, Courage, Hope and Aspiration, Service, and Respect**, link to our curriculum drivers of **Independence, Resilience, Curiosity and Aspiration**. There are lots of examples throughout our school community of these in action both in and outside of the classrooms. We encourage you to support us in continuing to build Compassion, Courage, Hope and Aspiration, Service, and Respect, in your daily lives at home, by discussing these when the opportunity arises. **Thank you.**

Parents Evenings

A last reminder to book your slot to see your child's teacher on **Tuesday or Thursday of next week** - lists are available outside each classroom at pick-up every day.

The meetings are 10 minute slots which we need to keep to please. Obviously, if there is more to discuss, a further appointment can be made with the class teacher at a mutually agreed time. The children's work will also be available for you to see.

Please note, if you have recently had a meeting with the class teacher to discuss your child's Individual Education Plan there is no need for you to book another meeting.

If you are unable to attend next week, please let your teacher know so that they can arrange an alternative time with you.

Please remember that, due to Parents' Evenings, there will be no teacher-led, after-school clubs next week.

Sporting



Activities

On Friday, 3rd October, ten Year 5 pupils took part in a Tag Rugby festival, focusing on learning the sport, teamwork and tagging. All pupils tried really hard, played well and enjoyed themselves!



Across the school, all classes are having two PE sessions a week along with daily mile being encouraged. There are also two sporting after-school clubs; Netball and Tennis, in which there are still spaces if anyone wishes to sign up.

Oak Class will have their yearly swimming-lesson sessions in December which will be for an hour per day, instead of half-hour sessions. Rowan and Maple will have their lessons in April and May - these will be half-hour sessions, every day, for two weeks. Lessons are funded by the school budget but we do, unfortunately, need to ask parents to pay towards the cost of transport to and from Ross, as this is not funded; thank you for your understanding in this matter. Willow Class do not currently have swimming lessons: Since Halo pools changed to intensive lessons we are only allocated three sessions and do not feel that swimming, along with the travelling, every day, is suited to all reception children. All swimming sessions will be allocated to ParentPay before half-term, so that you can pay at your convenience.



Chance to Shine is a national charity that aims to give all children the opportunity to play, learn and develop through cricket. They believe that cricket can help to develop the personal, social and physical skills of children and young people. In 2025, they celebrate 20 years of delivering cricket in schools and communities across the country. [Click here](#) for more details.

Starting in January, we look forward to welcoming Abi (who the children will be familiar with from last year) back with us every Thursday for six weeks.



YOGA

BEGINNERS WELCOME

Lea Village Hall

From September 4th

Mondays
9:10 - 10:10

Thursdays
18:30 - 19:30

Contact Alex for more info:
07729712881
woodlandyoga3@gmail.com

NHS
Children and Adolescent
Mental Health Services
West Midlands and West Yorkshire

WELLBEING AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEAMS

Parents online Workshop

Supporting your child with worries and anxiety

Run by the NHS's Wellbeing and Emotional Support in schools team. (WEST)

On Monday online
10th November
12:30 - 1.30 pm

We are talking about:

Signs of anxiety in children.
Common Worries for Children.
Fight Flight Freeze.
The Cycle of Anxiety and what keeps the cycle going.
Top tips on how to break the cycle.

[Join the meeting on Teams](#)
Meeting ID:
380 467 618 993 3
Passcode: Xj2r8Cq9

www.camhs.hacw.nhs.uk/west Provided by Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust

Monday 10th November

12.30-1.30pm

[Click here to join the Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 380 467 618 993 3

Passcode: Xj2r8Cq9

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Mental Health Services
West Midlands and West Yorkshire

WELLBEING AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEAMS

Parents online Workshop

Boosting your child's mood

Run by the Wellbeing and Emotional Support in schools team.

Friday 14th November
12:45-1:45pm
via Teams

Who is it for:

Parents who want to learn more about:
Low mood and the symptoms.

Things that can impact a child's mood and how to improve it.

Sleep hygiene and five ways to improve it

[Join the meeting on Teams](#)
Meeting ID: 392 228 798 789 6
Passcode: zL3UC3TC

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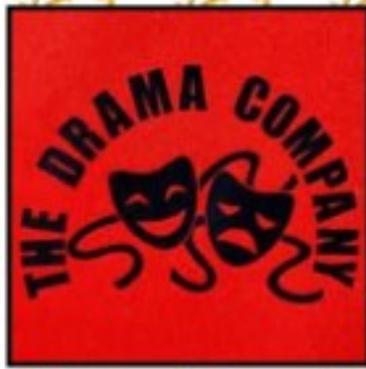
12.45-1.45pm

[Click here to join the Meeting](#)

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Looking after your Wellbeing

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)



The **DRAMA COMPANY** is pleased to present
our **October Saturday workshop:**

“AUTUMNTASTIC FUN”
Sat 25th Oct 10am-3pm

Just £25 for 5 hours of drama fun and creativity
Mostly suitable for ages 4—14

All Saturday workshops will be held at Walford Village Hall.
Price includes all snacks & drinks, craft activities and a take
home goody bag. Bring your own lunch.

Check us out on Facebook and Instagram #dramacompanyross

To book a place, contact Sarah on
07814 624417 or email sarahoneill362@btinternet.com



HALLOWEEN

HOLIDAY

£30

CLUB

**AGE
5-13**

**OCTOBER 28TH
9AM-3PM**



1st Cinderford Scout hut,
Oakmeadow Lane, Stockwell
Green, Cinderford, GL14 2EH

