

OUR SUMMER TERM SO FAR...

Thank you so much to the whole school community for your ongoing support. We have had a fantastically successful first half of the summer term, with a huge number of enjoyable and rich opportunities for the children. I hope this newsletter gives you a sense of life at St Lucia's this half term, along with key information of upcoming developments and diary dates.

It has been fantastic to gather a range of pupil, parent/carer and staff voice, which is feeding into our continual plans to move school forwards. Your contributions and insights have been really valued.

Wishing you all a lovely half term! We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 5th June.

CORONATION PICNIC

We were delighted to welcome Parents and Carers into school on Friday afternoon to join us for our Coronation Picnic. Following our picnic all pupils enjoyed rotating around a range of exciting and creative activities with their grown-ups, all arranged by our Friends of St Lucia's. Children created celebration bunting, painted plaster of paris keepsakes, made royal crowns and enjoyed outdoor games (Pin the Crown on the King being a firm favourite!).

To finish the afternoon we joined together for children to sing some of their favourite songs to Parents and Carers, ably led by our Year 6 pupils. All children received a special commemoration gift, including a Coronation medal, as a keepsake from the Friends.



DONATIONS

We would gratefully request donations of unwated pots and pans and (safe to use) kitchen utensils for pupils to use in Forest School.

We would also appreciate any children's books in good condition for our library.

Please drop donations at main reception by 7th June. Thank you!





PRAISE AND PLAY

Our Nursery and Reception pupils were delighted to be invited to the Praise and Play session at St Lucia's Church last Friday. The children loved joining in with all of the songs, rhymes and prayers, and listening to the stories within the worship, before enjoying a craft. A big thank you to all at Praise and Play for welcoming us!



A TRIP TO WROXETER ROMAN CITY

Our KS2 pupils enjoyed a trip to Wroxeter Roman City. The opportunity for this visit linked in perfectly as a stimulus for their new topic of 'Why did the Romans Invade Britain?'.

Children were pleased to be able to explore the site, investigate items from the museum collection and complete some activities which gave them the opportunity to develop their knowledge of the Romans. Children have enjoyed returning back to class to build upon their learning.



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English Heritage

FOREST CROWNS

Class 2 enjoyed making some beautiful crowns from natural materials to celebrate the King's Coronation. The children thought really carefully about how they would decorate their crown for this special occasion.





SUNRISE CLUB

Bookings for Sunrise Club for after half term should be made on the School Money system please.

Sunrise Club will remain at £5.50 per session, running from 7.45am each day. Breakfast will now be included within the price - providing children with cereal and/or toast with fruit juice. All pupils requiring breakfast are asked to attend by 8.20am please.

SUNSET CLUB

Sunset Club will continue to be available each evening, bookings should be made on School Money please.

We are trialling a slightly different set up of these after school sessions for the second half of the Summer Term, giving all children the opportunity to enjoy a theme club for the first hour and then wrap around care from 4.15pm onwards. Due to parental requests and feedback we will trial offering an extended session from Monday-Thursday.

Sunset Club will now be booked in three slots with staggered pricing:

- 3.15-4.15 - Theme Club (pick up at 4.15) - £3.50
- 4.15-5.15 - Wraparound (to include a drink and biscuit, anytime pick up within slot) +£3.50
- 5.15-5.45 - Extended wraparound +£2

WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO HAVE THREE NEW THEMED CLUBS FOR ALL PUPILS (NURSERY-YEAR SIX)

Monday - FOREST FUN IN THE SUN CLUB with Jacqui and Mrs Cresswell (wellies and waterproofs needed!)

Tuesday - YOGA CLUB join Emm and Sahara from Bridgnorth Yoga Studio 'join us for interactive yoga games, activities and challenges...with drums, sound bowls, balls and other props we can combine wellbeing, learning and movement all in one class!'

Wednesday - ART AND CRAFT CLUB enjoy the opportunity to get creative with Mrs Nelson!



BOOKINGS: These clubs are available for all children (not just those who require wrap around care). We have made provision to increase numbers, however places will be limited due to staffing. We would continue to ask that bookings are made in advance please. For the first week the booking system will remain open so we can support you to use it. Moving forwards the booking system will close at midnight on the Thursday of the week before so that arrangements can be made. Any parents/carers who use an alternative method of payment (e.g. Childcare vouchers, Edenred, Computer Share Vouchers etc) are asked to use the 'reserve' session on School Money and will be provided with a form to note the payment reference please. All other bookings will need to be made by 'online booking' the session. We will of course be on hand to help as we all learn to use the system, please just let us know if you have any queries and we will be happy to help resolve them. Thank you in anticipation of your patience and support as we transfer bookings across!

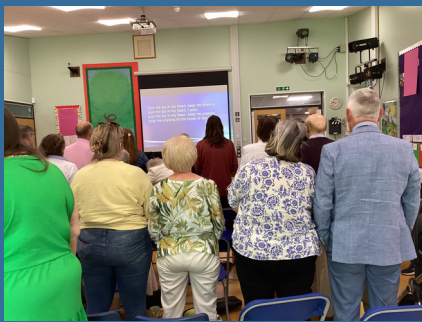


SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS

On Saturday 6th May it was a pleasure to host a Coronation screening and afternoon tea in partnership with St Lucia's Church.

It was fantastic to be able to welcome members of the local community and school families into school to join us to watch the Coronation together, to take the opportunity to celebrate, and to mark the special occasion.

We were also pleased to be asked to host the Family Worship Service on Sunday 14th May, welcoming lots of families for breakfast and worship led by Rev. Olivia.



ART Competition Theme 'A Shropshire Summer'



All children across the school from nursery to year 6
Local artists Jane Askey and Maggie Allmark to judge the art

3 winners with prizes in the following categories:

1. Vivid and bright
2. Technical ability
3. Imaginative interpretation

Winning pieces will be displayed at the local Withington art show on the 1st and 2nd July - details to follow

**29th June 3:15pm open art viewing for parents in the school hall . Buy a cake and cuppa while you look.
Money raised will go to the charity VASH 'Disabilities Arts in Shropshire'**

We are excited to have been invited to take part in this local event. Following an inspiring assembly from Suzanne Ball children will work together to create art pieces within school working in small groups.

Children are also welcome to contribute individual entries, please bring these into school ready to be displayed as part of our art gallery by Wednesday 28th June.





UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Monday 5th June – online payments for lunch and Sunrise and Sunset bookings all via School Money

Monday 5th June -Multiplication Check window opens – Year 4

Monday 12th June - Phonics Screening Check window opens – Year 1

Tuesday 13th June – Parents/Carer invited to lunch - for all pupil surnames A-F

Friday 16th June – Friends – A treat for Someone Special stall at end of day

Tuesday 20th June – Parents/Carer invited to lunch - for all pupil surnames G-P

Wednesday 21st June – School Photographs

Tuesday 27th June – Parents/Carer invited to lunch - for all pupil surnames Q-Z

Wednesday 28th June – Reception transition morning – new starters

Thursday 29th June – School 'art gallery' open to visit, 3.15-4pm

Wednesday 5th July – Reception transition morning with lunch – new starters

Thursday 6th July – Reception (current pupils) and Year One parent/carers appointments

Wednesday 12th July – Whole school 'move up' morning, Reception transition day – new starters

Friday 14th July – Y5/6 celebration – please save the date/evening – more info to follow

Monday 17th July – Sports Day (morning Sports events and picnic lunch)

Tuesday 18th July – Year 6 Leavers Service at St Lucia's Church - afternoon

Wednesday 19th July – Sports Day reserve date

Thursday 20th July – Whole School trip to Chester Zoo

Tuesday 25th July – Last day of term

I hope that advance notice of all dates currently planned supports Parents/Carers to plan ahead. Further detailed information about events to follow as relevant.

ECO COMMITTEE

We are now in the process of re-applying for our Eco-School status. As part of our Eco School work we are trying to prevent good quality clothing going to landfill. Please help yourself to good quality uniform from the drawers in main reception. A really big thank you to all of our fantastic Eco Committee members!





Please see information of events and opportunities which may be of interest.

SATURDAY JUNE 10TH

'AN EVENING OF MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT' featuring



& Guest Instrumentalists

**at ST LUCIA'S CHURCH
UPTON MAGNA @ 7.15pm
Tickets £5 each, 5-12yrs
£1**

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Early Help Family Drop-in

Free information, advice and support

Come along to:
Sunflower House, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury,
SY1 4ES
Every Tuesday
9:30am—12:30pm

You can meet:

- Early Help Family Worker
- Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service
- Parenting Support
- Strengthening Families Employment Advisor

and others



Supporting families with children aged 0-19 years (up to 25 years for young people with special educational needs and disabilities)
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Come along to:
Harlescote Grange Community Hub, Kynaston
Road, Shrewsbury, SY1 3JR
Every Thursday
10:00am—12:00pm

Whether you have a baby, toddler or a teenager, being a parent/carer is a huge responsibility.

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MULTIPLY

Multiply is a programme designed for adults who wish to improve their numeracy skills. With current funding due to run out at the end of June for Shropshire residents, SCG have developed numeracy courses that could be of interest to parents/carers. With courses including 'Support your child with their maths homework' and 'Manage your Money' they aim to provide a range of confidence building programmes that boost people's ability to use maths in their daily life, at home and work.

Available online, or if preferred, we can come to you and deliver this training at your premises. Call Shrewsbury College Group on 01743 342602 to discuss your requirements.