



CLEE HILL COMMUNITY ACADEMY

PART OF FOUR STONES GATEWAY

Newsletter

4th September 2026



Class 1 – 98.04%

Class 2 – 98.89%

Class 3 – 100%

Class 4 – 98.8%

Class 5 – 100%

Whole School – 99.26%

HALL OF FAME

CLASS 1

Maths - Harrison
Reading Rocket - Emily
Praise Certificates - Alf, Mason

CLASS 2

Darcey
Archie
Silas
Penelope

CLASS 3

Praise- Benni, Lily B,
Reading- Ernie
Writing- Xander
British values- Reuben

CLASS 4

Praise: The whole class for such a super start to the term.
Handwriting: Raffi
Reading: Martha
Maths: Elodie
Science: Jed

CLASS 5

Charlie – marvelous mathematician
Georgia
Molly – writing rocket
Jono - marvelous mathematician
Chase - marvelous mathematician
Jasmine – reading rockstar



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SEPTEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 PD Day	2 School Starts	3	4
7 Kidderminster Harriers Football sessions (C4 & C5) Afterschool club (Year 5/6)	8	9	10	11
14	15 Flu Immunisations Parents/Carers to complete online permission	16	17 Little Wandle information session - C1 parents (2pm / 6pm)	18 Jeans for Genes Day
21	22	23	24 Kinetic Letters handwriting workshop - C1	25
28 Class 4 trip to Balaji Temple	29	30		

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
5 NSPCC Kindness Challenge Week	6	7	8 Class 4 Anglo Saxon Workshop	9
12	13	14 Reading Miles - Italy	15 PTA School disco Harvest festival - food bank collection	16 C3 Ludlow Castle Trip
19 Year 5/6 York Residential	20 Year 5/6 York Residential	21 Year 5/6 York Residential	22	23 Last day of Half Term
26 Half Term	27 Half Term	28 Half Term	29 Half Term	30 Half Term



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NOVEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 School Starts	3	4	5	6
9	10	11 Remembrance Service - 10.15am-11.15am Village Hall	12	13
16 Anti Bullying Week	17	18	19	20 Children in Need
23	24	25	26 Autumn term data report sent home	27 SEND Parents Consultation 2.30pm- 6.30pm
30				

DECEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Nursery Parents Consultation	2	3 Parents Consultation 2.30pm-6.30pm	4
7 Primary Academy Event LCS / Class 1 Christmas play 1.30pm & 6pm	8	9 Class 2&3 Christmas play 1.30pm & 6pm	10 Nursery Christmas play 2.30pm	11 Christmas Jumper Day
14 Class 4&5 Christmas play 1.30pm & 6pm	15	16 Christmas party	17 PTA Christmas activity	18 End of term
21 End of term	22 End of term	23 End of term	24 End of term	25 End of term
28 End of term	29 End of term	30 End of term	31 End of term	

Christmas Dinner - date to be confirmed

Christmas Party - party food and games - date to be confirmed

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Mobile Phones in School: Policy Update for September 2026

As part of the Four Stones Gateway Trust's commitment to providing calm, safe and purposeful learning environments, all Trust schools will be mobile-free throughout the school day from September 2026. This is in response to the DfE's statutory guidance which states that schools should be "mobile phone-free environments by default" and should have policies that prohibit the use of mobile phones throughout the school day. It also notes that schools may choose systems including pupils handing phones in on arrival and having them stored securely until the end of the day.

Whilst this change will have the greatest impact in secondary schools, our expectations for primary pupils remain largely unchanged: we do not expect pupils to bring mobile phones or other personal communication devices to school.

However, we recognise that, in a small number of exceptional circumstances, parents and carers may feel that a mobile phone is necessary, for example where a child travels independently to and from school. If a pupil brings a mobile phone to school, it must be handed in to the school office immediately on arrival. The device will be stored throughout the school day and can be collected from the office at the end of the day. Mobile phones must not be kept in pupils' bags, pockets or classrooms during the school day.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.



SCHOOL DROP OF / PICK UP



Polite reminder: During school drop-off and pick-up times, please be considerate of local residents and fellow parents/carers by parking responsibly. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe and respectful for everyone.

Reminder

- **CHAMPS** – Just a reminder the deadline for booking CHAMPS is 11am for that day. You will need credit in your Arbor account to be able book.
- **York Payment** – The full amount is now due on Arbor



SCHOOL TOOLBOX



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Dear Parent/Carers of Year 6 Students

Your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September 2027. The online application process opens on the 1 September 2026 and closes on 31 October 2026. A letter will be sent home with your child, outlining the process. Alternatively, please follow this link - [Apply to start or transfer school | Shropshire Council](#) which takes you to the Shropshire Council Admissions website. Details about secondary school open evenings can be found in the Parents' Guide to Secondary Education in Shropshire booklet, on the same website.

Applications received by Shropshire Council after the closing date will be classed as late, which may result in your child being disadvantaged, so please ensure you make your application on-time. Late applications will not be processed until all on-time applications have been offered.

You can name up to four schools on your application - we encourage parents to make full use of these preferences. If only one preference is named, and we cannot offer this, we will have no choice on National Offer Day but to offer a place at the next nearest school with a vacancy, which could be a considerable distance from your home address.

Kind Regards

The School Admissions Team



LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME IN BAGS AND ON DOJO!



PE SHORTS

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring pupils are appropriately dressed for physical activity, we would like to remind everyone that children should wear suitable PE shorts, such as football style shorts, for their PE lessons. Recently, we have noticed some pupils arriving in very short or fashion style shorts, which are not appropriate for PE. These items do not provide the comfort, coverage or flexibility needed for safe participation in physical activity.

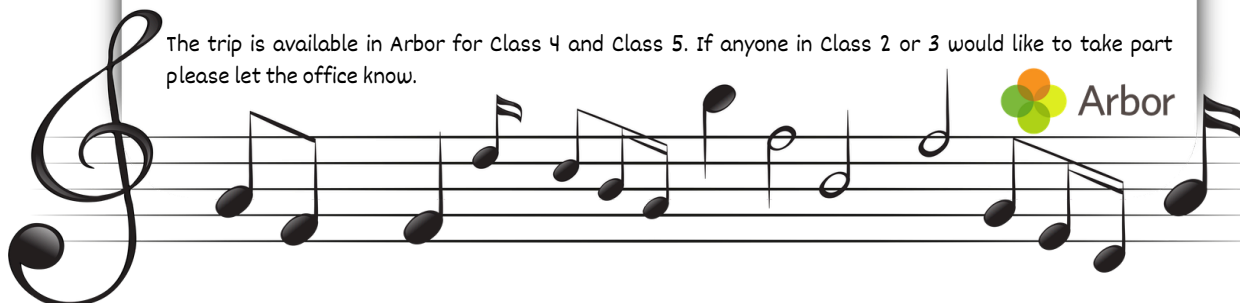


SCHOOL NOTICE

We are delighted to let you know that Clee Hill Community Academy has been invited to take part in a very special performance of Romany Wood, the children's opera featuring music by David Gaukroger and a libretto by David Carr, based on Beshlie's story. The performance will take place on Saturday 19th September 2026 at St Mary's Church, Cleobury Mortimer. This event forms part of Cleobury Mortimer's celebrations marking the 800th anniversary of the town being granted its Royal Charter, making it a particularly significant occasion for our local community.

Our pupils will be performing alongside children from Stottesdon Primary School and Cleobury Mortimer Primary School, and we are very proud to have the opportunity to be involved in this memorable celebration. We would be particularly keen for as many pupils from Classes 4 and 5 as possible to attend and take part in this wonderful event. Pupils from Classes 2 and 3 are also very welcome to join us. Taking part will provide children with a fantastic opportunity to perform in a historic setting, work alongside pupils from neighbouring schools, and contribute to an important community celebration.

The trip is available in Arbor for Class 4 and Class 5. If anyone in Class 2 or 3 would like to take part please let the office know.





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Are you eligible for free school meals?

From September 2026 the Department for Education is introducing new benefit criteria which will mean that all children from households in receipt of universal credit will be entitled to receive a free school meal.

At the same time, the transitional protections that have been in place since 1 April 2018 are ending. If your child currently receives a free school meal because they've been protected under the transitional protection rules, but you no longer receive universal credit, their entitlement will end in August 2026.

If your child goes to a Shropshire Council state-funded school (maintained or academy school) you may be able to claim for free school meals. There are two types of free school meals:

- Government (benefits-based) free school meals
- Universal infant free school meals

There will be two categories of benefits-based free school meals, known as 'Targeted FSM' and 'Expanded FSM'.

Targeted FSM

- Covering pupils who are in households in receipt of universal credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Households may also be entitled to a meal if they:

- Are in receipt of income-related employment and support allowance
- Receive the guaranteed element of pension credit
- Meet criteria set out in separate guidance for families with no recourse to public funds

Only pupils eligible for targeted FSM will be counted towards the following:

- FSM6 cohort (that is pupils who are, or have been, recorded as eligible for FSM at any point in the last six years). The FSM6 cohort is used for accountability, Pupil Premium funding and deprivation funding in the national funding formula (NFF)
- To determine eligibility for home to school transport (HTST), and:
- Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

Expanded FSM

A new category covering meals only, for pupils who don't qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving universal credit.

For pupils who qualify under the targeted FSM or expanded FSM criteria, eligibility for free meals will be kept under regular review through annual re-checks, ahead of the start of each academic year.

Free school meal transitional protection

Transitional protections for free school meals were in effect from 1 April 2018, and meant that pupils who became eligible for benefits-based free school meals during that time, retained their entitlement, even if their household circumstances changed. The transitional protections ended at the end of the 2025/26 academic year.

From September 2026, pupils must meet the eligibility criteria for free meals, regardless of whether they were previously protected.

At the end of the 2025/26 academic year, all pupils who were in receipt of benefits-based free school meals, where their application had been submitted through Shropshire Council, were re-assessed. Where the re-check identified that a pupil may no longer qualify for benefits-based free school meals from September, families were notified by a letter through their child's school before the end of the summer term.

Who qualifies for universal infant free school meals?

All children in key stage 1 (reception class, year 1 and year 2) are automatically entitled to have a free school meal through universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You don't have to apply for universal infant free school meals, but in order for your child's school to recognise who is eligible for universal meals and who qualifies for benefits-based targeted FSM for funding purposes, we encourage all parents who meet the eligibility criteria for targeted FSM to apply.

What is Pupil Premium?

The government will continue to provide schools with additional funding to support or enhance the learning of pupils who are currently or have been entitled to 'targeted' free school meals within the last six years. It's essential that parents/carers apply for free school meals even if the pupil doesn't wish to receive a free school meal.



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Class 4 Special Mentions to:

Beth who took part in Area 5, 7 and 18 Tetrathlon Qualifiers in July and first. She came 3rd at Tenbury Show in the 70 cm horse-jumping. At camp, she came 4th for the gymkhana, 4th for the tack and turn out and then 4th in the most improved rider.

Elodie who completed her stage two RYA sailing qualification over the summer. She also competed in her first race today! She was the youngest competitor the club has had for many years and she was the only Topper & child under 16 to finish the races!

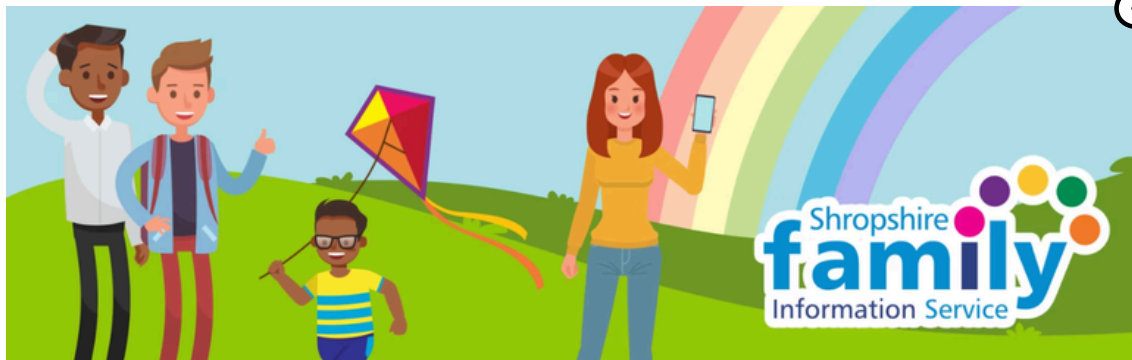
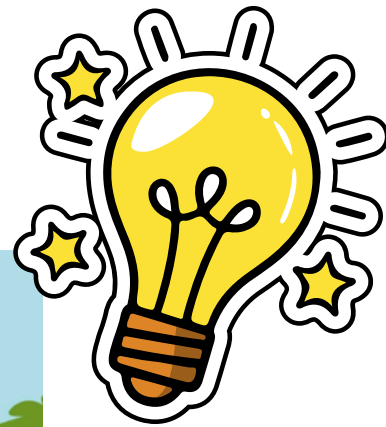


SCHOOL NEWS



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Things to do

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Family Support

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SEND Local Offer

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**AUTUMN TERM
SEND MEET & CHAT
FAMILY DROP-IN**

Hosted by Shropshire Early Help

Do you care for a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

These sessions are open to anyone supporting a child with SEND – whether you're a parent carer, family member, or professional.

Come along to ask questions, get practical advice, and connect with professionals who understand your journey

Speak with experts in:

- EHCPs
- School support
- Health and wellbeing
- Social care
- Mental health
- Navigating SEND challenges

Each session will have different professionals available, so come along, have a chat, and find the help you need.

LUDLOW - HELENA LANE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tuesday 8th September 2026
10:00am-12:00pm

Helena Lane Community Centre,
20 Hamlet Rd,
Ludlow, SY8 2NP

SHREWSBURY THE LANTERN

Wednesday 7th October 2026
13:00pm-15:00pm

The Lantern,
Meadow Farm drive, Shrewsbury,
SY1 4NQ

MARKET DRAYTON RAVEN HOUSE

Tuesday 17th November 2026
13:00pm-15:00pm

Raven House, 129 Cheshire Street,
Market Drayton,
TF9 3AH

OSWESTRY LIBRARY

Thursday 3rd December 2026
13:00pm-15:00pm

Oswestry Library,
Arthur Street, Oswestry,
SY11 1JH



HAVE YOUR SAY!
Scan the QR code to suggest topics and activities for future drop-in sessions.





Special Edition Newsletter – September 2026

Please share as widely as possible with parents, teachers, contacts, newsletters etc.

Help shape the future of transport in Shropshire

Every day, people across Shropshire travel to school, work, childcare, healthcare appointments, shops and leisure activities. Whether you're walking, cycling, taking the bus, travelling to school or college, or learning to drive, the decisions made today will help shape how people get around Shropshire for years to come.

Shropshire Council is developing a new Local Transport Plan that will help shape transport and guide investment across the county over the next ten years.

Before the public consultation launches later in Autumn 2026, we would like to invite members of the school community to join an online discussion to hear about the plans and tell us what matters most to young people and families.

Monday 14 September - 4:00pm to 5:00pm

This session is open to parents, carers, teachers, school staff and young people. It will provide an opportunity to:

- Find out more about plans for transport in Shropshire.
- Hear what local communities have told us so far.
- Share your views on the opportunities and challenges facing journeys to and from schools, colleges and other destinations.
- Learn how you can take part in the upcoming consultation.

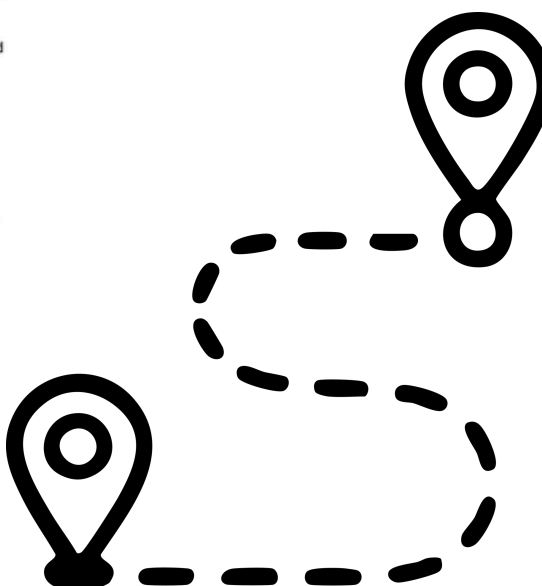
Whether your concerns or ideas relate to walking and cycling, road safety, public transport, traffic and congestion, or access to education and opportunities, we want to hear from you.

To reserve your place, please email ShropshireLTP@wsp.com by Friday 11 September to receive a personal joining link.

If you have any accessibility requirements, please let us know and we will do our best to support your participation.

We hope you can join us and help shape the future of travel in Shropshire.

For more information on the newsletter or if you would like to speak to us, please email: sustainabletravelplanning@shropshire.gov.uk



WHAT'S ON!



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Free Sleep Tight Groups

"It's been eye opening to see how many different things can affect children's sleep. I have learnt so much and now have new ideas to try out."

"I feel more confident in bedtime routines, and less alone in the fact my child struggles with sleep"

Join our friendly, relaxed group!

We all know how important a good night's sleep is for your child's growth and development. When children sleep well, it helps them do better at school, react more quickly, build stronger memories, and learn and solve problems more effectively. It can also help them stay healthier, feel less irritable, and manage their behaviour more positively.

There are many different factors that can affect your child's sleep, and it can sometimes feel hard to know where to start. Join us to learn more, share experiences, and pick up helpful tips to support your child in getting the rest they need.

Upcoming Sessions (once a week over 5 weeks, excl. half terms and bank holidays)

24th September 2026
Sleep Tight Group
from 9.30 to 11.30am
Virtually via MS Teams
or
12th November 2026
Sleep Tight SEND Group
from 9.30 to 11.30am
Virtually via MS Teams

The SEND groups are suitable for parents/carers of children who have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed to attend our groups.

What We'll Talk About

- Benefits of good sleep for our health and emotional wellbeing
- Sleep and bedtime routines for the whole family
- Sleep diaries
- Nutrition and food and their impact on healthy sleep and bedtime routines
- Meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences

Want to Join Us?

Email: parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

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Understanding Your Child

From Toddler to Teen

"I met others going through the same things. It really helped me feel less alone."

"The group boosted my confidence as a parent."

Join our friendly, relaxed group!

Parenting can be full of ups, downs, big feelings and lots of learning — for both you and your child! Come and join us as we chat about what's going on for you and your family. Together we'll make sense of tricky moments and share simple ideas that can make life calmer and more positive.

Upcoming Sessions (once a week over 10 weeks, excl. half terms and bank holidays)

- 21st September 2026 from 9.15 to 11.15am at Brown Clee Primary School, Bridgnorth (WV16 6SS)
- 21st September 2026 from 9.00 to 11.00am at St Giles Primary School, Shrewsbury (SY2 5NL)
- 22nd September 2026 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm at Sandorne Infants School, Shrewsbury (SY1 4QN)
- 23rd September 2026 from 9.15 to 11.15am at Coleham Primary, Shrewsbury (SY3 7EN)
- 23rd September 2026 from 1.15 to 3.15pm at St Laurence Primary School, Ludlow (SY8 1TP)
- 24th September 2026 from 1.00 to 3.00pm at Bishops Castle Primary School (SY9 5PA)
- 25th September 2026 from 12.30 to 2.30pm Online via MS Teams

What We'll Talk About

- Communicating and building connection with your child
- Routines like sleep and bedtime and any other routines you have as a family
- Understanding behaviour and big emotions
- Child development and how you can support it

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A group for dads, grandads and any male carer of children and teens

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Join our friendly, relaxed group!

Parenting can be challenging, whatever age your child is. This group offers practical ideas, straight-talking support, and a chance to hear what has helped other parents in real life.

Join Peter and Tracy from the Parenting Team and other parents and carers, to explore what's happening for your child, understand tricky behaviour, and pick up simple strategies to make family life feel calmer and more manageable.

Upcoming Sessions

- Starts Tuesday 22nd September 2026, 5.00pm to 7.00pm in Shrewsbury - venue to be confirmed

The group meets once a week over 10 weeks, excl. half terms and bank holidays with the last session being on Tuesday 1st December 2026.

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Join our friendly, free group for parents and carers of children with SEND. Connect with others, deepen your understanding of your child, and explore what's going well and what you'd like to change. Small changes make big differences!

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- 25th September 2026 from 9.30 to 11.30am Online via MS Teams

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