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Calendar

- Mon 16th Feb : Half Term
- Mon 23rd Feb : PD Day
- Tue 24th Feb : Collaboration Day
- Wed 25th Feb : Disneyland Parental Meeting 4.30pm
- Tue 24th Feb : Start of Year 11 & 13 Mock Exams

- Thu 26th Feb : Year 10 Parents Evening
- Fri 27th Feb : Enrichment Day Options to have been submitted
- Thu 5th Mar : World Book Day
- Fri 13th Mar : Sleep Out At Idsall for 4All Foundation
- Thu 19th Mar : 6th Form Parents Evening
- Thu 26th Mar : Year 11 Parents Evening
- Mon 30th Mar to Fri 10th April: Easter Holidays

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Michelle King - Headteacher





Dear Parents, Carers and Students

As we reach the end of this half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a busy, purposeful, and uplifting few weeks at Idsall. Our students have shown real determination across all aspects of school life whether through their hard work in lessons, their contributions to our ever-growing range of enrichment activities, or the kindness and maturity they demonstrate around the school each day.

This term has seen thoughtful engagement in our SEND review, with students, staff, and families offering meaningful insights that will further strengthen the support we provide. We've also continued to be incredibly proud of the charity work our students commit to often quietly, always wholeheartedly. Their willingness to think of others is something we value deeply as a school community.

Alongside this, our teams have continued driving improvements in curriculum, behaviour, and wellbeing, ensuring students feel supported, safe, and challenged in equal measure. The atmosphere around school remains positive and purposeful, and it has been a pleasure to see so many pupils embracing the opportunities available to them.

We would also like to wish our Sixth Form students a wonderful trip to Barcelona over the holidays, our first trip aboard of many this year. I am sure they will have a fantastic time and create memories that will stay with them long after they return.

Thank you for your ongoing support this half term. We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break, and we look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for the exciting second half of a busy term ahead.

Year 8 News



Smashed Live

This week, our Year 8 students enjoyed an energetic and engaging theatre performance from **Smashed Live**, who visited Idsall to deliver an important message about alcohol awareness. Through humour, drama, and lots of student participation, the performance explored how alcohol can affect young people's brains, decision-making, and futures. The actors brought the topic to life with memorable characters and real-world scenarios that had Year 8 gasping, laughing, and thinking all at once!

The session was not only entertaining but also packed with practical information to help students make safe and sensible choices as they grow up.

A huge thank you to the Smashed Live team for an inspiring performance that left our students buzzing—and a little wiser too!

Year 11 News



GCSE Food & Nutrition

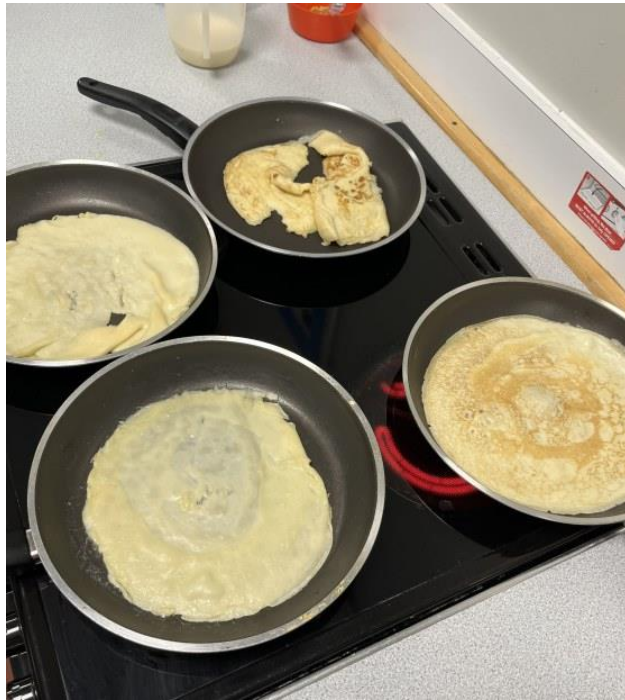
In preparation for their GCSE Food & Nutrition exams—and perfectly timed ahead of Shrove Tuesday—our Year 11 students have been sharpening their practical skills by making pancakes as part of their revision.

The session provided an ideal opportunity to revisit key knowledge, including egg handling and storage, and perfect batter mixtures for various food commodities. Students approached the task with focus and enthusiasm, producing beautifully cooked pancakes while reinforcing the core skills needed for exam success.

It was fantastic to see such confidence and teamwork in the kitchen. Well done, Year 11—your hard work is really showing as we move closer to exam season!







Topics and Toast in Science Department!

Year 11 students have been amazing coming in the mornings before school for bursts of revision and a bit of breakfast!

Wednesday to Friday - 8.30 to 8.50 am!



OTHER IDSALL NEWS



* Collaboration Day

All on-line work will be accessible on the school website from Monday 23rd February.

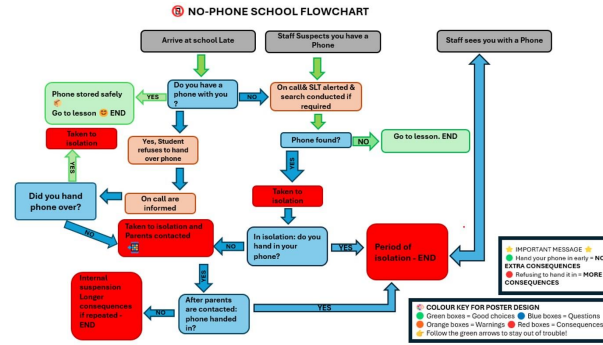
* Reminder Phone-Free School

Starts Wednesday 25th February

A reminder that our Phone-Free School policy begins on Wednesday 25th February. All students will switch off their phones on arrival and hand them in during morning tutor time, where they will be stored securely and returned at the end of the day.

If a phone is removed due to non-compliance, it will be kept safely and will be available for parent collection between 8am and 4pm during the school day.

Thank you for your continued support as we implement this important change to improve focus, wellbeing, and calm across the school.



* Sparx Readers Rewarded

Our amazing readers from Key Stage 3 enjoyed a hot chocolate and a cookie as a reward for being the highest SRP achievers in the school this half term. As well as food and drinks, the students were able to spend time on the computers in the LRC.

Zia H (Y7)

"I like that Sparx gives you loads of different books to choose from. You can choose the genre and then the book. It's great that it doesn't just give you a book."

Wesley G (Y8)

"Sparx Reader deserves a 9 out of 10! It focuses on your skills and achievements."

Olivia J (Y8)

"I find Sparx Reader really helpful for my dyslexia. You can use a ruler or line guide and change the background colour to help if you don't like white. It also tells you what words mean if you don't know them."



* It's a Girl!

Huge congratulations to Mr Middleton and his wife on the birth of their baby girl, Isabella. Isabella was born on the 8th February and weighing 8lbs 7oz. Both mum and daughter are home and they are all enjoying some family time with their beautiful new addition.



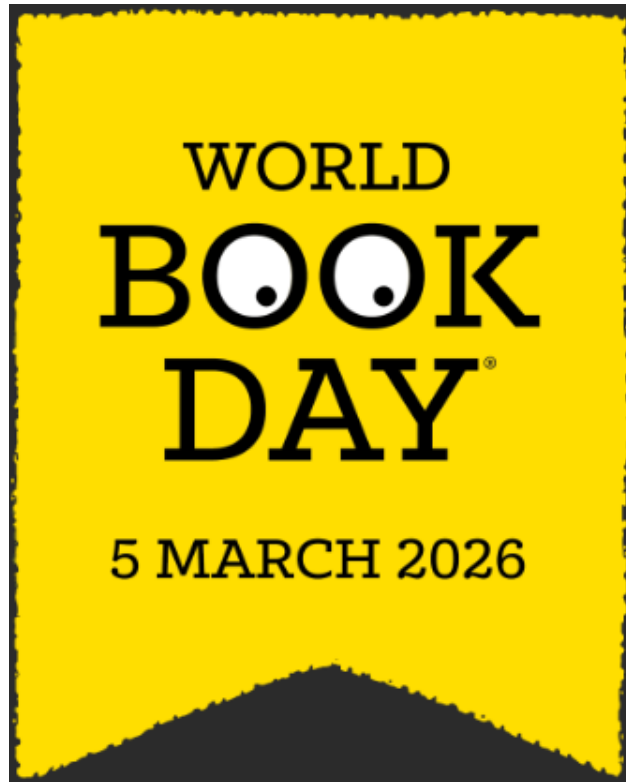
* World Book Day

We are excited to celebrate World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March**, and all students from **Year 7 to Year 13** are warmly invited to dress up as their favourite book character.

Our staff will also be joining in by dressing up in departmental themes, and students will have the chance to vote for their favourite staff department of book characters.

We look forward to a fun and creative day that celebrates our love of reading across the whole school community. Students do not have to join in, and should attend school in their standard uniform if they are not dressing up as a book character.

There will be prizes available for the most creative student costumes.



* Sparx Reader Competition

Year 7	1	Isla M
	2	Cory J
	3	Thea B
	4	Emily P
	5	Paige C
Year 8	1	Annabelle S
	2	Penelope C
	3	Kiera S
	4	Harrison B
	5	Saphy O
Year 9	1	Jemima E
	2	Lilly-Mai R
	3	Lacey J
	4	Veer B
	5	Lily-Rae J

* From the PE Department



East Shropshire 7

Idsall school entered two teams in Year 8 East Shropshire 7 a side football tournament on Tuesday 10th Feb.

Amazing performances throughout, with one team Winning the tournament and the 2nd team coming 4th overall.

Fabulous results - well done everyone!



KS3 Badminton

KS3 qualifiers before Christmas didnt disapoint with some amazing progress since September.

Most of this squad had never played competitive Badminton outside of lessons.

The girls saw themselves beat St Martins of North Shropshire 5-0 to go through as eventual 2nd place in the group. Losing the semi final narrowly, they went into a difficult Bronze medal match vs Shrewsbury Girls High.

They narrowly lost this game with a 105- 92 total score line.

Lots of lessons learned and they will be back next year as year 9s to challenge again.

Mr Goodison has been delighted and very proud of this seasons results!



KS4 County Badminton Finals

Yesterday saw the KS4 County Schools Badminton Finals and representing East Shropshire and Idsall were the y11 girls team.

The best 6 teams in the County were competing for honours!

After a 10-0 double win against Newport Girls High and St Martins. not dropping a game, the girls progressed onto the final to face a very strong Holy Trinity. After a win in the doubles we did concede the remaining singles and doubles to eventually pick up Silver and miss out on the top spot 4 games to 1.

Mr Goodison was very proud of the fighting mentality to narrowly miss out and get so close. Silver medal position is a great achievement and on another day could of walked away with the trophy.

Well done.



Year 9 Footballers!

So tale of two fortunes for the year 9 boys footballers in the Telford Cup which resulted in a great 3-2 extra time win against a very physical William Brookes school.

An outstanding defence gave a platform for the midfield and attack and with hitting the woodwork 4 times the game should of been dealt with in normal time! Idsall got serious with the extra time and dominated possession winning 3-2.

The second match in 4 days saw the Presidents Plate being played against HLC who have beaten Idsall twice in as many seasons.

With physical, tactical and sheer fitness the first half had only Idsall in it, but a few missed chances in front of goal meant we only had a 1-0 cushion at the break. After playing so well, fitness struggles and some fierce tackling from the opposition led to 3 quickfire goals.

Eventual score 3-1 but a game that could of been won!

Mr Goodison said after how proud he was of the progress and maturity from this group of students.

Well done to you all!

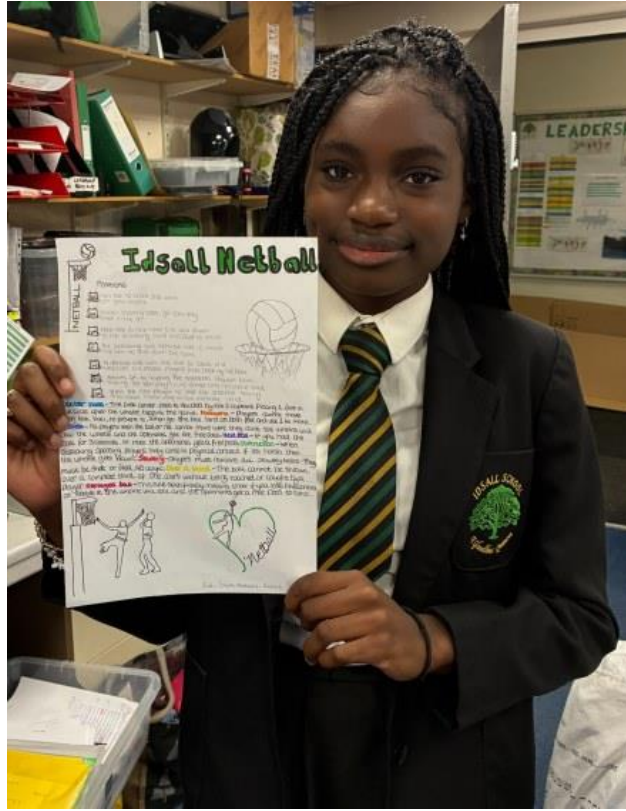


Netball Key Information

Faith has been working hard on creating a fantastic poster for the PE department all about netball. She has included key information about the different playing positions, as well as outlining some of the important rules and regulations of the game. Her poster is not only informative but also beautifully presented, featuring some fantastic drawings that make it engaging and eye-catching.

Miss Broughton and Miss Logan have been so impressed that they have already lined it up to use as a teaching resource for Year 7 students. What an amazing achievement!

Well done, Faith! #PEandArt #crosscurricular #netball 🏐 🧠



* Trips Update

Disneyland 2026 - Parental Meeting



UPDATE :

We are holding a face to face parental meeting on Wednesday 25th February in the main hall at Idsall.

Meeting will start at 4.30pm.

During the meeting we will share the full itinerary of the trip and staffing.

Please ensure you bring with you, :

- ***YOUR STUDENTS PASSPORT***
- ***YOUR STUDENTS GHIC CARD***

These will be kept in the school safe until we go on the trip. We do have to make copies, ensure information and scan them so we do need them on that date.

Any questions / queries, please email Cathy.Leverington@ids.mmat.co.uk.

* Enrichment Trips



Please remember : to ensure the chance of a place on your students desired trip please see the letter that was sent and follow the link for the Enrichment Trips Microsoft Form. These options must be completed by **Friday 27th February**.

Any forms that are not completed, your child will automatically be placed on the school based activity.

YEAR 7 & 8 STUDENTS

Option 1 : Drayton Manor Theme Park

Option 2: Cinema & Tenpin Bowling

Option 3: In-School Enrichment Day

YEAR 9 & 10 STUDENTS

Option 1 : Alton Towers

Option 2: Cinema & Tenpin Bowling

Option 3: In-School Enrichment Day

* Free School Meals

Note for Free School Meal eligible students/families

Shropshire Council will be providing funds for 1 week of support; £15 per eligible student over the February Half Term holidays.

Vouchers will be sent out by Edenred on Wednesday 11th February 2026. Please also check your spam/junk email folders.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents/Carers have 2 MONTHS to redeem their eCodes into a voucher (this has been reduced from 3 months). 30 days before expiry, Edenred send out a reminder once a week, automatically. If a parent/carer hasn't redeemed their eCode in that time, they cannot be reissued. The food vouchers are provided to support eligible students during each specific school holiday period and should therefore be redeemed by the parent/carer as soon as possible.



Free school meal **VOUCHERS**

* Prom Clothes

As our Prom plans are underway, if anyone happens to have old dresses or suit jackets / trousers, perhaps ones that do not fit or were for a specific occasion, that they could donate to a student unable to afford a Prom outfit, please drop off at the school.

Even if an outfit is not suitable for one of our students, we will donate these items to other schools / students.



* Safeguarding



This week is safer internet focus week!

From voice assistants, to chatbots, to algorithms, AI technology is playing an increasingly large role in all our lives. It is important that we find time to discuss these tools and the impact they can have on our own and our families' online experiences, including:

- the news and content we see,
- the way we work, including using AI for homework or studies,

- and the risk of misuse of AI, for example to create realistic scams or non-consensual nude images.

We encourage you to join us in celebrating by continuing the conversation about safer internet use, at home. Here are some helpful resources:

- You can complete the [UK Safer Internet Centre's interactive quizzes](#) with your child.
- Read the UK Safer Internet Centre's top tips for parents and carers [here](#).
- You can share the UK Safer Internet Centre's [top tips for children and young people](#) with your child.

You may also like to use one of these prompts to start a conversation with your child:

- What's your favourite thing to do online?
- Have you ever used an AI tool? How did it make you feel?
- What do you like about AI technology?
- Do you have any worries about AI technology?
- What advice would you give to your friends about using AI?
- Who would you talk to if you saw something worrying online?
- What more can I do to help you feel safe online?

A key part of protecting children and young people from online harms is through preventative education. By talking about this in school and at home, we can all work towards keeping children safe when they are online.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with Mrs Reeve.

* **Work Experience 2026**

Work Experience is 29 June - 3 July 2026 for students in years 10 and 12.

The date for details to be uploaded to Unifrog is Friday 27th March 2026.

Work Experience – Year 10


- Please can you ensure your child uploads their work experience placements to UniFrog by February half term.

- They have access to login to this.
- Any problems, please ask to see Miss Martin or Mrs Boyd

* Students Who Use School Transport

Please find below the latest guidance for behaviour on school transport to and from school. This is a copy of the Shropshire Council Behaviour on School Transport Policy.

If your students uses school transport please have a read at the transportation guidance below :



Shropshire Council Behaviour on School Transport Policy

Safe and respectful **behaviour** on school transport is critical to ensuring the safety and well-being of all passengers and staff. This policy establishes clear expectations and responsibilities for pupils using home-to-school transport, emphasizing safety, mutual respect, and zero tolerance for dangerous or abusive conduct. It aligns with legislation such as the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and fosters cooperation among the Council, schools, parents, and transport staff to maintain a safe, orderly environment on school buses and other transport modes.

Scope and Principles

The policy applies to all pupils using Council-arranged transportation, including mainstream and special educational needs transport. It supplements school **behaviour** policies and travel conditions, making good conduct a condition for riding the bus. Positive **behaviour** is encouraged, while unsafe or disrespectful **behaviour** results in sanctions.




Roles and Responsibilities

Pupils – Expected Behaviour.

Pupils must always follow the driver's instructions, use their assigned vehicle and stop, and carry a valid bus pass daily where issued. Boarding and disembarking must be done safely and orderly, with adherence to the Green Cross Code when crossing roads. During the journey, pupils must remain seated, wear seat belts where provided, keep aisles and exits clear, and refrain from distracting the driver. Respectful **behaviour** towards drivers, assistants, and fellow passengers is mandatory, with bullying and abusive language strictly prohibited. Eating, drinking, smoking, and vandalism are forbidden, and misuse of emergency equipment is a serious offence. If a pupil misses their bus, they should report to school staff and contact parents rather than attempting alternative travel independently. Any concerns or incidents should be reported promptly to parents, schools, or the Council.

Parents/Carers – Responsibilities

Parents and carers play a vital role in reinforcing good **behaviour** and ensuring safety. They must ensure children travel safely to and from bus stops, supervise young or vulnerable pupils, and have contingency plans for delays or missed buses. Parents should ensure children carry valid bus passes **where** issued and understand the importance of using designated routes without requesting unscheduled stops or unauthorized riders. They are encouraged to discuss and reinforce the bus conduct rules, support school and Council discipline efforts, and ensure children do not carry prohibited items. Parents are financially

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liable for any damage caused by their children and should maintain communication with schools and the Council to address any issues or concerns.

Schools and Council – Responsibilities

Schools treat travel [behaviour](#) as an extension of the school environment, communicating transport rules and integrating them into overall [behaviour](#) policies. They have authority to discipline pupils for conduct on the journey to and from school and cooperate with the Council in managing incidents. Drivers maintain order through instructions and report incidents, while passenger assistants supervise and support pupils, especially those with special needs. Both schools and the Council promote positive [behaviour](#) and maintain open communication with families about [behaviour](#) expectations and incidents.

Unacceptable [Behaviour](#) and Prohibited Conduct

The policy prohibits aggression, bullying, abusive language, dangerous distractions, refusal to obey safety rules, vandalism, theft, throwing objects, substance use, unreasonable [behaviour](#) toward staff, and other illegal or dangerous acts. Such [behaviours](#) are considered serious breaches and will lead to disciplinary action. Some [behaviour](#) may also require the involvement of the police. [Generally](#) a sanction will only be applied after investigation of an incident (however where there is a serious health and safety risk an immediate sanction may be applied).

Examples of the type of [behaviour](#), which will invoke a [sanction](#), are listed [below](#):

- Bullying/harassment/intimidation (physical and/or verbal)
- Distracting/assaulting the driver
- Failure to follow instruction from the driver
- Standing forward of the driver
- Using the emergency exit
- Drug misuse
- Moving around the vehicle
- Sitting in the stairwell
- Throwing objects inside the vehicle or out of the windows
- Health and safety breaches (including tampering with safety equipment such as emergency exits, CCTV cameras, smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, first aid box)
- Smoking
- Spitting
- Verbal abuse - swearing



- Bringing unsafe objects onto the vehicles (i.e. pen-knives, cigarette lighters)
- Playing personal stereos without headphones
- Assaulting the passenger assistant
- Vandalism/damage to the vehicle (criminal damage will be reported to the Police and parents will be held responsible for any damage caused to the vehicle)

This is not an exhaustive [list](#) and each incident will be investigated on its own merit.

Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

We [recognise](#) that pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) may display a wide range of [behaviours](#) as a result of their individual needs, and we understand these situations can sometimes be stressful for families and children. Our team is committed to working collaboratively to support each child's needs and create the safest and most supportive environment possible for every pupil.

We rely on parents/carers keeping us informed about their child's needs, which helps us respond effectively and deescalate scenarios swiftly if required. We also work closely with schools to assist when necessary, and we appreciate their continued partnership in managing individual [behaviours](#).

There may be times when a child or young person's [behaviours](#)—including those that are challenging, disruptive, or present a safeguarding concern—make it unsafe for them, fellow passengers, or transport staff to continue travelling on school transport. In such instances, we will discuss alternative options and may offer travel assistance in the form of a Personal Travel Budget (PTB). A PTB is financial support provided to families so they can arrange suitable travel for their child. If this becomes necessary, we will contact you directly to explain the process and support you through the next steps.

[Non-Entitled Pupils Accessing TSPS](#)

Those pupils who have no entitlement to free school transport but access our Temporary Seats Payment Scheme may be permanently withdrawn from the scheme where there is repeated poor [behaviour](#). Parents will then be required to make their own arrangements.

Consequences and Enforcement

[Misbehaviour](#) leads to graduated consequences:

- **On-the-spot corrections:** Drivers or passenger assistants issue verbal warnings for minor issues, expecting immediate compliance.



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- **Reports and investigations:** Significant or repeated incidents are reported and investigated, including the use of CCTV footage where available and witness statements.
 - **Warnings and parental notification:** First-time or less severe incidents result in warning letters sent to parents, emphasizing the importance of good conduct and potential escalation.
 - **School disciplinary actions:** Schools may impose sanctions aligned with their policies, including detentions or exclusions, coordinated with the Council.
 - **Temporary suspension of transport:** For dangerous or persistent **misbehaviour**, transport privileges may be suspended for a defined period (usually starting with one week and increasing incrementally), with parents responsible for alternative arrangements.
 - **Permanent withdrawal of transport:** Extreme or repeated misconduct can lead to permanent exclusion from Council-provided transport, requiring families to arrange their own travel. This is a last resort after other measures fail.
 - **Support and alternatives:** The Council may offer alternative transport solutions or budgets for eligible pupils during suspensions, focusing on safety and attendance continuity.
 - **Reinstatement and **behaviour** agreements:** Temporary bans may end with review meetings and **behaviour** contracts; permanent bans may be reconsidered upon evidence of improved **behaviour**.
 - **Restitution and legal action:** Parents are liable for damages caused by their children, and serious offences may involve police action, including criminal charges.
 - **Appeals:** Parents can appeal long-term transport exclusions through a formal process, with decisions reviewed by a panel. Appeals should be emailed to schooltransport@shropshire.gov.uk or for children with SEND special.transport.team@shropshire.gov.uk



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* Think Which Service

We have been asked to put this in our newsletter for parents to help guide people to use the right service for the right reason. Created by the NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin.

More information at thinkwhichservice.co.uk

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Shropshire, Telford
and Wrekin

This winter, Think Which Service
to use for the right help, fast

SELF-CARE	Common ailments and illnesses
111 NHS UK	Urgent medical help or advice that isn't life threatening
PHARMACIST	Health advice and over the counter medicines
GP	Symptoms that won't go away
MINOR INJURY UNITS	Walk-in service for urgent care
999 A&E	Life-threatening emergencies

HALF TERM IDEAS!



NETBALL CAMPS



Team building
Match play
Fun Games
Multi skills
Discount for EN members



9-14 YEAR OLDS
10AM-3PM

£40 or
£35 for EN members



Tuesday 17th February 2026
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<https://engage.englandnetball.co.uk/sessionfinder>

More Information: Phone 07545 924992 E-mail ruth.hughes@englandnetball.co.uk

TEAMWORK - RESPECT - ENJOYMENT - DISCIPLINE - SPORTSMANSHIP



GIVE RUGBY A TRY

COME AND JOIN OUR U13S BOYS TEAM!!

NEWPORT U13S (CURRENT YEAR 8) ARE RECRUITING PLAYERS - ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

TRAINING ON TUESDAYS AND SUNDAYS

CONTACT 07774015452 FOR MORE DETAILS

WHAT'S ON IN THE LOCAL AREA



Shifnal Events

Here's a reminder of the fantastic events happening in Shifnal right through to the end of the year.

It's brilliant to have these events for all to enjoy, so get involved, support local, and most of all — love local.

[#LoveShifnal](#) [#shifnal](#) [#supportlocal](#) [#lovelocal](#)

Try Something New! Taekwon-Do FREE CLASSES!

Do you feel like trying out a new sport .. if so, why not go along, two free classes so you can try it before you join!

INTERESTED ... contact Mr. Morris on 07969 996055 to book and for more information.

2 Free Classes and 10% Discount for Idsall Students! So why not give it a try!



TAEKWON-DO CLASSES for NEW BEGINNERS

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two **FREE** trial classes, call

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Our values :



Excellence: striving always for mastery and personal success



Integrity: consistently acting with honesty, compassion and respect



Empathy: embracing and supporting the uniqueness of every individual



Creativity: inspiring and challenging through invention, experimentation and exploration



Equality: ensuring fair opportunity for all