



IDSALL NEWS edition 62

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Calendar

- W/C Mon 27th Apr : External Exams Begin
- Mon 18th May : Year 13 Study Leave Begins

- Fri 22nd May : Dress For Your Dream Career
- Mon 25th to Fri 29th May : Half Term
- Mon 1st & Tue 2nd Jun : Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
- Thu 4th Jun : Year 7 Parents Evening
- Fri 19th June : Collaboration Day
- Mon 22nd June ; UCAS Convention, Birmingham
- Tue 23rd June : New Student Induction for Sixth Form
- Tue 23rd June : Year 11 Prom
- Tue 23rd to Tue 30th June : Year 12 Mock Exams
- Thu 25th June : Year 13 Leavers Breakfast and Prom
- Mon 29th to Fri 3rd June : Year 10 Work Experience Week
- Thu 2nd Jul : 6th Form Parents Evening
- Mon 6th & Tue 7th July : Year 6 Transitions Days
- Mon 13th & Tue 14th July : School Show "Beauty and the Beast"
- Wed 15th July : Boogie Nights
- Mon 20th July : Sixth Form Enrichment Trip to Alton Towers
- Mon 20th July : Year 7 to 10 Sports Day
- Tue 21st July : Sixth Form Sports Day
- Tue 21st July : Drayton Manor / Cinema & Bowling Enrichment Trips
- Wed 22nd July : Alton Towers Enrichment Trip
- Thu 23rd July : Last Day of School (Sports Day Contingency Day)

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Michelle King - Headteacher



Dear Parents, Carers and Students

As we move into a significant week for our school community, this week has marked the start of the formal examination period for many of our students. This is an important milestone, and we are incredibly proud of the hard work, resilience and determination they have shown in the lead-up. We are confident that they have prepared well, and we believe they are going to do very well. Students are being encouraged to maintain strong routines getting enough rest, balancing their revision and staying organised and to approach each exam with confidence. As always, our staff are here to support them every step of the way.

Over the coming weeks, we will also be placing a renewed focus on maintaining our high standards, particularly around student planners and uniform. These play an important role in supporting organisation, readiness to learn and a strong sense of pride in our school community. We will be reminding students of the expectation to bring their planners to school every day and to use them effectively, as well as ensuring uniform is worn correctly and consistently. We are grateful for the continued support of families in reinforcing these expectations at home.

As part of our ongoing commitment to strong routines and high expectations, after-school detentions will also be reintroduced. These will be used where necessary to support positive behaviour for learning, ensure that work is completed and help students stay on track. We will always communicate clearly with families, and we appreciate your support in ensuring that students attend when required.

This is a time of both challenge and opportunity, particularly for those students sitting examinations, and we are confident that with the right support and mindset they will rise to the occasion. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping every student to succeed, feel supported and take pride in being part of our school community.

Year 8 News



Sparks Fly in Science

Year 8 Science students explored how metals react with oxygen during a chemistry practical. By observing sparks and flames, students learned how metals form metal oxides through combustion reactions while developing their laboratory skills and understanding of chemical reactions.



Year 10 News



Teacake Challenge

Year 10 GCSE Food and Nutrition students have been learning about food styling and presentation. They took the opportunity to practise their skills by taking part in the 'Tunnock's Teacake Challenge', exploring creative and imaginative ways to present their teacakes.

Well done Year 10!







Year 11 News



Prom Information

Prom is now fast approaching .. the 23rd June, and what a fabulous way to celebrate the completion of your exams and saying farewell to friends that are following different paths. A fantastic evening of food, dance and much more!

See more information on the poster below with regards to tickets, venue, times etc. **Don't forget ... get your ticket now!**



Sixth Form News



Key 6th Form Dates

Please see below a list of key dates for sixth form students until the end of term. We are hoping to visit Keele University in addition to this list but dates for this visit are still to be confirmed.

15th May - Year 13 study leave

22nd June - UCAS Convention, B'ham

23rd June - New student induction day (Internal students leave at lunchtime for prom preparations)

23rd – 30th June - Year 12 mock exams

25th June - Leaver's breakfast and Year 13 Prom

29th June – 3rd July – Year 12 WEX (Select students only. All other students to be in lessons as per TT).

20th July - Alton towers

21st July – Sixth form Sports day

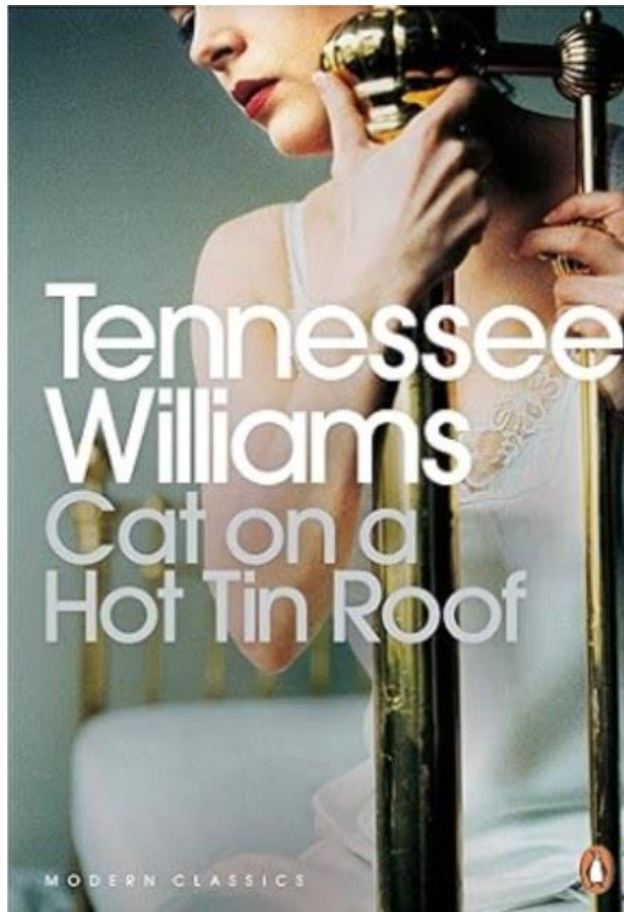
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Sixth Form Reading Group

The next book we will be reading is the play: 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof' by Tennessee Williams.

'Big Daddy' Pollitt, the richest cotton planter in the Mississippi Delta, is about to celebrate his sixty-fifth birthday. His two sons have returned home for the occasion: Gooper, his wife and children, Brick, an ageing football hero who has turned to drink, and his feisty wife Maggie. As the hot summer evening unfolds, the veneer of happy family life and Southern gentility gradually slips away as unpleasant truths emerge and greed, lies, jealousy and suppressed sexuality threaten to reach boiling point.

Discussions about the play and its themes will take place lunch time Wednesday 3rd June in BA1.



OTHER IDSALL NEWS



*** School Show Needs Your Help!**

IDSALL'S SCHOOL SHOW NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

In preparation for our wonderful show 'Beauty & The Beast' in July, we require several items for set and props. Are you able to loan or gift us any of the following items:

- A wooden tea trolley on wheels
- A pair of wooden / antique looking chairs or thrones
- A small wooden bookcase

- Wicker or wooden trays

Please see the photos for reference:







* Sleep Out

On Friday 1st May 2026, staff and students swapped their cosy beds for sleeping bags and spent the night sleeping outside at school to help raise awareness of people in our society who do not always have a safe or secure place to stay.

The sponsorship and donations that have been received have all gone towards the **4 All Foundation**. This is the Trust Charity that supports vulnerable young people by creating resources and providing safe places where they can feel supported and cared for.

Well done to all those that braved the elements and spent the night outdoors for charity.









* Ex Student Meets Princess Anne

Congratulations to Cameron Anderson an ex Idsall Student on becoming a FINALIST at this year's prestigious Pinnacle Farming Awards London 2026!

The event was attended by HRH Princess Anne, who spoke to Cameron twice during the evening!

Cameron has been awarded a Years Membership to the Farmers Club London, and seems to have a new BFF in HRH Princess Anne!

As a school we are all very proud of Cameron's accomplishments following his 7 year journey here and do enjoy hearing about ex student's successes.



* Street Food Day!



* Science Celebrate

Today the Science department celebrated the inspirational life of Sir David Attenborough as he turns 100. They say a big thank you to Miss Martin for the cake!



* Ex Idsall Teacher does Open Day Tennis

Ian Gillespie, who worked at Idsall for many years in the PE Department, is hosting an open day at Shifnal Tennis Club on 9th May for anyone who has ever fancied having a go at tennis!

It doesn't matter if you haven't played for a number of years, never played at all or are a pro, all ages and abilities are welcome!

This is a great opportunity for:

- Children and adults of all ages
- Complete beginners or those returning to tennis
- Anyone looking to get active and try something new

The session will be run by our LTA-qualified coach and supported by club members, providing a fun, relaxed and welcoming introduction to tennis.

- 🎾 **All equipment can be provided**
- 🎾 **No experience necessary**

- 🎾 Free of charge

We have attached a poster below with full details. In addition to the Open Day, we are always happy to welcome new players at any time. Anyone interested is very welcome to contact us via email @shifnaltennisclub@gmail.com and arrange a **free taster session** outside of the event.

So why not go along and give it a go, it really is open to everyone!



* From the PE Department



Summer Sports

Summer sports are in full swing for Team PE 🌞🏃🧑🎾

Our Year 7s have been making the most of the sunshine - building skills and confidence in athletics, tennis, and rounders all while having a great time!

We're lucky to have such talented and enthusiastic young athletes in our team.



* Safeguarding



FOCUS ON... DEEPFAKES

WHAT ARE DEEPFAKES?

Deepfakes are images, videos, or audio which are edited or generated using AI tools, and which may depict real or non-existent people. They can be used for fun, or even for scientific research, but sometimes they're used to impersonate people in order to deliberately mislead.

THE NAME "DEEPFAKE" COMES FROM THE USE OF DEEP LEARNING AND THE ABILITY TO CREATE FAKE REPRESENTATIONS THAT ARE HIGHLY REALISTIC.

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR...

- ✓ Visual inconsistencies
- ✓ Colour differences between sections
- ✓ Movements may appear unnaturally smooth or robotic
- ✓ Mismatches between speech and mouth movements.

Deepfakes can be used to create fake news or spread misinformation.

Deepfakes can be harmful because they can be used to deceive people and damage reputations.

A deepfake could be used for extortion by placing someone in an embarrassing or compromising scenario. Even if it is fake, the threat of its online distribution could pressure the victim into paying a ransom.

KEEP PROFILES PRIVATE

Keep social media profiles private to limit access to images, videos, and audio that scammers could use to mimic your voice or appearance.

KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

- ✓ Create strong passwords.
- ✓ Never share their personal details with anyone else or online.
- ✓ Install the latest software and app updates.
- ✓ Use parental controls.

It's illegal to share or threaten to share intimate photos or videos of someone without their consent and this includes deepfake images.

You can always seek further support and guidance online.

KEEP UP TO DATE BY VISITING WWW.KIDSONLINEWORLD.COM

What's On In The Local Area





Exams can be tough.

They're supposed to test you, and sometimes that can be overwhelming. But we're here if it ever feels too much.

With free, confidential support, you can talk to a professional, read how others might be feeling the same or take a moment to write down your thoughts.



Visit [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) to explore the many ways Kooth can support you.



Providing NHS services

Cinderella shall go to the ball!



Calling all teenagers in need of a prom dress!
Community Matters can lend or gift a beautiful dress to those struggling to afford one.

We have a few to choose from

Please contact us



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| Facebook



GIRLS HARD & SOFTBALL CRICKET AT SHIFNAL CRICKET CLUB



All ages • All abilities • Everyone welcome!
Led by a female ECB Core Coach

Looking for a fun, friendly sport where girls can make new friends, learn new skills, and build confidence? Join **Girls Cricket at Shifnal Cricket Club** and be part of a growing, supportive community!

Why try Cricket?

- Sessions led by a **female ECB Core Coach and current County player**
- Teams for **hardball and softball cricket**
- Fun and inclusive sessions for beginners and experienced players
- ECB qualified, friendly coaches
- Build confidence, teamwork and fitness
- Make new friends and be part of a real team
- Training sessions and matches throughout the season.
- Girls of **all ages and abilities**
- Beginners absolutely welcome – no experience needed!



Get in touch

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Phone: 07341 250889

Follow us:  

**Come and give it a go –
your cricket journey starts here!**

Shifnal Cricket Club
The Cricket Pavilion, Priorslee Road,
Shifnal, Shropshire TF11 8HD



Here we go Basketball.
RAWZONE TRIALS FOR 2026-2027

Qualified Licenced BBE Coaches in attendance.
National Leicester Riders Coach present.
Basketball England Player Development Talent Coach
2026, present.

Get yourselves on the Rawzone Pathway.
Don't miss out.

10 MAY 2026

Stirchley Sports Centre
Grange Avenue, Telford TF3 1ET

U11 & 13 (School Year 7/8)
12.00 till 13.00 hrs

U14 & 15 (School Years 9)
13.00 till 14.30 hrs

U16 & 18
(School Year 10, 11, 12)
14.30 till 15.50 hrs

13 MAY 2026

The Telford Langley School
Duce Drive, Dawley, Telford, Shropshire, TF4 3JS

GIRLS ONLY
19.00 till 20.00 hrs

18TH MAY

Holy Trinity Academy
Teece Drive
TF2 9SQ


Mini Ballers
18:00 till 18:45 hrs



Shropshire Council

SUMMER 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.

BRIDGNORTH LIBRARY

Tuesday 19th May 2026
1:30pm-3:30pm

Bridgnorth Library,
Listley Street, Town Centre,
Bridgnorth, WV16 4AW

SHREWSBURY THE LANTERN


Thursday 16th June 2026
10:00am-12:00pm

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

OSWESTRY LIBRARY

Thursday 2nd July 2026
13:00pm-15:00pm

Oswestry Library,
Arthur Street, Oswestry,
SY11 1JN



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

Contact Us

IDSALL SCHOOL

"Great oaks from little acorns grow"

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[LINK : Home - Idsall School](#)



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Our values :



Excellence

Excellence: striving always for mastery and personal success



Integrity

Integrity: consistently acting with honesty, compassion and respect



Empathy

Empathy: embracing and supporting the uniqueness of every individual



Creativity

Creativity: inspiring and challenging through invention, experimentation and exploration



Equality

Equality: ensuring fair opportunity for all