



IDSALL NEWS edition 70

10 July 2026

Calendar



- 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 ever closer to the end of another successful academic year, this week has been a particularly busy and rewarding one at Idsall School.

Firstly, it has been a pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 students for their two transition days. The excitement and enthusiasm they brought with them has been wonderful to see. Over the course of the two days, students have had the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the school, meet key staff, experience lessons and start building friendships ahead of September. They have embraced every opportunity and conducted themselves brilliantly, giving us great confidence that they will settle quickly into life at Idsall.

At the same time, we were delighted to welcome our Year 10 students back following their work experience placements. For many, this was their first real experience of the workplace and the responsibilities that come with it. Students have returned with a wealth of stories and experiences, having gained valuable insights into different industries and professions. They have truly had a taste of the world of work, developing important skills such as communication, teamwork, time management and professionalism. We are extremely grateful to the many employers who supported our students and provided such valuable opportunities.

The warm weather has certainly continued this week, and I would like to thank students and staff for the positive way they have adapted to the challenging conditions. Despite the heat,

learning has continued with focus and determination, and it has been pleasing to see students maintaining such positive attitudes both in lessons and around the school.

As we look ahead to the final two weeks of term, there is still much to look forward to. Activity Days are just around the corner and always provide a fantastic opportunity for students to enjoy new experiences, spend time with friends and create lasting memories. We also have a number of reward events planned to recognise the hard work, commitment and positive contributions of students throughout the year. Alongside these celebrations, our annual Sports Day promises to be one of the highlights of the summer term, showcasing teamwork, determination and plenty of school spirit. We are excited to finish the year on a high and celebrate all that our students have achieved.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you enjoy a restful weekend and find some time to enjoy the sunshine.

Hot Weather Uniform Arrangements – Until the End of Term

Below is a copy of the letter that has been emailed out today.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the current spell of hot weather is forecast to continue, we have reviewed our uniform expectations and will be extending our temporary arrangements for the remainder of the summer term.

From Monday, students will be permitted to attend school without their blazers and ties until the end of term. School shirts should still be worn and remain tucked in, and all other aspects of the school uniform should continue to be worn as normal.

We would appreciate your support in ensuring that students come to school prepared for the warm weather by bringing a refillable water bottle each day and taking appropriate precautions to stay hydrated and comfortable.

We will continue to monitor conditions during the final weeks of term and make any further adjustments if necessary.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Year 8 News



UN Day

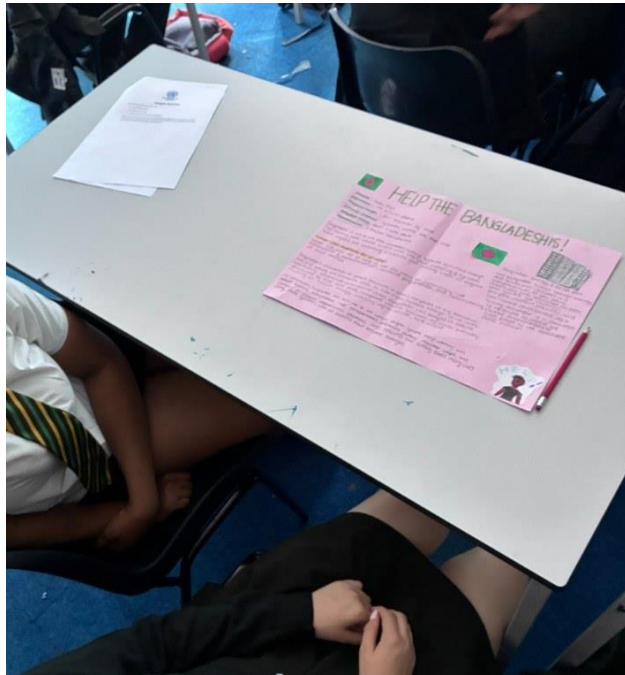
What a fantastic email to receive from the representatives that delivered the UN day to our year 8 students earlier this week :

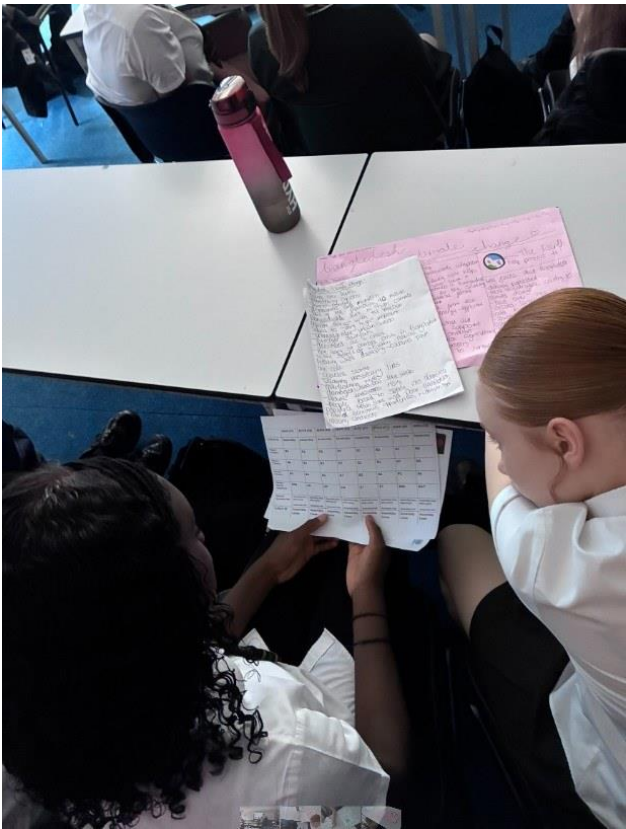
"You have a beautiful school with amazing staff and some really wonderful students.

MUN can be a challenging day, especially for KS3 students (and on a warm day) but the overwhelming majority of your students really took to it. I think we have probably broken our record for the number of Honourable Mention certificates we are going to have to give out because there were just so many standout students who excelled in different ways! I stayed with one form group for the majority of the day to support them, and they were a smashing bunch. I asked Miss Martin to give one student, India, an honourable mention because she stepped up and presented the whole speech when her friends got nervous – that kind of boldness and leadership is impressive in a Year 8.

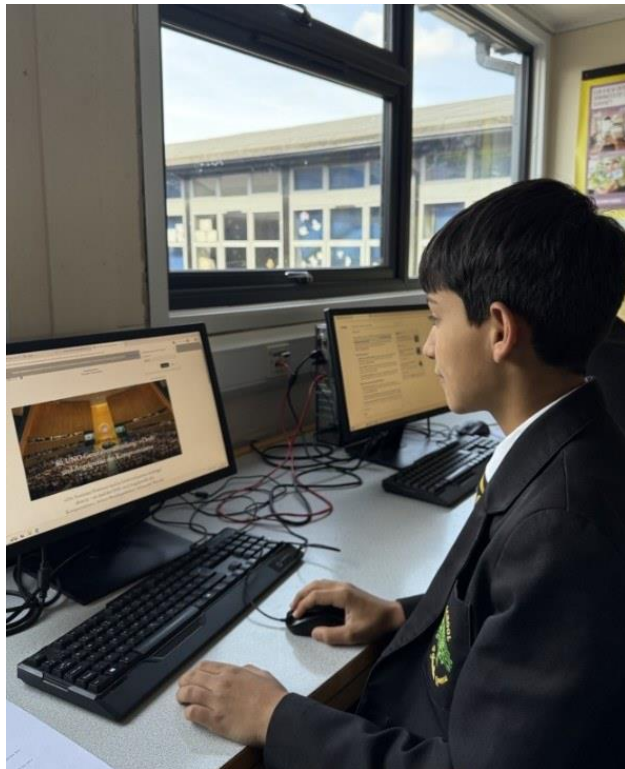
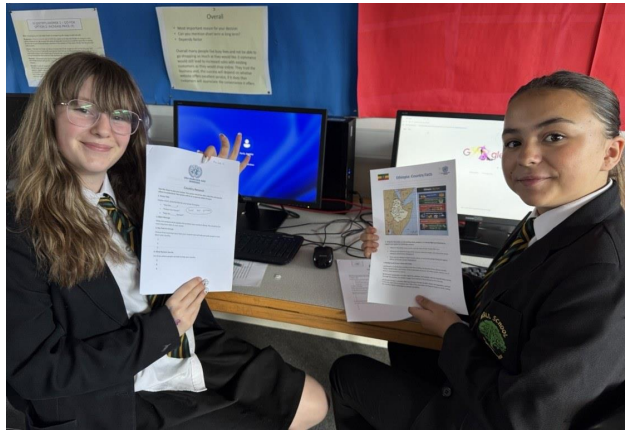
Fingers crossed we get to do another MUN at Idsall with a few tweaks!"













Ski Championships!

Year 8 student William P represented Idsall School at the National Schools Ski Championships on Monday.

Competing in the Under-16 category at just 13 years old, William faced strong competition from a field of 101 racers representing secondary schools from across the country.

Despite being one of the younger competitors in his category, William delivered an outstanding performance, finishing in 5th place for Idsall.

His impressive result earned him a place on the podium, with the top five racers receiving medals.

A fantastic achievement, William – well done! We are incredibly proud of you and your success representing Idsall School.



WMAC British Open 2026

At the weekend (6th July) Niamh competed at Worcester. This time for the WMAC BRITISH OPEN 2026! Niamh managed to compete and succeed despite having an injury. Some of her categories had 8 competitors with 16 rounds which is a gruelling challenge for any athlete.

- GOLD x1 light continuous 12 to 14 years female 50-55kg
- Silver x1 hands only points 12 to 14 years female 45-50kg
- Silver x1 points fighting 12 to 14 years female 45-50kg
- Silver x1 points fighting 12 to 14 years female 50-55kg
- Silver x1 WMAC tag teams points fighting 12 to 14 years female
- Bronze x1 light continuous 12 to 14 years female 45-50kg
- Bronze x1 hands only points 12 to 14 years female 50-55kg

Amazing results ... amazing dedication!

Keep it up Naimh!



Erin & Thingymabob Qualify

Everyone at Idsall School, along with Erin's proud family, is celebrating the fantastic achievement of Erin Rose Y and her lovely pony Thingymabob, who represented Albrighton Hunt Pony Club at the Area Dressage Qualifiers.

With an excellent score, Erin and Thingymabob secured an impressive 3rd place, earning qualification for the Championship Finals in August.

This is a wonderful accomplishment and a testament to Erin's hard work, dedication, and partnership with Thingymabob.

We wish Erin the very best of luck at the Championships.

Congratulations Erin and Thingymabob!





Sixth Form News

Are you in Sixth Form and worried about the cost of going to University?

Mrs Case serves on several local charitable trusts that provide financial support to young people progressing from Idsall Sixth Form to higher education. These charities are dedicated to helping students make a successful transition to university by offering grants to assist with the costs associated with starting student life.

Any student going directly from Idsall Sixth Form to university is eligible to apply for funding. Last night, she met with trustees from the **Shifnal Exhibition Foundation** and all four applicants were successful, each receiving a grant of **£500**. The grants will be paid on **A-Level Results Day**, giving students financial support at a time when they are preparing for their move to university.

The grants can be used in whatever way students feel will best support their transition, whether that is contributing towards accommodation costs during their first few weeks, purchasing essential equipment and course materials, or helping with other expenses associated with beginning university life.

Mrs Case is proud to support these charities and the valuable role they play in investing in the future of local young people, helping them start this exciting new chapter with greater confidence and financial security.

If you want any further information – please speak to Mrs Case direct.



OTHER IDSALL NEWS



* Beauty and the Beast Latest



ONLY ONE WEEK TO GO!

Next Monday sees the launch of Idsall's latest masterpiece of a classic fairy tale about love, transformation and seeing beyond appearances.

It's been on the West End, filmed by Disney ... but now, you get the chance to see it at its best! The magical stage production by Idsall Students!

So for this once in a lifetime chance ... get your tickets and come along. *Tickets are available on Arbor Pay.*

- ***When : Monday 13 & Tuesday 14th July 2026***
- ***Time : Starting at 18.00***
- ***Venue : Idsall Main Hall - plenty of free parking!***
- ***Cost : Just £7.50 per adult - £6.00 for concessions!***

With an amazing Director and Choreographer, Mrs Creighton and a fabulous Music Director, Mr Austin you are in for a night of magical entertainment!

We can't wait to see you there - book your tickets NOW!

*** Year 6 Transition Visits**



Idsall was delighted to welcome 203 Year 6 pupils to the school on Monday and Tuesday, for induction days.

Across the course of the two days pupils took part in a range of assessments and activities and sample lessons - this included a Maths challenge to "zap" numbers, a Science experiment themed around Olympic rings / colours, and a PE challenge where pupils attempted to "run a group marathon".

The final day culminated in an assembly, where we were treated to some music from our rock band, as well as a quick group sing-song of a traditional piece of Africana music.

Mrs Reeve then presented some certificates to some "Induction Day Stars" - with Seren from St Mary's in Albrighton, and Ben from St Andrews in Shifnal particularly impressing with 3 nominations each!

There were some amazing examples of effort, determination, creativity and resilience shown over the course of the two days, and Mrs Reeve and the Year 7 team are looking forward to this continuing in September.





* Ingestre Hall

Reminder for students going on the Ingestre Hall Creative Arts Residential in October 2026, the 2nd payment of £90 is now overdue. Payment was due on Friday 3rd July.

Final payment of £90 is due by Friday 12th September.

Payments to be made on ArborPay.

Any issues with this, please contact cathy.leverington@ids.mmat.co.uk



* Sparx Reader

Latest Leaderboard

Sparx Reader top 5
WB 29.6 Summer Term Year 7

Weekly Leaderboard Monday to Sunday		
1	Mia Edwards (Mia the Storm)	1,978 SRP ...
2	Thea Blaney (Thea the Twilight)	1,803 SRP ...
3	Phoebe Ash (Phoebe the Inspiration)	1,297 SRP ...
4	Isabella-Mae Shepherd (Isabella-Mae the Hero)	855 SRP ...
5	Millie Sankley (Millie the Writer)	742 SRP ...

Sparx Reader top 5
WB 29.6 Summer Term Yr 8

Weekly Leaderboard Monday to Sunday		
1	Annabelle Stanford (Annabelle the Biologist)	774 SRP ...
2	Olivia Jones (Olivia the Icon)	696 SRP ...
3	Adrian Lamprey (Adrian the Original)	577 SRP ...
4	Kiera Stone (Kiera the Treasure)	550 SRP ...
5	Ewan Clinton (Ewan the Ace)	516 SRP ...

Sparx Reader top 5
WB 29.6 Summer Term Yr 9

Weekly Leaderboard		
Monday to Sunday		
1	Lacey Jones (Lacey the Lightning)	742 SRP ...
2	Flynn Coulson (Flynn the Adventurer)	714 SRP ...
3	Jeevan Atwal (Jeevan the Infinity)	679 SRP ...
4	Veer Bagri (Veer the Artist)	523 SRP ...
5	Nikolaus Lablans (Nikolaus the Groundwater)	427 SRP ...

Sparx Reader top 5
WB 29.6 Summer Term Yr 10

Weekly Leaderboard		
Monday to Sunday		
1	Heavyvine Lamprey (Heavyvine the Glory)	422 SRP ...
2	Emelia Brocklehurst (Emelia the Fortune)	320 SRP ...
3	Luke Cashmore (Luke the Lightning)	235 SRP ...
4	Alfie Fellows (Alfie the Monarch)	68 SRP ...
5	Madden Entwistle (Madden the Founder)	21 SRP ...

* From the PE Department



* Safeguarding



Alcohol Awareness Week 2026: Talking to Young People About Alcohol

Alcohol Awareness Week 2026 provides an opportunity for families to reflect on the role alcohol plays in our society and how we support young people to make healthy choices. This year – it is now – 6th to 12th July 2026.

Recent research from the University of Sheffield and University College London found that young people aged 16–25 are much more likely to try alcohol than alcohol-free or low-alcohol alternatives. While sales of alcohol-free products have grown rapidly, these drinks remain uncommon among teenagers, who typically prefer either standard alcoholic drinks or soft drinks.

The study also explored concerns that alcohol-free and low-alcohol drinks might encourage young people to start drinking alcohol at an earlier age. Reassuringly, researchers found no evidence that these products lead young people to drink sooner or consume more alcohol. However, there was also no evidence that they reduce alcohol consumption among young people.

One important finding was the influence of family attitudes. Many parents and carers saw alcohol as a normal part of growing up, with some feeling it was their responsibility to introduce their children to alcohol in a controlled way. However, health guidance continues to emphasise that an alcohol-free childhood is the safest and healthiest option.

As a school community, we encourage open and honest conversations about alcohol, peer pressure and decision-making. Families can help by discussing expectations, modelling healthy behaviours and ensuring young people know where to seek advice if they have questions or concerns.

Alcohol Awareness Week reminds us that helping young people develop confidence, resilience and informed decision-making skills is one of the most effective ways to support their wellbeing both now and in the future.

As a school – we work closely with two local agencies that focus on addiction – We Are With You, and Telford STARS.

For any further support – please reach out to the safeguarding team who can make referrals to support agencies, as well as offering in school support.



* Supporting Our Armed Forces and their Families

We have been contacted by the Project Team Lead who is currently working on an important project – Supporting Serving Forces and their Families on the Move.

The objectives of this project are to.

- Improve the quality of life for service families impacted by relocation.
- Offer preventative and /or early intervention approaches – emphasis on health & wellbeing.
- Assist forces families to access services as they relocate
- Reduce isolation and loneliness, enabling families to build support networks locally.
- Address unique challenges and issues families can face.
- and much more!

For more information please see the poster below and contact Val or Joe direct.



Supporting Shropshire Communities since 1960

Proudly supporting our armed forces and their families



Serving Families: On the Move

Is a local settlement support service for serving personnel and their families posted to Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin.

You tell us what you need - we'll find you the right support:



- healthcare, schooling and local services
- mental health and wellbeing
- debt and money advice
- relocation and life changes
- settling into your new community

Scan the QR code to make an enquiry



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Serving Families: On the Move

Who are we?

Val and Joe support armed forces families in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin. Offering a confidential service to help you understand the area, access services, and feel at home.



Val brings lived experience as an ex-RAF spouse alongside strong health and wellbeing expertise in armed forces communities.

Joe is the son of a veteran and understands how to help military families feel settled, connected and supported.

How does it work?

Scan the QR code and complete the short form. We'll contact you for a friendly confidential chat to understand what support you need. Whatever your situation, we'll do our best to help.



Connect with us to feel more at home

01743 360641

armedforces@community-resource.org.uk

About Community Resource

We are a charity that is committed to making life better for people and communities facing challenges in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin.

Find out more at community-resource.org.uk

Find us on:



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What's On In The Local Area



Useful Resources

Stay up to date
Sign up to the HAF e-newsletter for top tips, free resources, and updates about activities and support across Shropshire: www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf

Support and information
For advice and support for children, young people and families, visit the Shropshire Family Information Service (FIS), with links to local and national services:
www.shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/parents/carers/information-and-resources/
For help and guidance with the rest of living:
<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/rest-of-living-help/>

Contact us
HAF Programme email: HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk
Shropshire Family Information Service (FIS): Tel: 01743 254400
Email: shropfishd@shropshire.gov.uk
Follow us on Twitter: [@shropfamilyinfo](https://twitter.com/shropfamilyinfo)
Facebook: www.facebook.com/shropshirefamilyinfo

About the programme
The Shropshire Services and Food (HAF) programme is funded by the UK Government and delivered across Shropshire.
All activities are provided by experienced organisations delivering high quality, safe and inclusive programmes. Providers have appropriate safeguarding policies, risk checks, insurance, and risk assessments in place.

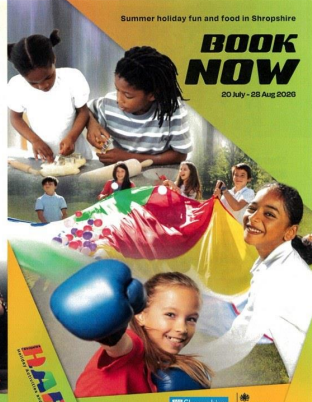
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Summer holiday fun and food in Shropshire

BOOK NOW

30 July - 28 Aug 2020







Summer Holiday Fun in Shropshire

Have fun with your friends, learn new skills, gain confidence and get involved!

Shropshire Council is working in partnership to run an exciting holiday programme this summer, Shropshire HAF (Holiday Activities and Food).

Take part in sports, arts, cooking, forest schools and lots more fun activities, happening across the county. Free nutritious meals will be provided at each session.

There are free places available on the programme for children and young people aged 4 (in reception class or equivalent) to 16, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

There are a limited number of free places available for children and young people who are not in receipt of benefits-related free school meals but meet a wider eligibility (see www.shropshire.gov.uk/HAF email HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk for more details).

How to Book

Please book spaces directly with the organisations running the holiday clubs from 29 June 2025.

What you need to do:

1. Use the electronic **What's On Guide** and searchable **Timetable**, available from 29 June, to find which holiday club is suitable for your children. Electronic copies of the Guide will be sent to you by your children's school and are also available at: www.shropshire.gov.uk/HAF.
2. Book onto activity by contacting the organisation running the holiday club direct, using the contact details in the Guide.
3. When making a booking, **please quote your unique HAF Code (see box below)**.
4. If your children has SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities) or receives any extra help at school, before booking onto activity, please contact the holiday club to discuss your child's needs.
5. Any queries you have about your booking or the activities on offer, please contact the organisation running the holiday club directly.
6. If you meet the wider eligibility criteria, please contact: HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk for information about referrals onto the programme.

The unique code entitles your children to attend 10 sessions of free holiday activity in Shropshire during the summer holidays 2025. Please don't use this code to book onto more than 10 sessions of activity or to book onto multiple programmes of activity with different providers, happening at the same time.

This code is individual to your child's school and is not transferable to other children. Eligibility checks are carried out on all bookings.

PWYBC

Kids

Shropshire Universal Autism Support Service

Kids offer warm, supportive services for parent carers and families of children and young people with additional needs and disabilities across Shropshire. We help provide families with practical tools, emotional support and confidence to help families thrive.

"Kids are here to support families every step of the way."



Families can access a bespoke package of support including:

- Riding the Rapids programme
- Coffee mornings and drop-in sessions
- Neurodivergency workshops
- Autism, ADHD and Demand Avoidance Workshops
- EBSA workshops
- Sleep support
- Behaviour workshops
- One-to-one support

Child and young person:

- Understanding Me - group sessions
- LEGO® therapy sessions
- Managing emotions and feelings
- therapeutic activities/sessions

Kids Disabled children say we can

Registered office: 249 Birmingham Road, Wyde Green, Sutton Coldfield B72 1EA
Company limited by guarantee no: 1346292
Registered charity number: 275926

Tel: 01743 644506
Email: kids.shropshire@kids.org.uk

Kids Disabled children
say we can!

Online

Youth Wellbeing Groups

Shropshire Universal Autism
Support Service

For young people aged 14-19



About Us

Kids offers warm, supportive services for children and young people with additional needs and/or disabilities, as well as their parent carers and families across Shropshire. We provide practical tools, emotional support, and the confidence families need to thrive.

Young People's Wellbeing Groups

Every other Thursday
6-7pm starting
Thurs 16th April.
(Term time only)

Each session will be planned to support wellbeing in different ways and provides a safe space to connect, make friends and feel good!

Contact us to book a place.

01743 644506
Kids.shropshire@kids.org.uk

Kids.org.uk

Young People's EBSA Groups

Every Wednesday
1-2pm starting
Weds 29th April.
(Term time only)

- Understanding Me
- LEGO® Therapy
- Draw and Talk
- Managing Emotions & Feelings



WANT TO HELP SHAPE

SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN SHROPSHIRE?

Opportunities to make decisions about services for young people across Shropshire -

- Hybrid and in-person workshops, events, training and more June - August 2026

Open to all 16-25 year olds
Living, working or studying in Shropshire

Please fill in a short registration form within your youth work setting or school, or contact Rachel directly. We'll invite you to an event to learn more about getting involved.

This is open to ALL young people. We're especially interested in hearing from you if you...

- are disabled, neurodivergent, or have a long-term health condition
- are home educated, or struggled with school
- are a young carer, or have other caring responsibilities
- are care experienced or looked after
- live in a rural area with not many opportunities
- are part of a community who experiences racism and/or discrimination
- aren't currently in education, employment or training
- grew up in a household where things weren't easy



REGISTER BEFORE 29TH MAY 2026 TO SECURE YOUR SPOT!

For more information contact Rachel on 07815 018462 or email youthvoice@shropshire.gov.uk



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

Email: shifnalgirlscricket@gmail.com
 Phone: 07341 250889
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**Come and give it a go –
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Shifnal Cricket Club
The Cricket Pavilion, Priorslee Road,
Shifnal, Shropshire TF11 8HD





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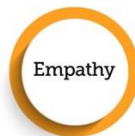
Our values :



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