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- Mon 5th Oct : GCSE Geography Fieldwork
- Wed 7th - 9th Oct : Year 8 & 9 Ingestre Hall Residential
- Wed 7th Oct : GCSE Geography Fieldwork
- Thu 8th Oct : Year 7 Transition Evening
- Fri 9th Oct : Sixth Form Edgbaston Apprenticeship Trip
- Wed 14th Oct : Telford Schools Cross County Idsall
- Thu 15th Oct : Geography A Level Fieldwork - Tywyn
- Fri 16th Oct : GCSE Photography to Coventry Cathedral
- Mon 19th to Fri 30th Oct : Half Term
- Sun 25th Oct : Las Vegas Residential Departs

(Tue 10th Nov : Year 9 & 11 Individual School Photos (change of day))

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Michelle King - Headteacher





Dear Parents, Carers and Students

As we move further into the academic year, there is a real sense of excitement and optimism across our school community. This was evident at our recent Macmillan Coffee Morning, which brought together students, families, staff and members of the wider community in support of an incredible cause. The event was a tremendous success, raising valuable funds for Macmillan Cancer Support while providing a wonderful opportunity for people to come together. Thank you to everyone who donated, baked, volunteered or attended. Your generosity and kindness truly reflected the caring spirit that sits at the heart of our school.

That same positive energy is now turning towards the many exciting opportunities that lie ahead for our students. Following the outstanding success of last year's educational visits, staff are busy finalising an ambitious programme of trips and experiences for the year ahead. From local visits that bring learning to life, to national and international adventures that broaden horizons and create lifelong memories, there will be something for everyone.

These experiences play a vital role in enriching learning beyond the classroom, building confidence, developing independence and helping our young people discover new passions and interests. We know how much students gained from last year's opportunities, and we are determined to build on that success.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we make our school a vibrant, welcoming and inspiring community where students can learn, achieve and thrive.

The future is looking bright for Idsall – watch this space for more exciting news!

Year 7 News



Inter-Form Football Competition Update

The Year 7 inter-form football competition is in full swing. So far, 10 matches have taken place, and there have been some brilliant goals scored. Pupils who are not involved in the matches have been keenly supporting from the side lines – there has been lots of football chants, and supportive comments from all (with a few bits of “football related banter” thrown in for good measure – all in the spirit of the game!)

A big shout out and thank you to our 6th form helpers – especially Will and Reuben, for running this for the Year 7 students – they, and Mrs Reeve, are all so grateful.

Mrs Reeve will be updating Year 7 on the current league standings next week.

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	7SLL	3	3	0	0	7	3	+4	9
2	7HBE	3	2	0	1	10	4	+6	6
3	7AWI	2	2	0	0	6	3	+3	6
4	7JHO	3	1	1	1	5	3	+2	4
5	7WCR	2	1	0	1	4	2	+2	3
6	7AFI	3	0	1	2	2	8	-6	1
7	7DBR	2	0	0	2	4	8	-4	0
8	7AFO	2	0	0	2	0	6	-6	0





Isla Competes in Regionals

It was great to hear that Isla (year 7) competed in a Regional Competition earlier this week. Isla is on the Talent Identification Programme for Women's artistic gymnastics at Park Wrekin gymnastics club

She did really well achieving

- 1st on floor
- 2nd on beam
- 3rd on vault

This put Isla 2nd overall. She also secured a place on the West Midlands team for the National Competition in November.

We look forward to hearing more on Isla's achievements as she proves dedication to her sport by training 18 hours a week!



Year 10 News



'Reminder to start thinking about work experience placements - time flies so it will come round sooner than we think!'

WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10

WHAT IS WORK EXPERIENCE:

School work experience is a short, supervised placement where a student spends time in a real workplace to learn about a job and build basic professional skills

As an integral part of the Year 10 curriculum, students undertake a period of work experience at the end of June, beginning of July. This opportunity gives each student a greater understanding of the world of work, prepare them for the responsibilities and opportunities of adult life and to work with adults other than teachers.

A placement is an opportunity for a young person to gain valuable insight into a job or a career that they are interested in. The skills and knowledge developed by work experience can prove invaluable to a young person as they complete their education and make important decisions about their route to the job or career of their choice.

Main Benefits

- **Career insight:** Helps students see if a specific job or industry fits their interests.
- **Skill building:** Teaches soft skills like communication, teamwork, time management, and problem-solving.
- **Confidence:** Prepares young people for adult life and the responsibilities of a real work environment.
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WHAT CAN I DO NOW:

Start thinking about the kind of placement you would like to go to. Do you have any contacts that you can use. Make a list of your strengths, subjects you enjoy, possible careers you are looking at.

Points to think about:

- How far is it to travel to, can I get there
- Is there a dress code
- What are the working hours
- Is there a canteen or near shops for lunch

Remember work experience can be an in-person placement, job shadowing (observing an employee), or online virtual work experience.

Year 11 News



Jessie

Over the last couple of weeks Jessie, River and Pearl have been out and about.

Jessie and River attended Wrekin North Riding Club and had a very successful day coming home with:

- 1st Working hunter 60-70
- 1st Show jumping 60cm fillers
- 1st Show jumping 80cm Fillers





Sixth Form News



Varsity Success for Idsall Sixth Form

Last week, Idsall Sixth Form students travelled to **Shrewsbury School** to compete in the annual Varsity Games, and returned with an outstanding set of results.

Both the **girls' team** and the **boys' team** were crowned tournament champions, demonstrating excellent skill, determination and teamwork throughout the competition.

For the girls, **Naomi M** and **Natasha S** led the scoring, making a significant contribution to their team's success with a series of impressive performances.

The boys' team also enjoyed an excellent tournament, with goals coming from **Reuben G, Ollie B, Charlie B, Jack L and Connor P** as they secured victory and completed a fantastic day for Idsall.

The achievements of both teams are a testament to the dedication and commitment of our Sixth Form students. Congratulations to all those involved for representing the school so positively and bringing home two well-deserved tournament wins.

Well done to both teams on an exceptional Varsity Games performance! 🏆🏆



MacMillian Coffee Morning

Thursday 24th November saw our annual MacMillian Coffee Morning.

Led by Tiff from our Sixth Form Senior Student Team, yummy bakes were donated and devoured in aid of this fantastic charity. As well as our event in the school day, Tiff took the remaining cakes to Shifnal War Memorial in the evening to continue raising money.

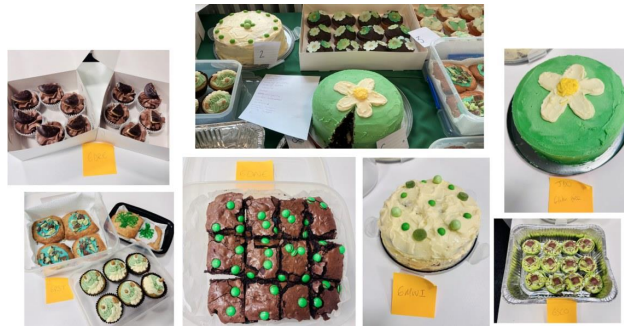
A big shout out to our budding sixth form bakers who provided lots of home baked goodies for the event.

Thanks to everyone who helped organise the event, as well as to those of you who attended.

We raised a massive £278.28 plus an additional £120 online from donations. We are proud to support this annual event and the fabulous work this charity does.

#TeamIdsall





Idsall Sixth Form Alumni Success!

We are pleased to share an incredible piece of news with you that we received this week from a student who left us this summer after securing an outstanding set of grades as part of our sixth form.

Sannan, one of our 'I Did It' Award winners from last years Year 13 has secured an Undergraduate Scholarship and Bursary from The University of Reading.

This University only awards 5 such scholarships each year, which is a testament to Sannan's hard work and commitment to his education.

We would like to take this opportunity to say that we are incredibly proud of Sannan and wish him all the best with his future endeavors.

#IdsallSixthFormAlumni



Messy Church

On Thursday Tiff H, Bethan P and Noah F represented Idsall Sixth Form at St Andrews church; helping run the activities for Messy Church.

It was a great opportunity to get involved in the local community, support the church, and make a positive impression of the school to local families. The theme of the session was selflessness and being kind, and it was lovely to see all the children engaging with the speakers and taking the message so well.

Feedback from the sixth form volunteers:

- "Volunteering reminded us that even small acts of kindness can make a difference to someone else."
- "We were grateful to be able to give our time and help make the session a welcoming and enjoyable experience for everyone."











OTHER IDSALL NEWS



*  **Eco Club is back!** 

Are you :

- Interested in Nature
- Sustainability, Wildlife
- Making a difference in our school community

YES! Then join Eco Club every Wednesday after school in room **S8 (3:35-4:25pm)**.

From gardening and pond projects to birdwatching and eco campaigns, there's something for everyone.

New members always welcome!

Year 7 & 8's and older years can join as **ECO LEADERS**   



* Ex Student Charity Raising

This Halloween, Mia Brady, an ex Idsall Student, has decided to take on a **BIG** fundraising challenge for Little Rascals Foundation along with her friend Paige. Mia and Paige are running a series of events to raise money for the Little Rascals Foundation (a Shropshire based charity supporting children and young people with SEND).

So why not join in and support such a fantastic charity :

🎃 2 General Halloween Play Sessions – spooky fun for little visitors!

👻 Kids Halloween PJ Party – an evening packed with Halloween games, crafts, treats, dancing and plenty of spooky fun!

🕸 Adults-Only Halloween Quiz Night – grab your friends, test your knowledge and enjoy a spooky night out!

🌙 The Staff Sleepover – once the quiz is over, our staff will be staying overnight at Little Rascals... and this is where things get interesting!

For more information or to support Mia and this fantastic cause, please follow this link, or see the attached:

[Fund Raising is fundraising for Little Rascals Foundation](#)



* Kenya 2028 Expedition

This week in school, students currently in Years 10,11 and 12 received the launch assembly of our 2028 expedition.

Following our successful summer 2026 expedition to Kenya, of which you may have seen photos from on our Facebook page, we are returning to Kenya in the summer of 2028. This is truly an outstanding opportunity and one which proved to be both memorable and life-affirming for the 2026 expedition participants.

Once again, we are partnering with Camps International, a well-renowned and reputable organisation. Camps International are award winning global leaders in ethical and sustainable school expeditions who offer fully supported school expeditions. This expedition is open to students currently in Y10, Y11 and Y12, who will have respectively completed their Y11,12 or 13 year of study at Idsall at the time of the expedition in the summer of 2028.

A letter advertising this opportunity and inviting parents/carers of students in those year groups to attend a **parental information meeting at 6pm on Wednesday 7th October** to find out more about the expedition is linked below, along with a copy of the student letter handed out during the launch assembly. Should you wish to attend the parental information meeting, we request that you register your intention to attend using the link below and our school code 19110.

<https://register.campsinternational.com>

Participants on expeditions are encouraged to fundraise the cost. This forms an important part of the overall expedition experience and adds to the development of the wide range of life-skills which expeditions teach. Camps International offer guidance, advice and workshops to support students in their fundraising goals.

Students currently in Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 & 9) are unfortunately not eligible for the 2028 expedition. However, should students and /or parents/carers within these year groups be

interested in participating in future expeditions (students in the current Y8 and Y9 would be eligible for the 2030 expedition), they may wish to give consideration to starting their fundraising earlier than the launch of that expedition in 2028.



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Kenya Scuba Expedition 2028

Dear Parent/Carer,

COMING SOON - AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY
FOR YOUR CHILD

We are very excited to announce that we are partnering with Camps International again to offer students the opportunity to go on a life-changing, 4-week expedition to Kenya, during the summer of 2028. Students will work on a variety of meaningful and sustainable projects as well as undertaking the personal adventure challenge of a PADI Open Water Scuba Diving Course.

SAVE THE DATE TO COME ALONG AND FIND OUT MORE:

WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER AT 6PM IN THE LECTURE THEATRE

During our Parents Presentation you and your child will be able to hear more about Camps, the expedition and fundraising, as well as how to join the team.

In the meantime, to get an insight into the expedition, you can see photos from previous teams on the Camps Instagram page: <https://www.instagram.com/campsintl/>

As students are encouraged to raise the funds for this expedition themselves, why not get started straight away with some helpful tips and advice: <https://www.campsinternational.com/fundraising-for-your-expedition/>

We look forward to letting you know more about the expedition soon.

Kindest regards,

Idsall School



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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to be working with Camps International, offering our students the opportunity to join us on a 4 Week expedition to Kenya in July*, 2028.

Come along to our informal presentation evening where you can learn more and ask questions about this exciting opportunity. We expect the presentation to last around 45 minutes.

Date & Time: **Wednesday, 7 October - 18:00**
Location: **Lecture Theatre**

To ensure you receive an information pack, please confirm your attendance online via this link.

<https://register.campsinternational.com>

Your School Code is **19110**

Who are Camps International?

Camps International are award winning global leaders in ethical and sustainable school expeditions. They offer fully supported school expeditions, to industry leading safety standards, across Africa, Asia and Latin America, providing an authentic cultural experience for every travelling student.

Where will they be going and what will they be doing?

This action-packed and meaningful African adventure will take you from the savannahs of Tsavo, teeming with Kenya's top wildlife, to the white-sand beaches of Diani where you'll learn to explore the underwater world.

Throughout your time in Kenya you'll get involved in a range of projects, helping to support education and community development in two rural communities. You'll become part of the community as you live and work alongside local people, learning about the challenges faced by local people as well as the rich tradition and culture of Kenya. Throughout your expedition, you'll get up close to some truly incredible wildlife – try to spot some of the Big 5 on land and scuba dive alongside colourful marine life as you undertake your PADI Open Water Dive qualification in the glistening Indian Ocean.

What will they get out of the experience?

This fully supported expedition will provide our students with a unique opportunity to live alongside rural communities, broadening their perspective on the world. It will allow students to push boundaries and step outside of their comfort zone, embarking on a personal development journey. It will enable them to reach and exceed their academic and personal potential, develop valuable life skills and gain key extra-curricular experience highly regarded by universities and employers.

How much does it cost and how will we pay for the expedition?

This all-inclusive expedition costs £5190 and can be paid via scheduled payment plans. Payment plans facilitate both fundraising activities and financial management. All students are encouraged to fundraise the cost, teaching them important life skills such as money management, problem solving and event planning. If fundraising is new to you, then don't worry, the Camps International crew will support you and our students every step of the way.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at the presentation. **Can't make it?** Register anyway and we will send you more information.

Kindest regards,

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* Pending your schools preferred travel dates.

The all-inclusive expedition costs are protected by ATOL (6608)

* Disney 2027 Launched!

Last week we launched the Disney 2027 Residential. This trip is aimed at year 7 & 8 students and will take place Thursday 25th to Saturday 27th March 2027.

If your student has got a place on this trip you will be emailed early next week hopefully. We are trying to find alternative hotels so that all students can attend as we have presently been allocated 65 places.

Requests for places on this trip are now closed, however if your student is interested they can be added to the waiting list.

Please find a link to the powerpoint that was used for the Teams meeting :

<https://tinyurl.com/Disney-2027>

If you have any further questions regarding this trip, please email :

cathy.leverington@ids.mmat.co.uk



*** Las Vegas Educational Visit**

Thank you to all the parents and students that attended the Las Vegas parental meeting, where we had the opportunity to give you the final plans ahead of the trip and a chance for you to ask any questions.

If you do have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email or phone the school.

*** Ingestre Hall**

Exciting times as this trip is due to go out next Wednesday and I know all of the students (and staff) are getting very excited about it.

With everything now in place, it is only a case of waiting for the students with their packed cases and the coaches to take us!

On Wednesday as students arrive at school, they can make their way to the old gym. Students do not go to tutor that morning but come straight to the old gym where we will register them.

Please remember to keep have a think along the theme idea for whichever of the activities you are doing, Art, Dance, Drama, Music or Animation! ... **"Exploration and Independence"**

Please find a link to the powerpoint : <https://tinyurl.com/Ingestre-2026>

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email me on :

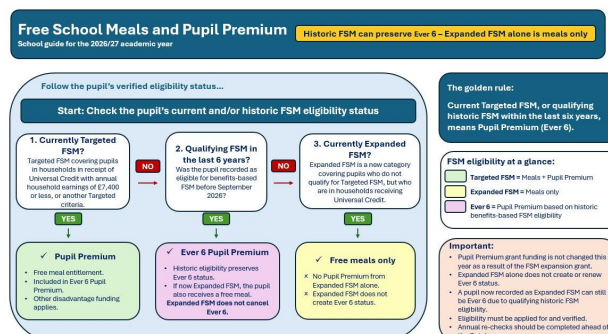
Students do not have to wear school uniform on Wednesday!



*New FSM Criteria

Following the implementation of the new FSM criteria expansion, we have received quite a few queries in terms of how a child's eligibility status under the new criteria, will affect Ever 6 funding.

Below is a flowchart that Shropshire Council have put together for schools to provide some support in determining whether a child's FSM eligibility status results in Pupil Premium (Ever 6) funding for the school.



4 All Foundation

Fancy a fabulous night out.

The Marches School 4 All Foundation Charity are hosting a Carols in Cellar evening on Saturday 28th November. Hosted by the Foundation and with the Shrewsbury Male Voice Choir, the evening promises to be *"an evening of festive music in a truly special setting"* all, whilst supporting a fantastic and well deserving charity!



* From the PE Department



Session 6 In Full Swing!

Badminton and netball session 6 in full swing tonight!

The PE Department love to see as many people as possible at their session 6 sports clubs.

- **Why not try a new sport!**
- **Meet new friends!**
- **Perfect your skills!**

Just turn up to PE at the end of the day and join in!

Check out the posters around the PE department or speak to your PE teacher for more information!



Volleyball Session 6

Volleyball club started on Monday after school. Open to years 9,10 & 11 come and join in whether you are new to volleyball, want to refine your skills or just enjoy playing!

Perfect for those GCSE PE and BTEC Sport students looking for an extra practical sport too!

Come along to PE on a Monday after school or speak to Miss Logan for more info! 🏐



Year 11 Netball

On Thursday 24th Sept our Year 11 Netballers enjoyed a lovely sunny evening at Charlton School competing in the TWSA Plate Competition.

We took this opportunity, to collect video evidence, to support their BTEC Sport and GCSE PE qualifications.

The team made a strong start beating Ercall Wood 3-0, Burton Borough School 2-1 and Madeley 5-2.

In the latter games we sadly lost against a very powerful and agile Holy Trinity 3-6 and William Brooks, who had a very strong shooting pair, 2-6.

I am super proud of the girl's, they played with passion, were versatile in their positions and their tenacity was great to see.



Year 8 Get Fitness Test

Here are some pictures of KS3 doing their fitness testing in the sports hall.

We had year 8 girls taking part in Illinois Agility test, Vertical jump test and the 1 minute sit up test. Boys have been completing the multi-stage fitness test.

All participated really well and were very encouraging of each other when participating in events.



Year 9 XC Results

First places for year 9A half.

- Harry Hemsley: 6.38
- Lily Lewis: 7.08





Session 6 Timetable

SESSION 6 PE
PE department | 3:40pm - 4:30pm

MONDAY

BTEC SPORT INTERVENTION | GPA
GCSE PE INTERVENTION | EWH
VOLLEYBALL | YEAR 9,10,11 | MLO

LUNCHTIME
LEADERSHIP
MONDAY | E4 | BTH
1:45PM - 2:05PM

TUESDAY

NETBALL | ALL YEARS | SDU & EWH
BADMINTON | ALL YEARS | FDU
GIRLS FOOTBALL | ALL YEARS | JBR & PGO
BOYS FOOTBALL | YEAR 7 | SBE

WEDNESDAY

BOYS FOOTBALL | YEAR 8 | GPA

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO
MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS, TRY
SOMETHING NEW AND
REPRESENT YOUR SCHOOL!

September - October HT

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Clipboard list:
Y7 & Y9 boys
SBE
Y8 & Y11 boys
GPA
Y10 boys
PGO
Y7 girls
PGO
Y8 & Y9 girls
MLO
Y9, & Y10/11 girls
JBR

* Safeguarding



Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin families: Build everyday emotional resilience!

Shropshire Council and Telford & Wrekin Council are giving families free access to online Togetherness resources to support wellbeing. These are suitable for parents, carers,

grandparents, and young people, and are where you can learn from NHS clinical psychologists, practitioners, and other parents. The learning and resources cover big feelings and understanding your child, how the brain works / the teenage brain, and relationship ideas for happier lives.

The pathways will help you and your family understand and manage emotions in everyday life.

More details can be found here: [Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin | Togetherness - Togetherness](#)

Please use the exclusive access code of **DARWIN18** – to access it for free.

What's On In The Local Area



Telford KinFest

We would be grateful if you could help us share information about **Telford KinFest**, our special celebration event marking the end of **Kinship Week**.

We are keen to ensure that children and young people living in kinship care feel included, valued and have the opportunity to enjoy this exciting event with their families. We would appreciate your support in promoting the event to eligible pupils and families within your school community.

Telford KinFest

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon celebrating kinship families, with opportunities to connect, relax and enjoy a range of activities together.

Featuring:

-  Music and entertainment
-  Arts and crafts
-  Face painting
-  Fun games and activities
-  Food and refreshments
-  And much more

Event Details:

 **Friday 9 October**

 **4:30pm – 6:30pm**

 **Telford Rugby Club, Hinksay Road, Telford, TF4 3NZ**

Book your place here:

 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/telford-kinfest-tickets-2000487925236?aff=oddttdtcreator>

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BabyShare at Harlescott Grange Community Hub

Baby Share in Shrewsbury is a free community resource that provides new and pre-loved baby clothes, toys, and equipment for families with children aged 0–5.

It is free to attend for all families across Shropshire.

Everyone is welcome.



Saving the planet one baby step at a time

Next Babyshare!

Saturday 24th October 2026
2.00pm-3.30pm

Harlescott Grange Community Hub
Kynaston Road
Shrewsbury SY1 3JR



www.babystop.uk



Aladdin!

We have been asked by Kia, Social Media Coordinator for **Mystical Productions Events Ltd** to announce that this November, they are delighted to be bringing the magical family pantomime **Aladdin to Shifnal Village Hall** for a weekend of fun, laughter and entertainment. Packed with comedy, music, colourful costumes, audience participation and plenty of pantomime magic, it's the perfect family outing for all ages and a wonderful opportunity to enjoy live theatre right here in the heart of our local community.

As a local production company, they are passionate about bringing high-quality, affordable entertainment to Shifnal and the surrounding areas.

This year's production is also proudly supporting **Promise Dreams**, with funds raised helping the charity continue its incredible work making dreams come true for seriously and terminally ill children.

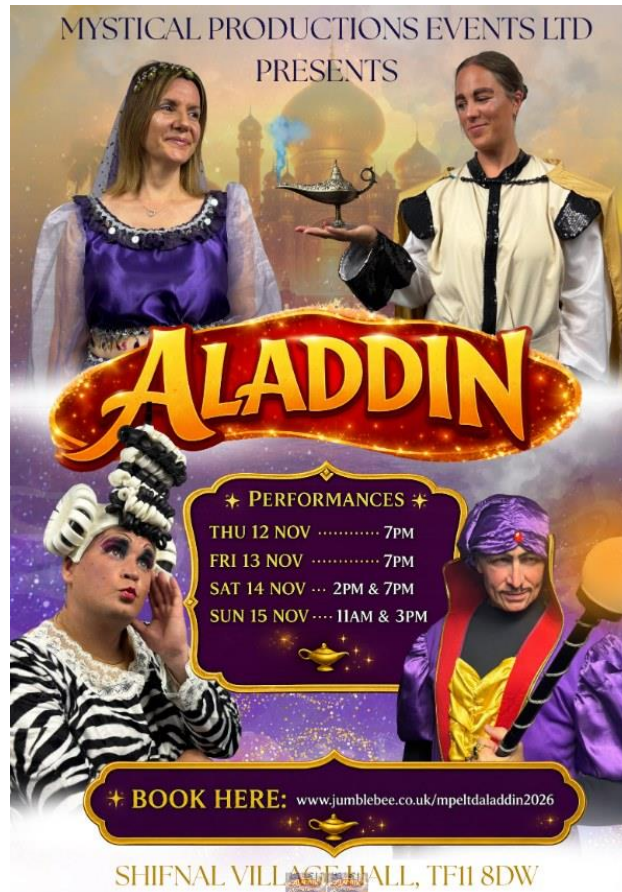
Performance Dates & Times

- **Thursday 12th November 2026 – 7:00pm (Opening Night)**
- **Friday 13th November 2026 – 7:00pm (Press Night)**

- **Saturday 14th November 2026** – 2:00pm & 7:00pm
- **Sunday 15th November 2026** – 11:00am & 3:00pm

Venue : Shifnal Village Hall, Aston Street, Shifnal, TF11 8DW

Tickets : Book online at: www.jumblebee.co.uk/mpeltdaladdin2026



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Our values :

