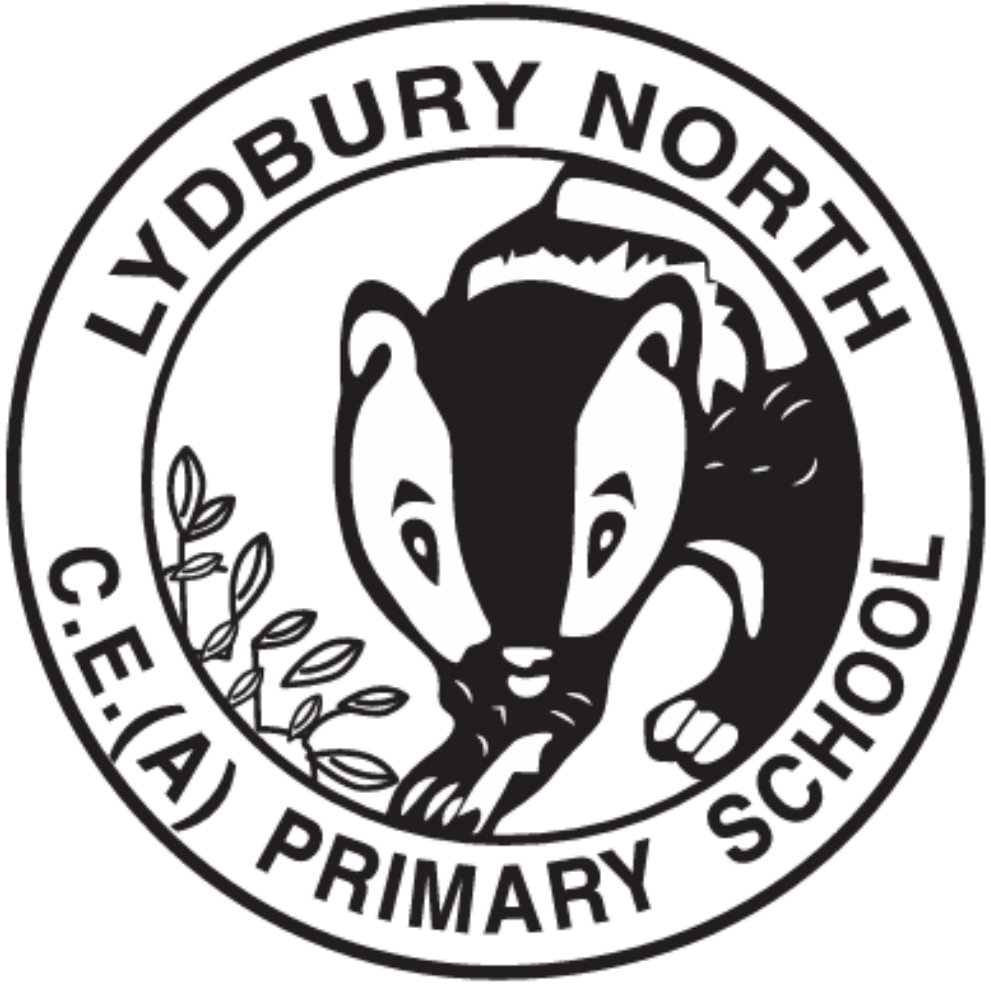


Love ♥ Learn ♥ Live as One

Newsletter Lydbury North Primary School

20TH NOVEMBER 2026

Dear Parents,

As we head towards the festive season, there are lots of exciting events taking place in school. Please keep an eye out for a poster coming home with your children today with all the important Christmas dates on it to enable you to add them to your family calendars. We would love to see as many of you as possible joining us for these special occasions as we celebrate together.

We also have some exciting events coming up where we would like to welcome parents into school to see more of what we do, please look out for dates for a reading cafe, a maths workshop and a phonics workshop.

This week our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils enjoyed a visit to Bishop's Castle Primary School to take part in an interactive theatre performance focused on online safety. The presentation was engaging, entertaining and full of humour, but it also successfully delivered some very important messages about staying safe online. In a world where technology plays such a significant role in children's lives, understanding how to navigate the online world safely is more important than ever. We are grateful to everyone involved in providing such a valuable learning experience for our pupils.

Finally, as the weekend approaches, I would like to wish all of our families a safe, happy and restful weekend.

With love,

Mrs Geddis ❤️

Lydbury North Primary School

Christmas Events

10th December
Pantomime
Ludlow Assembly Rooms



15th December • 6pm
"A Fireside Nativity"
In the school hall



11th December • 2.30pm
Christmas Reading Café
Please join the children for refreshments and reading.



16th December
Christmas Lunch



15th December
Christmas Jumper Day



17th December • 2.30pm
Carol Service
At the church — everyone welcome



We look forward to celebrating Christmas together!

Awards

Recognition

Noah for 'showing, not telling' in your story opening – great hints with a sense of foreboding!

Tilly for amazing work in English this week!

Ready Respectful and Responsible

Ruby for persevering with some tricky maths questions and being a thoughtful and caring friend

Frank for great determination in Maths this week!

Attendance this week Sycamore 75.6 % Maple 92 %

Reading



- **Week 26 – Give Poetry a Go**
  Poems bring rhythm and emotion to reading.

- **At home:** Read a selection of poems together.

- **Recommended read:** *Out of This World* (poetry) — fun and reflective poems.


BBC CHILDREN IN NEED
THANK YOU
Lydbury North Primary School
for raising a fantastic
£22.15
TO HELP MAKE LIFE LIGHTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FACING A VARIETY OF CHALLENGES IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE UK.


SPARC CHRISTMAS PRIZE BINGO
Charity number: 1170957
Get ready for a night of festive fun, laughter, and prizes! Whether you're a seasoned Bingo pro or just looking for a fun night out this is the event for you. All proceeds to Theatre Upgrade
Cash & Card Accepted
Raffles
Bar & Refreshments
Great Prizes!
Lucky Squares
Friday 4 December
Doors 7pm Eyes Down 8pm
Bingo cards £12 for a book of 10 games (6 cards per game)
Prizes for one and two lines and full house
SpArC Theatre Brampton Rd Bishops Castle SY9 5AY sparctheatre.co.uk


BISHOP'S CASTLE
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER
LANTERN WORKSHOP
&
PROCESSION
COME AND JOIN US TO
CREATE A MAGICAL CHRISTMAS LANTERN.
BISHOP'S CASTLE LIBRARY
10-1PM
FREE ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED
LATER
JOIN US FOR
THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS PROCESSION
MEET AT THE CHURCH
5.40PM
WALK UP BEHIND THE ILLUMINATED TRACTORS
BRING YOUR LANTERNS OLD OR NEW
OR ANYTHING THAT LIGHTS UP
FOR THE BIG SWITCH ON AT THE TOWN HALL
6PM


Disney · PIXAR
TOY STORY 5
FREE POPCORN! ALL TICKETS £5
FREE POPCORN! ALL TICKETS £5
Hi!
Let's play!
SUNDAY 6 DEC 2PM
sparctheatre.co.uk 01588 638038 SpArC, Bishops Castle SY9 5AY
ALL TICKETS £5 GROUP 5 £20

We're back

Friends of Lydbury North Primary School
& Chirbury School Friends
presents

An Illuminated TRACTOR RUN



Saturday 12th December 2026

starting from The Powis Arms,
Lydbury North, SY7 8AU
Registration opens 4:30pm
for a 5:30pm start
£15 per tractor/vehicle
More details to follow

Friends of Lydbury North Primary School

Santa is coming to town



Friday 4th December 2026
From 5:30pm onwards
Spreading christmas cheer around the streets of Bishops Castle once again
Check out our Facebook page/event for more details

Breakfast Club

Special Menu W/C 23th November

Free Breakfast Club from 8.20am until school starts

All of the usual choices of cereal, fruit, yoghurt or toast will be available with a special each day.

Specials!

Monday—Cheese on Toast

Tuesday – Bacon and Beans

Wednesday –Fruit Bowl

Thursday- Granola and Yoghurt

Friday- Bagels and Cream Cheese

BREAKFAST CLUBS

FOR THE BEST START

SANTA FESTIVAL

Lydbury North Santa Skills

Thursday 10th December
1 - 3pm

All children to take part and enjoy some festive fun and games.



SAMMY SWEETCORN'S BEST OF BRITISH

CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU

Roast Turkey & Pig in Blanket
Roasted Quorn Fillet (v)
or Parsnip & Cranberry Flan (v)

SERVED WITH...

Roast & Mashed Potatoes
Sage & Onion Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce
Gravy
Sprouts | Carrots

FOLLOWED BY...

Christmas Pudding with Custard
Selection of Festive Desserts

A lunch worth jingling all the way for!

16th December

SHIRE services | FRESH dining
www.shireservices.co.uk

Food Allergies & Intolerances
Before ordering, please speak to our staff about your requirements

NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS
SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2028/29

Shropshire Council, as admission authority for community and controlled schools in Shropshire, is conducting a consultation exercise on School Admission Arrangements for 2027/28. The Council is simultaneously coordinating a consultation exercise for own admission authority schools, such as academies, whose governing bodies/trustees are responsible for setting their admission arrangements and who wish to make changes to those arrangements. We wish to notify all parents/carers that the consultation will begin on **20 November 2026** and continue for more than 6 weeks until **8 January 2027**.

Proposed changes to Shropshire's admission authority school arrangements are shown below:

Belvidere Primary School	Is proposing to reduce its published admission number from 34 to 30.
The Meadows Primary School	Is proposing to reduce its published admission number from 38 to 30.

The consultation documents and further information can be found on the individual school websites and on the Shropshire Council website www.shropshire.gov.uk in the link to Consultation on Admission Arrangements 2028.

Proposed changes to own admission authority school arrangements are shown below:

Bitterley CE Primary, Burford CE Primary, Ludlow Primary, Morville CE Primary Schools are part of the DHMAT and **Ludlow CE School**	have added staff criteria to their oversubscription criteria are proposing to reduce their published admission number from 140 to 120 and change the definition of a sibling from 'older sibling' to 'a sibling' in their oversubscription criteria
St Mary's CE Primary School, Shawbury	are proposing to reduce their published admission number from 38 to 30.
Kinnerley CE Primary and West Felton Primary Schools **St Andrews CE Primary Nesscliffe and Weston Lullingfields Primary Schools**	have joined the Marches Academy Trust and therefore need to consult as they are adopting the Trust overarching policy. have joined the Marches Academy Trust and therefore need to consult as they are adopting the Trust overarching policy. These schools also offer flexi schooling.
Our Lady & St Oswalds Catholic Primary School	are proposing to alter the catholic looked after criteria in their oversubscription criteria
St John's Catholic Primary School, Bridgnorth	are proposing to alter the order of looked after children and amalgamated parish residence of St John for whom it is the nearest school
Whitchurch Junior Academy	are proposing to increase their published admission number from 90 to 120
Severn Bridges Multi Academy Trust	Shortwood Primary School in Telford & Wrekin have joined the trust
Crowmoor Primary and The Martin Wilson Schools	Are proposing to change the definition of a sibling from 'older sibling' to 'a sibling' in their oversubscription criteria
Clee Hill Primary, Cleobury Mortimer Primary, Stottesdon Primary and The Lacon Childe Schools	are proposing to add staff to their oversubscription criteria and bring their policies in line with the Worcester schools in the same trust
Lakelands Academy	have joined the 3-18 Education Trust and therefore need to consult

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St Martin's School	are proposing to change the age range for sibling link from 11-16 to 5-16 years
Clive CE Primary, Prees CE Primary and Whixall CE Primary Schools	have joined the 3-18 Education Trust and therefore need to consult
Albrighton Primary School	are proposing to alter where staff and pupil premium sit in their oversubscription criteria
Brockton CE Primary, Church Preen Primary and Wistanstow CE Primary Schools	have joined the Trust-Ed Alliance and therefore need to consult
The Corbet School	are proposing to change the definition of a sibling from 'older sibling' to 'a sibling' in their oversubscription criteria
The Community College, Bishops Castle	are proposing to reduce their published admission number from 108 to 88 and remove the criteria pertaining to the Sunshine Coast FC Sporting Academy

You can make comments on any of the proposed changes and submit by **Friday 8 January 2027**
e-mail school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk, contact the school directly, or write to:
Shropshire Council, c/o The Guildhall, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HQ

Marches Energy Advice

Shropshire Council

Funded by UK Government

SHROPSHIRE WELCOME SPACE

Welcome to your local Welcome Space!

ENTERPRISE HOUSE FOR THE COMMUNITY

Drop in to Bishop's Castle Library

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am-5pm

& Saturday 10am - 1pm

start of **November** till the end of **March 2027**



All welcome to come along to our warm friendly space for FREE hot drinks, a chat and information

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ENTERPRISE HOUSE FOR THE COMMUNITY

Welcome to your local Welcome Space!

Bishop's Castle Library @ Enterprise House

Coffee & Connect

Weekly Drop In

Tuesdays: 10am - 12pm

All Welcome



Come along to our warm friendly drop-in; socialise with others, enjoy activities and access information and support



Our Welcome Space is Open to All

Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am - 5pm

Saturday: 10am - 1pm

BC Library *@ Enterprise House, Station Street, Bishop's Castle*


Celebrating
Winter Crafts
Join the team at SHDC for an afternoon of creativity and holiday fun. Families are invited to spend some time, creating together, enjoying hands-on holiday activities.
£5 PER CHILD
22nd & 30th DEC, 2026
3 - 11 year olds
Drop In 11AM - 3PM
Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre
School Road, Craven Arms
01588 676060
shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk
OPEN DAILY 10AM-5PM


Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre
Onny Meadows
WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP
Whether on your own, with friends, or the whole family, you'll create a beautiful wreath to take home. We supply natural materials sourced from Onny Meadows and the surrounding countryside. Bring your own accessories to give each wreath its own special touch - perfect to display proudly and enjoy throughout the festive season.
Sunday 29th November
Hourly slots from 11am - 4pm
All ages welcome
£10 per wreath
SCAN ME
All details and booking information
www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk


CRAFTS WITH SANTA
Kindly supported by Connexus
This Christmas, visit us for a Santa craft experience! Join Santa's elf to make a tree decoration, a puffy paint picture and much more.
Meet Santa and receive a gift.
SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER
11AM - 3PM
Hourly Slots
£10 per child
BOOK ONLINE
Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre
School Road, Craven Arms
01588 676060
shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk
OPEN DAILY 10AM-5PM

BISHOP'S CASTLE CCTV CONSULTATION

HAVE YOUR SAY
9 NOVEMBER TO 11 DECEMBER 2026

Key information at a glance

NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO INTRODUCE CCTV. The consultation will inform whether the Town Council proceeds and what any future scheme might involve.

1 WHAT IS BEING CONSIDERED?

- Whether public-realm CCTV should be provided in Bishop's Castle.
- Suggested routes: School House Lane; Montgomery Road; Welsh Street/Banks Head; Kerry Lane; and the crossroads by the Community College.
- Possible coverage in the Playing Fields (Park) and Town Centre.
- Locations are suggestions only. Alternative locations may be proposed.

2 BENEFITS AND CONCERNS

- Potential benefits include supporting public safety and helping to prevent or investigate crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Concerns may include privacy, cost, proportionality, image use and retention, and the effect on the town's character.
- The work also sits alongside the aim of developing activities and support for young people.

3 PRIVACY AND SAFEGUARDS

- Any future scheme would need clear purposes, defined recording areas and controlled access.
- Secure storage, retention and deletion arrangements, public signage, policies and regular review would be required.
- Personal data would have to be handled in accordance with applicable data protection and surveillance requirements.

4 FUNDING AND COUNCIL TAX

- No funding decision has been made and no Town Council precept contribution has been set.
- If CCTV proceeds, costs could be considered in the April 2027 to March 2028 budget and might affect the Town Council element of Council Tax.
- Installation and ongoing operation, maintenance and management costs would be weighed against other priorities.

5 WHO PREPARED THIS?

- A Multi-Agency Working Group endorsed by Bishop's Castle Town Council.
- It includes the Town Council, local schools, the Safer Neighbourhood Team and local health officials.
- The Group has undertaken preparatory work only. The final decision remains with Bishop's Castle Town Council.

6 HOW TO RESPOND

- **Consultation:** Monday 9 November to Friday 11 December 2026.
- Respond online, through the town newsletter, or on paper from the Town Hall or Enterprise House.
- All views are welcome, whether you support, oppose, have concerns about, or are undecided on CCTV.

PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENING

MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2026 | 6.30 PM TO 8.00 PM | THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BISHOP'S CASTLE

Ask questions about locations, safeguards, funding and financial implications. Attendance is not required to respond.

YOUR VIEWS MATTER. **No final decision will be made until consultation responses have been considered.**

Calendar

Next Week	
Monday 23rd Nov	KS2 PE
Tuesday 24thNov	
Wednesday 25th Nov	Maple Forest School
Thursday 26th Nov	Sports PM Sports Club KS2 3.15pm
Friday 27th Nov	Celebration Assembly 3.00pm - everyone welcome Forest School – Sycamore
10th December	Pantomime R-Y6 Santa Festival – PE
11th December	Christmas Reading Café – 2.30pm everyone is welcome
15th December	Christmas Play PM and Evening Christmas Jumper Day
16th December	Christmas Lunch
17th December	Carol Service 2.30pm Church –all welcome
18th December	Last Day of Term
6th January	1st Day of Term

Calendar 2026-2027

Diocese of Hereford Multi Academy Trust

September 2026							
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Notes

Good Friday: 26 March 2027
Easter Monday: 29 March 2027
May Day: 3 May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday: 31 May 2027

INSET days

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Tuesday 5th January 2027

Key

- Staff training (INSET day + 4 twilight sessions)
- School holidays