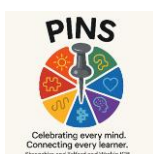


Lilleshall Primary School

Newsletter

October 2026



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Headteachers message and Governors Corner

Headteachers message

Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of our first half term, and I really don't know where the time has gone! It has certainly flown by.

Thank you to all those parents who attended our recent parents' consultations. It is always lovely to have the opportunity to share the children's work, celebrate their achievements and talk about the progress they are making. I am delighted to say that the children have settled well into their new classes and have made a very positive start to the school year.

Thank you also for your contributions to our Harvest collection. All of the donations were taken to our local food bank, where they will be greatly appreciated by families in our local community. Your support are very much appreciated.

As we look ahead to the next half term, it is certainly going to be a busy one, with Christmas looming on the horizon! There will be lots happening in school, but hopefully plenty of fun and opportunities to make some lovely memories along the way.

I hope you all have a lovely half term. Enjoy some quality time together, and let's hope the sun shines for you!

Christobel Cousins

Headteacher

Governors Corner – October

This month The Progress, Achievement and Behaviour Committee has reviewed children's learning at the end of the Summer term for the last full school year in the core subjects of Maths, Writing, Reading and Phonics. We have been able to see the progress children have made over their year at school and how well they have met their age-related expectations, and how well children achieve at this school compared to national data.

An important part of our governing role is our monitoring and evaluation visits into school. This month we were able to accompany Year 3 to Chetwynd Deer Park which gave children the opportunity to experience some of their local environment, namely the lives of deer within the local deer park. It also gave children the opportunity to have an active morning outdoors. It is experiential learning activities such as this that enable the school's creative curriculum to be implemented.

Christine A Raper

Chair of Governors

Reception and KS1 News

Year R We have finished out learning around Harvest by reading the book Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper. The children have enjoyed exploring different pumpkins and squash and cutting them open. We even made our own Pumpkin Soup and created a story about The Enormous Pumpkin. The children were very positive and lots of them tried the soup and liked it. We have also been learning different ways to keep ourselves safe. We learned about road safety, online safety and what to do if we see something online that we don't like. We talked about safety around water and strangers and we also learned the Pantosaurus song and about how to keep our privates private.



Years 1 & 2 had a fabulous trip to Stafford Castle. We were so lucky with the weather that the sun shone for us all day. All of the children were beautifully behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of trying on chain mail, helmets and holding weapons. They then were able to pretend to be soldiers, running up the motte to the keep. It was a wonderful day that brought our history to life.

The children have produced some wonderful writing following on from the visit.

We are really proud at how well the children have all done this first half term and wish you all a well-deserved break!



Year 3 have been very busy this month. We went on a trip to Chetwynd Deer Park where we were taken into the deer enclosure, which isn't usually open to the public. We were able to spot some deer running about and we learnt about the different types of deer that live there. We looked at some antlers and found out about how they find food and keep warm in the winter months. We also looked at some vegetables and learnt more about seasonality. We even measured a tree to work out how old it was!

We have also had a 'Be Bright, Be Seen' workshop which helped us to understand ways we can keep ourselves safe and be seen on roads as the nights are getting darker.



Year 4 have really enjoyed writing free-verse poetry in English, inspired by *The Magic Box*. The children have been busy experimenting with a range of figurative language, including similes, alliteration, metaphors and personification, to create some wonderfully imaginative poems. The children have also been working incredibly hard on their times tables. Many of them are showing a real commitment to improving their speed and accuracy. Have a lovely, well-deserved rest over the half term break!

Year 5 are really enjoying their music sessions this half term where they are learning to play an instrument called the 'Toot'. This is a cross between a recorder and a flute. The children have learnt all of the musical alphabet and are now at the stage where they are moving between notes to play along to tunes. Their knowledge of musical terms has really improved, and their musical understanding has advanced greatly in the last 5 weeks.

Year 6 have been working very hard this half term, which has flown by! They have continued learning about Ancient Egypt and are preparing to write their own versions of Howard Carter's diary. The children have also made a great start with their extra responsibilities - the house captains in particular are doing a fabulous job. I hope you all have a lovely half term.

Celebrating Success



Year R –Kovilia Rajendran Kaloana, Arthur Chapman, Hallie Urquhart.

Year 1 –Willow Blakemore, Mabel Remblance, Archie Williams

Year 2 –Isaac James, Max Rouwehorst and Zachary Talbot

Year 3 –Mylo Wilkes, Hermione cartwright and Lilly Rose Cooke

Year 4 – Charles Hoof, Nancie Childs and Oliver Reeve

Year 5 -Ellie Roberts-Gray, Pippa Jones

Year 6 – Joshua Mahoney, Joey Hogan

Sports News

Year 5 and 6 took part in their first football tournament of the year and represented the school brilliantly, showing great teamwork, effort and sportsmanship throughout. Well done to everyone involved.



Student Spotlight

We have had some wonderful poetry that Year 4 would like to share this month.

The Magic Box

I will put in the box,
A pack of pickled peppers,
A terrifying, tiger tooth,
A creepy, chomping crocodile.

I will put in the box,
A light that was as bright as the sun,
A sheep as fluffy as a cloud,
A frog as dry as the desert.

I will put in the box,
A winking star,
The sun waking up,
The moon dancing.

I shall teleport in my box,
Next to the fluffy, white clouds,
Then land on a jungle island,
As cool as David Attenborough.

By Charles - Year 4



The Magic Box

I will put in the box,
A blue bird in a bubble bath,
A dinosaur on a dirt bike,
A hen on a humungous hill.

I will put in the box,
A lion roaring like traffic,
A mirror shining as bright as a diamond,
A slug moving as slow as a tortoise.

I will put in the box,
A tree that is waving at me,
A star that is winking at me,
A sleepy sun.

I shall swim in my box,
Beside beautiful dolphins,
Then land in a rainforest,
As loud as me.

By Aiden - Year 4



The Magic Box

I will put in the box,
A book and a block of butter,
A wolf on a waffle,
A hot horse on a hoverboard.

I will put in the box,
A tiger that roars as loud as a train,
A puppy as cute as a lamb,
The sun as hot as Death Valley.

I will put in the box,
The moon going to sleep,
A dancing tree,
A dehydrated flower.

I shall speed in my box,
In the beautiful, blue sky,
Then land in a candy land,
With mysterious secrets to be found.

By Annelle - Year 4



The Magic Box

I will put in the box,
A zebra on a zimmer frame,
A lime on a llama,
A meddling mummy on a motorbike.

I will put in the box,
An elephant that sounds like an airhorn,
A giant as big as Canada,
A window as clear as crystal.

I will put in the box,
The autumn's golden light,
The sun glaring at us,
A leaf dancing.

I shall fly in my box,
On wings of feathers of parrots,
And land in the land of kittycats,
As peaceful as a trickle of water.

By Cerys - Year 4



School Groups News

Our JRSOs were delighted to see their new road safety banner arrive this week! The banner has been designed to encourage everyone to park considerately and safely around our school, helping to keep all children, families and local residents safe during drop-off and collection times.

The JRSOs are passionate about promoting road safety and hope their message will remind drivers to think carefully about where they park, avoid blocking driveways and pavements, and help make the area around school a safer place for everyone.

Thank you for supporting our JRSOs and helping us to keep our school community safe.



Fundraising

Easyfundraising - As you are aware schools are this year more than ever facing significant financial challenges.

We are trying several different ways to raise money to enrich our children's learning and environment. We have registered with Easyfundraising which parents can sign up to and then as long as they have added their card details every time they make a purchase through one of their many partners school gets a small donation. The QR for this is below, please take a look and register if you can.



Utility Warehouse is another partner that parents can use to raise money for school and look to save money on their household bills.

Would you like to donate funds to the School without spending a penny yourself? How about donating to the School without spending a penny AND reducing your own monthly outgoings?

Lilleshall Primary School has partnered with Utility Warehouse to help families reduce their monthly bills while raising vital funds for the School. This has been arranged by one of the YR parents, Sara Giles-Steele (Vincent's Mum), and all you need to do is book a short appointment with Sara here - connectors.uw.co.uk/CN-9OWP - for a no obligation bills review. For every homeowner who becomes a customer, Utility Warehouse will donate up to £150 to the School.

Key Dates

Dates for your diary:

Friday 23rd October—PD Day
Monday 26th—Friday 30th October Half Term
Monday 9th November – Year 3 & 4 Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre Visit.
Tuesday 10th November – Year 6 NHS Height & Weight Check
Friday 13th November—Children in Need
Monday 16th—Friday 20th Year 6 Arthog
Friday 27th November—Mufti (in exchange for tombola items)
Tuesday 1st December—KS1 Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 2nd—KS2 Christmas Fayre
Monday 7th December—Thursday 10th December—Year 3 and 4 Swimming
Friday 11th December—Mufti (in exchange for chocolate for the bingo)
Tuesday 15th December—KS1 Christmas Performance—AM
Wednesday 16th December—KS1 Christmas Performance—PM
Thursday 17th December – Christmas Church Service (pupils only)
Thursday 17th December—Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 18th December—Last Day Of Term
Tuesday 5th January—School Returns
Friday 12th February—Coffee and Cake Afternoon
Monday 15th February—Friday 19th February—Half Term
Monday 22nd February—School Returns
Thursday 4th March—World Book Day
Wednesday 17th March —Parents Consultations
Tuesday 23rd March—Year 3/4 Performance 10am
Wednesday 24th March—Year 3/4 Performance 10am
Thursday 25th March— Family Easter Egg Hunt—Weather Dependant
Friday 26th March—Friday 9th April—Easter Holidays
Monday 12th April—School Returns
Thursday 15th April—Image Theatre—Robin Hood Production

Monday 10th May—Friday 14th May—Year 6 SAT's

Friday 28th May—Grandparents Afternoon
Monday 21st June—Friday 25th June—Sports Week
Wednesday 23rd June—Sports Day
Wednesday 21st July—Last Day of Term

Please note, dates and times can be changed and added to throughout the year. Updated versions of this section will be on each months Newsletter.

Attendance Matters: Term-Time Holiday Requests

We have recently received a number of requests for leave of absence during term time and would like to remind parents of the current attendance regulations.

School can only authorise leave of absence in **exceptional circumstances**. Family holidays, cheaper travel costs, birthday celebrations, visiting relatives or extending weekends are not usually considered exceptional circumstances and therefore cannot be authorised.

If the school does **not** grant the leave and a child is still taken out of school, the absence will be recorded as **unauthorised**. This may result in a **Penalty Notice of £160 per parent, per child**, reduced to **£80 if paid within 21 days**. Failure to pay within the required timeframe may lead to court proceedings, which could result in a criminal record, a fine of up to £2,500 and/or imprisonment for up to three months.

Parents should also be aware that the rules surrounding Penalty Notices have become stricter. If a parent receives a **second Penalty Notice within a three-year period**, the fine will be issued at **£160 per parent, per child** with no reduced payment option available. Should there be any further unauthorised leave or attendance concerns after this, a further Penalty Notice may not be issued and the Local Authority may consider other legal action instead.

The Local Authority also retains the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice in circumstances where they believe it is appropriate, even before thresholds are met. This may include repeated short periods of term-time absence, regular absence for occasions such as birthdays or family events, or attempts to avoid attendance thresholds by taking several shorter holidays during term time.

We understand that family time is important, however every day in school counts. Missing lessons can have a significant impact on children's learning, friendships and overall progress. We therefore ask all families to carefully consider holiday arrangements and, wherever possible, plan these during the school holiday periods.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us achieve the best possible attendance for all pupils.

We are taking part in this years *Rudolph Relay* and hoping to raise lots of money for this fabulous local charity. More details to come after half term.

We're excited
to take part
in the



RUDOLPH
RELAY
2026

Supporting
 **Severn
Hospice**
here and at home

Registered Charity No. 512394



EKO Forest School Club

The Adventure awaits. Come explore, discover and get wild at Forest School Club!

Snack & Hot Drink

Forest School Fun

Woodland Crafts

Bushcraft Adventures

Campfires & Fire Lighting

Come join the fun!

**3.30pm – 4.30pm
Wednesdays**

Book via School



**EDUCATING
KIDS OUTDOORS**



EKO Forest School Club

Lilleshall Primary School
Every Wednesday

3:30pm - 4:30pm



About Us

As a charity, our mission is to provide children with opportunities to explore nature, learning about themselves and one another along the way. What sets us apart? Our exceptional EKO leaders, who meticulously plan each session, ensuring safety and wellbeing for every child.



So what do you need to know?



Welcome to EKO Forest School Club, a community of after-school outdoor explorers!

- Our program takes place outdoors in your school site.
- We keep the group size small, ensuring that we maintain a safe environment and adhere to the appropriate child-to-adult ratio.
- Your children get to unleash their inner creativity and collaborate with their new outdoor friends.
- Each week is different and includes a whole host of outdoor activities. Anything from bug hunting, natural art, den building, team games, and that's just for starters!
- We end each term with a family camp fire and parents are invited to join in the fun. There are s'mores, sing-alongs, and story-sharing around the campfire. The perfect way to end the term.

What to wear to Forest School Club

Children need 3 essential items of clothing:

1. Wellies or waterproof boots
2. Waterproof trousers (dungarees, trousers, or an all-in-one)
3. Waterproof jacket

We recommend changing into old clothes before changing into outdoor gear and packing extra clothing to fit in with the weather, warm socks for winter, sun hats for the summer.



For more information take a look at our website www.ekolearning.org.uk and if you have any questions or concerns email us at info@ekolearning.org.uk



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Ages
6-16

October Half Term Holiday Club

Tuesday 27th to Thursday 29th October 2026



Sessions 10:30am - 3:30pm, £39

Early Drop Off 9:00am, £45.50

Bookings NOW Open

If you're new to EKO we are all about having fun outdoors whatever the weather. We might be bug hunting or plant spotting or den building or creating natural art, the list is endless and there will always be something new to try.

We are based at Weston Park and have our own dedicated EKO Outdoor Learning Site and Orchard Hive Classroom as well as use of the extensive grounds.

NEW for
Half Term



This half term we are able to offer funded places through the HHAH scheme to children who attend a school in Telford & Wrekin.

To qualify for a place your child must receive benefits related free school meals. To check you eligibility please register on the HHAH website.

Please make your HHAH booking through hhah.telford.gov.uk



EKO at Weston Park, Weston-under-Lizard, Shifnal, TF11 8LE



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FREE TENNIS COACHING

LILLESHALL TENNIS CLUB
TF10 9EY

MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

We Do Tennis invite you to try tennis at our free coach led sessions! We have tennis on offer for juniors and adults please take a look at the options below, book your space and we look forward to seeing you on court!

4.00pm - 4.45pm ages 4 - 7

4.45pm - 5.30pm ages 8 - 11

5.30pm - 6.30pm ages 12 - 16

6.30pm - 7.30pm Adult Beginners

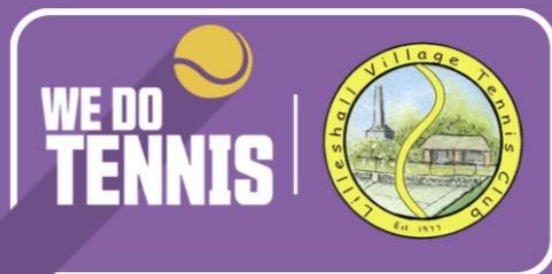
7.30pm - 8.30pm Adult Club Standard

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- mental health and wellbeing
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- relocation and life changes
- settling into your new community

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OFFICIAL WOLVES FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT



MONDAY 26TH TO
FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2026
9AM TO 3PM

PRICES START FROM £25

Pre-book via www.wolves.co.uk/coaching

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LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT
TO DO THIS **HOLIDAY?**



Sessions are completely **FREE** – funded through the council's Safer & Stronger Communities programme.

1 hour of FREE & FUN, skills-based hockey for kids.
England Hockey qualified coaches. No experience necessary.
Equipment provided.

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Location**

Open to non-club members

8 - 13 Years old. Boys & Girls
(Years 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8)

Date: Wednesday 28th October
- Time: 11am - 12pm



- Location: Telford & Wrekin Hockey Club

St George's Sports & Recreation Ground, TF2 9LU

Sticks will be provided. Come give it a go :)

Please email Jodie to book your place: mail@telfordhockeyclub.co.uk





OFFICIAL WOLVES FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

TELFORD
ADVANCED
PLAYER
CENTRE
OPEN TRIAL

Wednesday 28th October 2026

TELFORD COLLEGE, HAYBRIDGE ROAD, TELFORD, TF1 2NP

YEARS 2 TO 5
MALE & FEMALE PLAYERS WELCOME
OUTFIELD & GOALKEEPERS
FOR ADVANCED GRASSROOTS PLAYERS

Pre-book via www.wolves.co.uk/coaching

Embrace™

HHAH October Holiday Club

Newport Rugby Club

Tuesday 27th October

FREE Places Available

10:00 - 16:00

Lunch included

To book your free place email:
holidayactivityhub@telford.gov.uk

Get ready for a spooktacular October half term! Expect spooky games, creepy crafts, fun challenges and plenty of surprises!

For Paid places
scan here



**What's on
at half-term...**



Fordhall Organic Farm

- * FREE farm trails
- * Farm Shop
- * Dogs welcome on leads
- * Cafe
- * FREE parking

Care Farm Café - Wednesday 28th October - 11am to 1pm

Hosted by SEN adults, for SEN adults and the wider community, serving delicious homemade pumpkin soup and fresh bread! All donations go back into our fantastic Care Farm day provision for SEN Adults, which currently has placements available. Come and enjoy a warm welcome, and to find out more!

Wild in the woods - Thursday 29th October - 9am to 3pm



Discover the magical woodland, and get stuck into nature crafts, building dens, setting up hammocks and creating lasting memories. There's no better place than the woods! Aged for children 6 to 13.



Samhain - Saturday 31st October - 6pm to 9pm

Discover the magic of Samhain with an enchanting evening of folklore, mask and clay making, live music and stories around the fire.

Join in with fun with Fordhall to celebrate this seasonal festival, welcoming the darker months with warmth, wonder and community. Dinner included!

All above events must be pre-booked, please visit fordhallfarm.com/calendar

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