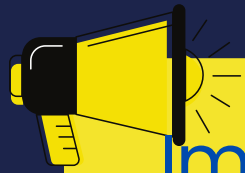
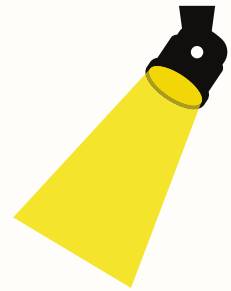


WBSpotlight

w/e 15th May 2026



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What a week it's been!

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Mrs Mincher Deputy Head Teacher

School calendar



- 5th May Year 10 GCSE Preparation Evening – for Parents and students
- 6th May – Year 5 SEND Evening 5–6pm
- 8th June – Year 7 Parent consultation evening
- 13th June Shropshire Schools Athletics Championships
- 16th June Primary Sports day
- 22nd June Primary Athletics Championships
- 25th June Year 11 Prom
- 6th July Enrichment week 3 / Year 10 end of Year exams
- 14th July Sports Awards Evening



What's new!

Important update



Dear Parent or Carer

Free School Meal Holiday Vouchers were funded through the Government's Household Support Fund. This ended on the 31st March 2026. This means that the May half term vouchers will be the last to be issued.

Instead, families will be able to access lots of support through the new Crisis and Resilience Fund. This can help with one-off payments for unexpected financial shocks.

We will also be investing in services that can help maximise income, give budgeting and debt advice, and build longer-term financial resilience.

Information on all of this help is available through our cost-of-living support pages:

or Google "Shropshire Cost of Living"



Further cost of living support

What help is there?

If you need support during the current cost of living crisis, or have experienced a recent financial shock, lots of help and advice can be found at - <https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help/>

This help is available to low-income households but is **not** just for those on benefits.



What's new!

Important update



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- [Shropshire Local](#)
 - You can visit one of our Shropshire Local hubs. Staff will be able to talk you through available support and signpost you to any help available.
 - Shropshire Local Mobile is available in more locations – you can find out where and when by [clicking here](#).
 - or call – on **0345 678 9007**
- [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme](#)
 - Children who are on free school meals also qualify for the HAF programme. Information on this scheme, such how to apply are available through the above link.
- [Community hubs | Shropshire Council](#)
 - You can find lots of activities and support services in Shropshire's community hubs, such as:
 - early help for families
 - domestic abuse support
 - help to stop smoking
 - information about housing
 - and much more
 - Hubs are in Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Bridgnorth, Ludlow, Market Drayton, Highley & Whitchurch.
- Other help and advice are available through our partners. Such as,
 - Advice and support on how to budget
 - How to raise your income through benefit entitlements
 - Telling you about any other help you may be able to get.
 - Support on reducing energy bills or debts.

Government help

- Further information on the national schemes to support families can be found at: [Cost of living support: Overview - GOV.UK](#)
- [Universal Credit: What Universal Credit is - GOV.UK](#)
- [Child Benefit: How it works - GOV.UK](#)
- [Free Childcare for Working Parents: Check if you're eligible - GOV.UK](#)

Whilst we are unable to continue to provide the holiday vouchers as we have previously, please be aware that support and advice is available for those struggling through our new scheme, and we would urge those in financial difficulty to reach out for support.

Yours faithfully,

Heather Kidd

Leader, Shropshire Council

Andy Hall

Portfolio Holder, Children &
Education, Shropshire Council

Tanya Miles

Chief Executive, Shropshire
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Sport Clubs



*Health body
Healthy mind*



William Brookes School PE Department Clubs Summer Term 2026 – Starting after Easter holidays

| | Lunchtime | After-School | | Dance |
|-----------|------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Monday | Basketball | Staff meetings | | |
| STAFF | Mr Boak | | | |
| Tuesday | Badminton | Athletics | Cricket – outdoor gameplay | Year 9-11 Dance |
| STAFF | Ms Johnson | Mr Parkes/Ms Johnson/Ms Hennessy/Mr Wilson | Mr Boak | Hannah Oldham |
| Wednesday | Basketball | Cricket nets – Sportshall | | Year 7-8 Dance/Musical |
| STAFF | Mr Parkes | Mr Wilson | | Ms Leason/Kieran Howorth |
| Thursday | | Rounders | | Elite Dance |
| STAFF | | Mr Boak/Ms Johnson | | Ms Leason |

All lunchtime and after-school clubs – report to PE changing rooms area / sportshall

Lunchtime clubs – you must arrive within 10 mins of start of lunch if you wish to take part (see club leader if you need a note for the canteen queue)

All are welcome at every club. No need to sign up, Join at any time through the term



Music Clubs



| | Lunchtime | After-School |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Monday | Rehearsal/Practice time (week A) | |
| Tuesday | | Choir |
| Wednesday | | Rock Bands |
| Thursday | Rehearsal/Practice time | Jazz Band |
| Friday | Rehearsal/Practice time | |

All years welcome.

See Ms Adams in advance if you would like to sign up for an activity.



Year 11 Exam Arrangements and Time table

Important update



This weeks timetable for Year 11 students

Week 2 Monday 18th May – Friday 22nd May 2026

| Monday 18th May | | Tuesday 19th May | | Wednesday 20th May | | Thursday 21st May | | Friday 22nd May | |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| 11B/EN1, ESC 11A/MA2, JKC 11B/EN2, SMW 11B/EN3, MJL 11A/MA3, WBR 11A/MA1, LAH | Combined Sci Chemistry P1 1hr 15 Chemistry P1 1hr 45 | 11D/Pd, PAC 11D/PE, JBO 11D/Hs, LDH 11D/Im, SWB 11D/Hi, JOA 11/Bi4, JWI | English Literature P2 2hrs 15 | 11a/cbs2, VRO 11a/cbs3, GKT 11a/cbs1, CCR 11a/cbs4, NTA 11a/Ph1, JEM 11/Bi4, JWI | French P2 F - 0hr 45 French P2 H - 1hr | 11B/MA2, JKC 11A/EN3, SMW 11B/MA1, LAH 11B/MA3, WBR 11A/EN1, ESC 11A/EN2, TJW | English Language P1 1hr 45 | 11B/EN1, ESC 11A/MA2, JKC 11B/EN2, SMW 11B/EN3, TJW 11A/MA3, WBR 11A/MA1, SOL | PE 1hr |
| 11B/HC, VSR 11B/CS, AJS 11B/Ar, LAA 11B/Hi, ACL 11B/Gg, LYB 11/Ch1, RNI | | 11B/HC, VSR 11B/CS, AJS 11B/Ar, LAA 11B/Hi, ACL 11B/Gg, LYB 11a/Ph1, JEM | | 11B/MA2, JKC 11A/EN3, SMW 11B/MA1, LAH 11B/MA3, WBR 11A/EN1, ESC 11A/EN2, TJW | English Revision (108, 109 & 107) | 11B/EN1, ESC 11A/MA2, JKC 11B/EN2, SMW 11B/EN3, MJL 11A/MA3, WBR 11A/MA1, LAH | | 11a/cbs2, NTA 11a/cbs3, GKT 11a/cbs1, JWI 11a/cbs4, VRO 11/Ch1, RNI 11b/Ph4, JEM | Physics Revision for non PE students |
| 11a/cbs2, VRO 11a/cbs3, GKT 11a/cbs1, NTA 11a/cbs4, SCO 11a/Ph1, JEM 11/Ch4, RNI | | 11a/cbs2, NTA 11a/cbs3, VRO 11a/cbs1, JWI 11a/cbs4, SCO 11/Bi1, GKT 11b/Ph4, JEM | | 11C/Ar, LAA 11C/Bs, AVA 11C/Fr2, RAH 11C/APC, SBE 11C/Pd, PAC 11C/PE, AAP 11C/Fr1, CC 11C/Sp, LEF | | 11A/Gg, LYB 11A/Hi2, JOA 11A/Hi1, ACL 11A/Bs, AVA 11A/RS, ANB 11A/HC, VSR | Business Revision (AVA & SWB in, CLT) | 11a/cbs2, VRO 11a/cbs3, JWI 11a/cbs1, NTA 11a/cbs4, CCR 11/Bi1, GKT 11/Ch4, RNI | Physics Revision |
| 11A/Gg, LYB 11A/Hi2, JOA 11A/Hi1, ACL 11A/Bs, AVA 11A/RS, ANB 11A/HC, VSR | Computer Science Revision (AJ on PPA) RE Revision Henry Morris in both groups | 11B/EN1, ESC 11A/MA2, JKC 11B/EN2, SMW 11B/EN3, TJW 11A/MA3, WBR 11A/MA1, LAH | Computer Science 1hr 30 | 11C/Ar, LAA 11C/Bs, AVA 11C/Fr2, RAH 11C/APC, SBE 11C/Pd, PAC 11C/PE, AAP 11C/Fr1, CC 11C/Sp, LEF | Religious Studies A P2 1hr 45 | 11B/HC, VSR 11B/CS, AJS 11B/Ar, LAA 11B/Hi, ACL 11B/Gg, LYB 11/Ch1, RNI | Business P2 1hr 45 | 11/PE5, LDJ 11/PE2, AJ 11/PE3, JBO 11/PE6, MRW 11/PE1, AAP 11/PE4, LDH | Y11 Assembly |
| 11B/MA2, JKC 11A/EN3, SMW 11B/MA1, LAH 11B/MA3, WBR 11A/EN1, ESC 11A/EN2, TJW | | 11a/cbs2, JEM 11a/cbs3, VRO 11a/cbs1, SCO 11a/cbs4, NTA 11/Bi1, GKT 11/Bi4, JWI | French Revision (CC in 227, RAH in 226) | 11B/EN1, ESC 11A/MA2, JKC 11B/EN2, SMW 11B/EN3, MJL 11A/MA3, WBR 11A/MA1, SWB | English Revision (Eng rooms) | 11A/PE1, AJ 11A/PE2, JBO 11A/PE3, LDJ 11A/PE4, MRW 11a/Ph1, JEM 11/Ch4, RNI | PE Revision (JBO in 220) | 11/PE5, LDJ 11/PE2, AJ 11/PE3, JBO 11/PE6, MRW 11/PE1, AAP 11/PE4, LDH | Y11 Assembly |

Year 10 End of Year Exams

EXAM PENCIL CASE



Get prepared!

All students need a clear pencil case full of essential equipment

| DATE | TIME | SUBJECT |
|------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Mon, 06 Jul 2026 | 09:15 | English Language |
| | 11:15 | Maths |
| | 13:15 | Physics |
| Tue, 07 Jul 2026 | 09:15 | English Literature |
| | 11:15 | Maths |
| | 13:15 | Biology |
| Wed, 08 Jul 2026 | 09:15 | Chemistry |
| | 11:15 | Option A |
| | 13:15 | Option B |
| Thu, 09 Jul 2026 | 09:15 | Option C |
| | 11:15 | |
| | 13:15 | |

| A | B | C |
|-----------|------------|---------|
| H&S | RE | French |
| PE | Hosp & Cat | Spanish |
| DT | iMedia | Art |
| History | History | History |
| Geog | Comp Sci | Geog |
| BS | Drama | |
| C'zanship | Art | |

Visit the GCSE Revision Hub now!

[https://318education-](https://318education-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/person/claire_mincher_wbs_318education_co_uk/IgArvHbncCuXSaTXfoE32XKQAYwFHjlarDyknVsnerKxhDU?e=ZTCEce)

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These exams will also offer the first of three opportunities to earn Golden Tickets, linked to the academic rewards we run in school to recognise effort, ATL and academic performance.

Amazing us!



🏆♂️ Athletics Success for Siôn (Year 10)! 🏆🏆

Last Saturday, Siôn competed in three events at the Shropshire County Athletics Championships – and what a fantastic performance!

- ★ Gold medal in the 100m 🏆
- ★ Gold medal in the 300m hurdles 🏆
- ★ Personal Best and a place in the 100m final 🎯

Most importantly, Siôn shows a real passion for competition and gives his all every time he steps onto the track. 🙌🏆

Well done, Siôn – we are so proud of you! 🎉



✉️ Fantastic Work from Year 7!

A huge well done to our Year 7 students, who did a fantastic job today completing their second pen pal letters! 🏆+

These are now ready to be posted to France – a brilliant opportunity to build connections, practise language skills, and learn about another culture.



We're very proud of your effort and enthusiasm – keep it up! 🙌🏆

What's on at The Edge

What's On at The Edge Arts Centre



Salt Peanuts
Modern Jazz standards
Friday 8 May 7.30pm
£15



Monday Night Cinema
Black Bag (15)
Monday 11 May 7.30pm
£6 (concessions £5)



Miranda Sykes & Jim Causley
Iconic Folk voices
Friday 15 May 7.30pm
£18



Monday Night Cinema
Good Fortune (15)
Monday 18 May 7.30pm
£6 (concessions £5)



National Theatre Live
The Playboy of the Western World (15)
Friday 29 May 7pm
£12 (concessions £10)



Monday Night Cinema
Song Sung Blue (12A)
Monday 1 June 7.30pm
£6 (concessions £5)



Exhibition on Screen
Frida Kahlo (12A)
Thursday 4 June 7.30pm
£12 (concessions £10)



Little Rumba
Folk, jazz and blues
Friday 5 June 7.30pm
£15

The Edge Arts Centre

at William Brookes School

Box Office: Penny-Farthing, 5 The Square, Much Wenlock

Buy online at ticketsource.co.uk/edgeartscentre

Ticket line 0333 666 3366 during office hours



Join our mailing list at edgeartscentre.com

Advice, Guidance & Community

The Parenting Team will be delivering a free Understanding Your Child group aimed at parents and carers of children 0–5 years old. The group will start in May.

The 10 week group aims to:

- Promote understanding of children's behaviour within the context of developmental issues
- Promote the development of parent/child relationship
- Increase confidence and self-esteem in both parents and children
- Give parents a strategy for repair when things go wrong
- Promote reflective, sensitive and effective parenting



Understanding Your Child

0 – 5 years

"I met others going through the same things. It really helped me feel less alone."
"The group boosted my confidence as a parent."

Join our friendly, relaxed group!

Parenting can be full of ups, downs, big feelings and lots of learning — for both you and your child! Come and join us as we chat about what's going on for you and your family. Together we'll make sense of tricky moments and share simple ideas that can make life calmer and more positive.

Upcoming Session

- starts Tuesday 5th May, 12.30–2.30pm – Sunflower House, Shrewsbury, SY1 4ES


the group meets once a week over 10 weeks, excl. half terms and bank holidays with the last session being on Tuesday 14th July 2026.

What We'll Talk About

- Communicating and building connection with your child
- Routines like sleep and bedtime and any other routines you have as a family
- Understanding behaviour and big emotions
- Child development and how you can support it


Want to Join Us?

Email: parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk
Call: 01743 250950
Visit: [The Parenting Team | Shropshire Council](#)



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