



HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER

Mr. Bray

January 2026



NEW YEAR

After a chilly start to the new year with the snow brought by Storm Goretti, the children have settled back into their routines and their learning really well.

To help you to support the children in their learning, you will have received a Curriculum Overview for the term from your child's teacher. These and a variety of other resources are also available on our school website if you push the "What are we learning this term?" button within each year group class page. Along with the overviews, you will find Reading Spines highlighting the children's key texts this year, and curriculum maps for the whole academic year.



COMMUNITY



As some of you might be aware, our School Chaplain, Judith Clarkson, is sadly leaving Shrewsbury to live close to family in Bristol.

As Chaplain and before that as a Governor and parent at the school, Judith has been a key member of the school and Church communities here in Meole Brace for the best part of 30 years and her guidance and support will be sorely missed.



To thank her and wish her well for this exciting next chapter in her life, we walked up to Church for a whole school service, led by Cerys, the Pupil Chaplains and Judith herself. It was a lovely event and the children sang, One More Step, City on a Hill and You Raise Me Up beautifully.

YOUNG VOICES 2026



At the start of term, our Voices Choir were lucky enough to attend Young Voices 2026 at the BP Pulse Live arena in Birmingham. After a busy day of rehearsals, the children joined thousands of others from around the West Midlands to sing and perform as one. It was an incredible experience for all those involved and definitely something we will look to do again in the future.

Thank you to Mrs Porrett, Miss Purslow, Mrs Sanders, Mrs Dawson, Mrs Lakin and Mrs Gahan for taking them, and well done to all of the children for their brilliant singing and for coping with such a late night!





ONLINE SAFETY

To help support the children in staying safe online, all parents/carers are invited to join an online information session, titled “Guide to Online Gaming” on MS Teams. Please find the full details below and follow [this link](#) to join the session. If you are unable to join at that time, the session will be recorded and the video shared.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday 28th January 2026
9.30–10.15 am

GUIDE TO ONLINE GAMING



This will include latest trends and emerging threat and will focus on developing your understanding of online gaming, the associated risks and steps we can take to support children.

Attendees do not need to register, they simply click on the link at the above time to access the session. Cameras and voice/audio will be switched off for all attendees. Attendees can ask questions by typing in the Q&A box, but this will be explained during the session.

The event will be streamed using Teams:

- Teams app—desktop (Windows or Mac) or mobile. (The Teams app is free to download if attendees would like to do that beforehand).

SPORTS FIXTURES & EVENTS



As a school we like to keep active throughout the day, so as well as the children's curriculum PE lessons, we organise active games and sports at break and lunchtimes and we try to provide the children with as many opportunities to take part in sporting events as possible. Already this term, we have hosted a dodgeball event, giving children a chance to compete against other schools and have fun! Visit the [Sports Teams and Fixtures](#) page of our website to keep up to date!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Please see below for a list of upcoming events, followed by the term dates for this year and next.

- **Seahorses Phonics Friday for Parents/Carers** – Friday 30th January at 9.00am
- **Starfish Phonics Friday for Parents/Carers** – Friday 6th February at 9.00am
- **Children's Mental Health Week** – Week beginning Monday 9th February
- **Safer Internet Day** – Tuesday 10th February
- **Half Term break** – Week beginning Monday 16th February
- **World Book Day 2026** – Thursday 5th March
- **Seahorses Phonics Friday for Parents/Carers** – Friday 6th March at 9.00am
- **Mother's Day Breakfast** – Friday 13th March
- **Starfish Phonics Friday for Parents/Carers** – Friday 20th March at 9.00am

TERM DATES 2025/2026

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