

**Condover Church of England Primary School**

*Love Each Other and Know We Are Loved*

| Love      Forgiveness      Trust



## Condover CE Primary School Newsletter 25.10.24

### Important Dates Coming Up:

Important dates can also be found on our school calendar here:

<https://www.condoverschool.co.uk/diary/grid/2024/09/>

| Event  | Date   |
|--|--|
| Half term  | Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov                   |
| Secondary School application deadline                            | 31 <sup>st</sup> October   |
| Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils                  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov (everyone to return on Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov) |
| Christmas Play   | 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec – times TBC                                      |
| Christmas Church Service   | 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec AM  |
| Parent drop in joining in with mental health activities 9-9.30am | 3rd Feb  |
| Books and Breakfast 9-9.30am                                     | 6 <sup>th</sup> March  |
| Easter Service   | 9 <sup>th</sup> April AM   |
| Sports Afternoon   | 19 <sup>th</sup> May 1.30pm  |
| Reserve Sports afternoon   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> July   |
| Parent drop in 9-9.30am  | 10 <sup>th</sup> June  |
| Arthog   | 11, 12, 13 June  |
| Leavers Service  | 16 <sup>th</sup> July AM   |

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| Leavers Disco | 16 <sup>th</sup> July |
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## **Secondary Application deadline – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 – Year 6 parents**

The closing date for secondary applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 which falls in the half-term holidays. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to submit an application as soon as possible but before the deadline date.

This will ensure that if you encounter any problems, you can be supported/helped and to submit your application on time.

There is no grace period for late applications.

The link for the website is – [Transferring to secondary school | Shropshire Council](#)

The School Admissions Team strongly encourage parents to name three preferences, particularly if you reside in the Shrewsbury area. Please see the Parents' Guide to Education in Shropshire Booklet for further information. The link to the document is [Parents' guide to education | Shropshire Council](#)

If you have already made an application and wish to add additional preferences, please contact [school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk)

## **School Information**

### **School Pantomime Trip**

We will be taking the children to watch the pantomime, Sleeping Beauty, taking place at Theatre Severn on the last day of term, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

We will be covering the cost of the transport to and from the pantomime and contributing a small amount to the cost of the tickets for the show.

This means that the cost for parents will be £11.70 per child this year. This cost can be split into two payments or just paid in full on SchoolMoney.

The payment is available now on SchoolMoney and a letter with further details about the trip will be sent after half-term.

### **Poppy Appeal**



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When we return to school poppies and other items will be available to purchase in school in preparation for Remembrance Day.

All items will be £1 other than the slap bands which are £2.

We ask that children bring the correct money to school to purchase their items as we only have a collection box and no access to change in school.

The student council will go round to each class with the items and collection box so children do not need to come to the office.

## Children In Need



## Sunset and Breakfast club

Just a reminder to ensure that all parents are using the booking forms to book children into both clubs please. Even if your child/children attend on a regular basis it is very important to book them in. This is so we know that we aren't over our capacity as well as ensuring that children have been picked up if they are meant to be. We cannot just assume they should be at Sunset and will make a phone call to be sure if we do not have a booking for them. Sunset and breakfast club forms are sent out in the newsletter but are always available on the school website here:

<https://www.condoverschool.co.uk/breakfast-and-sunset-club/>

**Please also ensure that all SchoolMoney accounts are brought up to date over the half-term. We have several accounts still owing from the previous academic year.**

### **Support for parent carers of children with SEND – Shropshire’s Local Offer**

Having access to good quality information to help you understand the world of SEND is important when making decisions about your child's life.

This is where websites such as the [Shropshire’s SEND Local Offer](#) can help you.

The Local Offer sets out in one place useful information and provision for education, health and social care for children and young people in Shropshire who have SEN or are disabled, including those who don't have education, health, and care (EHC) plans.

The local offer has two main sections. The first is the information section, where services and processes are explained, such as how to get extra help at nursery or school or who to speak to if you're worried about your child's progress. This section will introduce you to support that might help your family and help you to understand what is available from a range of services across education, health, social care, support for your family, finance, travel and transport and lots more.

The second section is [the service directory](#). This is a comprehensive list of services, clubs, support groups and businesses that might be of use to your family. It provides a brief introduction to what's offered and contact details so that you can find out more. There's also a listing of events and activities for children and young people or for families to enjoy together.

You can also keep up to date with Local Offer news and events by following The Local Offer on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

# The SEND Local Offer



A single place for information and services for children and young people with special education needs and/or disabilities, their families and the practitioners who support them.



[local.offer@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:local.offer@shropshire.gov.uk) 0345 678 9063  
[www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/)



If you need help accessing the Local Offer please speak to your school or local library.



## **An amazing achievement**

The amazing achievements part of our newsletter is a wonderful segment to showcase all the fantastic things Condover children achieve when they are not at school.

The next segment will feature on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, but we are so proud of Chloe-Rose' achievement that we had to share asap!

Recently Chloe-Rose wrote a fantastic story at school which she received an award certificate for. Since then, her story, Bobie the Scarecrow has been chosen for publication in a book called Young Writers' Annual Showcase 2024 - Words of Inspiration, where she also has a chance of winning £100 which gets announced next term.

We can't wait to hear how Chloe gets on and hopefully when she receives a copy of the book, she will bring this in to share with us all! Well done Chloe-Rose!



THIS IS A CERTIFICATE  
OF MERIT AWARDED TO  
**Chloe-Rose**

For an original piece of creative  
writing that was selected for  
publication in Young Writers' Annual  
Showcase 2023 collection

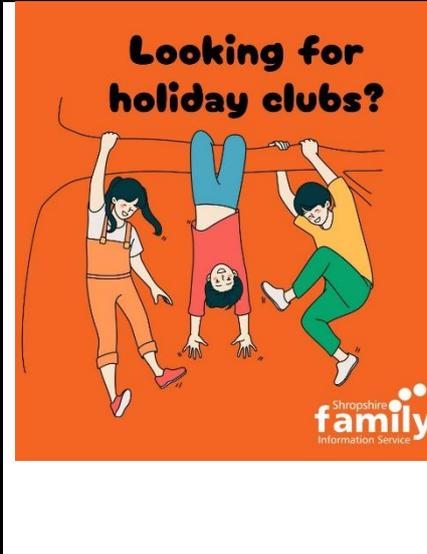
# ANNUAL SHOWCASE 2023

*Joni Horne*  
EDITORIAL MANAGER

Young Writers



## Family friendly activities for the half-term from the Shropshire Family Information service.

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|  <p><b>Pumpkin Patches in Shropshire</b></p> <p>Shropshire family Information Service</p> <p>A cartoon ghost wearing an orange beanie and holding a drink, standing next to a jack-o'-lantern. There are also a spider and a bat icon.</p> | <p>It's that spooky time of year and pumpkins across the county are now ready to pick! The Shropshire Family Info service have put together a list of local pick your own pumpkin patches. From pumpkins and alpacas, spooky mazes, witches villages and other kids activities, pumpkin patches make a great family day out.</p> <p><a href="https://orlo.uk/ZkorP">https://orlo.uk/ZkorP</a></p>  |
|  <p><b>WATCH OUT!!</b><br/><b>IT'S ALMOST HALLOWEE</b></p> <p>VISIT OUR DIRECTORY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT'S ON DURING THE HALF TERM...</p> <p>Shropshire family Information Service</p> <p>A black cat face with large yellow eyes.</p>  | <p>Trick or treat? Make sure you know what's on this half term, with the Shropshire Family Info Service's directory full of treats! There are plenty of family friendly activities across Shropshire. 🧐🍊</p> <p>Visit 🍌 <a href="https://orlo.uk/1OHku">https://orlo.uk/1OHku</a></p>  |
|  <p><b>Looking for holiday clubs?</b></p> <p>Shropshire family Information Service</p> <p>An illustration of three children jumping rope.</p>  | <p>If you are looking for holiday clubs or childcare for October half term, check out the Shropshire Family Info Service's Directory. From arts and crafts, to animal care, to football, there is something for everyone!</p> <p><a href="https://shropshire-fid.directory-platform.com/kb5/shropshire/fid/family_results.action?familychannel=247">https://shropshire-fid.directory-platform.com/kb5/shropshire/fid/family_results.action?familychannel=247</a></p> |



Family Foundations is a brand new FREE group which can help you prepare for becoming parents. Find out how Family Foundations could benefit your family, through a free, online, info sessions. Sessions will last 45 minutes with time for questions afterwards. Info sessions are running on:

- Wed 6 Nov 2024, 5pm
- Mon 11 Nov 2024, 1pm
- Wed 13 Nov 2024, 9.30am
- Mon 9 Dec 2024, 1pm
- Fri 13 Dec 2024, 9.30am
- Wed 18 Dec 2024, 5pm

Book your place by emailing [parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) or calling 01743250950



The Family Info Service's spooky October newsletter is out now. This bumper edition includes things to do at half-term, local bonfire and firework displays, free scavenger hunts and lots more! You can read it here: <https://orlo.uk/Z2HwP>

Like what you see? Subscribe to future editions here: <https://orlo.uk/5RvZN>

## Staying Safe on Bonfire Night

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging you and your family to stay safe this Bonfire Night and Halloween.

There are several ways you can ensure your family is safe while enjoying bonfires, fireworks and trick or treating.

We advise you to visit an organised event rather than having a bonfire or setting off fireworks yourselves, however if you do decide

to celebrate at home please take a lot our advice for safe handling of fireworks and bonfires here

[www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/campaign/bonfire-and-firework-safety](http://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/campaign/bonfire-and-firework-safety).

We also work closely with other organisation to ensure you have the most up to date safety advice and information.

StayWise has some fantastic advice for Halloween and you can check out their top tips here [Halloween Safety Advice | StayWise](#)

If you're concerned about teaching your children the dangers of fireworks, or not sure what to do if your child suffers a burn or scolded, the child Accident protection Trust (CAPT) has some great advice and you find a host of information on their website [here](#).

Extras:

Useful link-

[KS1 Bonfires, Halloween and Firework Safety | StayWise](#)

[Burns first aid | Child Accident Prevention Trust \(capt.org.uk\)](#)

[How to buy fireworks safely UK: A Fireworks buying guide \(capt.org.uk\)](#)

[Firework safety tips: How to have safe fireworks at home \(capt.org.uk\)](#)

In order to access some of the links above please register as teachers on the staywise link below.





Shropshire  
Fire and Rescue Service

# STAY SAFE THIS BONFIRE NIGHT



**GO TO AN ORGANISED AND LICENSED EVENT**



Shropshire  
Fire and Rescue Service

# STAY SAFE THIS BONFIRE NIGHT

When using sparklers:

- Always wear gloves
- Only hold one sparkler at a time
- Don't give sparklers to children under 5-years-old
- Put them in a bucket of cold water when finished with



## Attendance & Lateness

Attendance this week at Condover looks like this:

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| Whole School | 94.7%  |
| Raindrops    | 93.53% |
| Stream       | 97.62% |
| River        | 93.68% |
| Estuary      | 92.73% |
| Ocean        | 96.40% |

## Awards

Our celebration assembly and awards will return after half-term.

## Amazing Achievements

If your child has achieved something amazing, and you would like to share it with the school, please email the office so it can be featured in the next 'amazing achievements' section on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**.

# Sunset and Breakfast Club

Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024



Breakfast Club booking form – <https://forms.gle/waxgcsSPXYMDxm7BA>

Sunset Club booking form - <https://forms.gle/duYByih6ajhaMmtk6>

Booking forms can be found on the school website here:

<https://www.condoverschool.co.uk/breakfast-and-sunset-club/>

## Activities, workshops and information



 **COME ALONG TO OUR** **£5**  
ENTRY PER FAMILY

# Halloween Disco

**ALL WELCOME**

**FRIDAY**  
**25TH OCTOBER**  
**FROM 6PM - 8PM**

**APPLE BOBBING, PUMPKIN BOWLING, CRAFTS,  
DISCO, FANCY DRESS, HOT FOOD, BAR, TUCK SHOP  
TATTOOS & MORE ...  
AT DORRINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

BOOK TICKETS WITH MEGAN PUGH AT ST EDWARDS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL - 01743718462 EMAIL : ADMIN@STEDWARDSPRIMARYSCHOOL.CO.UK



Hello from the **Family Information Service** (FIS for short).  
Our job is to give you the info and resources you need to help your family life run a little smoother. We can help with:

- Childcare - finding it and advice on paying for it
- Local baby and toddler groups
- Events, clubs, activities, and fun things to do in the school holidays, for all ages
- Getting parenting and family support
- Finding health and wellbeing support

We cover everything and anything to do with family life, so if you have a question, chances are we'll be able to help, or if we can't, we'll point you in the direction of someone who can.

**Follow us on social media for all the latest news and info.**



[www.shropshire.gov.uk/fis](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/fis)

# Meet n Chat SEND

Hosted by Shropshire Early Help

A chance for families of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) to get support with general SEND enquires. You can chat with people from Early Help, Education, Health and the Parent and Carer Council (PACC)

**Sunflower House Family Hub, Kendal Road,  
Shrewsbury, SY1 4ES**

Tuesday 20 August 2024, 1.30pm-3pm

**Raven House, Market Drayton Family Hub,  
129 Cheshire Street, TF9 3AH**

Tuesday 17 September 2024, 1pm-3pm

**Bridgnorth Youth Centre, Bridgnorth  
Family Hub, 45 Innage Lane, WV16 4HS**

Tuesday 15 October, 1.30pm-4pm

**Meole Brace Primary School Family  
Drop-in, Church Road, SY3 9HG**

Thursday 7 November 2024,

9.30am-12 noon



Shropshire, Telford  
and Wrekin



**TICKETS  
AVAILABLE  
ONLINE NOW**

# BONFIRE & FIREWORKS

*At Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre*

## Saturday 26th October

**Food Stalls Fairground Rides  
Glow Sticks and Flashing Toys**

In advance: £6.00 per adult, £4.00 per child, Under 3's free

On the night: £7.00 per adult, £5.00 per child, Under 3's free

Gates open 5pm, bonfire lit 7pm, fireworks 7.30pm

No sparklers  
No dogs

Off-site  
parking

Gates close  
at 7.15pm

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[www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk](http://www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk)

[info@shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk](mailto:info@shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk)

01588 676060

School Road, Craven Arms SY7 9RS

A registered charity: 1158795



## October Half Term Activity

# HOGWEEDS' SCHOOL OF MAGIC

Calling all young witches and wizards, your classes await....

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER TO  
FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER  
1PM - 2.30PM

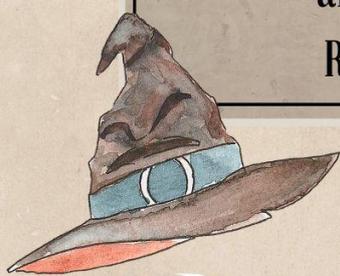


Join us for a taster session for Hogweeds' School of Magic. Have your training wand pick you and release the magic as you join divination, herbology and care of magical creatures.

Recommended age 4 - 11 years.

£4.50 per child.

Must be accompanied by an adult.



Booking essential, book online.



[www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk](http://www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk)

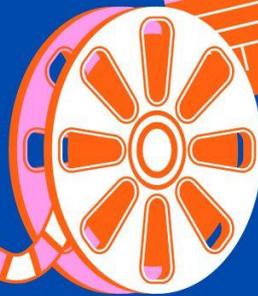
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**CINEMA  
SNACKS AND  
THEMED  
CRAFTS**



**WEDNESDAY  
30<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER**

**FILM  
STARTS  
AT  
3PM**

**TICKETS  
ADULT £6.00  
CHILD £4.00**

[www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk](http://www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk)



**Shropshire Hills  
Discovery Centre**

01588 676 060

Booking essential  
Book online



# OCT/NOV TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

If you can't make the date or time all paid for talks are recorded and available for 48 hours afterwards

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

| <b>FREE SESSIONS</b><br><b>Introduction to Facing Defiance</b><br><b>Decreasing Depression</b> | <b>24 OCT</b><br><b>25 NOV</b> |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Anxiety Explained  | 17 OCT                         |
| Understanding Anger  | 21 OCT                         |
| Autism: Improving Communication  | 28 OCT                         |
| Introduction to OCD  | 29 OCT                         |
| Improving Family Communication   | 4 NOV                          |
| Anxiety-Based School Avoidance   | 12 NOV                         |
| Anxiety Explained  | 14 NOV                         |
| Understanding Anger  | 18 NOV                         |
| Drug Awareness for Parents   | 19 NOV                         |
| Supporting Healthy Screen Use  | 21 NOV                         |
| What is ACT?   | 26 NOV                         |
| Understanding Addictive Behaviour  | 28 NOV                         |

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

# **“Find out more about Autism support in Shropshire”**

**Wednesday 6th Nov 2024 -  
Oswestry Library**

**Wednesday 13th Nov 2024 -  
Bridgnorth Library**

**9.30am-12**

## **Autism Awareness event for all ages**

**We will be available to offer information, advice & guidance for children, young people and adults at any stage of diagnosis.**

**Come & join us for an informal chat.**

**We look forward to seeing you**

**The event will be hosted by Autism West Midlands and the Shropshire Adult Autism Hub**



**If you have any questions, please email  
[Pip.Long@Shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Pip.Long@Shropshire.gov.uk)**

**autism**  
west midlands

# CROSS HOUSES BIG CHRISTMAS FAIR

SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 10.30AM-3.30PM  
@CROSS HOUSES COMMUNITY CENTRE SY5 6JG

SHREWSBURY MALE VOICE CHOIR  
2 SHIRES PIZZA'S

A VARIETY OF FABULOUS CRAFT STALLS

Caricature ARTIST  
TIPSY TOM'S

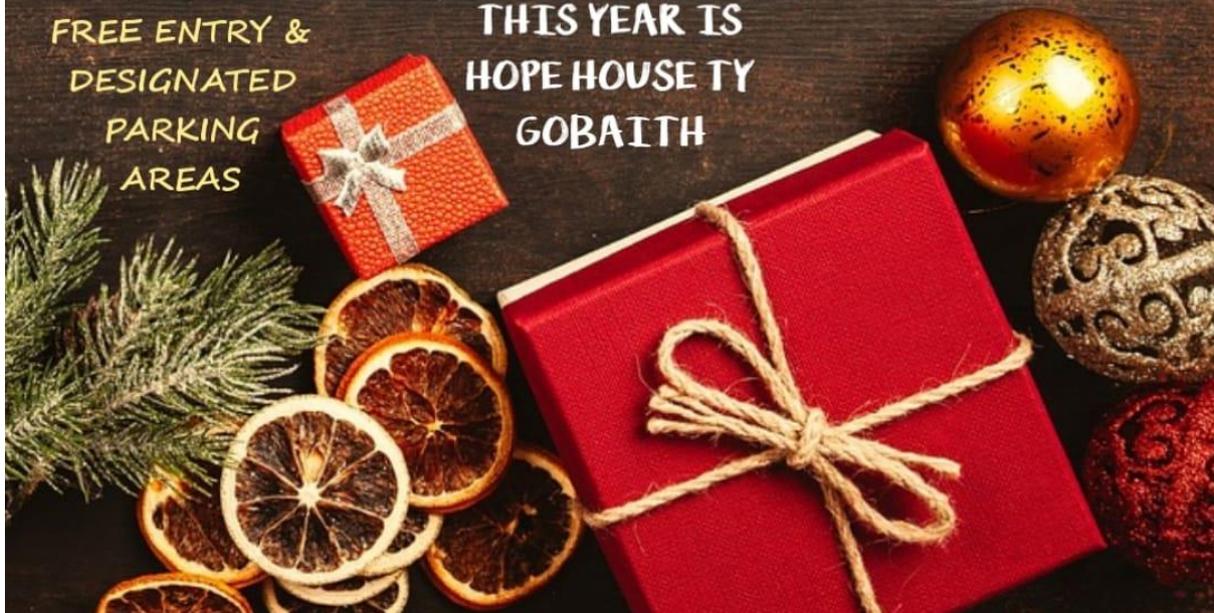
PLUS MUCH MORE

CHOSEN CHARITY



FREE ENTRY &  
DESIGNATED  
PARKING  
AREAS

THIS YEAR IS  
HOPE HOUSE TY  
GOBAITH





FOUNDATION  
The Club's Official Charity

score  
**BIG**  
on  
**FUN**

Make new friends, learn new skills and get involved in holiday fun with Shrewsbury Town FC.



**Shrewsbury Town Foundation is pleased to share their Soccer School dates for the October half-term.**

**Camps will be running from the 28th October to 1st November at both our Shrewsbury and Ludlow sites.**

**All soccer schools will run from 9 -3pm and will give kids, aged 5 - 11, the opportunity to develop a number of skills, as well as playing in small-sided games and tournaments. Each day is priced at £20 each and can be booked via the following link:**

**<https://foundationstfc.hivelink.co.uk/286/>**



# Protect our children!

**Parents and guardians:** Our kids are now most commonly abused online, via their mobile phones and games consoles. Do you know how to keep your kids safe?

Learn more about the dangers of kids being online and how you can keep them safe. Join our free one hour online parent awareness session to give yourself a head start in an ever changing digital world.

Scan the QR code to find out more about our awareness training and to sign up to one of our free sessions or go to [www.westmercia.police.uk/exploitworkshops](http://www.westmercia.police.uk/exploitworkshops)





Passionate about  
nurturing our children's  
minds through nurturing  
our own

Join Our Online

Conscious Parenting

# BOOK CLUB

Starting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov '24

**8PM-9.15PM**

**Book:** *No Drama-Discipline*  
by Daniel Siegel and Tina  
Payne Bryson

"This book club has made a big difference!  
Little things each week are helping me to be less  
shouty and more connected with my children."

£12.70  
per  
session

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By...



**Dr Maria Oviedo**  
GP, Parent Coach,  
SE Trainee

&



**Jodie Jones**  
Teacher, Education  
Advisor,  
Parent Coach



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Visit [www.nurtureinfused.com](http://www.nurtureinfused.com) to find out more!



# Baby on the way?

## Feel confident with our Family Foundations group

Is this your first baby together? Find out how Family Foundations could benefit your family, through one of our free, online, info sessions. Sessions will last 45 minutes with time for questions afterwards.

- Wed 6 Nov 2024, 5pm
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- Wed 18 Dec 2024, 5pm

Email [parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) to book

Find out  
more here



# Does your child struggle with their sleep?

## Free Sleep Tight Workshops

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face workshops and:

- Find out why sleep is important for our health and emotional wellbeing
- Get support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines
- Meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences

**Our next Workshops start:**

**Sleep Tight on Thursday 19th September 2024 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm Virtually via MS Teams**

**Sleep Tight SEND Friday 20th September 2024 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Wilfred Owen School, Shrewsbury, SY2 5SH**

**Sleep Tight SEND on Thursday 7th November 2024 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm Virtually via MS Teams**

To book a place email [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) or call 01743 250950

Find out  
more here



**Have a lovely half-term!**

**The Staff Team**