



# NEWSLETTER

Selattyn C. E. Primary School

10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

This terms Collective Worship theme is: **COURAGE**

**Small School, Big Heart**

## Welcome back

Welcome back to the very icy start to Spring term. Thank you for your support with changes due to the icy conditions. Please continue to be extra careful accessing the site during the wintery weather and ensure you wear sensible shoes. This term we welcome Mrs Abercrombie as teacher in Class 3 on

Wednesdays and Thursday afternoons and Mrs Catherine Nicholson as Administration assistant who will work in the office on Wednesday mornings. Miss Astles has also returned from her maternity leave as lunch supervisor. We welcome them all to the team and are looking forward to working together.

## After-school Clubs

	After-school Club	
<b>MON</b>	Football – Key stage 2	Years 3 - 6
	Big Badgers – Mindfulness / Colouring	All years
<b>TUES</b>	Football – Key stage 1	Reception – Year 2
	Big Badgers – Construction	All years
	Chess Club – Key stage 2	Years 3 - 6
<b>WED</b>	Art Club	All years
	Big Badgers – Just dance	All years
	<b>SATS Club – Year 6 (no charge)</b>	Year 6
<b>THUR</b>	Athletics / Circuit training – Key stage 2	Years 3 - 6
	Big Badgers – Topic Theme	All years
	Gardening club	Year 2 - 6
<b>FRI</b>	Multi-sports – Key stage 1	Reception – Year 2
	Big Badgers – Jigsaws & Board games	All years

All our after-school clubs restart next Monday and will run to February half term. We have had a few changes: Selattyn Helpers has now ended but we have a new gardening club starting on Thursdays which will be run by our new teacher Mrs Abercrombie. Chess Club has now moved to Tuesdays and will be run by Mr Shepherd. Please log onto ParentPay to book any clubs.

## Text Service

Due to costs, we will no longer be using the Teachers2Parents text messaging service from March. We will instead use ClassDojo as our primary means of communicating with Parents. Please ensure you have access to ClassDojo and notifications enabled on your device so you do not miss any key messages.

## Reading the Game

This half term Year will be taking part in the 'Reading the Game' programme with Shrewsbury Town in the Community. The programme captures the motivational power of football and sport to inspire young people to read more and improve their English skills.

## SATS Club

All year 6 pupils are invited to take part in SATS clubs which will be on Wednesdays with Mr Smaje. There is no charge for SATS club. To sign up, please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/PCZGmBBcFS>

## Applications to Reception September 2025

The deadline for applications to start reception in September 2025 close on 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please ensure you have submitted your application with Shropshire by this date. Please remind any family & friends as well.

## Diary Dates

### Next week

<b>Mon</b>	PE – Class 3 & 4 3:30 – 4:30 After-school clubs
<b>Tue</b>	Piano lessons PE – Class 3 & 4 3:30 – 4:30 After-school clubs
<b>Wed</b>	3:30 – 4:30 After – school clubs
<b>Thur</b>	Positive Leap PE – Class 1 & 2 3:30 – 4:30 After-school clubs
<b>Fri</b>	9am – 10:25 Little Badgers - - toddler & parent / carer group PE – Class 2 & 3 3:30 – 4:30 After-school clubs

### Future Dates

16th, 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Indoor Athletics @ The Marches School
20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Author visit – Class 1
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Reflection & prayer morning
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Break for half term

## Visitors to School this week

James Murphy – Sports coach  
Neil Homer – Shrewsbury Town  
Foundation  
Patrick Gough – Piano lessons  
Nikki Hill – Chair of Governors

## Big Question of the week

If you could take a pill that meant you would never fail, would you?

## Highest Attendance:

Whole School: 96.43%

Class 1: 96.05%

Class 2: 96.05%

Class 3: 100%

Class 4: 93.75%

# CLASS NEWS

## Class 1

It was lovely to welcome all the children back after the Christmas break and begin our new, and very apt topic this week, Winter! We were lucky enough to be able to go out and experience the cold, ice and snow first hand, giving lots of opportunity for scientific enquiry and experimentation. (Photos on Class Dojo) We also began our class text 'Be Brave Little Penguin' by Giles Andreae, which not only fits in with our Winter theme, but links with our worship theme of 'Courage'. On Tuesday, we started our history topic 'Explorers'. The children made a list of equipment, that an explorer would need to pack, for an expedition. Over the coming weeks, our playhouse will be turned into a 'Polar Ice Station', perfect for spotting polar animals. Exciting times ahead! Have a great weekend everyone!

## Class 2

Happy New Year to everyone! We've had a very busy -and rather cold- week, but it is good to be back and for me to be here every day! We began by reflecting on last year and thinking about the year ahead and what we would like to achieve. On Wednesday we enjoyed our first session with Coach Neil from Shrewsbury Town 'Reading the Game' programme. The children loved thinking about the importance of sport in our lives and the community and then had a go at improving their football control skills. In maths, we have been thinking about place value of numbers and our times table knowledge. We have also started our new History topic 'The Great Fire of London' which is exciting (and rather topical!). We are looking forward to learning more in all our subjects next week.

## Class 3

It was great to see everybody back in class on Tuesday and telling me about their Christmas holidays, I'm so pleased everybody had a lovely time. The children have started the new year well and have been working hard learning about co-ordinates and grid references. The children have been plotting points and drawing maps before plotting and labelling key places/points. We completed our work on personification, metaphors and similes in English, a number of thoughtful poems have been written about the seasons which will be recorded on 'See-Saw' next week. Please remember homework including reading books and diaries need to be brought in Monday. I hope you all have a great weekend!

## Class 4

A busy first week back to school. This week, we have looked at interpreting graphs in maths. In English, we have introduced our new text, 'The Call of the Wild' and have begun to look at the context of the story by looking at what a 'gold rush' is and famous examples in history. This term, we have made some slight changes to our weekly routines. Spellings will be introduced in school each Tuesday and students will have the full week to practise. I will send spellings home via Dojo as usual.

New dates are:

Times table tests: Mondays and Thursdays

Spelling test: Tuesdays

Change book band books: Monday - Wednesdays

If reading books have been completed, please look at a wider range through Bug Club/ read library book. As always, please feel free to ask if there are ever any questions. Have a lovely weekend!

