

THE LINK

Edition 6 13th October 2023



What a fantastic Sponsored Walk event last Friday! This amazing event is difficult to describe if you aren't part of it, so a huge thank you to year 11 Finley Middleton who has kindly recorded a fantastic video that captures the spirit of the walk, even after what turned out to be a damp experience for some. We look forward to sharing this with you very soon!

All year groups are now firmly on their routes through their respective curricula. The sequence of learning is not a mystery for pupils. Teachers have provided tracker sheets for pupils to stick in their books at the start of each unit of work which tells them where the learning will be taking them. Also, at the start of lessons, pupils continue to re-visit prior learning through 'retrieval tasks', encouraging them to think back and embed key knowledge in their long-term memory. Please do talk to your child/ren about this to find out what they are learning about and what they can remember!

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming parents & carers of year 10 pupils to the Progress Evening event. We hope that the opportunity to talk to subject teachers about the start that your child has made to their key stage 4 courses will be useful.

Finally, a reminder that tickets for Six, the musical are on sale, at a cost of £5 for adults, £4 for concessions. This promises to be a fantastic performance so please do support the pupils who are excited to showcase their work on 24th, 25th and 26th of October, doors opening at 6:15pm for a 7pm start, here at Church Stretton.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend

John Parr Headteacher

Tutor Time Take-away

This weeks' focus was on Online Safety. Please do ask your child about the topic and get them to explain to you what was discussed.



Dates for your Diary

Thurs 19th Oct - Year 10 Progress Report Evening

24th, 25th, 26th Oct - Church Stretton School presents
Six The Musical

27th Oct - PD Day

30th Oct - 3rd Nov - Half Term

Lunch Money

Please can you ensure that you top up your ParentPay account for school lunches. There is also a top up machine in the lunch hall where students can use coins or cash.

Nut Free School

We aim to be a nut free school. If your child brings packed lunches or snacks in from home please ensure (even if your child is not allergic) that they do not contain nuts or nut-products, in order to protect those in school with severe allergies. Our kitchen doesn't knowingly use nuts, however nut traces can be found in many products especially when manufactured in a factory alongside nut products.

Pupil Absence Procedure

Please click <u>here</u> for information regarding reporting a pupil absence. Thank you.

Next week will be Week B

English: KS3 Autumn Term



What are we learning, why are we learning it and how you can support.

Dear Students and Parents,

We are thrilled to welcome your children back to school for another exciting year of learning and growth in English at Church Stretton School! Here's a breakdown of what each year group will be getting up to this half-term alongside some useful links that will help you support their study.



Year 7 'Oliver Twist'



Why are we studying this?

"Oliver Twist" by Charles Dickens offers our students an engaging introduction to Victorian literature, showcasing London's stark contrasts. Oliver, an innocent orphan, braves a world of crime and poverty, showing his great resilience. Dickens masterfully explores unfairness in society, highlighting themes of hope and kindness. This work serves as a foundation for understanding Dickens's storytelling techniques and character development, presenting iconic heroesand villains that enrich literary studies.

Links

- **Knowledge organiser**
- **Further Reading**

Year 9 'Jane Eyre'





Why are we studying this?

"Jane Eyre" by Charlotte Brontë immerses students in Victorian society, highlighting its rigid norms, particularly for women. Jane, a resilient and principled heroine, challenges these conventions, making her an exemplary study for students. Through her journey, learners deepen their understanding of the era and refine skills like thesis s ustainment, character evaluation, and thematic analysis. Central themes include childhood, Christianity, morality, hypocrisy, and social class, equipping students for future literary explorations.

Links

- **Knowledge organiser**
- **Further Reading List**

How can you support?

- Below each unit description you will find links to useful resources that can be used to increase students' knowledge and help them read around the subject.
- Don't forget to look at our curriculum page which includes the Programme of Study and all our us eful links and resources.

Year 8 'Sherlock Holmes'





Why are we studying this?

"Sherlock Holmes" offers students a deep dive into detective genre conventions, emphasizing plot and character development. As Year 8 students explore duality in characters, especially in Holmes, they'll sharpen their a nalytical skills and grasp ideas about the Victorian era in greater detail. Holmes' interactions, particularly with Irene Adler, provide insights into Victorian attitudes towards women. These captivating stories, set in Victorian London, not only challenge students' critical thinking but also immerse them in historical contexts, enriching their literary studies.

Links

- **Knowledge organiser**
- **Further Reading List**



English: KS4 Autumn Term



What are we learning, why are we learning it and how you can support.

GCSE English Language and Literature,

We are ready to support our students with the challenges and opportunities presented by their GCSE studies. Starting with Literature, KS4 students begin by tackling two literary heavyweights, "Macbeth" and "A Christmas Carol."



Year 10 'Macbeth'





Why are we studying this?

"Macbeth," set in medieval Scotland, is a brilliant way for students to start their GCSE Literature studies. This Shakespearean tragedy is enriched for students through their KS3 study of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "The Tempest." These plays help students deeply appreciate "Macbeth's" intricate narrative, Shakespeare's powerful use of language, and the overarching themes of human desire and conflict, offering a holistic view of Shakespeare's exploration of human nature.

Links

- Knowledge Organiser
- GCSE Bitesize Link

Reading and Enrichment

Miss Evans' Masterclasses



Creative Writing Club

Book Club



Year 11 'A Christmas Carol'





Why are we studying this?

"A Christmas Carol" by Dickens explores the human spirit, redemption, and compassion in Victorian London. Students can draw on their extensive knowledge of the Victorian era secured in KS3. Following Ebenezer Scrooge's transformative journey spurred by spectral visitors, students gain insight into the era's societal disparities, from wealth to dire poverty. Dickens's vivid portrayal enhances understanding of the story's themes and Victorian values. Beyond a festive narrative, this novella provides an in-depth look at the moral and societal intricacies of the time.

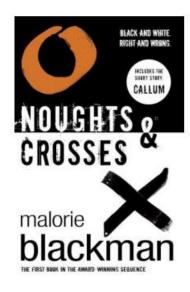
Links

- Knowledge Organiser
- GCSE Bitesize Link



Already, as part of our Black
History Month competition, we have received some fantastic reviews of books by black authors.





Noughts and Crosses - Malorie Blackman

'Noughts and Crosses' is a dystopian story where the roles of black and white people are reversed. In the book white people are labelled as 'noughts' and are seen as lower-class citizens, while black people are named 'crosses' and are seen to have more power in the world.

The book focuses on a nought called Callum McGregor and a cross named Persephone Hadley, or Sephy for short. The two fall in love as young teenagers and are forced to face the contrasting and intolerant world around them.

I loved reading 'Noughts and Crosses' and the rest of the series, and I would highly recommend it to others.

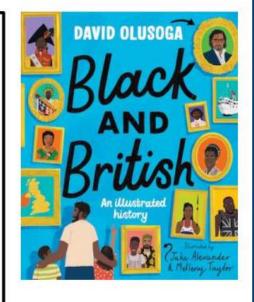
By Lexi Foulger, Year 8

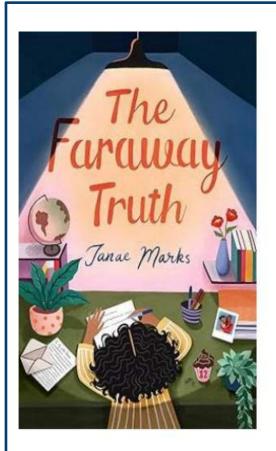
'Black and British' by David Olusoga

Black and British a short and essential history gave me insight into black history in Britian. I learnt about Aurelian Moors from North Africa who settled in Roman communities along Hadrian's walls in the first century AD. The book then talked to me about the establishment of the slave trade during the 16th century, and the black enslaved people who lived in Britian during the Georgian period. It then taught me about the abolition movement and the reliance of the industrial revolution on slavery. David Olusoga explains how the Victorians colonised Africa, carving up countries and splitting communities. I learnt about Black soldiers who served in the first and second world wars, about institutionalised racism in the second half of the 20th century, and about the Windrush scandal and the 2020 Black lives matter protests.

This book is fascinating and the information is clearly presented, I like the maps and pictures of the people and places it discusses. I believe that this book is essential reading for all Key stage 3 children and that all areas in the book should be in the national curriculum, so every child grows up understanding the contribution of black people to Britain.

Dora Turner, Year 8





'The Faraway Truth' written by Janae Marks

Janae Markes writes about injustice and racism in this book that are appropriate for a young reader like myself, and others. She is not shy with telling the truth about the systems in place. But also mixes it with an uplifting story that comforts every reader.

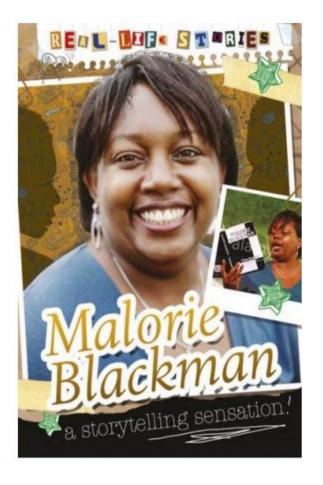
Zoe is a twelve-year-old girl who loves baking, and it is her dream to compete in a baking competition, throughout the book she never gave up on that dream of the being a baker. On her twelfth birthday she receives a letter from her imprisoned father. Throughout the book we learn about why her father ended up where he is, and we also told that he may be innocent. She goes on adventures with a friend Trevor to find the people that can prove her father's innocence.

Evie Perry, Year 8

'Malorie Blackman - Real Life Stories'

I really loved reading about Malorie Blackman and how she loved writing stories. I think it's really interesting how she inspires kids to write their own stories and not to give up on their goals. I think her life is really interesting as she worked in a computer job and decided to continue writing and eventually she reached her goal. To me, I think that Malorie showed that you should never give up on your goals and it's inspiring. She's definitely inspired me to write stories. She writes some of the best stories I have ever read.

Amelia Pearson, Year 8



This week in photos

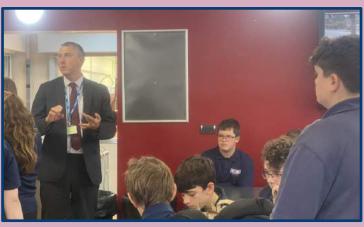










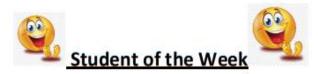


Celebrating Success

Clara Powis, champion fundraiser, has raised a further £3,024 for Hope House Children's Hospice, bringing the grand total she has raised for the charity to a whopping £36,000. She has tirelessly carried out various fundraisers, but her latest one involved co-ordinating a convey of over 50 amazing and vintage vehicles, which was enjoyed by many as it travelled along the streets!







Winners and nominees for this week are listed below....

This week's winners

KS3 Winner

<u>Libby Seaborne</u> nominated by Mrs Scott for a super effort and drive to learn in maths.

KS4 Winner

Guy Keath nominated by Ms Sollars for outstanding contributions in history.



This week's nominations:

KS3 Nominations

Student Name	Nominated by	Reason for Nomination For all the hard work, dedication and resilience in Spanish		
Luke Berry	Mr Vera			
Vea Ongsit	Mrs Scott	For continuous outstanding effort and work in maths		
Isabelle Page	Mr Balmer	True dedication to her studies - well done!		
Agatha Wright	Miss Evans	For showing an increased confidence to contribute to discussions within English and for being the only person to work out Sherlock Holmes' plan before we read it! Very impressive!		
Will Morgan	Miss Evans	For always conscientiously and quietly doing what's expected. Will never makes a fuss and tries hard in lessons. A model student.		
Marcus Cordingley	Mr Seager	Marcus has made an excellent start this term. His work in class has been fantastic! Well done Marcus!		
Niamh Prosser	Mr Seager	Niamh has made an excellent start this term The work in her exercise book looks fantastic! Well done Niamh!		
Zachary Davis	Mr Seager	Zachary has made an excellent start this term. His work in class has been fantastic! Well done Zachary!		
Beau Salisbury	Mr Seager	Beau has made an excellent start this term. His work in class has been fantastic! Well done Beau!		
Jacob Purslow	Mrs Quye	Being a good and kind friend		
Jack Taylor	Mrs Quye	Showing resilience		

KS4 Nominations

Student Name Nominated by		Reason for Nomination	
Harley Davis	Mr Balmer	A really great week in English!	
Izzy Strelitz	Br Balmer	An absolutely fantastic work-ethic and dedication to her studies!	
Leila Jones	Mr Balmer	Leila is consistently working really well in lessons - well done Leila!	
Sunny Rose Pritchard	Mrs Scott	Great commitment to work in maths	

Abbi Williams	Miss Evans	For sharing my passion of Lady Macbeth! Her enthusiasm, kindness and hard working attitude is admirable!		
Lily Jervis	Miss Evans	For always trying hard in lessons and presenting her work beautifully. Lily lacks confidence at times but she i proving she can do it every day!		
Isaac Hall	Mrs Butler	For stepping up to the challenge of making gluten free pastry and making a FANTASTIC frittata!		
Ethan Leigh	Mrs Butler	For stepping up to the challenge of making gluten free pastry and making a FANTASTIC frittata (despite his doubts).		
Oscar Zlotowitz	Miss Evans	Providing excellent and insightful answers in lessons and being the first person to volunteer to read his thesis statement. Always eager to please- well done Oscar, keep up the hard work!		
Courtney Morris	Miss Evans	Superb commitment to her studies and excellent retention of details when studying A Christmas Carol.		
Tate Crippin	Ms Gajny	Fantastic written response to a question.		
Ashley Holdsworth	Ms Gajny	Great knowledge and focus in lessons.		
Serena Vickory	Mr Seager	Serena has made an excellent start this term. The quality of her work has been fantastic! Well done Serena!		
Elsa Lovelock	Mr Seager	Elsa has made an excellent start this term. The quality of her work has been wonderful! Well done Elsa!		



	Extra-curricular activities Autumn term 2023-24							
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
Lunchtime	KS4 Drama Workshop	Year 8 and 9 Drama Club	Choir – B9 – AJC	Year 7 Drama Club	KS3 film club W6 LS			
	KS3 Netball- HH KS3 Boys Rugby-	Art Club KS3 Table Tennis - JS	KS4 Netball- HH KS4 Basketball – GK	Badminton KS3- PW KS3+4 Football – JS +	Badminton KS4- PW			
	GK	Volleyball- GK Fitness- HH Leadership Club- LD Orchestra – B9 - AJC	Dance Club- AB Year 7 STEM club in B3-DF & KC	GK	Sport Studies Catch up- G4- HH			
After school 3.30				School Show Rehearsal	School Show Rehearsal			
start	Girls Rugby –GK Hockey – MW Monday Night Noise – B9 – AJC/TR	9,10 &11 Football – GK Girls Football – HH + JS X Country - YG	Netball all Years – HH + AB Gym Club – TW/AR Dungeons & Dragons Club	(KS4) Boys Basketball – GK Girls Basketball- HH Portfolio Workshop (KS4)	(KS4)			

PE Activities Drama Activities (Studio) Art Activities (B10) Music Activities (B9) Other Activities





Not sure what advice to give your child? Our pointers have got you covered.

- Be careful about talking to people you don't know and trust in real life anyone can pretend to be a
 child online. If you do talk to people you don't know, don't give away personal information such as
 what street you live on or where you go to school, or share your location with them. Say no to any
 requests they send you for images or videos of yourself and stop talking to them.
- Set your profiles to private, to limit what others can see.
- Think carefully about what you share and with whom. Once you've shared an image, you've no
 control over what the other person does with it. Remember, it's illegal to take, share or view sexual
 images of under-18s, full stop.
- 4. Be mindful of your digital footprint. What you post online now could come back to bite you later, like when applying for jobs, college, or university
- If you see something upsetting, or someone bullies you, tell an adult you trust. Report it too.
- When reading news online, ask yourself what the source is, when it was published, and whether it could be a hoax or made up. Read beyond the headline too.
- Remember, people try to make their lives look more exciting and
 interesting online. There is a lot people can do with photo editing
 to make their photos look better. So, don't assume everything you see is a true-to-life representation.
- Watch out for hoaxes and scams, like messages you're meant to forward on or that ask you for payment details or your password.
- 9. Take any content that seems to glamourise gang lifestyles with a very large pinch of salt it's not as glamourous as it looks. Be wary of schemes promising easy cash for receiving and transferring money too, they're almost definitely criminal activity.
- 10. Watch out for loot boxes or other parts of games where you pay money to take a chance on getting a reward – you can get sucked into spending lots of money on them.

Don't feel confident starting a conversation with your child about what they're up to online? Read this advice from the NSPCC: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety

Further information

- Ban kids from loot box gambling in games', BBC News, 12 September 2019 https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-49661870
- How to spot fake news, Childline https://www.childline.org.uk/get-involved/articles/how-to-spot-fake-news/
- 'Rescue and Reponse county lines project: strategic assessment 2019, Greater London Authority https://www.london.gov.uk/mopac-publications/rescue-and-response-pan-london-county-lines-service
- Home, Money Mules https://moneymules.co.uk/
- Sharing nudes and semi-nudes; advice for education settings working with children and young people. GOV.UK Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, UK Council for Internet Safety https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sexting-in-schools-and-colleges



If you see something online that makes you feel upset, anxious or uncomfortable ...

- ✓ Step away from it
- Tell an adult you trust, like a parent or teacher
- ✓ Don't delete or respond to it
- Report it in the app or on the website



Mr Longhurst or Mrs Quye

Talk to

any time



You can also call these helplines at any time:

Childline: 0800 1111 NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

10 ways to stay safe online!

Do

- Think before you post: only say online what you'd be happy to say in real life
- Set your profiles to private
- Block and report any content that concerns you
- Share what you do online with adults you trust
- √ Tell an adult if anything upsets you

Don't

- X Believe everything you see
- X Trust everyone is who they say they are
- Give out any personal information (like your name, age or address)
- X Meet up with anyone you've met online
- X Post anything online that you want to keep private

Science Book Club Reviews 2023

Many thanks to the students that wrote reviews for the Science Book club last academic year.

Below are the final reviews to be published from 22/23 academic year.

Beyond The Sky - Dara O'Briain

Reviewed by Rose Lovelock

" 4.5 STARS

Incredibly funny. It shows you every thing about the universe even the difficult and things we can only guess about. Seems incredibly easy at first but it is not. It gets so detailed without you knowing which is such a clever way to give knowledge."

Does anything eat wasps? New scientist

Reviewed by Rose Lovelock

"Does anything eat wasps is a helpful book which teaches you lots of different things. The questions in it go into the crooks of mankind. Going from aeroplane toilet lights to how fat do you need to be bullet proof. It proves everything relates to science."

Lessons in chemistry - Bonnie Garmus

Reviewed by Rose Lovelock

A great book. Great amount of dram including a sudden death. Apart from that comical. The main character is funny without knowing she is funny. Each character is comical in their own way, even the dog."

Kay's marvellous medicine - Adam Kay

Reviewed by Eleanor Merrill

"Rating ***** - 5 stars

I really enjoyed this book! Adam kay is a very talented author, writing books that are packed with comedy but also contain thousands of facts that you didn't know. My favourite thing about this book has to be Adam's frequent references to his naughty dog pippin (she gets the blame for almost everything)! This book taught me lots of historical information and to be extremely thankful that I live in the 21st century (believe me, if you were ill in any period of history, you would be worried about many things other than your illness)! I would recommend this book to anyone prepared for gory but fascinating journey through historical health."

In the key of code - Aimee Lucido

Reviewed by Esther Johnson

"This book made me think: 'Why don't I get coding like that? I might understand it better in a few years or months.' I would recommend it to people who get coding—if you don't there is a glossary at the back (very handy). I found I could relate to Emmy—new school, new friends, trying to fit in.

The extraordinary life of Greta Thunberg - Devika Jina, Petra Braun

Reviewed by Oliver Edwards

Its very interesting how Greta inspires young voices to do what she has done. She has risked her future of becoming rich to save everyone's future. I like how it tells you about her past to present and does not only mention what she has done, but why she has done it.

She also explains that having Aspergers has not stopped her from achieving her dreams.

The extraordinary life of Greta Thunberg - Devika Jina, Petra Braun

Review by Phoebe Pote

"I found this book very inspirational and moving. It has a lot of interesting facts about Climate Change and has inspired me to do more to help the planet. I would absolutely recommend this book to most people I know! It was also a good book because it taught me about things such as the #FridayForFuture movement! Definitely 10/10 rating.

The Joy of Science - Jim Al-Khalili

Reviewed by Isabelle Page

"PRE-FACE: Talks about how rainbows form. Did you know that no two people see it the same?

INTRODUCTION: Talks about how the big technique relates to physics.

CHP 1: If you think something is true or not true about day to day life.

CHP 3: Talks about how interesting mysteries about space are interesting but need to be solved.

CHP 4: Talks about if you struggle to understand something you can always try.

Blood, Bullets and Bones - Bridget Heos

Reviewed by Isabelle Page

"I've enjoyed reading Blood, Bullets and Bones. It kept me interested. When I'm older I'll enjoy it in it's fullest detail."

Rude Science - Stefan Gates

Review by Eleanor Merrill

" ***** 5/5

I really enjoyed this book! Stefan Gates uses humorous comments to make each page hilarious which really made me laugh out loud. Behind all the comedy though, this book teaches you not to be embarrassed about the completely normal functions of the human body. It taught me lots of interesting (and gross) facts that I didn't know. I would recommend this book to anyone who is eager to learn more about the human body and likes to have a laugh. This book is also perfect for fans of Adam Kay."

The many worlds of Albie Bright - Christopher Edge

Reviewed by Esther Johnson

"I would definitely recommend this book. Its full of humour. But also, sadness. When Albie's (Albert) mum dies, he goes on a mission to find out where she's gone. His dad says something vague about parallel universes and quantum physics. Then that leads Albie to finding out that if he travels to a parallel universe, he'll get his mum back!

Multiple changes can lead to extremely different circumstances though in another universe. This book will leave you not wanting to put it down. It's gripping and definitely not a story to miss out on!"

Girl Code: Gaming, going viral, and getting it done - Andrea Gonzales and Sophie Houser

Reviewed by Rose Lovelock

"5 STARS

Amazing and inspiring. Girl code shows you that you can change the world when you are a teenager. It shows you not to be ashamed of who you are because of the taboo. It screams how you can do anything you want to and follow your dreams. "

The Fourteenth Goldfish - Jennifer L. Holm

Reviewed by Rose Lovelock

" ****

Good book on a youth seeking grandpa. Imaginative, fun and empathetic. "



Tickets Now On Sale from School Reception & Vines

The cast of 'Six' will be holding a raffle during the week of the show. If you are able to offer your support by donating a prize, please drop it off at School Reception for the attention of Miss Chapman.

Stretton Live Lounge

Featuring:

Fortyfive

(Year 11 Band)



19th October 2023





What's on - Music

Monday 3.30 – 5.00 - Monday Night Noise

Tuesday 12.45 – 1.15 - Orchestra For all instrumentalists

Wednesday 12.45 – 1.15 – Choir New members welcome

Please collect Lunchtime passes at breaktime

Thursday 19th 12.45 - 1.15 - Stretton Live Lounge
A lunchtime concert featuring
'Fortyfive'

(Year 11 Band)

Entry through the outside door opposite Mrs Fletcher's Art room.

£1 entry to include cake!



Composer of the Week is: Vivaldi

Research this composer and present your findings in an interesting way – poster, fact file, 'Facebook' profile, bunting, magazine article or however you want ... be creative!

House Points available for your amazing work

Email your work to Miss Chapman or bring it to B9.

Would you like to learn a musical instrument?

Classic FM suggest that playing a musical instrument makes you smarter ... "Einstein once said: "Life without playing music is inconceivable to me. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music... I get most joy in life out of music". And as it turns out, Einstein was onto something: many studies show a correlation between musical training and academic success, in both children and adults. Learning to play an instrument stimulates the brain, improving functions like memory and abstract reasoning skills, which are essential for maths and science." Classic FM Website.

They list other reasons to learn an instrument, including that it helps with time management, builds confidence, relieves stress and finally ...
it's fun!!



To find out more visit: www.shropshiremusicservice.org.uk Church Stretton School Presents...



Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th
October 2023
7:00pm
(Doors Open 6:15pm)

Tickets - £5 / £4 Students and Under 16
Available from school reception, Vine&Co and
ParentPay

This amateur production of SIX: TEEN EDITION is presented by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.www.concordtheatricals.co.uk







Taster Days & Events

Taster Days:



1st December 2023

Introduction Day:



6th June 2024

Open Days:



14th October 2023 10:00am - 12:30pm



3rd February 2024 10:00am - 12:30pm



15th June 2024 10:00am - 12:30pm

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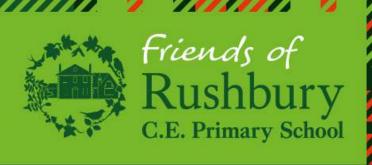












SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2023

5:30PM TO 9PM - FOOD AT 5:30PM, DANCING STARTS AT 6PM

RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL

MAINS & PUDDING INCLUDED
ADULT TICKET £15 | CHILD TICKET (5-15) £5 | UNDER 5°S FREE

EVERYONE WELCOME

TICKETS FOR SALE AT RUSHBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND VINE'S IN CHURCH STRETTON

Diana Griffiths School of Dance and Drama

Performing Arts





Workshop

Tuesday 31st
October &
Wednesday 1st
November
Dorrington Village Hall

Dorrington Village Hall 9am -5pm

Dance ~ Act ~ Sing

Ages 6-18

To BOOK your place, contact Cathy EMAIL: cathymgriffiths@gmail.com

PHONE: 07570966006

