



THE CORBET SCHOOL
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The Corbet News

April 2026





Dr J Tinker Headteacher



I always love the spring term; it starts in the depths of winter and by the end of term it is feeling much more hopeful although I am hoping that we have more warm, sunny and bright days to see us through the Easter break. I think that we have had a few promises of spring but it has not arrived in full force just yet.

It has been a busy term, as you can see from the newsletter, with lots to celebrate. Congratulations, as always, to the pupils who took part in a variety of events, including the Oswestry Music Festival and all our pupils representing us in a wide variety of sports. The newsletter contains lots of individual and team news and it is great to be able to share with you the fantastic achievements of our pupils. The Year 10 mathematicians performed brilliantly in the annual Maths Challenge and Pi Day delivered some very creative responses from Year 8. MFL, DT, Art and the Library have shared their news from the term and World Book Day was another memorable and fun day for us all. I hope that you enjoy reading about the Ski Trip 2026, it certainly looks very beautiful and I know that the pupils and staff really enjoyed it.

I am always proud to be part of the Corbet community but this term we have excelled ourselves with our fundraising efforts with our charities week; keep an eye on our social media for photos and updates and it's not too late to make a donation on ParentPay. Your generosity during these difficult times is very much appreciated. The week would not have happened with the work of the Senior Ambassadors and Mr Simms, it has been a tremendous success and they should be very proud. A huge thank you to the CFA who supported us on Wellbeing Wednesday with their tuck shop, their support with the Year 7 disco and Easter Chocolate Bingo.

We are moving into an exciting phase of the building project now and will be in touch with you after Easter to share more details and get your thoughts on the possible designs and finishes. As far as I am aware the badgers are happily settled and not causing us any further problems. It is lovely to see the Wellbeing Garden full of spring blooms.

I do hope that you all enjoy a restful and happy Easter and look forward to seeing to all back safely in the new term.

Helen Scarisbrick Chair of Governors



Reading is the key to all learning and in a world where we all sit in front of screens, encouraging youngsters to pick up and enjoy a good book can be quite a challenge. 2026 is the National Year of Reading and the Trustees have been pleased to hear of all the ways in which reading is being encouraged at the Corbet. Recently there has been a real focus on reading through assemblies, displays, dressing up as a favourite book character on World Book Day and even a murder mystery being played out in the library. Our library is well stocked and well used.

I should like to thank Helen Fellows who has resigned from the Board. Helen was only with us for a short while but brought with her a deep knowledge of education processes and systems to share with the Board. May I wish her success in her new job.

Over the years the Corbet musicians have done us proud at the Oswestry Music Festival competing against other Shropshire schools. 2026 has been no exception. Our young musicians gained a clutch of commendations and merits with three third places and one first. The Board recognises how nerve racking performing can be in front of judges, other entrants, parents and teachers. To succeed musically requires much self-determination and to succeed in a band requires everyone to responsibly turn up to practice. The Board would like to thank those who teach and encourage our youngsters. Music at the Corbet sustains very high standards.

These successes bring yet another busy term to a close. The Board would like to send Year 11 Good Luck with their upcoming exams and we should like to wish the whole Corbet community a very Happy Easter.

Mrs H Scarisbrick

If you would like to contact the Chair of Governors, Mrs Helen Scarisbrick
please email the Clerk to the Governors,
ClerktoTrustee@corbetschool.net

Year 7 News

Our year 7 pupils are about to finish their second term here at the Corbet School and yet again we have had a very busy number of weeks. The pupils have settled well into their routines at school and are gaining in confidence in their old and new friendship groups.

Many pupils have enjoyed spending time at lunch attending clubs such as music, art, textiles, Warhammer and chess, whilst others prefer being on the courts outside. We are very open to new ideas for clubs, and I have asked the year group to come and talk to me about any new clubs they could offer and help to organise in the summer term.

This half term saw several of our year group compete in the Oswestry Music Festival and I am very proud that we have some brilliantly talented young musicians amongst us. We have 2 rock bands made up of Lila Ward, Millie Jones, Rohan Marmaras and Owen Lawson, and Olivia Williams, Sebby Canham and Ewan Sparks. They did superbly well as they were competing against much older pupils. Congratulations also go to Jemima Greenwood and Owen Lawson on their individual performances too.

Auditions are underway for the school production of We Will Rock You, and again it is so nice to see so many year 7's putting themselves forward for roles and getting involved.

Back in January I accompanied Mrs Squire and a lovely group of pupils to AICO in Oswestry for the morning. This was a team building workshop, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils, especially the goodie bag they got given at the end!

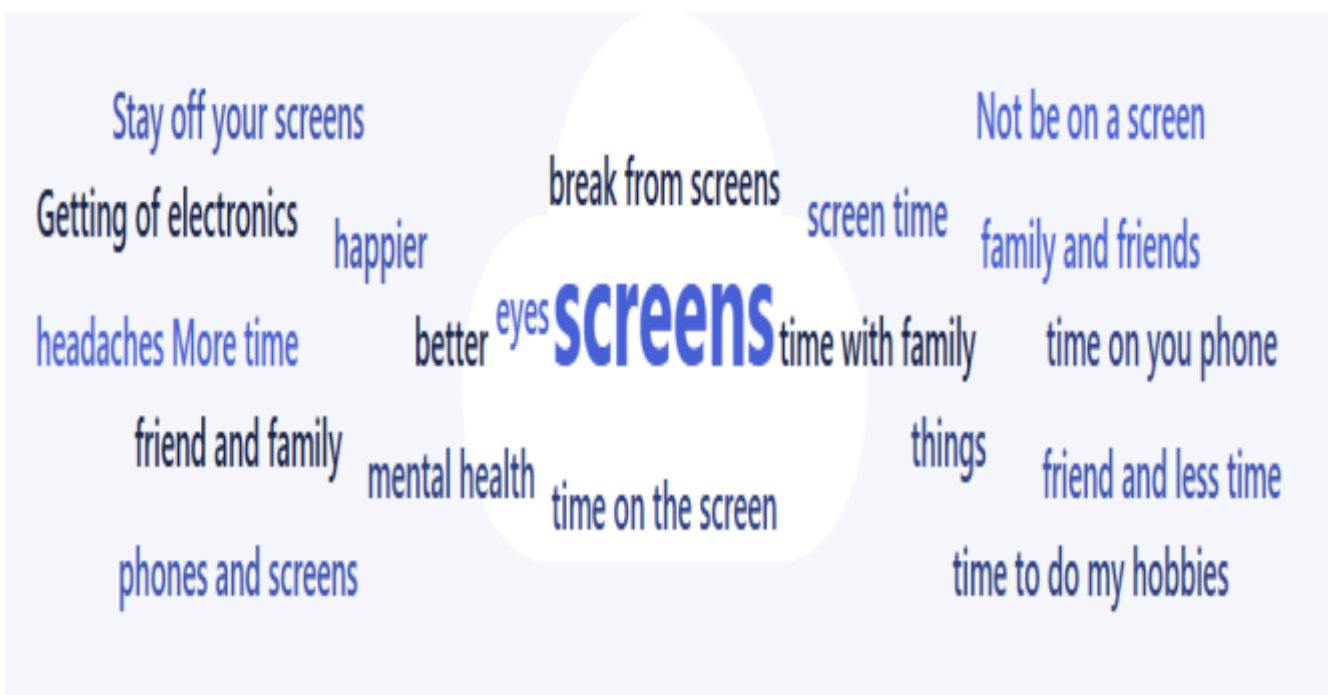


Year 7 News

We continue to field our year 7 football, rugby and netball teams, and we have seen some success (or some close matches at least), well done to all our players! You will have received your child's target bands and their latest interim reports recently. It was very pleasing to visit all the form groups during that week and to see so many positive reports and grades. On reflection, the gradings for the 'effort for homework' column were generally slightly lower across the cohort. We believe at the Corbet School that homework is an extension or a consolidation of the work we carry out in the classroom, and expect that every effort to engage in homework tasks is given. As the children move through their time at school they will be able to recognise strategies and techniques for themselves to succeed in class and homework tasks, particularly for independent learning.

This term, during tutor period we started a programme called Metacognition Mondays. These sessions, written by one of my colleagues, and delivered by our tutor team discuss how pupils learn, and offer those methods and techniques mentioned above. Some topics we have covered so far include; the importance of catching up, self regulation, thinking aloud, reflection and evaluation.

During other sessions in our week, we continue to promote silent reading, have whole school quizzes, assemblies (themes this term have included mental health and sleep, Science Week, Holocaust Memorial Day, Safer Internet Day, and World Book Day), and finally a session to promote wellbeing. This term I decided to encourage a DIGITAL DETOX with our year 7 pupils.



DIGITAL DETOX

When we hear or speak about the word **addiction** we often think drug, alcohol or gambling, and we quite rightly put importance and gravity around our understanding of it and often see a significant amount of support and guidance given medically and psychologically. Yet, when we speak or hear of **screen addiction** sometimes as a society we often shrug it off thinking that it is 'just a phase' or 'they'll grow out of it'. We, more than ever, are seeing the effects of screen addiction everyday. As a classroom teacher too, I can see these effects in real life: the need for instant gratification, less able to concentrate for longer periods of time, the temptation of checking for messages or notifications, the need for short sharp tasks just like flicking through Tiktok reels, less confident to communicate openly in front of others, and of course the upset and the emotional torment caused by 'chats' on various social media platforms. I am a mum, and I remember well those conversations in my head especially in year 7 of how to balance social media against 'will they be isolated?', 'will they be left out of invites to things?' coupled with the constant mumbling from my children: 'everyone else is on it mum-you're so strict', 'everyone else plays until midnight why can't I?' 'everyone else is on Snapchat- you're so unfair', and 'why do you make me leave my phone outside my bedroom- no one else's parents do that?'. It is really tricky to navigate, and it was super difficult to justify those decisions at the time. It is only now that my children are slightly older than yours that they appreciate those rules and expectations I put into place a few years ago. Now, more than ever is the time to put the boundaries in place before excessive amounts of time on screens become normalised, and our young people are exposed to chats on social media before they have the maturity to be involved in them.

During our Digital Detox sessions our tutors covered the science behind the 'hits' children get from screen time, but also the dangers. We covered the difficulties of coming out of a habit, we suggested things to do to come off their screens, we offered mindfulness ideas and we challenged our pupils to give up their screens every day for at least 30 minutes to try other things. I put out a questionnaire to the pupils recently and it was very interesting to read their replies. I appreciate that not all pupils are going to think that this was a good idea, but if we have reached out to some of our pupils, and have changed the way they perceive their screen time activity, and they have picked up an old hobby they had once forgotten about, or have eaten up the table with you without their phone firmly held in their hands waiting for the next notification then I am pleased. Continued....

DIGITAL DETOX SURVEY

As I finish writing this newsletter I am also preparing myself for our first Charities Week at the Corbet to raise funds for Young Minds. Mr Simms and our Senior Ambassadors have sent out lots of information to you all about the activities during the week, and I am particularly looking forward to our Year 7 disco on Wednesday evening !

I wish all of our Year 7s a lovely Easter break, time spent away from screens, and a good rest!

Mrs Sarah Roberts

Head of Year 7 - Teacher of French & Spanish

6. During your detox did you try out any of the following?

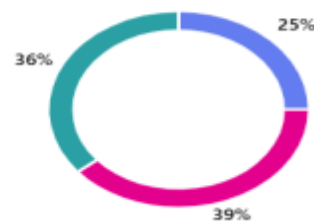
[More details](#)

● sports/ walking	38
● reading	22
● socialising in real life with family / friends	32
● cooking	19
● meditating/breathing exercises	2
● puzzles/ games/ hobby	26
● any other	24



7. Have you noticed a difference in your mood?

● Yes	16
● No	25
● Maybe	23



10. What do you think are the benefits of a digital detox?

[More d](#)

65 Responses

Latest Responses

"Less screen time, it makes you think better"

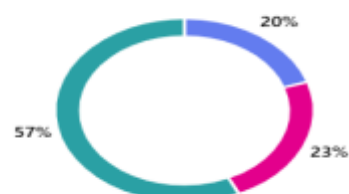
"It can change somebody's mental health / improving ,etc."

"Makes you happier and more energised!"

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11. Are you going to continue?

● Yes	13
● No	15
● Maybe	37



YEAR 7 NEWS - SCIENCE

Pupils in 7a3 have been exploring the fascinating world of specialised cells through a creative homework project: building their own models. This task encouraged pupils to combine scientific understanding with imagination, resulting in a wide range of impressive creations. From brightly coloured neuron models complete with axons and dendrites, to carefully structured plant cells showing cell walls and chloroplasts, the effort and enthusiasm were clear.

By constructing these models, students were able to better understand how structure relates to function. For example, many highlighted how red blood cells are shaped to carry oxygen efficiently.

Mrs Selman, Science Department



CHARITIES WEEK - WHAT'S ON

Dates: 23rd - 27th March

YOUNGMINDS
Fighting for young people's mental health

Monday Sporty Day

Lunchtime Activity:

- Plant a sunflower for the Wellbeing Woods (Mrs Clarke Lab 3).
- Tie-dye your t-shirt for Friday (Mrs Selman, Lab 5).
- Easter clay shapes decorations (Mrs Whitby, Room 16).



Tuesday Comfy Clothes Day

Lunchtime Activity

- Beat the teacher penalty shoot-out (Mr Shee, Sports Hall).
- Nail painting (Mrs Cadwell, Room 19).
- Karaoke (Miss Jones, Drama Room).
- Easter clay shapes decorations (Mrs Whitby, Room 16).



Wednesday Bright Colours Day

Lunchtime Activity:

- Board games & card games (Mrs Hill, Room 21).
- Badge making and rock decorating (Mrs Selman, Lab 5).
- Easter clay shapes decorations (Mrs Whitby, Room 16).
- Tuck shop (Corbet Friends Association, Room T5).

Evening Activity:

- Year 7 Disco



Thursday Characters Day

Lunchtime Activity

- Spelling bee (Mrs Squire, Room 8).
- Nail painting (Mrs Cadwell, Room 19).

Evening Activity:

- Easter Bingo 5.30-8pm (Corbet Friends Association)



Friday Wear Yellow (Youngminds colour)

Lunchtime Activity

- Boys' rugby team V Girls' netball team (Mrs Simms, Netball Courts).
- Sunflower cupcake decorating (Mrs Barlow, Room T5).



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Events and Awards



Shropshire Parenting Team – Family Leaflet

This leaflet provides information to all families, including those whose children have SEND, who would like to know more about the services we offer. Simply scan any QR code or follow the links to explore free support, groups and learning opportunities.

Our Services - Overview

[The Parenting Team | Shropshire Council](#)

Find out more about all our services on offer



Our SEND Services - Overview

[The Parenting Team | Shropshire Council](#)

Find out more about our services within the SEND local offer



Understanding Your Child Groups

[Information to help families in Shropshire - Shropshire Together Community Directory](#)

Find out more about free groups



Sleep Tight Groups

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Sporty!

CHARITIES WEEK PHOTOS

Wear Yellow!



Comfy Clothes

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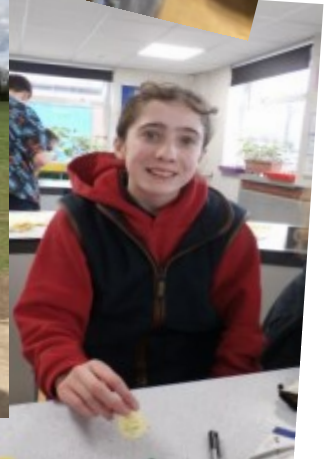
Bright Colours



Y7
French Disco

CHARITIES WEEK PHOTOS

Character Day



CHARITIES WEEK

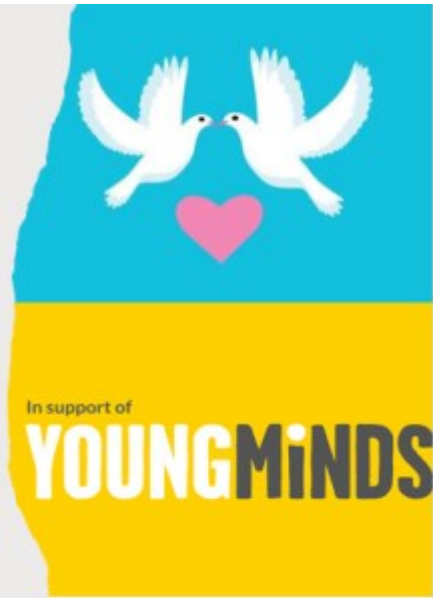


Yellow day
Alba. Shaw



Yellow poem

Yellow yellow everyday,
shines as the sun and dries up the rain.
Say hello to the friends we meet,
Give them a lovely, tasty treat!
Share a smile every day,
Think about the words you say.
Join a friend – come out to play,
Let's have some fun and shout hooray!
Give a helping hand and share,
This will prove you really care.
Spread some peace just like the dove,
And maybe spread a little love.
When you see someone feels stressed,
Find a way to make it less.
Show you care to all you see –
Spread some POSITIVITY!!!



positivity

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Understanding Your Child
From Toddler to Teen

"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 Sessions (once a week over 10 weeks, excl. half terms and bank holidays)

- 13th April 2026 - 12.45-2.45pm - Belvidere Primary School, Shrewsbury (SY2 5YB)
- 13th April 2026 - 1.00-3.00pm - Ludlow Primary School (SY8 1HG)
- 15th April 2026 - 9.30-11.30am - Pantisbury Primary School (SY5 0TF)
- 15th April 2026 - 1.00-3.00pm - Wilfred Owen School, Shrewsbury (SY2 5SH)
- 15th April 2026 - 5.00-7.00pm - Online via MS Teams

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

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Understanding Your Child with SEND
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Join our friendly, relaxed group!

Join our friendly, free group for parents and carers of children with SEND. Connect with others, deepen your understanding of your child, and explore what's going well and what you'd like to change. Small changes make big differences!

Upcoming Sessions (once a week over 10 weeks, excl. half terms and bank holidays)

- 13th April 2026 - 10.00am-12.00pm - Online via MS Teams
- 16th April 2026 - 1.00pm-3.00pm - St Lucia's School, Upton Magna (SY4 4TZ)
- 17th April 2026 - 9.30am-11.30am - Whittington Primary School, (SY11 4DA)

SEND groups are for parents/carers of children who may have special educational needs or disabilities. No formal diagnosis is needed.

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Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups 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

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Mon - Thurs, 9.30am - 4.30pm
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Events & Trips

In February, I had the opportunity to perform a trumpet fanfare at the High Sheriff of Shropshire's Legal Service, which was a very special and memorable experience. It was a formal event, and I felt proud to be given such an important role. I had to make sure I was well-prepared, as the fanfare was a key part of the ceremony and needed to be played confidently and clearly. Although it was quite nerve-wracking, I stayed focused and made sure to perform to the best of my ability.

Several important figures attended the service, including the Mayor of Shrewsbury and the Lord Lieutenant, which made the occasion feel even more significant. Knowing that such distinguished guests were present added to the pressure, but also made me feel honoured to be part of the event. Overall, it was a great opportunity to perform in a formal setting and helped to build my confidence as a musician, as well as giving me valuable experience performing in front of important guests.

Matthew Selman, 10B



Events & Trips

Amy Cooke and I are Corporals at 28 Shawbury Royal Air Force Cadets and in February, we took part in performing at the **International Birmingham Tattoo at the NEC** with the *National Marching Band of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets* - an incredible experience.

In October, we had just one week to prepare alongside 40 other cadets who we had never met before. Although this was quite challenging at first, we quickly worked well together and began to improve as a group. We learned a full 15 minute performance which included pieces such as *Defying Gravity*, *The Olympic Spirit*, *Sons of the Brave*, *How to Train Your Dragon*, *Raiders March*, and *The Air Cadets March*. This was made even more difficult because we had to play our instruments while marching, which required a lot of concentration, coordination, and teamwork.

Before the performance in February, we had a further two days to rehearse and refine everything. When we finally performed, there were around 15,000 people watching, which was both nerve wracking and exciting. The atmosphere was amazing, and it felt like all the hard work had paid off. We were really proud to be part of such a large event and to represent the **Royal Air Force Air Cadets**. Overall, it was a very rewarding experience that helps improve confidence, teamwork, and performance skills, and it is something we will remember for a long time.

Matthew Selman 10B



Events & Trips

GB J16 Crew Sculling Camp 2026

I have been selected to row at Holme Pierrepont in Nottingham this March as one of 20 girls and 20 boys age 16 from across the UK to start our journey as high performance academy athletes. The J16 Sculling camp is the opening to take part in the trials for GB VS FRANCE in July and eventually row for the U19 and U23 national team at the World Championships, Olympics and Coupe De La Jeunesse.

I currently row for Pengwern Boat club in Shrewsbury and am ranked top 10 individual scullers in Britain, taking 8th place at the Junior Interregional Regatta last year, and 10th at the British Rowing Club Championships, both in the WJ15 1x . I am more confident in sculling than sweep (2 blades versus 1), and this camp will allow me to row with other succeeding athletes which I have raced alongside in the past seasons, but never in the same boat, as well as learn to experience a high-performance development programme, for an aspirational future.

This first camp lasts 3 days, and consists of:

2-4 sessions on the regatta lake per day in 2x and 4x

Strength and conditioning at the UK sports institute gym

Erging (rowing machines)

Nutrition/PE education in the NWSC

I'm very proud to have accepted a place on the camp and I aim to train consistently and thoroughly to perform well in future international selection trials, with the goal of representing Great Britain as a sculler.

Elizabeth Selman, Head Girl



Music Department

Oswestry Festival Competitors



Congratulations to all the musicians that took part in the Oswestry Music Festival 2026. The standard was really high and they have all shown courage, resilience and sheer determination to achieve their results. They are a real credit to the school!

Mrs Bunn - Teacher of Music

I believe that Oswestry Music Festival is an important event for our musicians at The Corbet School. It gives us a great opportunity to show off our talents and musical skills that we have worked so hard to achieve. I personally found it was extremely inspiring and everyone there is extremely supportive. It was great so see so many wonderful musically talented pupils and how much their efforts really paid off. I'm so glad we got the opportunity to take part.

Chloe Durkin Y9

Music Department News

On Tuesday the 17th of March I got an incredible opportunity to perform at Shrewsbury college for the High Sheriff of Shropshire's outstanding citizens award ceremony. It was a truly amazing experience and I am so honoured to have performed at this event! At first, I was really nervous to perform in front of over 300 people but in the end, this was such a fun experience!

Darcie Martin 90



Maths Department



United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust

Maths Challenge – Year 10

2026

In January, the best mathematicians in year 10 were invited to take part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge, a UK wide competition that aims to challenge the very best mathematicians. The results have now arrived in [school](#) and all pupils are to be congratulated on how well they did. The top-scoring 50% of participants were awarded bronze, silver and gold certificates in the ratio 3:2:1.

Special congratulations go to **Brennan Cox-Roberts** and **Ethan Brough**, who had excellent results and qualified to participate in a further [follow on](#) round.

Well done to:

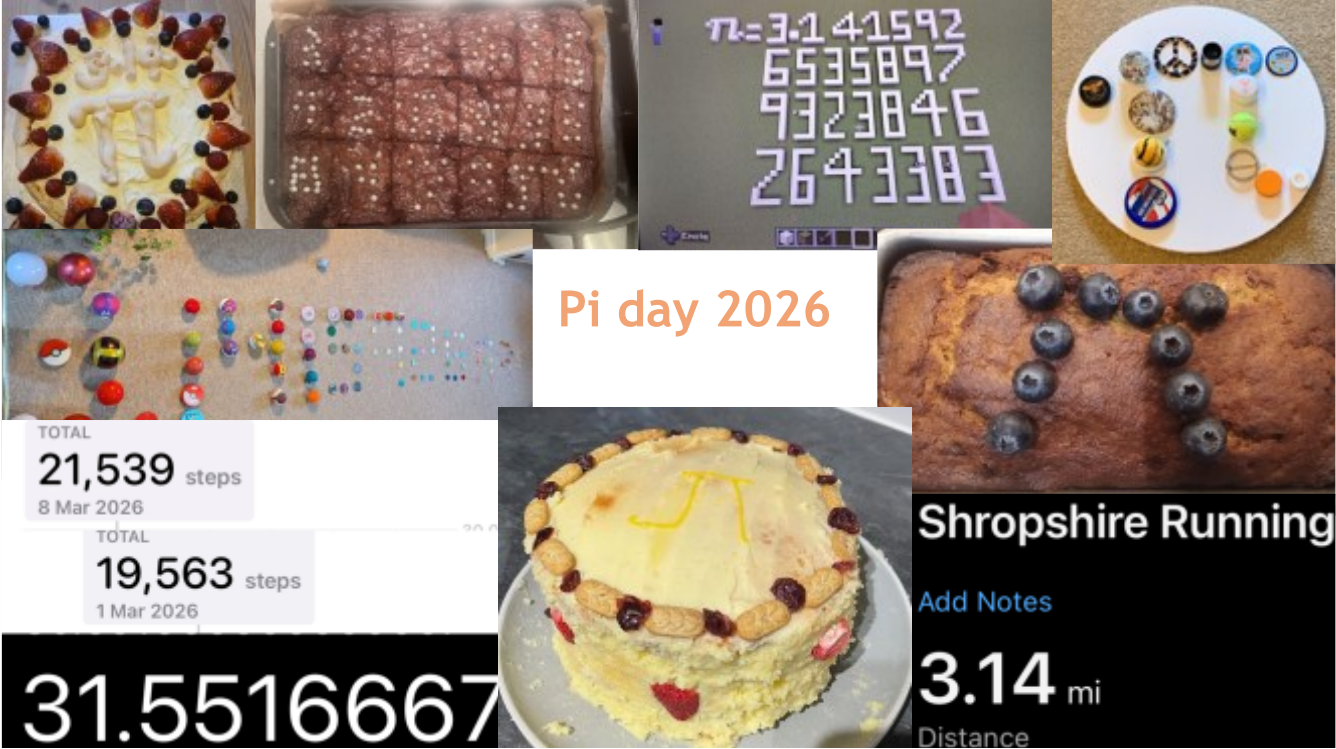
Brennan Cox-Roberts	Gold Certificate and Best In School
Ethan Brough	Gold Certificate
Noah Wardle	Gold Certificate
Jack Quinn	Gold Certificate
Archie Fraser	Silver Certificate
William Davies	Silver Certificate
Zack O'Toole	Bronze Certificate
Isaac Widdon	Bronze Certificate
Imogen Gibbons	Bronze Certificate
Jessica Young	Bronze Certificate
Max Clifton-Moore	Bronze <u>CertificateSNIP</u>
Poppy Sharps	Bronze Certificate

Maths Department

Annabelle Howard	Certificate of Participation
<u>Maria Cristinacce</u>	Certificate of Participation
Matthew Selman	Certificate of Participation
Rosie Fortune	Certificate of Participation
Leo Hall	Certificate of Participation
<u>Ej Hedges</u>	Certificate of Participation
Drummond Nelms	Certificate of Participation
Dulcie Robinson	Certificate of Participation
Blake Wild	Certificate of Participation
Cassius Mackechnie	Certificate of Participation
Alys Mansell	Certificate of Participation
Peter Smart	Certificate of Participation
Dylan Thomas	Certificate of Participation
Lucy Mantle	Certificate of Participation
River Hawke-Harris	Certificate of Participation

Do you want to test your maths skills? If so, the question paper can be found here: https://ukmt.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/IMC_Paper_2026.pdf

Maths Pi Competition



Pi day 2026

Shropshire Running

Add Notes

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Some entries stood out for a variety of reasons and here are our winners....

Jessica Ford

Rose Williams

Bonnie Hill

Elodie King

Alba Shaw

Esme Jones

Freddy Archer

Carys Lowe

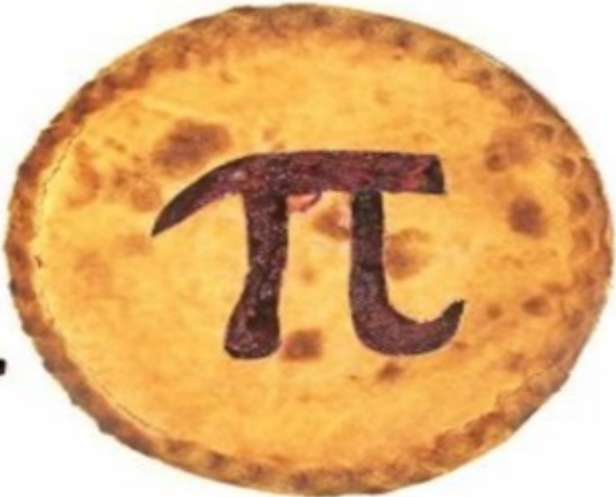
Charlotte Evans

Hugo Moore

Noah Jenkins

Oscar Livermore

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New GCSE Speaking Exams: Key Changes

This year's Year 11s will be taking their French or Spanish speaking exams which are part of the new GCSE specification between Monday 27th April and Friday 8th May.

Details about the new exams as well as sample papers can be found via these links:

[Pearson Edexcel GCSE Spanish \(2024\) | Pearson qualifications](#)

[Pearson Edexcel GCSE French \(2024\) | Pearson qualifications](#)

The new GCSE MFL speaking exams are designed to focus more on real-life communication. Instead of relying on memorised answers, students will need to respond to questions more naturally and take part in spontaneous conversations.

What's Different?

Examiners may ask unexpected follow-up questions, so understanding topics is now more important. Students are assessed on fluency, pronunciation, vocabulary, and their ability to interact confidently.

How to Prepare

Regular speaking practice is key. Try discussing topics with others and focus on expressing ideas clearly rather than perfectly.

Revision Links

BBC Bitesize (GCSE Languages Speaking): <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Seneca Learning: <https://www.senecalearning.com>

Quizlet (GCSE vocab practice): <https://www.quizlet.com>

Overall, the changes aim to build confidence and better prepare students for real-world communication.



MFL News

On Wednesday 25th February, over 100 Year 5 pupils from local primary schools visited our school for the Year 10 Language Leaders Day. Throughout the day, they took part in a range of exciting language and cultural activities led by five groups of Year 10 students.

The pupils enjoyed making pizzas with the Italian group, tasting Greek food, and learning how to count in Polish and Spanish. They also got creative by making colourful handprints, which were later combined to create a dragon to celebrate Chinese New Year.

It was a fantastic day that gave the younger pupils the chance to experience different languages and cultures, while also allowing our Year 10 Language Leaders to showcase their enthusiasm, teamwork and leadership skills.

The Year 10 Language Leaders were: Jack Quinn, Matthew Selman, Zack O'Toole, Ruby -Mai Burns, Lilly Lander, Imogen Northall, Silvie Smith, Amelia Morris, Filip Klim and Archie Fraser. The day was organised by Mrs C Roberts and helping everything to run smoothly were Mrs Nixon and Mrs Parker.

3 Chefs



Spanish Lesson



Chinese Dragon



Mandarin



DT and Art Faculty: Spring Term Newsletter

Design and Technology

Year 7 have been developing design skills in their travel game project, developing specifications and detailed design work to start making after Easter. The other half of the year group have been developing their metal working skills in creating a metal key tag.

Year 8 have now finished their Bluetooth speakers and bottle openers. There have been some fantastic outcomes this year that pupils should be proud of.

Year 9 have been having options talks this half term in all the DT subjects ready to pick their GCSE's. Pupils have either finished their USB lamps or pewter cast commemorative coin. A fantastic range of outcome demonstrating a wide range of DT skills.

Year 10 – GCSE pupils have been developing skills ready to commence their NEA in the summer term. Pupils have been demonstrating and developing CAD skills to create flat pack slot together furniture prototypes on the laser cutter. **Construction** pupils have been focusing on their first coursework component developing a report and designs for the construction of a cricket pavilion.

Year 11 – GCSE pupils are nearing completion of their NEA practical, a huge range of outcomes this year. **Construction** pupils are focusing on exam and revision preparation ahead of their exam on the 5th May.



Pennant
SHOP EQUIPMENT

Special thanks to Paul Garry at Pennant's of Oswestry who kindly donated an array of material offcuts such as plywood and acrylic to the faculty. These are a huge help to support projects and the quality of student work.

Can you help?
If you would like to support the faculty with any donations of Art supplies, materials for DT and Textiles please contact Mr Richards

DT and Art Faculty: Autumn Term Newsletter

Food Preparation and Nutrition

A huge welcome to Mrs Barlow who joined us in January to teach KS3 Food.

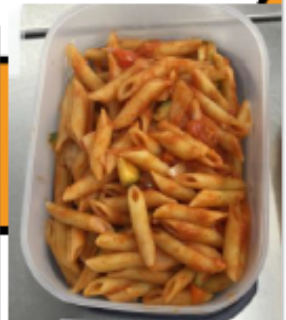
Key Stage 3

Pupils have all completed their first rotation and have developed a wide range of skills in food. These skills will be crucial as they move through the year groups. Lots of talk with year 9 around options has also taken place.

Key Stage 4

Year 10 have been learning an array of skills to prepare them for their NEA's in Year 11. The Tea cake challenge took place before half term with the focus on food presentation. Food science has been a focus lately as well ready for NEA 1.

Year 11 have been working hard on their NEA 2 research and will be undertaking their three hour practical exams before Easter.



Textiles

Key Stage 3

Pupils have completed their first rotation and have developed some fantastic outcomes. A wide range of aprons, cushions and ugly dolls have shown a wide range of textiles skills with a real focus on independence.

Year 9 pupils have also been introduced to the possibility of a GCSE Fine Art Textile option next year to hopefully create a pathway from KS3 to KS4.



Can you help?

If you would like to support the faculty with any donations of Art supplies, materials for DT and Textiles please contact Mr Richards

Library News

OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY : What's happening?

Can you believe we are three months into 2026? January is already a blur! This year we are celebrating 100 years of Winnie-the-Pooh. Did you know, we have a **National Winnie-the-Pooh Day** on 18th January to commemorate the author's (A.A. Milne) birth in 1882? It has been a challenge changing our displays every month to keep up with author birthdays and literary events. Thanks to our Student Librarian, Kyra, for your help here.

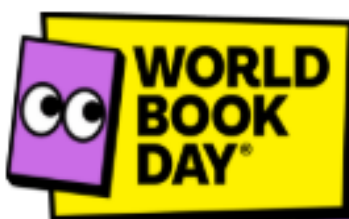


At the end of January, we had our Holocaust related books out on display to encourage extra reading for **Holocaust Memorial Day**. This year I have expanded this section by adding books with story-lines addressing the anti-Semitism of the late 1940s and 50s in the aftermath of 'The Final Solution'.



A swift change of mood in February as we celebrated Valentine's Day with our traditional 'Blind Date With A Book'. Having been swamped with dater profiles last year, I tried (but failed) to keep this low key. Thanks to my Student Librarian 'wrappers' - without you - our dates would have been left on the shelf!!!

The March 'main event' was obviously **World Book Day** and we used this to officially launch our School's participation in the **National Year of Reading**.



Proud to support
The National Year
of Reading 2026.



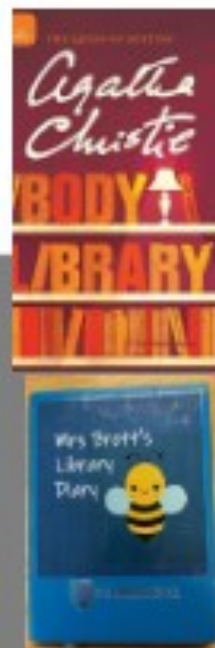
OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY : What's happening?

Those in School during Year 8 and Year 10 Parents' Evening will have noticed the displays in the Foyer. The statistics are sobering; whilst we need to be able to read in order to use our 'mobiles', sadly, there is far less interest in reading 'actual' books. We want to change this.

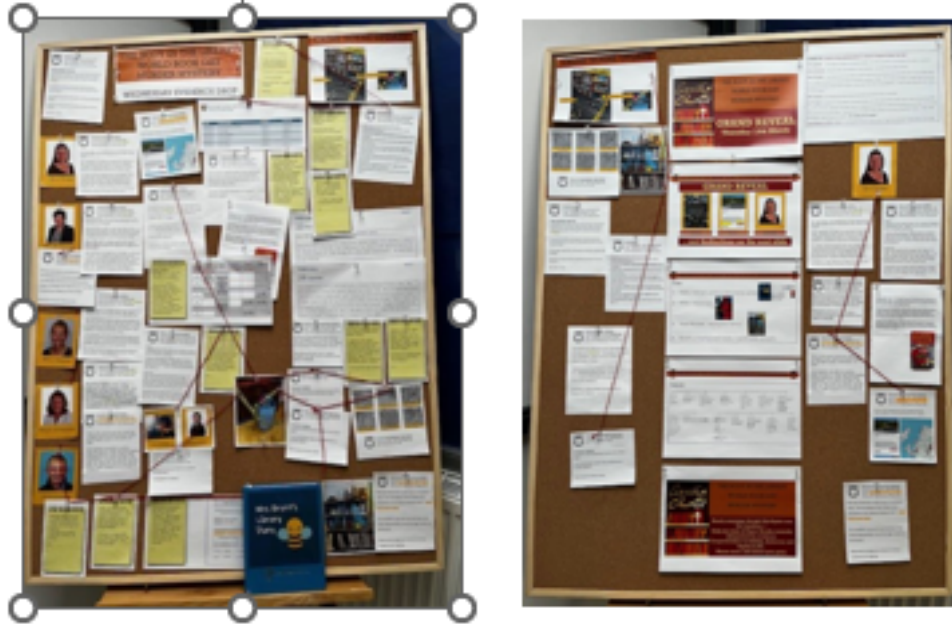


“Far tougher regulation is going to be needed to make social media platforms safer and non-addictive for kids, because the really stark statistic in this report is that the average daily time students spend on their smartphone is four to six hours. That’s a terrifying amount of time for children to spend scrolling and swiping.”
Joe Ryrie, Director of the campaign group Smartphone Free Childhood

With this in mind, I decided to challenge our Students to solve my World Book Day Body in the Library Murder Mystery. Thanks to Student Librarians Amber and Eloise for pushing me along with your ideas and research and to May, my Librarian Deputy, for the body outline. Pinning notes and photographs (sound bites of information) onto our evidence board certainly created a buzz around School. Without realising... students were reading a story...



OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY : What's happening?



PowerPoint evidence drops (thanks Tutors) in the run up to World Book Day resulted in all sorts of 'whodunnit' theories with Mr Goode the early front runner. In spite of the evidence, the majority of students thought Mrs Squire was our murderer. Only one team of Super Sleuths - congratulations to Aoibhin, Sophia and Katherine (8C) - correctly deduced that Mrs Brett was, in fact, murdered by Dr. Tinker. The weapon was a Library Atlas and the motive was money but the First Edition 'Harry Potter & The Philosopher's Stone' is still missing...



We also had several book-themed competitions around School. In our Library, the most popular Mr Potato Head character was 'Frozen Charlotte', this remains our 'go to' horror read.



This year, the majority of students and staff rose to the challenge and dressed up for World Book Day. A photo gallery is on display outside our Library; here are a few tasters...





OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY : What's happening?

Looking at my Library statistics for this newsletter, I am thrilled to report that thanks to some book substantial donations and our increased budget, we have added 369 books to our Library stock since the beginning of this academic year. Looking at the piles of books on my desk(!) I think we must have another 50 or so to pop on our database.



Some of our donated books do have mature content. Thanks, in part to TikTok, many new Teen/YA novels contain swear words and sexual references.

I am trying to read as many of these 'hot potatoes' as possible before they go on our shelves (35 books since January). Our database allows us to impose age restrictions so that parent/carer consent is required before borrowing. I am happy to discuss with parents/carers so as not to deter our younger voracious readers who have long outgrown Michael Morpurgo and Jacqueline Wilson! Any concerns, please message me jackie.brett@corbetschool.net.

Another noticeable trend is the reluctance of Students to return Library books they have borrowed and (usually) read. We currently have around 100 overdue books. This article ends with a plea to find those Library books over the holidays to avoid the £3 replacement fee on [ParentPay](#).



Your book is calling,
pick it up and READ
Jackie Brett
Library Co Ordinator

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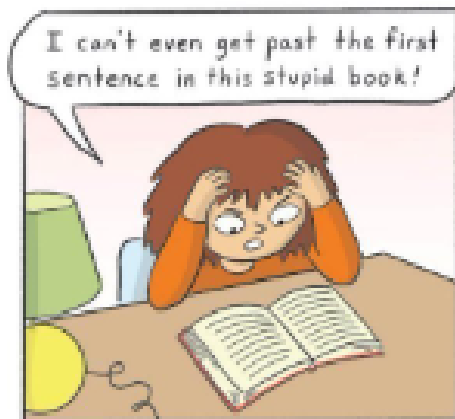


THANK YOU...

World Book Day is always great fun but it can only happen with the support of parents and staff so a *big thank you* to everyone. We sold lots of raffle tickets and this year the book/film character costumes were outstanding.

This is also the main – and much needed - fundraiser for our School Library and *your donations have amounted to a magnificent £585.20.*

We have been expanding our stock of *Graphic Novels* and *Manga* in response to the demands of our reluctant KS3 readers but this has been at the expense of our *Quick Reads*. It has become apparent that whereas we used to have resistance when moving readers on from 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid', we now have readers unable to move on from 'Dog Man'.



I will be using some of the WBD monies to update our Quick Reads section and am currently looking at some of the titles offered by The Reading Agency. Students who are disinterested in reading can sometimes be encouraged by the idea of reading the same

book with a group of friends. I will be buying sets of Quick Reads but this means 'culling' to make space. Withdrawn Library books are gifted (not sold) and if anyone is interested, these books are to be found on the blue trolley in our Library. The last book cull resulted in some students taking away carrier bags full of books (all is not lost)!

Ski Trip 2026

At the end of January, The Corbet School's annual ski trip returned once again, with 44 year 9 pupils swapping their usual routines for a week on the snowy slopes of Pila in Italy's stunning Aosta Valley.

The trip began on the 31st of January, as pupils and staff set off on the long but exciting coach journey from school. Travelling through Dover and across the English Channel, the group made their way through the picturesque French countryside before heading towards the breathtaking Alps. After an overnight journey filled with anticipation, the group arrived in Italy, greeted by snow-covered mountains and crisp alpine air.

Over the following days, pupils were split into groups based on ability and worked with experienced instructors to develop their skiing skills. Whether complete beginners or more advanced skiers, everyone made excellent progress as they explored different areas of the mountain, building confidence and technique on a variety of slopes. It was fantastic to see how quickly pupils improved, with many tackling more challenging runs by the end of the week.

Evenings were just as enjoyable as the days on the slopes, with a range of après-ski activities for everyone to take part in. Highlights included sampling the town's best gelato, bowling and winning many prizes at the arcade, and a much-anticipated pizza evening. A visit into the local town of Nus and a trip through Aosta also gave everyone the chance to experience Italian culture, with plenty of shopping in the local supermarkets and, of course, lots of gelato being enjoyed.

The week flew by, and before long it was time to celebrate all that had been achieved. A final evening brought everyone together to reflect on the progress made and the memories created throughout the trip and presentations from the maestros and ski instructors.

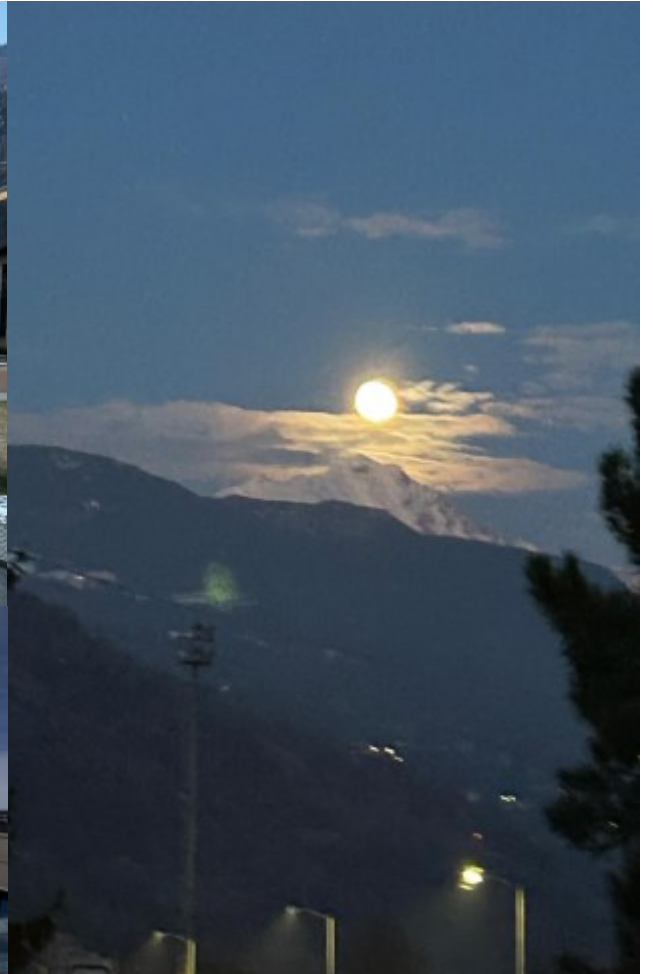
The return journey began on the 6th of February, with pupils travelling back through the Alps and across the Channel, arriving home in one piece, tired but full of stories from an unforgettable experience.

The behaviour of all pupils throughout the trip was excellent, and they represented The Corbet School with pride. The annual ski trip continues to be a highlight of the school calendar, leaving everyone with lasting memories and, for many, a newfound love of skiing.

Miss H Jones - Teacher of Maths, Head of Year 9



Ski Trip 2026



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PE Department

Profile - Elliot Incles 9B

I wanted to share with you some fantastic and well deserved success Elliot has had in the pool this weekend.

For background Elliot is a member of Oswestry Otters swimming Club and has been for a number of years. Through hard work and dedication Elliot is now seeing the rewards. Elliot trains 4/5 times a week over 2hrs each session.

He also helps to coach some of the younger Otter swimmers on a Thursday night being a true role model and someone they look up too. He has also started to support with learn to swim with children just learning this vital life skill supporting them in the pool.

This weekend Elliot has won 4 gold medals, 5 Silver and 3 bronze medals. He's smashed a number of PBs. Competing against Stourbridge, Sandwell, Bilston, Northgate, Lichfield, Chase, Telford, Walsall and Blythe he also managed to be awarded Top boy in his age group. A fantastic result.

January and Matt Incles



PE Department

Cross Country

The postponed Shropshire County Cross Country event from Saturday 7th February was rescheduled for Tuesday 17th March. We competed in the year 8/9 boys category and took a strong team, eventually finishing in 6th position. Well done to everyone involved, but a special mention to Will Motley who completed the 4-kilometre muddy and hilly trail around Oswestry School in a time of 15 Minutes and 58 Seconds, securing 5th place!

Introduction to Multi Sports & Safeguarding

COLLEGE 6 UNIVERSITY

If you are 13-16 and would like to start your coaching journey, come and join us this Easter.

£30

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Contact Us:
01743 289177
joe.green@foundationstfc.co.uk

Thursday 9th April 2022
10:00am - 12:00pm
Worcestershire Town FC Foundation, The Grand Woodway 813 801, Welford, Leicestershire



Swimming

Corbet pupils recently competed in the North Shropshire swimming gala held at Moreton Hall, putting in a fantastic effort across all events. From the very first race, the team showed great enthusiasm, determination, and teamwork, cheering each other on throughout the competition. There were some excellent individual performances, with several strong finishes and impressive times. Overall, it was a brilliant experience, and all swimmers were a credit to themselves and the school. A special mention needs to go to Molly King in Year 11 for organising and leading the team on the day. Well done to everyone who took part!

Year 7 Rugby Tournament

Our Year 7 rugby team recently took part in an exciting inter-school tournament in Church Stretton, showing fantastic determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. Despite facing some strong opposition, the team worked incredibly hard, improving with each match and supporting one another on and off the field. There were some outstanding individual performances and excellent defensive efforts. Most importantly, the players demonstrated a positive attitude and represented the school with pride. Well done to all involved!

Results

Corbet vs Bishops Castle – Draw
0-0

Corbet vs Abraham Darby – Lost
5-20

Corbet vs Burton Borough – Draw
2-2



North Shropshire B team football competition

The U13 boys footballers enjoyed a great afternoon at Oswestry School, competing in the North Shropshire B team competition against Oswestry, Thomas Adams and Ellesmere. They played some great football in the group stages securing 1 win, 1 draw and a loss. The Semi final was a tight affair which we narrowly lost out on by 1 goal to 0 following a counter attack break away goal in the dying seconds. We then competed in the 3rd and 4th place play off only to lose out again by the one goal. A great afternoon of football for those players who have attended training but have not featured for the school teams this year! Special mention must go to Zach in goal after a series of brilliant saves and Dexter who caused the opposition problems in attack all afternoon!

Mr M Lowe Head of PE, PSHEE, H&SC



Girls Netball



The Year 8 and 9 netball teams played away at Lakelands in February and returned with two fantastic victories. The Year 8 team won 38-2 and The Year 9 team won 24-2! The Corbet also had victories against Thomas Adams School with the Year 9 team winning 13-9 and the Year 10 team winning 15-10. The Year 7 netball team enjoyed taking part in the U12 North Shropshire Schools Tournament. They won two matches, lost four matches and drew one match. They all played well and had a fun afternoon. The U16 netball team had some tough opposition at the U16 tournament but they all played well and cherished their last ever netball tournament for The Corbet School!

Miss K Gorski - Teacher of PE



Basketball

The Corbet School Basketball Teams have enjoyed a progressive season, marked by clear development in both individual performance and overall team play.

All squads demonstrated enthusiasm and commitment, and this has translated into significant improvement across the season. A key strength has been the development of teamwork and communication. Players have become more confident in supporting one another on court, resulting in more fluid passing sequences and better shot selection. The ability to transition from defence to attack has also improved, with teams showing greater composure under pressure and a clearer understanding of positioning. Overall, this season has laid a strong foundation for future success. With continued commitment and focus, The Corbet School basketball teams are well-positioned to build on this progress and achieve even greater success next year.

Pictured are the KS3 Basketball team who played against Church Stretton and Meole Barce and the U13 Basketball team who narrowly lost to Thomas Telford School in the county competition.

We have also received some new Basketball kit as modelled by Theo!

Mr M Lowe Head of PE, PHSEE, H&SC



Girls Football U14

This term the Under 14s girls have played two games to progress to the County Cup final for the second year running.

The quarter final was played in January against Ludlow on a very cold afternoon. Winning 8-1 goals from Tiegan Knowles, Sienna Wray, Chloe Lawson, Catrin Wright, Shae O’Keeffe.

The semi-final away at Ercall Wood proved a stern test for the girls against strong opposition featuring several academy players. They showed tremendous resilience throughout, coming from behind twice in a hard-fought contest.

Ercall Wood took an early 1-0 lead from a corner, but Corbet responded well. Chloe Lawson equalised after latching onto an excellent through ball from Sienna Wray. The hosts soon regained the lead, only for Corbet to hit back again—this time following a superb passage of short passing play resulting in Shae O’Keeffe calmly finishing past the goalkeeper. Just before half-time, Corbet were awarded a penalty for handball, which Sienna Wray confidently converted to give her side the advantage.

The second half was a determined defensive effort from Corbet, with Liv Hughes, Pippa

Jones, Leah Adams, and Grace Edwards all outstanding at the back. Jess Maybin disrupted play effectively in midfield, and her work led to another key moment—Sienna Wray delivered a lofted pass to Bonnie Hill, who marked her Under-14s debut with a superb volley that proved to be the winning goal.

Although Corbet conceded late on from another corner, they held their nerve to see out the game and secure a place in the final. A fantastic team performance from start to finish.

Mr M Richards - Head of DT & Art Faculty



Wellbeing Garden

The pebble river is having a refresh with a fresh spray of varnish and extra painted yellow pebbles for charities week and YOUNGMINDS.

We will also be planting sunflowers in egg boxes as yellow is the colour of the charity.

*Please do keep donating **bird seed, bulbs, compost and perennials** - we really appreciate it*

Mrs Selman - CFA



Lost Property

Part of the transition to Secondary School is to encourage independence, therefore students are asked to name all clothing as this helps getting lost items back to them.

Students are to check lost property and follow their own footsteps to locate any items which they have mislaid.

Contacting Us

We have a number of different contact methods please use the following to take you direct to each department. Using these direct numbers and emails address's means we can deal with your enquiry more effectively.

Reception

01939 260296

admin@corbetschool.net

Pupil Absence

01939 262004

absence@corbetschool.net

Finance which includes Parent Pay

01939 262008

finance@corbetschool.net

IT

01939 262005

CorbetITsupport@corbetschool.net

Lettings

If you are considering the hire of the facilities please be aware of the guidance in the attached documents.

- [**After-school clubs community activities and tuition safeguarding provider guidance**](#)
- [**Keeping children safe during clubs tuition and activities – provider leaflet**](#)

Enquiries can be made on the attached form: <https://forms.office.com/e/MwjR02QwNU>

Corbet Clothes

Welcome to Corbet's second-hand uniform shop

To reduce waste, recycle old uniforms, and increase the affordability of school wear, we have set up 'Corbet Clothes'; giving families the opportunity to donate unused or unwanted uniforms.

The initiative was launched by ex-student, Anna Fairley, and her great work is continued by volunteers from the current student body.



Corbet Clothes



All the items available through Corbet Clothes will be free of charge

To make an order please complete the following form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/bV290xb2Rn>

Donations

We are in need of P.E. kit donations

Donations can be dropped off at reception during 8am-5pm.

Parking

Please be considerate when parking on neighbouring residential areas. Please avoid blocking driveways or parking too close to junctions

The Committee of Baschurch Village Hall has asked that if anyone is parking on their car park can they please stop doing this.

They have explained that the car park is there for those who hire/use the hall.

Useful Links for Families

Useful Links to Resources for Families:

'Worrying About Money?'

<https://www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/shropshire>

Shropshire Larder -

<https://www.shropshirelarder.org.uk/>

Shropshire Council Cost of Living webpage

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help/>

Information about Free School Meals

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/>

Shropshire Family Information Service

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/early-years-and-childcare/parents-and-carers/shropshire-family-information-service-0-19-years/>

The Shropshire Council Cost of Living webpage includes links and advice for specific money worries, including :

- Cost Of Transport
- Debt and borrowing
- Rent or Mortgage Help
- Help with Energy Bills
- Help with water rates
- Financial help for people with disabilities
- Help with pensions

You could be eligible for grant-funded energy efficiency works at home – please don't miss this opportunity to cut down your energy bills.

Sustainable Warmth Shropshire – an initiative run by Shropshire Council – has secured more funding to carry out improvements on Shropshire resident's homes.

If you are in receipt of any of the following, you will automatically qualify:

- Universal Credit
- Free School Meals
- Child Tax Credits
- Child Benefit (*income thresholds apply*)

For more information and to apply, please visit our website at www.shropshire.gov.uk/sws.

If you require additional help with your application, please contact our free and impartial energy advice service, Keep Shropshire Warm on 0800 112 3743.

Corbet Alumni

Staying connected with The Corbet School

Corbet school wants to keep in touch with students after they leave school.

The Corbet School has been a big part of your life, but even once you have left, the school can still provide opportunities to learn new skills and maybe get the job you want. If you stay in touch perhaps you can coach one of the sports teams, help set up community events, hear about career opportunities or maybe help set up a school reunion.

Think about where you want to be in five years time and about the things you plan to do, would not it be great to come back and talk to Corbet students about all the amazing things you have achieved. It will help them see what's possible and how they can achieve it too.

So why not sign up to the Corbet's network today and we will keep you connected with the school after you leave. You will receive emails to keep you in the know.

Follow the Corbet Alumni Facebook Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/TheCorbetSchoolAlumni>

Email

alumni@corbetschool.net

If you are still unsure and would like more information, please pop in to see Miss Kear (Office situated in the Maths block).

Shropshire Family Information Service

The Shropshire Family Information Service provides free information, advice and support on any aspect of family life to parents and carers of young people aged 0-19. This includes:

- Childcare
- Things to do and places to go
- Family Support
- Money Matters
- Behaviour
- Divorce and separation
- Housing
- Parenting
- Disabilities and special needs
- Domestic abuse.
- Healthy eating
- Staying safe

There are times in every parent's life when they feel they need some information or help to support them in their role as parents. Further information is available from: www.shropshirefamily.co.uk



Providing information, advice & support
on all aspects of family life



NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS

SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2026/27

*Community & Voluntary Controlled Schools as follows:

Shrewsbury Area	North Area	South Area
Belvidere Primary School Meole Brace CE Primary & Nursery School Oxon CE Primary School St Giles' CE Primary School St Lucia's CE Primary School	Adderley CE Primary School Bicton CE Primary & Nursery School Bomere Heath CE Primary School Bryn Offa CE Primary School Buntingsdale Primary School Cockshut CE Primary & Nursery School Criftins CE Primary School Gobowen Primary School Hadnall CE Primary School Kinnerley CE Primary School Morda CE Primary School Moreton Say CE Primary School Myddle CE Primary & Nursery School Nesscliffe St Andrew's CE Primary School Newtown CE Primary School Norton-in-Hales CE Primary School The Meadows Primary School Ryton XI Towns, St John the Baptist CE Primary & Nursery School Selattyn CE Primary School Stoke-on-Tern Primary School Trefonen CE Primary School Welshampton CE Primary School West Felton CE Primary School Weston Rhyn Primary School Woore Primary & Nursery School	Albrighton Primary & Nursery School Albrighton St Mary's CE Primary School Beckbury CE Primary School Brockton CE Primary School Broseley CE Primary School Broseley John Wilkinson Primary & Nursery School Brown Clee CE Primary School Chirbury CE Primary & Nursery School Church Preen Primary School Church Stretton, St Lawrence CE Primary & Nursery School Cressage, Christ Church CE Primary School Farlow CE Primary School Hanwood, St Thomas & St Anne's CE Primary School Highley Primary School Kinlet CE Primary School Longnor CE Primary School Ludlow, St Laurence CE Primary School Minsterley Primary School Newcastle CE Primary School Pontesbury CE Primary School Rushbury CE Primary School Sheriffhales Primary & Pre School Shifnal Primary School Shifnal St Andrew's CE Primary School Stiperstones CE Primary School Wistanstow CE Primary School Worthen Long Mountain CE Primary School

School Uniform



Safety message from the Passenger Transport Group:



**ALL PASSENGERS
MUST WEAR
SEAT BELTS**

Students must always wear the provided seatbelt during their journey on all transport provided by Shropshire Council.

Only one person is allowed in each seat fitted with a seat belt.
Never use the same seat belt across two or more passengers.

Wearing a seat belt not only helps protect your safety, but it also helps protect the safety of others.

Term Dates 2026-2027

Programme of Terms & Holidays 2026-2027

AUTUMN TERM: Wednesday 2nd September - Friday 18th December 2026

Half Term Holiday: Monday 26th October– Friday 30th October 2026

Christmas Holidays: Monday 21st December– Friday 1st January 2027

*Professional Development Days: Tuesday 1st September 2026

SPRING TERM : Tuesday 5th January - Thursday 25th March 2027

Half Term Holiday: Monday 15th February-Friday 19th February 2027

Easter Holiday: Friday 26th March (Good Friday) – Friday 9th April 2027

*Professional Development Days: Monday 4th January 2027

SUMMER TERM : Monday 12th April - Friday 16th July 2027

May Day: Monday 3rd May 2027

Half Term: Monday 31st May– Friday 4th June 2027

End of Term: Friday 16th July 2027

ALL DATES INCLUSIVE

* School closed for pupils



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