

Dear Families,

As we wrap up the summer term, today's Whole School Celebration Assembly was a special moment to look back and reflect on a fantastic year. Our students have achieved so much, not just in the classroom, but through their incredible involvement in activities like the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Sports, and Performing Arts. It's been brilliant to see the full extra-curricular programme thriving again.

As we head into the summer break, we hope all our families enjoy time to relax, recharge, and make lasting memories. We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back in the autumn—especially our new Year 7 and Year 12 students who will be starting their journey with us. Thank you for your continued support.

Rainbow Flag Award Recognition

We're proud to announce that SJT has been officially accredited with the Rainbow Flag Award, a national framework that promotes positive LGBT+ education, inclusion, and visibility. Over the past year, staff have worked hard to achieve all six badges, reflecting our commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging:

- Skilled Teacher
- Supportive Governors and Parents
- Inclusive Curriculum
- Effective Policies
- Pastoral Support
- Student Voice

Special thanks to Miss Webb for leading this incredible work and championing LGBT+ inclusion across our school community.



Summer Newsletter: Belonging In Our Community

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter! This issue brings you a roundup of the key moments and news from the term, with a special focus on 'Belonging In Our Community'.

Additionally, this issue features an update from our CEO providing insights into our strategic direction and achievements. You'll also find interesting news and updates from staff and all schools across the Trust.

We invite you to read the full newsletter at the following link: [Summer Newsletter: Belonging In Our Community](#)

Shropshire Holiday Activities and Food Summer Programme

From **21st July to 1st September**, Shropshire's HAF programme offers exciting holiday activities and food support for eligible children and young people. To discover what's on this summer, visit: [HAF programme - what's on for Summer 2025](#).

School Contact Over Summer Holidays

If you need to get in touch during the summer break, please email: Admin@sjt.mmat.co.uk. This box is monitored from time to time and a member of our team will respond at their earliest.

Concerned about a child or young person? Please contact **Shropshire Council's First Point of Contact (FPOC)** – Children's Services on **0345 678 9021**. If there is an immediate risk to life or serious harm, please call **999**.

Important Dates for the Start of Autumn Term – September 2025

- **1st September** – Professional Development Day (*School closed to students*)
- **2nd September** – **School begins for students in Years 7 and 12 only**
- **3rd September** – **All remaining year groups return**

Have a lovely summer, and we look forward to welcoming all our students new and returning in **September 2025!**

Mr Tim Stonall
Headteacher



Timetable w/c Tuesday 2nd September 2025 – Week A

History Club Talk Brings School's Past to Life!

On **Thursday 17th July**, Mr Richards, Head of our brilliant **History Club**, delivered a fascinating talk to members of the **Prees Historical Association** at **Prees Village Hall**. It was an evening filled with curiosity, community, and student voice.

Meeting every Thursday in **Room 4**, our History Club students have been researching the roots of our school's name and buildings, and their findings truly impressed the audience.

Mr Richards shared the club's discoveries about **Sir John Talbot**, 1st Earl of Shrewsbury, and his descendant **Rector Sir John Talbot**, who donated £200 in **1550** to help establish the earliest form of our school. The students explored these figures' legacy and their unique link to our school's history. The second half of the presentation showcased findings uncovered with the support of **Historic England**, tracing who lived on our current school site using the **1911 census**. Even those students who couldn't attend were recognised for their incredible contributions.

The Historical Association was so impressed, they've already invited the students to return next year to share even more discoveries.

Huge congratulations to everyone involved – it was a proud moment for our school!



Calverhall Cricket Cup Trophy Award

Thank you to Calverhall Cricket Club for donating one of their trophies to award one of our cricket students who play for SJT.

Joe and Mark, students of SJT and Calverhall Cricket Club players presented the trophy to Noah during our Year 7 reward assembly for showing constant enthusiasm for the game and embodying the spirit of cricket. Congratulations Noah!

Thinking about joining Cricket? Calverhall Cricket Club warmly invites all families to get involved with the club and experience the fun and camaraderie of community cricket. Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, there's a place for everyone:

- Saturday Afternoon League Team – for competitive weekend matches
- Tuesday Evening T20 Team – a relaxed format perfect for midweek fun
- Women's Softball Cricket – friendly Sunday morning sessions
- Junior Cricket Camps – exciting opportunities for youngsters to learn and play during the season

This is a fantastic way for children and adults alike to stay active, build skills, and be part of a welcoming cricketing family.



Colour Run Sparks Joy and Raises Funds!

Yesterday's **Colour Run** was nothing short of spectacular! Students from across the school came together, bursting with energy, laughter and a whole lot of paint to raise funds for their house charities. Every step taken was filled with purpose and joy. From dashing through clouds of colour to sharing smiles and giggles, the atmosphere was electric. The highlight? A giant **slip and slide finale** that sent students (and a few adventurous staff!) zooming through with cheers and excitement.

Combined with **Fundraising Activities Week**, we're delighted to announce that a brilliant **£570** was raised for our house charities.

Huge thanks to everyone who got involved – what a lively and meaningful way to end the term!

Alderford - Trussell Trust Foodbank - £118.32

Blakemere - MIND Charity - £113.84

Brown Moss - Cancer Research UK - £72.65

Ossmere - Dementia UK - £97.60

Redbrook - Macmillan Cancer - £117.69

Whixall Moss - Teenage Cancer Trust - £49.90



Sports Day 2025 – Rain, Shine and Plenty of Spirit!

Last Thursday, our annual **Sports Day** got underway and despite a rainy start, the sunshine soon made a welcome appearance, setting the scene for an incredible day of athleticism, teamwork and celebration.

The whole school joined in the fun, with students competing in a wide range of events and racking up valuable **House points** throughout. The afternoon was a true showcase of talent, with the **track finals** especially bringing excitement and applause as our top athletes gave it everything they had.

Huge congratulations to Alderford, this year's overall House winner! And a heartfelt **thank you to the PE Department** for their fantastic organisation, and to all staff who supported the day so seamlessly. It was a joyful, high-energy celebration—and the perfect way to round off a brilliant term.

6th place: Brown Moss

5th place: Redbrook

4th place: Ossmere

3rd place: Whixall Moss

2nd place: Blakemere

1st place: Alderford



Year 7 Adventures at Condover Hall – What a Finale!

This week, **120 adventurous Year 7 students** set off for an unforgettable one-night residential at **Condover Hall**. Over two packed days, students embraced challenge and teamwork through:

- **Kayaking** through calm waters
- **Jacob's Ladder** climbs
- **Abseiling** down towering walls
- **Interactive games** that built confidence and connection

The evening disco brought endless fun and unforgettable moves even if sleep was in short supply! We are incredibly proud of how Year 7s conducted themselves. Many stepped out of their comfort zones with courage and team spirit, making this a perfect way to end an outstanding year with a truly special group. Here's to more adventures ahead!



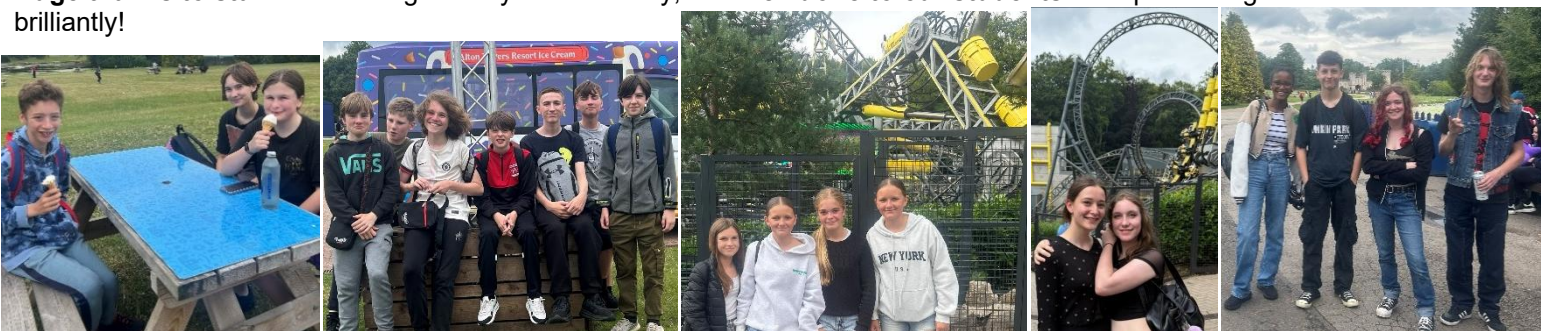
Alderford Lake Adventure – Sunshine, Splashing and Smiles!

On Tuesday, 40 students enjoyed a sun-soaked day at Alderford Lake, soaking in summer vibes with paddleboarding, swimming, and relaxed moments by the water. The highlight? The Aqua Park—a floating playground of laughter, teamwork, and plenty of splashes! Staff joined in too, proving they're just as competitive (and delightfully wobbly) as the students. It was a brilliant day of connection, sunshine, and shared memories, a perfect way to round off the term. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success!



Alton Towers Trip – A Day of Thrills and Fun!

On Tuesday, **270 students** from Years **8, 9, 10, and 12** spent a thrilling day at **Alton Towers**, packed with rollercoasters, laughter, and delicious treats. Whether braving high-speed rides or exploring every corner of the park, students made the most of every moment—clocking up plenty of steps and even more smiles along the way! It was a fantastic chance to unwind, connect with friends, and build unforgettable memories together. **Huge thanks to staff** for ensuring the day ran smoothly, and **well done to our students** for representing the school so brilliantly!



Chester Zoo Trip – A Wild Day Out!

On Tuesday, 45 of our students enjoyed a fantastic day at Chester Zoo as part of Activities Day. From lions and giraffes to meerkats and monkeys, there was plenty to see and explore. Students had the chance to learn about different animals, take in the sights, and enjoy some fresh air outside the classroom. It wasn't just about the animals though—many students said one of the best parts of the day was getting to hang out with their friends in such a fun and relaxed setting. Whether they were sharing laughs over lunch or spotting their favourite animals together, it was a great opportunity to bond and make memories. A big thank you to the staff who supported the trip and helped make it such a smooth and enjoyable day!



Tuesday's Big Day of Activities!

This week, over 100 of our students rolled up their sleeves and threw themselves into a packed day of hands-on fun and helpfulness across the school. From exploring the history of chocolate (with plenty of tasty samples, naturally), to joining in energetic sports and fitness sessions, everyone found something to dive into. Several students pitched in to support our site staff with summer classroom clear-outs, while others took pride in sprucing up our grounds with gardening and litter picking. It was fantastic to see such teamwork, curiosity, and community spirit in action. Thank you to everyone who took part—you made Tuesday one to remember!



Thank You

We would like to thank [Worthington and Jones Ltd](#) who kindly came to our rescue and gave us a huge amount of cardboard boxes which we have used to help move classrooms around.

Our Curriculum

At SJT, our curriculum is at the heart of our school vision and built upon the foundations of our values: excellence, integrity, empathy, creativity, and equality. We encourage our students to have awareness of their journey of learning in each subject with learning journeys so they can navigate through the curriculum alongside their teachers. For more information, please click on the link here: [Our Curriculum - Sir John Talbot's](#)

Taylor Shaw Catering Menu – W/C Tuesday 2nd September 2025 – Week 1

Our Spring Summer Menu and Tariff is located on our school website in the Family Information section under School Life. You can also click on the direct link here: [Menu-Spring-Summer-2024-25.pdf](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events at a glance:

- 24th July – End of School Term
- 1st September – PD Day (school closed to students)
- 2nd September – Year 7 and 12 school begins
- 3rd September – All remaining year groups return

Click [here](#) to view our Term Dates.



NEWS

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