



Shorne C of E Primary School

Term 3 newsletter

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Year 6 Bikeability!

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Children's Mental Health Week



During Children's Mental Health Week children wore pyjamas as a reminder of the benefits of sleep on our mental and physical wellbeing. They also took part in mindfulness sessions to help with managing their own thoughts and feelings! If you would like to reach out to the school for any support, whether it be related to your child's, your own or a family member's mental health and wellbeing, or any aspect of family life that you feel we may be able to help with, we are here for you.

A message from Miss Hewett

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As always, we have had an eventful and busy term. We continue to monitor standards in teaching and learning to ensure that our children receive the best possible experience. We are constantly reflecting on our practices to achieve this.

This term, we underwent a Trust review, working closely with the Trust to identify our strengths, of which there were many, and areas where we can strategically improve. This review was highly successful, and we are pleased to report numerous strengths, along with clear focus areas for development.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your continued support. Our children are a credit to you all. A special thanks to the staff and governors for their dedication, and to everyone involved.

Have a wonderful half term, and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday, 24th February.

Best wishes,
Tara Hewett

EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR SCHOOL!

We're hiring for three new positions! Join our welcoming team and be part of a community that lives by our vision:

Love your neighbour, learn from the Good Samaritan, live with open hearts and minds

To find out more, please visit [Kent Teach](#)

Staffing update

As many of you may already know, Miss Carter will be going off on maternity leave after the Easter break. We would like to wish her all the best with her new arrival.



Miss E Carter

CLASS TEACHER



Mr T Beal

SITE MANAGER

Sadly Mr Beal our Site Manager is relocating so will be leaving Shorne at the end of March. He has been an integral part of the school since 2022 and will be greatly missed.

SHORNE SPOTLIGHT



on...Ms Nolan

Get to know our Year 6 Teacher Ms Nolan in the third of our new feature - Shorne Spotlight! Here are five things you may not know about her!

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Born and raised in Abbey Wood, South East London. I am one of three and have two younger sisters!



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I have two grown up children called Rhys and Tess and one adorable granddaughter called Avery (15 months).

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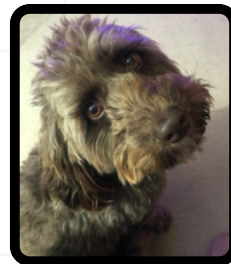
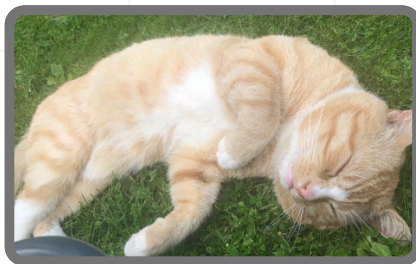
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I have played several sports growing up and regularly play netball and rugby, with a bit of badminton and squash thrown in... Most weekends for Bexley Vixens as a fly half.



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I have a naughty dog called Rolo and even naughtier cat called Tigger



5

One thing you may not know about me is that I used to be a legal PA before I had children and when they were young, before deciding on a career change and qualified as a teacher.



I joined Shorne Primary School in September 2023 and I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of this wonderful school...!

Warm regards, Ms Nolan, KS2 Lead and Year 6 Teacher



SHORNE *News*

ECO CLUB NEED YOUR HELP!

Eco Club are working with Shorne Wildlife group to help reduce litter in our village. As well as litter picking, which they will be doing next term, they came up with a brilliant idea to create a poster that can be put up around the village to remind residents not to drop litter!

Poster competition!

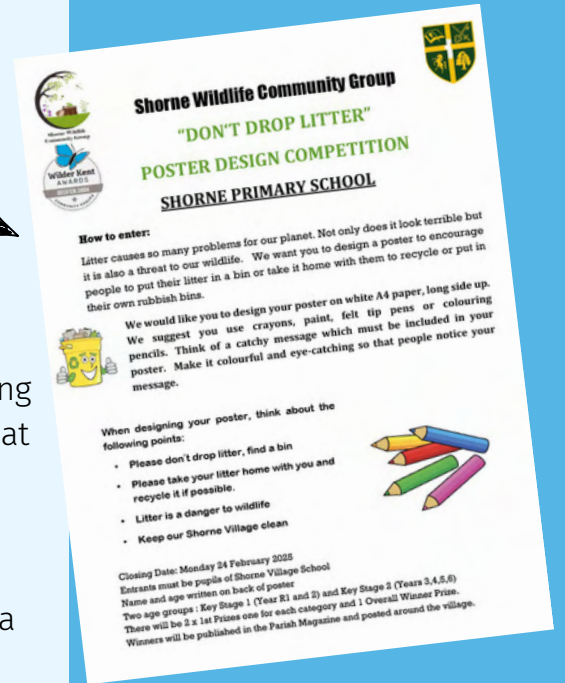
Eco Club are inviting all the children in the school to take part in a poster competition. Why not get creative over the half term and design your very own poster? Details have been shared via email and dojo! We would love to receive as many entries as possible and there will be prizes available!!

The overall winning poster will be printed and displayed around the village and it will also feature in the local parish magazine and school newsletter. As mentioned, entries can be dropped off to the school office before **Friday 28th February**.

Thank you and good luck!!



On Friday 24th January, our school choir had a fantastic time participating in Young Voices 2025! They travelled to London to perform at the highly anticipated annual event at the O2 arena and were joined by thousands of young singers from primary schools across the UK, and the Trust, forming the world's largest children's choir!



A huge thank you to FOSS for purchasing a new rug for Otter Class!



Shorne Sports news!



Year 3 and 4 Dodgeball

A fantastic team took to Saint Georges School hall to compete against 9 other schools in a trust tournament. For some, this was the first opportunity to represent the school at a competitive event. We played amazingly well and showed true resilience and determination throughout.

Year 5 and 6 Football - O'Reilly Shield

We played brilliantly against an extremely strong Our Lady of Hartley team. Having lost influential midfielder Jude in the first quarter to a head injury, Hartley turned the screw and began to overpower us. We fought till the end with Rihanna hitting the post and Charlie hitting the crossbar with a wonderful strike. We are unfortunately out of this but we will begin preparation for the Riverview 7s, during the Easter Holidays.



Year 5 and 6 - Woodhead Shield

A very strong girls team which included debutants Darlie-Beau and Evelyn, won a brilliant first round match against Cecil Road Primary School. The girls controlled the game with Rihanna showing her strength and brilliance to score 5 goals! Beth showed her trickery on the wing and was very unlucky not to score a fantastic goal. We progress through to the quarter finals where we will face Riverview after half term.

TEAM Shorne!

Maidstone Pretty Muddy 5k 2025

Event date: 05/07/2025
Event start time: 11:00
Event location: Mote Park

We will be taking on muddy obstacles and having fun whilst raising money for a very important cause! If you would like to sponsor us then please follow the following link to donate - <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/team-shorne>



Healthy Selfie

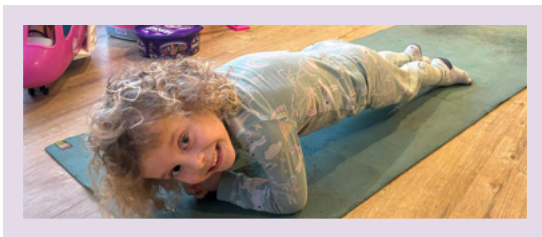


Healthy Selfie Campaign!

We would absolutely love to see what physical activities your family has been up to. Whether it's playing in a sports team, completing the weekly challenge, riding your bike, ice skating or cooking, we want to celebrate all things active!




Please keep sending them in and let's keep the enthusiasm going!

Live HEALTHY



A huge congratulations to Tommy and Noah in Year 3 who got through trials to play at the Ferdinand Academy!

Shorne's STAR Awards

	RESILIENCE 	COMMUNITY 	RESPECT 
Year R	Florence P	Kylan	Leya
Year 1	Tylun	Evie	Rory
Year 2	Leo	Jada	Georgie
Year 3	Bonnie	Savanna	Jude
Year 4	Amber	Sidney	Louisiana
Year 5	Brock	Eva	Jesse
Year 6	Rosie	Sophia	Ted W

Our STAR Award winners!



Year 1 won best attendance with 98.68%

House winners (Term 3) are: Pickwick

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 6th March!

World Book Day is fast approaching!

On World Book Day children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character or as an adjective (e.g. spotty, colourful, sparkly). Families are invited to come in at 2:40pm to share your child's favourite story together. We will also have a range of books from the library out for you to share together. All the classrooms and the hall will be set up so siblings can gather together. There will also be some activities for you to complete with your child if you would like to, these are optional. We are looking forward to seeing you on World Book Day!

Accelerated Reader Achievements:

This academic year, we have read a grand total of:

4,915,618 words!

Our readers who have read the most words per class this term are:

- Year 2 - Layla-Ann (51,620)
- Year 3 - Ben Collins (218,156)
- Year 4 - Jayden (144,610)
- Year 5 - Thomas J (134,486)
- Year 6 - Harry S (281,557)



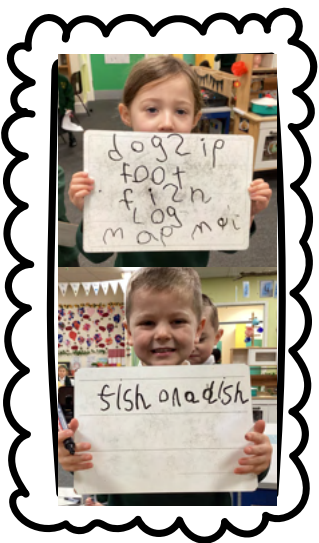
Passed all their quizzes this term:

Reggie B, Jenson, Georgie, Jacob M, Elsie, Joseph R, Layla-Ann, Ben C, Arabella, Francesca, Isabelle G, Drew, Sid H, Ben K, Oliver L, Eleanor L, Ella M, Mia, Annabel, Anna, Ivy, Hooper, Sidney B, Molly, Emily Ch, Kalel, Arya, Josh F, Matthew, Jude H, Jacob H, Rene, Harry H, Jesse, Thomas J, Nevaya, Zachary, Ted W, Jack S, Harry S, Harry R-V, Olivia M, Edie, Rosie, Sophia H, Freya G, Seb, Cobie, Emily Cl, Iris, Tom-Henry

Rabbit Class



Rabbits have been busy learning about journeys and transport. We went on a transport survey in our local area where we saw a bus, a truck and a horse! We made boats and tested if they could float as well as making cars and our very own maps!



We've also made some super progress in our reading and writing!



Hedgehogs



This term Hedgehog Class have produced wonderful pieces of writing. We have been reading the story, What the Ladybird Heard by Julia Donaldson. The story inspired us to go on sound hunts around the school and then write our own stories called, What the Ladybird Heard at Shorne School!



Otters Julia Donaldson's story also made us want to learn more about life on a farm, so we collected up some books from our school library and carried out lots of research.

Following this, the children learnt about the features of non-fiction texts and created some exciting leaflets – All About the Farm.



Otters

This term in Year 2 we have been looking at the stories Dread Cat and The Day the Crayons Quit. We created missing posters for Dread Cat who vanished after being chased away by a group of mice and we wrote letters to Duncan trying to persuade him to choose us as their favourite colour.

Our art topic this term was food and we looked at two artists, Guiseppe Arcimboldo who created portraits of people using fruit and vegetables and Paul Cezanne who painted still life paintings of fruit. We used crayons, pencils and water colours to create our artwork this term. In science we looked at electricity and we created our own circuits. Finally, in DT we have been designing our own chairs using card, art straws and different joining techniques - it was tricky but we really enjoyed getting our puppets to sit on our chairs!



Foxes

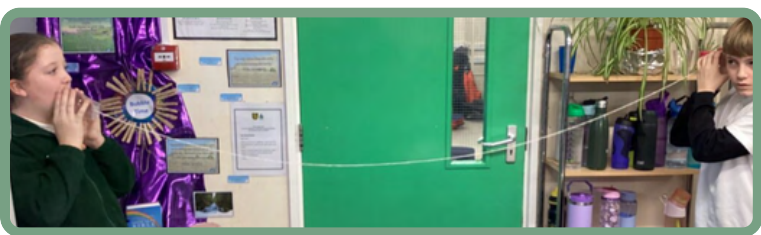
What a truly amazing term it has been in Year 3! Our reading of George's Marvellous Medicine sparked creativity, leading to some wonderful pieces of work. We've also delved into the fascinating world of skeletons, learning about their importance, while sharpening our skills in hockey and enhancing our gymnastics abilities. One of our biggest achievements this term was our fantastic Robert McCall-inspired artwork. The children demonstrated excellent determination, producing stunning pieces we can all be proud of.



A highlight was having our parents join in to create their own versions alongside the children. It's been a fantastic term filled with lots of creativity!

Tiger Class

This term Year 6 have engaged in lots of fun experiments in our science lessons, from exploring the effect of exercise on our heart rate to making string-cup telephones to find out how sound travels over distance.



In art they have been studying Matisse's use of vibrant colours in his collage and created their own expressionist pieces - they even posed for each other as inspiration! The children have enjoyed having the opportunity to use their imaginations to create tension and suspense in narrative writing and we have been looking at ratio in maths.

Well done to everyone who has been making sure they are in school promptly for intervention sessions - I hope the children have been finding them useful. After half term there will also be some after school interventions, so please keep an eye on Dojo towards the end of the week in case your child is being invited to attend.

Dolphin Class

Term 3 has flown by in Dolphin class. We have been writing story introductions based on the Ted Hughes book *The Iron Man*, honing our multiplication and division skills as well as creating science fiction art with a focus on the Robert McCall (who designed the sets for *Star Trek*!).

The highlight was certainly the parent open afternoon where we shared the dips the children had made. Lots of preparation and fine tuning led to some great creations.



Mrs Bath loved the guacamole and my favourite was definitely the salsa (with chilli!).



Year 5 Pandas

Year 5 have had an incredible and creative term, packed with exciting learning opportunities! In English, we have been using *Who Let the Gods Out?* by Maz Evans as our writing stimulus. We have written a setting description, bringing to life the vivid journey to Elysium - the land of the gods. Our descriptions painted a picture of this breathtaking new world. Once our writing was complete, we took our work to the computer room, where we typed up our descriptions and used an AI image generator! The children were absolutely amazed to see their words transformed into stunning artwork!



Another standout moment of our term has been in DT! The children have been designing, building, and testing their very own motorised cars. After planning, we got hands-on—measuring and assembling the chassis and pulley system before wiring up the motors and batteries.



Diary Dates

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with our news and
events on our
Facebook page!



Key Dates - Term 3 and 4

Monday 24th February	Term 4 begins
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day!
Friday 14th March	Trust Development Day-school is closed
Monday 17th March	FOSS Crazy Hair day
Weds 26th - Fri 28th March	FOSS Mother's Day Afternoon Tea - details to be confirmed
Monday 31st March	Easter Church Service - Year 1 and 6
Tuesday 1st April	FOSS Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday 3rd April	Rocksteady Easter Concert
Friday 4th April	Last day of Term - finish at 1.30pm

Easter egg collection

Following our visit to the local Foodbank, our pupils decided they wanted to do more to support Gravesham Foodbank throughout the year, rather than just at Harvest time. Easter can be expensive for families and many people turn to the Foodbank for support. Therefore our pupils have decided they would like to do an Easter Egg collection and need your support!

If you are able to donate any Easter eggs to this fantastic cause we would really appreciate it. Chocolate eggs can be donated and left in the hall from **1st March** onwards.

Thank you!

