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**Summer Term 1 Week 4**  
**News**  
**Week beginning 19/05/25**  
**News is through e mail, Facebook and website – please make sure we have your e mail address.**

**ATTENDANCE**  
**WHOLE SCHOOL**  
**95.28%**

**Shotton Hall Primary School**  
Working together to  
**SHINE**  
**Successful, Happy, Inspired**  
**and Nurtured towards**  
**Excellence**

Head Teacher: Mrs J L Morgan  
Deputy Head Teacher: Mrs R Hext  
Assistant Headteacher: Ms E. Metcalfe  
Behaviour, Attendance and Safeguarding Officer: Mr K. Morgan  
SENCO/Pastoral: Mrs R Hext  
Site Manager: Mrs W. Fickling  
School Business Manager: Mrs J Treanor

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of their cultural capital offer our Year 4 pupils have experienced felt making sessions this week. Heidi Street-Ward, a professional felt artist visited our school to hold two workshops. The children created beautiful pieces of felt art from scratch. This involved starting with strips of white wool, which were pressed and rolled to form the background of their work. They then used strips of coloured wool, which were formed into shapes and placed onto their backgrounds. The afternoon involved a lot of physical work! A sticky liquid was added and then the children needed to roll their work for 30 minutes.....the results were fantastic. The theme was based around 'summer' and we saw beaches, blue seas, skies full of birds and some lovely tropical animals! As she left, Heidi fed back that the Year 4 children were a delight to work with. Also, thank you to all of our parents and grandparents who came along to help!

Yesterday, Class 5 welcomed parents and carers into school to take part in their class workshop to help build kites as part of their DT unit of work. The children (and adults) were extremely creative when making the sails and tails for their kites and everyone had a fantastic time! The children enjoyed flying their kites later in the day to test out their sturdiness. Well done everyone!

This week our KS2 girls and boys cricket teams attended their school games competitions. Both teams have worked hard over the last few weeks preparing for the competitions and should be really proud of themselves. Our girls squad won 2 and lost 2 and finished 6<sup>th</sup> out of 16 which is a great achievement, considering they were brand new to the sport. Our boys team also came 6<sup>th</sup> – well done everyone!

Today, Ben from 'Wannateach' PE has been in school working with our KS2 children. He has delivered 'Kabaddi' to Y5 & 6 and 'American Football' to Year 3 & 4. The children's attitudes were amazing and they took to the new sports straight away. The children will now have a chance to develop their skills in these games as we will deliver them over lunchtimes.

We have begun preparations for 'Shotton Hall Live' which will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July. The children are excited to perform and are practising the songs ready to share with you. This is always a popular event in our diary and we will give further details about the day nearer the time.

Finally, **GOOD LUCK** to Sunderland AFC in the play-off finals at Wembley tomorrow. If you are travelling down to the capital, we wish you a safe journey and 'fingers crossed' Sunderland will win the match and gain promotion to the premier league!

School will reopen to pupils on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** - enjoy the half-term break!

Kind regards

Joanne Leah Morgan

Head teacher

#### Certificates:

**Resilient:** Liam P C7, Millie T C4, Jacob McG C12M.

**Reflective:** Cody M C10, Gracie B C9, William B C9, Tom C C3, Matthew T-S C11.

**Resourceful:** Hudson P C5, Cara C C12C.

**Reciprocal:** Nancy S C2.

**Respectful:** Ivy M C1, Arlo W C6, Alice C C8.

**Pen Licence:** Hudson P C5, Megan S C5.

**Well done to you all!**

**HEADTEACHERS AWARD:** KS1: Sienna M C4, Sonny R C5, Jackson S C6. KS2: William B C9, Charley T C10, Ruby L C11.



#### **BIRTHDAYS:**

**CLASS 1:** Oliver S, Grayson A

**CLASS 2:** Kalen J, Lottie S, Noah R, Isla G, Matthew S

**CLASS 3:** Esmae C

**CLASS 5:** Ella M, Megan S

**CLASS 6:** Jax B, Jackson S

**CLASS 7:** Ruby J, Zachary O

**CLASS 8:** Olivia C.

**CLASS DOJO:** We are very pleased to announce that our admin team now have access to Class Dojo. This means you can message them directly for appointments or admin enquiries. You can send them a message under "Admin" in the message section.

We always need to speak to families when children are off school ill, therefore please continue to advise of any sickness absence by telephone.

You may have noticed that there have been a number of updates to Class Dojo recently. There has been a group messaging function added, which allows parents to include more than one teacher in a message. You may also now receive a 'class announcement' which are important messages sent directly to all parents in the class. Please ensure you have the most recent version downloaded to ensure this works correctly. If you have any difficulties accessing Class Dojo please let us and know and we will try to help.

Please be aware that teachers may not always respond to messages straight away as they are busy in class and teachers may not reply outside of school hours. If you query is urgent, please contact the school office directly.

**AIR-UP BOTTLES:** We have noticed in KS2 a lot of children are bringing “Air-Up” water bottles to school. (Fancy water bottles which have a scented pod at the top to trick you into thinking you are drinking flavoured water). They are very trendy at the moment and popular on TikTok. However, these bottles start at £39.95 – and therefore as a school we will not accept any liability in the event your child’s bottle is lost or broken.

**ASSEMBLIES:** Our “Celebration Assemblies” are continuing along with our “Citizenship Assemblies”. The “Citizenship Assemblies” are designed to help our children become responsible and informed members of our local, national and international communities. Every Monday, children in KS1 and KS2 will attend a Citizenship Assembly. In these assemblies, children come together in the Key Stages to reflect upon and learn about a diverse range of issues. Citizenship Assemblies are always age-appropriate. They cover topics such as:

British Values

UNICEF Rights of the Child

News Items (such as elections or the jubilee)

Stories about inspirational people

Special days or months (Black History Month, International Womens Day)

Religious festivals

Personal safety (anti-bullying week and internet safety)

**DAY GATE:** The “Day Gate” will continue to be locked between 3.00-3.25pm for safeguarding reasons.



**URGENT SAFEGUARDING:** At SHPS we believe we all have a duty to keep all children

safe. If you have a concern about any child or young person ‘First Contact’ has made it very easy for you to get in touch with them and this can be done anonymously. Telephone: 03000 267979, E-mail:

scd@durham.gov.uk. [www.durham.gov.uk/firstcontact](http://www.durham.gov.uk/firstcontact) Thank you so much for your vigilance.

**ONLINE SAFETY:** The game “PC Horror puzzle game” which is PEGI rated 12+ is not suitable for younger children. However, the game is being imitated on the popular game Roblox and it is also very popular on Youtube. Because of the innocent name of the game many videos are not being picked up by YouTube’s filters. We urge parents to be vigilant in what their children are playing and watching online.

**BREAKFAST CLUB:** Can we kindly remind you that due to insurance purposes we cannot allow pupils to enter site before 7.45am for Breakfast Club and that the Day Gate buzzer will not be answered before this time. Also there is no access to Breakfast Club through the staff car park. Thank you.

**ROAD SAFETY:** Please can we remind parents NOT to use the entrance to the school in Waveney Rd as a turning circle, as there has been damage done to the fence and it can cause a problem for staff entering the site. Thank you.

**BIKES & SCOOTERS:** Please can we remind you that bikes and scooters are **not** to be used on school site as this is a safety hazard. Thank you.

**LUNCHES:** Please inform the school office if you would like to change your child to either packed lunch or school dinners, we need 2 weeks notice to make the necessary changes. Thank you.

**SCHOOL MEAL CHARGES:** As of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 school meals have increased to £2.81 per day (£14.05 per week) until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. **Preschool meals are at a cost of £3.37 per day (£16.85 per week).**

**WEARABLE TECHNOLOGY:** Please could we remind parents that pupils are not allowed to wear Apple watches or Smart watches in school as they can be connected to the Internet and are also expensive items.

**JEWELLERY:** Earrings need to be removed for PE and swimming. Your child is fine to do this in school, however if they struggle with this then can they be removed at home. Unfortunately, taping them up isn’t a safe option. If for whatever reason they cannot be removed, then there will be parts of the lesson that they are unable to participate in for their own safety.

**BREAKFAST CLUB:** Breakfast Club is open to Reception children up to Year 6, this does not need to be booked but will need to be paid for in advance please through Parentpay. The cost per day is £2 for the first child and £1 for any siblings.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB:** 'Night Owls' Club must be booked via the office (NOT on Class Dojo) and paid for 1 week in advance via Parentpay. The club is open to Reception children up to Year 6 from Monday to Thursday. Due to low numbers there is no club on Friday.

Collection is via the day gate which needs to be pushed as it does not open automatically and from the small hall doors next to reception. We do not release children to walk down the drive for safeguarding reasons. Siblings must be minimum 14 yrs of age to collect other siblings and a form will need to be completed to authorise this. **Children must be collected no later than 5 pm.** The cost per day is £4.00 for the first child and £3.50 for any siblings.

**CONTACT DETAILS:** Please can you ensure we have up to date contact numbers in case of illness or accidents in school.

**PACKED LUNCHES:** We operate as a healthy school. **Children with sweets and chocolates/chocolate bars will not be able to eat them at lunchtime so please do not put them in their lunch boxes.** We ask children to take their rubbish or leftovers home for parents/carers to see what they have eaten.

**PARENTPAY:** Please pay by card rather than bank transfer as these take longer to process. Please pay for dinners either weekly or monthly in advance.

### **SCHOOL TIMES:**

Gates open 8.40 am and close at 8.55 am, reopen at 3 pm and close at 3.30 pm.

Preschool entry 8.50 am, gate opens for collection 2.45pm.

Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 8.55am - 3.15 pm

Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12G, 12M 8.55am-3.20 pm

### **POLITE REMINDERS:**

Contact the office to report sickness.

Complete a leave of absence form for any time taken out of school time.

Contact the office if your child has to attend an appointment.

Keep your dog on a lead and away from the entrances.

In line with DCC policy this is a non smoking site including vapes.

Please do not play loud music in your car whilst waiting for your child, as this can be disruptive for our neighbours. Thank you.

### Dates for Your Diary

This diary is given in good faith to enable you to set your own diaries. There may be some changes beyond our control and we will communicate this through text or via the newsletter. There may also be additional events which we will inform you of as they occur. Please make sure we have your up to date phone number and e mail.

Date	Day	Class/year	Event	Information
04.06.25	Wednesday	Class 10	Paddle boarding Seaham	Please see class letter
05.06.25	Thursday	Class 11	Paddle boarding Seaham	Please see class letter
05.06.25	Thursday	Class 4	Class Workshop	9.10am in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
09.06.25	Monday	Year 3	Moorhouse Adventure	Please see class letter.
10.06.25	Tuesday	Year 6	Visit from SHAC staff	In school event.
12.06.25	Thursday	Class 3	Class Workshop	9.10am in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
17.06.25	Tuesday	Year 6	Dragon Boating Experience	Please see class letter.
18.06.25	Wednesday	Various children	Brass Performance at SHAC	More info to follow.
19.06.25	Thursday	Class 1 & 2	Stay and Play	More info to follow.
25.06.25	Wednesday	Class 7	Iskcon Temple Visit	More info to follow.
02.07.25	Wednesday	Whole School	Parents Evening	Appts will be available on Dojo
03.07.25	Thursday	Whole School	Parents Evening	Appts will be available on Dojo
03.07.25	Thursday	Classes 12C & 12M	Houghall Campus Visit	More info to follow.

04.07.25	Friday	Whole School	Shotton Hall Live!	More info to follow.
07.07.25	Monday	Preschool	Sports Day	More info to follow.
08.07.25	Tuesday	Classes 1 to 6	KS1 Sports Day	More info to follow.
09.07.25	Wednesday	Classes 7 to 12M	KS2 Sports Day	More info to follow.
10.07.25	Thursday	Preschool	Preschool Celebration	More info to follow.
11.07.25	Friday	Year 6	Tommy's Trek	More info to follow.
14.07.25	Monday	Classes 5 & 6	Raby Castle & Deer Park	More info to follow.
15.07.25	Tuesday	Classes 12C & 12M	Year 6 Leavers Concert	More info to follow.
16.07.25	Wednesday	Classes 12C & 12M	Year 6 Leavers Concert	More info to follow.

<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>School closes for Summer half term</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025</b>	<b>School opens</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	<b>School closes for Summer holidays</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>School opens</b>

**Attendance**   Yellow – 96.73% STM   Blue – 96.02% NA   Green – 94.18% SDA   Red – 93.60% QEII





Eco Turtles Award has been given to Class 12C this week – Well Done!



Kindness Tree Award has been given to Ivy J C8, Isaac C C8, Autumn L C4.

