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Summer Term 2 Week 5

News

Week beginning 30/06/25

News is through e mail, Facebook and website – please make sure we have your e mail address.

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
95.71%

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,

It was so lovely to see so many parents and grandparents attending 'Shotton Hall Live' today! Thank you for joining us and listening to 377 fantastic singers, each and every single one of them were amazing..... what a wonderful afternoon -we all certainly 'feel good'!!

In other news, on Monday our Year 6 pupils took part in a 'Safety Carousel' of activities at the Durham Centre. They participated in activities with the Ambulance service, Fire and Police. They also discussed road safety and cybercrime.

Classes 3 and 4 enjoyed a visit to a local nature reserve 'Rainton Meadows' on Tuesday. The children took part in pond dipping and mini-beast hunting, finding lots of common and unusual creatures. The children loved looking at what they found through the mini-beast exploring pots. The children also enjoyed a walk around the nature reserve looking for wildlife. Their guide, John, was very impressed with the children's knowledge of animals, their habitats and their diets. A great day was had by all!

On Thursday, Year 6 children had a very inspiring and memorable visit to Houghall College. They visited the working farm which forms part of the college and got to feed the cows and see dozens of adorable (and very smelly) piglets. They also got to visit the animal-care section where they saw everything from fluffy rabbits to enormous boa constrictors. The highlight of the trip was the visit to the stables in the equine section. Children got to spend time with the horses, who were all incredibly calm and gentle and just loved being petted and hugged. It was a very calming experience. Another highlight for lots of children was spending time outside in the beautiful countryside setting. At the end of the day, lots of boys and girls were excitedly talking about their hopes of going to study at Houghall one day, so the trip was a great success!

A huge well done to our 6 pupils who participated in the County athletics competition on Tuesday. After very successful placings in the Easington district event, Charlie, Charlotte, Jaqobi and Alia were selected to compete against other districts from all over County Durham.

Despite the fact that they came up against the best athletes in their age group from across Durham, they still stood out and shone with more outstanding performances and results. A special mention to Charlie who won his heat and the final of the 100m sprint by some distance! He is now the County sprint champion! Charlotte finished 4th in the mixed 4x100m relay race, Jaqobi finished just outside the medals in the long jump and Alia was placed 7th in her very competitive 800m final.

Easington district won the competition overall, meaning further medals for our team. We are all super proud of your efforts – well done!

The winner of 'Name the bear' is Madeline Class 8 who guessed 'Toffee the Bear' correctly and the closest to the correct amount of sweets in the jar was Joshua Class 8 who guessed 237 – well done!

Have a lovely weekend,

Joanne Leah Morgan

Head teacher

Certificates:

Resilient: Jake C C2, Fearne C C11, Myla-Grace L C5, Charlie E C12M,

Reflective: Ivy M C1, Lacey F C6, Tilly F C3,

Resourceful: Zachary O C7, Henry M-S C9, Autumn L C4,

Reciprocal: Charley T C10, Alyssa T C8, Millie W C8, Robyn C C8, Harper R C8.

Respectful: Hannah C C5, Amelia Gibson C12C, Emily Clark C12C,

Pen Licence:

Well done to you all!



BIRTHDAYS:

CLASS 1: Luca A-N

CLASS 12M: Jacob McG.

CLASS 12C: Ivy U.

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 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 31st March 2025 school meals have increased to £2.95 per day (£14.75 per week). **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
07.07.25	Monday	Preschool	Sports Day	Gates open at
08.07.25	Tuesday	Classes 1 to 6	KS1 Sports Day	Gates open at 1.15pm and starts at 1.30pm
09.07.25	Wednesday	Classes 7 to 12M	KS2 Sports Day	Gates open at 1.15pm and starts at 1.30pm
10.07.25	Thursday	Preschool	Preschool Celebration	9.10am in the large hall.
11.07.25	Friday	Year 6	Tommy's Trek	Please see class letter.
14.07.25	Monday	Classes 5 & 6	Raby Castle & Deer Park	Please see class letter.
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.
17.07.25	Thursday	Classes 1 & 2	South Shields Beach visit	Please see class letter.

Holiday dates

Friday 18 th July 2025	School closes for Summer holidays
Tuesday 2 nd September	School opens



Attendance Yellow – 97.16% STM Blue – 95.40% NA Green – 96.66% SDA Red – 96.88% QEII

CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4	CLASS 5	CLASS 6	CLASS 7	CLASS 8	CLASS 9	CLASS 10	CLASS 11	CLASS 12C	CLASS 12M
87.98%	97.77%	94.57%	99.50% WINNERS!	96.15%	98.96%	95.45%	97.66%	99.26% WINNERS!	96.00%	91.35%	93.27%	96.35%

