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Summer Term 2 Week 7
News
Week beginning 14/07/25

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
94.64%

Shotton Hall Primary School
Working together to
S H I N E
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,

We have FINALLY reached the end of term! What a very busy and very successful year we have had.

Our Year 6 pupils have 'gone out in style' this week with two fabulous performances. Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who have shared such lovely comments, we really do appreciate all of your kind words!

This week.....

On Monday, Classes 5 and 6 had a fantastic day at Raby Castle. They began their day with a tour of the castle grounds where they learned about the history of the castle's ownership as well as the defence mechanisms used to keep out enemies. They enjoyed their lunch in the servants' kitchen and were able to explore the different rooms of the castle. The afternoon was spent exploring the gardens and maze and they managed to get up close to the castle's resident deer. They had quite an adventure when their coach broke down, then there was a huge down pour and THEN they got stuck in a traffic jam - what an exciting time!

Yesterday, our reception children enjoyed a trip to South Shields beach. The weather was kind to them and they managed to enjoy the full day outdoors. The coach ride is always such an adventure in itself and they enjoyed eating their packed lunches outdoors like a mini picnic. They made sandcastles, played ball games, buried one another and to top off their fantastic day together, they devoured a classic Mr Whippy ice-cream. It was wonderful for them to let their hair down after a very successful first year in school. Thank you to all of our parent helpers – we hope you had fun too!

Also, this week we welcomed the professional brass band 'Mr Wilson's Second Liners' into school. They are visiting the area as part of Durham Brass Festival and we were extra lucky to see them perform some amazing music. Children were up dancing and singing from start to finish and even had a dance lesson, with the band teaching us all 'Big fish, little fish, cardboard box!'

We had two fantastic celebration assemblies today and shared so many successes! We also presented our sports personality of the year awards. This year Bobby M and Charlotte F were well deserved winners – well done to you both!

A huge 'THANK YOU' to all of our parents, grandparents and friends of the school. We have raised an incredible £5,831.00 in sponsorships, which has been banked and is ready to hand over to 'East Durham Veterans'. We know that when we present the cheque that they will very much appreciate all of your kindness and generosity - which never ceases to amaze us!

Our fabulous Mrs Carr, who has taught at Shotton Hall Primary School (s) for 32 years (yes 32 years – wow) is semi-retiring in September. We just can't let her leave us just yet, so she will be teaching in Year 6 three days per week, alongside Mrs Hext and Mrs Mc Kitten – what a fantastic team!

Just a reminder that school will close on **Friday 18th July** and reopen to children on **Tuesday 2nd September**.

Have a lovely Summer and we will see you all in September!

Kind regards,

Joanne Leah Morgan

Head teacher

Certificates:

Resilient: All of Preschool, William B C9.

Reflective: Jonah R C1, Jacob W C10, Alfie S C3, Robin M C4.

Resourceful: Emily C12C, Megan S C5.

Reciprocal: Zachary L C2, Kelly M C7, Lilah P.

Respectful: Monroe B C11, Jack L C6, Sydney D C7.

HEADTEACHERS AWARD: KS1: Tyler K C3, Jacob S C3, Halle G C3. KS2: Sydney D C7, Henry G C7, Abe R C8, Ivy C C12M, Emily C C12C, Gracie C C12C, Jacob McG C12M.

Pen Licence: Hallie-Grace D C5.

Well done to you all!



BIRTHDAYS:

PRESCHOOL: Sophia R, Albie M, Charlotte F

CLASS 1: Chester L, Maya T, Charlotte P, Jonah R.

CLASS 2: Jake C, Ada R, Olivia S.

CLASS 3: Halle G, Tom C, Amelia E, Tilly F

CLASS 4: Theo B, Thomas G, Rosie P, Tommy P, Jasmine S, Eden S

CLASS 5: Jack B, Archie M, Bella U, Hayden L

CLASS 7: Harrison T, Bradley H, Natassia L.

CLASS 8: Aria J, Heath A, Oliver H

CLASS 12C: Imogen B, Emily C, Cooper H-C.

CLASS 12M: John M, Alice C-W, Josh 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 **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. **As of September 2025 the cost per day is increasing to £3 for the first child and £2 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. As of September 2025 the cost per day is increasing to £5.50 for the first child and £4.50 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
03.09.25	Wednesday	Classes 10, 11, 12C/Hx and 12M.	Welcome meetings	Please see letter
04.09.25	Thursday	Classes 7, 8, 9.	Welcome meetings	Please see letter
05.09.25	Friday	Classes 3, 4, 5, 6	Welcome meetings	Please see letter

Holiday dates

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



Geoff the Chef Award has been given to Class 7 this week for the best behaviour over lunchtime KS2 – Well Done!



Sue the Chef Award has been given to Class 2 this week for the best behaviour over lunchtime KS1 – Well Done!



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



Kindness Tree Award has been given to Charlotte L C2 and Mr Cleugh.



Attendance Yellow – 97.09% STM Blue – 95.60% NA Green – 92.19% SDA Red – 93.82% 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
92.31%	94.20%	97.83%	97.00% WINNERS!	95.19%	92.71%	90.91%	96.48%	97.06% WINNERS!	97.00%	92.31%	95.67%	91.67%

