

Governors voluntarily working on your behalf to ensure all aspects of the school's work are effective and compliant.

Chair: Mr T Watson

Vice Chair: Mrs C Langdon

Co-opted: Mrs W Fickling x 2 vacancies.

Parent: 2 x vacancies.

Staff: Mrs J Henry

You may contact any governor via the

school. **Complaints in the first instance are**

**to be communicated to the Head Teacher**

**Mrs J L Morgan.**

## Autumn Term 2 Week 2

### News

Week beginning 10/11/25

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

ATTENDANCE  
WHOLE SCHOOL  
96.04%

## 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,

Today, both of our assemblies were 'awash' with a sea of colours, as we supported 'Children in Need'. There were so many 'Pudsey Bear' outfits (too many to count) and the children have had a great day. They have completed lots of fun activities this afternoon and enjoyed a special lunch of southern fried chicken wraps, Quorn dippers, cheese & bean panini, fish fingers and Pudsey chocolate muffin cakes! Please check out the photographs on Class Dojo and our school Facebook page.

We had a very special day on Tuesday, when we commemorated 'Remembrance Day' in school. Class 11 delivered a beautiful, thought-provoking assembly in the morning, which was attended by local veterans. We then marked the two-minute silence at 11am with 'The Last Post' which echoed throughout the school and was played beautifully by Mr. Haygarth. Our Pre-school children joined in and displayed their poppy wreath on our school gates. Everyone was so reflective and respectful- we are so proud of you all.

Class 11 had a great morning on Thursday at their parent workshop. They made their very own owl tree decorations and some lovely cards. The children love having the time to work alongside their parents and grandparents in school. Thank you so much to all of you who were able to come along and support the children, we really appreciate it.

Unfortunately, the cross-country finals were cancelled on Thursday – due to the heavy rain! This will be rescheduled and we are awaiting a new date.

Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Monday 17th November until Thursday 20th November. Today, children have had the opportunity to look at the fantastic range of books on offer. Lots of the books are priced at £5 or less. From Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th, children will be able to buy books in school. On Monday 17th November, from 3:20pm, we will also be inviting parents into school to buy books with their children. The Book Fair will then be collected on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Any rewards we receive as a result of your purchases, will be spent on books to enhance the curriculum for our children. This is always an extremely popular event in school and as ever, we are grateful for your support.

We currently have two vacancies for Parent Governors at our school. All parents, other than those employed at the school for more than 500 hours per year or who are elected members of the Local Authority (LA) are eligible to stand for election. This includes:

- parents of children attending nursery, either full-time or part-time
- any person who is not the natural parent but has parental responsibility for or who has care of a pupil registered at the school (Education Act 1996, Section 576)

If you are interested in becoming a Governor or would like more information about the expectations of the role, please contact us as soon as possible.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Joanne Leah Morgan

Head teacher

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Class/Year</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Information</b>
02.12.25	Tuesday	Preschool	Christmas sing-a-long	Morning session in the school hall.
03.12.25	Wednesday	Reception Classes 1+2	Christmas Nativity Performance	Two performances to be held am and pm. More details to follow.
5.12.25	Friday	Years 1+2 Classes 3-6	Christmas Production	Two performances to be held am and pm. More details to follow.
8.12.25	Monday	Classes 7 + 8	Christmas Concert	Two performances to be held am and after school. More details to follow.
9.12.25	Tuesday	Classes 9 +10	Christmas Concert	Two performances to be held am and after school. More details to follow
10.12.25 and 12.12.25	Wednesday Friday	Classes 11, 12Mck, 12 C/Hx	Christmas Concert	Additional morning performance due to three classes. More details to follow.
11.12.25	Thursday	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch	More details to follow
15.12.25	Monday	Pre-school, Class 1 +2	Christmas Party	Morning session in school

15.12.25	Monday	Classes 3 + 4	Christmas Party	Afternoon session in school.
16.12.25	Tuesday	Classes 5 + 6	Christmas Party	Afternoon session in school.
17.12.25	Wednesday	Classes 7 + 8	Christmas Party	Afternoon session in school.
18.12.25	Thursday	Classes 9+10	Christmas Party	Afternoon session in school.
19.12.25	Friday	Whole School	Rock band	Whole school
19.12.25	Friday	Classes 11,12C/Hx + 12McK	Christmas Party	Afternoon session in school.

### Certificates:

**Resilient:** Olivia C C10, Jazmin N C11, Eugene L C12McK.

**Reflective:** Mila T C1, Harry J C3, Theo B C6, Hudson P C7, Phoebe J C2, Miya C C2, Poppy B C4.

**Resourceful:** Freddie H PS, Scarlett S C3, Fearn C C12C/Hx.

**Reciprocal:** Amelia T-S C9.

**Respectful:** Aria W C5, Jack L C8.

**HEADTEACHERS AWARD:** KS1: Jude L C1, Tommy D C3, Eve A C3. KS2: Oscar M C9, Nathaniel M C11, Harper P C11.

**Pen Licence:** Robyn C C10,

**Well done to you all!**



### **BIRTHDAYS:**

**PRESCHOOL:** Zak P.

**CLASS 1:** Harriet J.

**CLASS 5:** Hudson H-C.

**CLASS 8:** Jack L, Lilah S, Harriett M.

**CLASS 11:** Jessica B.

**CLASS 12C/Hx:** Austin P.

**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 your 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](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup> 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. Please DO NOT include anything with nuts in, as we are a NUT FREE school and have children with severe allergies.** 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
17.11.25	Monday	Whole School	Book Fair	Book Fair will be open to parents/carers from 3.30-5pm in the small hall (card payments will be preferred but cash can also be used)
18.11.25	Tuesday	Whole School	Book Fair	Open to children during school hours.
20.11.25	Thursday	Class 12McK	Parent Workshop	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome
27.11.25	Thursday	Class 12C/Hx	Parent Workshop	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome
27.11.25	Thursday	Classes 3 & 4	Iskcon Temple visit	Please see original class letter
04.12.25	Thursday	Classes 1 & 2	"Jack and the Beanstalk" Panto at Gala Theatre Durham	More info to follow.
05.12.25	Friday	Class 9	Discovery Museum – Lightbulbs and Circuits	More info to follow
10.12.25	Wednesday	Preschool	"Christmas Eve" Panto at Durham Gala Theatre	More info to follow
16.12.25	Tuesday	Year 5	"Peter Pan" Panto at Billingham Forum	More info to follow
21.01.26	Wednesday	Class 6	Parent Workshop	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome
22.01.26	Thursday	Class 5	Parent Workshop	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome
29.01.26	Thursday	Class 4	Parent Workshop	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome
05.02.26	Thursday	Class 3	Parent Workshop	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome
13.02.26	Friday	Class 2	Parent Workshop	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome
13.02.26	Friday	Class 1	Parent Workshop	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome
12.03.26	Thursday	Class 11	Parent Workshop	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome
19.03.26	Thursday	Class 10	Parent Workshop	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome
26.03.26	Thursday	Class 9	Parent Workshop	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome
02.04.26	Thursday	Preschool	Preschool Easter Parade	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome

### Holiday dates

<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>	<b>School closed to pupils (PD Day for staff)</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025</b>	<b>School opens</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	<b>School closes</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>School closed to pupils (PD Day for staff)</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>School opens</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>School closes</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026</b>	<b>School opens</b>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>School closes</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>School opens</b>
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>School closes</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>School closed Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>School opens</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>School closes</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026</b>	<b>School opens</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	<b>School closes</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	<b>School closed to pupils (PD Day for staff)</b>



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!



Kindness Tree Award has been given to Bleu H PS, Jack A C6, Mr Haygarth.



**Attendance** Yellow – 97.73% STM Blue – 96.12% NA Green – 95.60% SDA Red – 94.74% 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/Hx	CLASS 12McK
94.50%	93.50%	100.00% WINNERS!	92.41%	98.91%	99.00%	96.59%	98.50% WINNERS!	93.48%	96.63%	96.67%	95.96%	92.31%

