

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 3

News

Week beginning 17/11/25

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
92.32%

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,

It has been a very long and busy week in school. Our children have been so sensible, following instructions and showing patience throughout the snowy weather. Our Key Stage 2 children impressed us with their 'snowmen building skills' on the school field yesterday and had a great time! Please can we ask that children come dressed for cold weather and bring hats, gloves and scarves - so they can access the outdoors. Also, if they can wear waterproof footwear or bring a spare pair of socks, that would be much appreciated!

We still have a couple of parents evenings that have not taken place this term. I am happy to say that these have now been rearranged for Classes 3, 8 and 12McK. Staff will be in touch with those parents directly to arrange appointment times for either Tuesday 2nd or Wednesday 3rd December.

The children are busy learning songs for our Christmas productions, whilst still completing their work in class. We are looking forward to sharing coffee, mince pies and celebrating the festive season together. We will issue **two tickets** per child for each performance. We will send home numbered tickets to ensure that we are adhering to Health and Safety requirements. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you to all of the adults that came in to support Class 12McK's Parent Workshop yesterday. The children all worked really hard to decorate their flower sculpture, inspired by Yayoi Kusama. They used exciting colours and highlighted parts of the sculpture using different mediums. They all turned out beautifully and everyone had a fabulous time.

Well done to our fantastic Year 3 and 4 Sports Hall Athletics Team! They made the short trip to EDC to take part in a very busy competition. With the boys and girls splitting up into track and field events, it was the girls who first took to the track events. They performed incredibly well in every race, finishing 2nd overall due to their recorded times. Afterwards, the boys competed in their field events, which included..... chest throw, speed bounce, long jump and vertical jump -wow! Again, they performed incredibly well and finished joint second overall, taking home a silver medal each and HUGE smiles!

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 school as soon as possible

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Joanne Leah Morgan

Head teacher

Date	Day	Class/Year	Event	Information
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: Robyn C C10.

Reflective: Oliver S C12McK, Teddy G C4, Esme C C5, Zaydon L C1, Sophie M C9.

Resourceful: Ella T C11.

Reciprocal: Solomiia Z C6, Oliver E C8.

Respectful: Ida R PS, Darcie D C3, Monroe B C12C/Hx, Shaun K C7, Charlie P C2.

HEADTEACHERS AWARD: KS1: Sophia R C2, Maddox C C3, Jonah R C3. KS2: Junior S C9, Jenson H C9, Oliver K C10.

Pen Licence:

Well done to you all!



BIRTHDAYS:

CLASS 3: James B

CLASS 4: Oscar M

CLASS 5: Jacob S, James S

CLASS 9: Henry G

CLASS 11: Roman S

CLASS 12C/Hx: Austin P

CLASS 12McK: Lola M, Olivia L

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. 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. 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
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

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



Geoff the Chef Award has been given to Class 9 this week for the best behaviour over lunchtime KS2 – Well Done!



Sue the Chef Award has been given to Class 6 this week for the best behaviour over lunchtime KS1 – Well Done!



Kindness Tree Award has been given to Olivia S C4, Jack L C8.



Attendance Yellow – 89.77% STM Blue – 93.10% NA Green – 91.90% SDA Red – 94.60% 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
85.50%	94.00%	86.00%	95.98%	98.91% WINNERS!	84.50%	85.10%	95.65%	95.45%	89.39%	94.49%	96.15%	99.00% WINNERS!

