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## Summer Term 2 Week 2

### News

Week beginning 08.06.26

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

ATTENDANCE  
WHOLE SCHOOL  
95.25%

## 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

Lead: Mr K. Morgan

SENCO/Pastoral: Mrs R Hext

Site Manager: Mrs W. Fickling

School Business Manager: Mrs J Treanor

Dear Parents/Carers,

What another very busy week we have had at Shotton Hall Primary School.

We have been looking at maths lessons across school and talking to the children about their lessons. In Year 2 Mr Cleugh and Mr Johnston were both teaching the children how to tell the time. The children really impressed us with their learning and talked confidently about half past, quarter past, quarter to the hour and even to five-minute intervals. Some children went even further and looked at the time to the minute - well done Year 2! Elsewhere in school, we have seen lessons that have focused on shape and angles, the children are really working hard towards the end of the academic year to cover all objectives – keep going everyone, we are so proud of you all.

On Thursday, our Year 6 children took part in a 'Music Tech Day' with Durham Music Service. They used computer technology to compose their own electronic dance track, with a baseline, melody, chords, vocals and embellishments. They had a brilliant time and we now have some aspiring DJ's in school!

The children in Class 3 enjoyed a fabulous DT workshop this week, with parents and family members coming along to work with their children. The purpose of the workshop was to "create a healthy snack for a packed lunch". In their DT lessons the children have been exploring a range of healthy foods and decided - as a class - to make delicious fruit kebabs! In the workshop, the children carefully handled the foods and were safe and sensible learning to cut with a knife. Once finished, each child completed an evaluation of their snack. The highlight was of course when the children got to eat their delicious creations! One or two lucky parents were even offered a bite, thank you to everyone who attended – the children loved it!

Please click the link below for the latest edition of Radio Rumble. Mr Sumby will be working with the children to produce another episode before the end of the Summer Term!

<https://shottonhallprimary.durham.sch.uk/radio/>

Yesterday, our Athletics competition was cancelled due to the weather. This has now been rearranged and is due to take place next Friday morning. We can't wait to see how everyone does next week!

Our Year 1 children have impressed us with their phonic knowledge this week and have tried their very best with their screening check. Our Year 4 children have also been very busy and have now completed their multiplication check. These results will be sent out to parents in due course.

As part of their transition arrangements our Year 6 children enjoyed their visit from staff at the Academy this week. There were also some of our former pupils that came over from Year 7 to talk to the children about this next step in their education. Our Year 6 children are working so hard with their writing and all other subjects to ensure they complete the Year 6 Curriculum. However, they are still finding time to practise for their leaver's performance 'Mary Poppins' which they will perform for parents on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

Just a reminder that the Summer Scholastic Book Fair is visiting school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of June. There are fabulous deals to be had, with ALL books part of the three for two offer. Children will be able to browse the books on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of June and make their selections. Cash can be brought in to school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> of June and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of June. Please send cash in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class written on the front. The fair will also be open after school on the Wednesday until 5pm. For the after-school fair, card payments will be the preferred method of payment.

Have a great weekend,

Joanne Leah Morgan

Head teacher

#### Certificates:

**Resilient:** Aliya B C4, Arlo W C8, Charlie P C2.

**Reflective:** Joshua C C12G, Elliott C PS, Myla-Grace L C7, Olivia T C11, Jacob C C10.

**Resourceful:** Oliver S C12McK, Fleur L C11, Jenson H C9.

**Reciprocal:** Amora D C3, Autumn C6.

**Respectful:** Lucy E C1, James S C5.

**Pen Licence:** Elsie W C5, George K C7, Myla-Grace L C7, Esme R C7.

**HEADTEACHERS AWARD:** KS1: Luca O'D C4, Solomiia Z C6, Bligh R C6. KS2: Kai S C11, Matthew S C11, Isaac H C11.

**Well done to you all!**



#### **BIRTHDAYS:**

**Preschool:** Skyler L

**Class 8:** Vienna P

**Class 9:** Finley G

**Class 10:** Millie W, Erin S, Emma D, Ava F

**Class 11:** Peyton J

**Class 12McK:** Eugene 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](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 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 school meals have increased to £3.08 per day (£15.40 per week). **Preschool meals are at a cost of £3.70 per day (£18.50 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
18.06.26	Thursday	Year 4	Durham Climbing Wall	Please see class letter
23.06.26	Tuesday	Year 5's Class 10	Paddle boarding Experience	Please see class letter
24.06.26	Wednesday	Class 11	Paddle boarding Experience	Please see class letter
25.06.26	Thursday	Classes 1 & 2	Teddy Bear's Picnic	9.10am in the large hall
25.06.26	Thursday	Year 6	Dragon Boating	Please see class letter
29.06.26 PM	Monday PM	New Reception Starters	Visit to school	More details to follow
30.06.26 AM	Tuesday AM	New Preschool Starters	Visit to school	More details to follow
30.06.26 PM	Tuesday PM	New Reception Starters	Visit to school	More details to follow
02.07.26	Thursday	Preschool	Preschool Graduation	9.10am in the large hall
03.07.26	Friday	Whole School	Shotton Hall Live	More details to follow
07.07.26	Tuesday	Preschool	Seaham Beach	Please see class letter
07.07.26	Tuesday	Classes 3 & 4	Washington Wetlands	Please see class letter
07.07.26	Tuesday	Year 4	Felt Making Workshop Laing Art Gallery	Please see class letter
08.07.26	Wednesday	Classes 7 & 8	Big Sing	Please see class letter
08.07.26 AM	Wednesday AM	Preschool	Sports Day	More details to follow
08.07.26 PM	Wednesday PM	KS1 Classes 1-6	Sports Day	More details to follow
09.07.26 PM	Thursday	KS2 Classes 7-12	Sports Day	More details to follow
10.07.26	Friday	Year 6	Tommy's Trek	More details to follow
13.07.26	Monday	Classes 1 & 2	South Shields Beach	Please see class letter
15.07.26 PM	Wednesday	Year 6	Year 6 Leavers Performance	More details to follow
16.07.26 PM	Thursday	Year 6	Year 6 Leavers Performance	More details to follow

### Holiday dates

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	School closes
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	School closed to pupils (PD Day for staff)
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2026	School closed to pupils (PD Day for staff)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 2026	School opens
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 2026	School closes
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2026	School opens
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2026	School closes
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2026	School closed to pupils (PD Day for staff)
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2026	School closed to pupils (PD Day for staff)
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2026	School opens
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2026	School closes
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2027	School closed to pupils (PD Day for staff)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2027	School opens
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2027	School closes for half term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 2027	School opens
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2027	School closes for Easter
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2027	School opens
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2027	School closes
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2027	School closed Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2027	School opens

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2027	School closes for half term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2027	School opens
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2027	School closes for Summer holidays
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2027	School closed to pupils (PD Day for staff)



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 5 this week for the best behaviour over lunchtime KS1 – Well Done!



Eco Turtles Award has been given to Class 2 and Class 9 this week – Well Done!



Kindness Tree Award has been given to Aria P C11, Harper R C10, Eden R C10 – Well Done!



**Attendance** Yellow – 90.63% STM Blue – 96.65% NA Green – 92.39% SDA Red – 89.68% QEII

CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4	CLASS 5	CLASS 6	CLASS 7	CLASS 8	CLASS 9	CLASS 10	CLASS 11	CLASS 12G	CLASS 12McK
100.00% <b>WINNERS!</b>	93.14%	93.75%	93.75%	93.75%	96.50%	94.23%	95.65%	93.18%	95.90%	95.45%	95.00%	98.00% <b>WINNERS!</b>

