

Shipton Bellinger Primary School

Weekly School Newsletter

No.39 - Friday 17th July 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our last full week in school has certainly been a very busy one! I would firstly like to thank you all, including the children and the staff, for their resilience, support and understanding, during our emergency situation on Tuesday afternoon. Our main priority was ensuring that everyone on our school site was safe and we worked with the fire crew on the scene, taking their advice, to ensure that this continued during our end of day arrangements.

On Monday, the children thoroughly enjoyed buying temporary tattoos for the staff in school. However, as the week has gone on, some of the staff were quickly regretting letting the children choose the places for them to be placed!! Thank you so much to FoS and Mrs Warland for organising the event which raised over £80!



On Tuesday afternoon, despite everything else going on, we still managed our final transition session for the new EYFS children. At this session the children starting school in September got the opportunity to meet their Year 6 Buddy! This will provide the children with a familiar face during lunch time if they need support or reassurance!



On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week, the children in Cassiopeia (with support in the ensemble from some Year 5 children) performed their production of 'Giggle Box'. Monday was the dress rehearsal and it was lovely to have some children from the pre-school come and join us too. Tuesday and Wednesday evening, the children absolutely blew us all away with the fantastic performances.....including some special 'dad' performances too!! A BIG thank you to Mrs Webber and Mrs Fotofili for putting the performance together and to all the children for their amazing production!



Wednesday also saw our final family assembly for the year. Cygnus Class did a fantastic job at showcasing so much learning. We all particularly enjoyed their counting in 5's, their wiggle dance and their dragon song. Well done Cygnus Class.



The children in Cygnus Class, after the family assembly, had the opportunity to host their 'Tea and Tales' party. The children had prepared the food, written the invitation and shared the learning with their families.



Across the school on Wednesday afternoon there was the opportunity for parents and carers to come and see their children's learning following their child's reports being sent home last week.



On Thursday evening, Year 6 has the opportunity to have a special leavers party. The children loved the photo booth, pizza, cake and ice lollies!! I think the dancing from the adults might have put them off at times, however, a game of musical statues went down a treat!



After our Sports day morning last week, the children have participated in their activities throughout the week. All of the children have enjoyed engaging in a range of activities. The house who has won the most point this year will be awarded the cup during the leavers assembly on Wednesday and announced on the final newsletter next week.



Our Archive team (Mrs Emm, Mrs May, Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Woods) hosted their first 'Days Gone By' event, showcasing the school's history through old records, photos, books and lots more. It was lovely to welcome everyone from the school and local community to celebrate the history of the school. Their next event is taking place on **Sunday 19th July from 11am-3pm.**



Next week there is lots going on such as Shipton's Got Talent, our Thank you assembly, Year 6 Leavers assembly and our End of Year Picnic, to name a few events. Please take a look at the diary dates and yearly overview for times and dates.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

I hope you have a lovely weekend!

From Miss Seed



We will be holding a picnic to mark the end of the school year at 12:00pm on Wednesday 22nd July 2026. Parents are invited to attend and bring a picnic. We will be holding the picnic on the school field.

After 1:05pm, any children who wish to go home are allowed to leave with their parent or carer. We need to sign children out before they leave so that we account for all children and follow our Safeguarding procedures. You will need to notify your child's class teacher when you are leaving so that they can sign your child out. If your child is going home with another adult, to avoid any confusion, these arrangements need to be given to the school, ideally by the google form that should've been filled out by Tuesday 14th July. If children are unable to be collected, we will look after them until the end of the school day: 3.10pm.

We hope you are able to join us, but if not, the children will have their picnic with their friends, and I am sure this will be a real celebration of the end of the school year.

PARENT SURVEY

The Governing Body is seeking your views on the school's strengths and areas for development. Your feedback is invaluable and will help governors and school leaders identify priorities for the School Improvement Plan for the 2026–27 academic year.

Please complete the survey using the link below:

Parent and Carer Survey - Shipton Bellinger Primary School – Fill in form

Please complete the survey by **Monday 27 July 2026**. The survey should take no more than five minutes to complete. We aim to share the findings with you at the start of the new academic year.

DAY'S GONE BY



Shipton Bellinger Primary School Archives

Help Us Bring the School's History to Life



We are currently putting together a display using material from the school archives, from **old building plans** to **photographs** across the years.



Come along to one of our open afternoons, where **everyone is welcome** to browse and enjoy a glimpse into the school's past (you might even spot yourself if you are an ex-student!)

Everyone
is
Welcome!

OPEN AFTERNOONS



Wednesday
15TH JULY

3:00PM – 5:00PM

OR



Sunday

19TH JULY

11:00AM – 3:00PM

SUGGESTED
ENTRY DONATION:

£3

with tea or
coffee included



Cakes

AVAILABLE
TO PURCHASE
ON THE DAY

All donations go to the
school fundraising account

Celebrating
our past,
supporting
our future

FRIENDS OF SHIPTON

Thank you all for your support over the year – as always the events could not have happened without you, we are always looking for more help at events, so please look out for upcoming events and let the school office know if you can assist.



We are pleased that we have been able to support the purchase of the Adventure Playground this year, along with other things along the way, and we are looking forward to helping purchase a new Bike Shed in the Autumn Term.

Have a lovely Summer Break (when it gets here) – and we look forward to what next year brings!

Best wishes from the FOS Team!



"No one can do everything, but everyone can do something"

PSHE AND RSE POLICY 2026

The government has introduced new relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education guidance, that we're required to follow from 1 September 2026.

Because of this, we're consulting with parents/carers, pupils and staff to make sure our new curriculum meets the government's requirements, as well as the needs of all our pupils.

An email has been sent out this week to parents about this, but you can also find all the information including the google form asking for your parent consultation on our website using this link [PSHE and Wellbeing | Shipton Bellinger Primary School](#) under the drop down saying 'Updated RSHE Policy and Google Form (Survey Questions)'.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK.....

CYGNUS CLASS

Wow! We cannot believe that the end of term is in sight - where has the year gone?! It has been action packed with never a dull moment and this week has been no exception! Our family assembly showed just how much learning we've packed in this term. Well done to all the children who tried their best and spoke loudly and proudly!

Year R prepared for their 'Tea and Tales' party applying skills that they've learnt throughout the year to plan the party. They wrote invitations, menus and shopping lists, made bunting and decorated jam jars for vases. On the day itself, they made sandwiches and fruit salad and were so excited to welcome their families to share their learning journey tales with them! Thank you to everyone that joined us!



In Science we created an information guide to show what plants need to grow and we're continuing to take care of our sunflowers by watering them regularly and ensuring they get plenty of sunshine which isn't a problem at the moment! It's been exciting to see them growing a little taller every day! In History, the children designed a coin in

recognition of Florence Nightingale or Mary Seacole. They included key information, symbols and drawings to capture their lives. Mr Sullivan joined us to teach RE and the children experienced how one might navigate a journey if you cannot see and the changes that would need to be made. In DT the children used wheels and axles to make carts linked to the story of One Plastic Bag.



We also had a great time watching each other's auditions for Shipton's Got Talent!



ARA CLASS

Ara Class has had a fantastic last full week of the year, packed with lots of exciting learning and memorable activities! In Maths, we ventured into the world of statistics, exploring how to create tally charts and pictograms.



Some of us found remembering to use the crossing line for the fifth tally a little tricky at first, but with plenty of practice we all got the hang of it in the end!

In Writing, we proudly finished our report about plastic waste washing up in Shipton. We then moved on to an even more exciting challenge by beginning our own adventure stories

inspired by a fantastic video starter all about blowing bubbles. We can't wait to see where our imaginations take us!

In History, we completed our learning about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole by designing commemorative coins to celebrate their incredible achievements and lasting impact.



Our PE lessons were just as enjoyable as we finished the rest of our Sports Day carousel. The children loved competing against one another while taking part in a variety of activities, including dribbling with a hockey stick, throwing for distance, aiming beanbags into hoops, and much more. It has been a brilliant week to end our full weeks together!

Constellation Room

This week in the Constellation Room, we have had another fantastic week full of learning, creativity and fun.

In English, we have been practising writing our tricky words and beginning to write short sentences independently. The children have worked incredibly hard to remember their phonics, use finger spaces and form their letters correctly. We are so proud of the confidence they are showing in their writing.

The beautiful weather has meant we have been able to spend lots of time learning and playing outdoors. The children have particularly enjoyed exploring the First School outdoor area, where they have taken part in imaginative play, worked collaboratively with their friends and made the most of the sunshine.

This week we also learnt how to play **Snakes and Ladders**. The children quickly picked up the rules of the game and thoroughly enjoyed taking turns, sharing with their peers and using their mathematical skills to recognise the numbers on the dice and move the correct number of spaces around the board.

In Design and Technology, we put our learning about wheels and axles into practice by creating our own cars using junk modelling materials. The children showed fantastic creativity as they designed and built their vehicles, thinking carefully about how the wheels and axles would help their cars move.

It has been wonderful to see the children demonstrating such enthusiasm, kindness and perseverance throughout the week. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and look forward to another exciting week of learning together.



PEGASUS CLASS

Only 1 more week of school!

This week, Pegasus have been very busy creating their fairground rides in DT. They all look so cool! All the children worked very hard to saw, glue, paint and build their rides. They had to think about the theme, safety, and age group that their ride is for.



We finally started writing a narrative in English. The children are writing a re-telling of the short film *The Lucky Dip*. They have been tasked with including fronted adverbials, direct speech, subordinate clauses, expanded noun phrases, long and short sentences and commas in their writing. I am so proud of the writing they produced this week and they have all come a long way and improved so much in their handwriting, spelling and overall writing and sentence structure.

We also finished off the field events as part of Sports Day. The children came to school in their house colours and we did a bunch of field events like throwing and dribbling. We can't wait to find out which house wins!



I am incredibly proud of everyone in Pegasus!

ORION CLASS

We cannot believe the year is coming to a close! All the children should be so proud of how far they have come, the progress they have made and the positive contributions they make to school life.

In DT this week we have put our creativity and sawing skills to the test by creating our own fairground rides. Each of us planned a themed ride and used a range of tools to help them come to life - It was definitely a test of our resilience!



This week we have separated into our Year Group teams in more than one occasion to cover the essential learning as part of our RSE / PSHE curriculum. We have had lots of discussions about emotions and what change means in Year 4, while our Year 5 friends have learnt important body part names for our private areas. In Year 5, we have also discussed puberty in more detail, including menstruation.

In English, we are finally finishing off our 'Lucky Dip' unit. We have written our own narrative events and a re-telling of the mysterious little girl and the infamous Pinman. The children have worked extremely hard to perfect their stories and this can be seen in their attention to detail when writing. They're focusing on their handwriting, sentence structure and adding in as many description techniques as they can!

We were delighted to complete our carousel events during the second half of Sports Day. The children showed fantastic sportsmanship, demonstrating both friendly competition and great enthusiasm, and spent the rest of Thursday eagerly predicting which house would come out on top!

We have also enjoyed having lunch with our new classes this week. Mrs Webber has shared how impressed she has been with the children's excellent manners and positive attitudes. The children are excited and ready to make the move into Year 5 and Year 6!

Well done Orion Class! You have smashed yet another week.



CASSIOPEIA CLASS

Our last week in primary school has been amazing, so many special memories we've made. We started on Monday with our Sports Day Carousel of activities. This included throwing javelins, football skills, caterpillar race and much more. It was lovely to see the team spirit within the houses by way of cheering and encouraging each other. Our points will be added to the final total and the winning team will be announced next week.

This week, we finished our leaflets about a South Pacific Island. We used interesting vocabulary to describe the island which would encourage someone to visit. Areas included information on tourist attractions, food, animals and information on how to get there.

In Maths, our focus has been algebra, when letters are replaced with numbers. The children solved equations with missing numbers and expressed missing number problems algebraically. We have also continued with multiplication practice using pictorial representations.

The highlight of this week has definitely got to be performing our play to our families. The buzz this week has been incredible and the children thoroughly enjoyed performing, as you could tell from their enthusiasm when singing their songs. Mrs Fotofili and I were so incredibly proud of each and everyone. The acting, the confidence, remembering the lines; it was just incredible.



To celebrate all our hard work, we all had fun at the disco. It was a chance for us all to relax and have fun after a very busy week.



Finally, we received the SATs results. We are so pleased with all their efforts and how much they have achieved throughout their primary school journey.

Have a relaxing weekend, you deserve it after all the hard work this week!



Sunday 19th July	Days Gone By - 11am - 3pm
Monday 20th July	Shipton's Got Talent - 1.15pm
Tuesday 21st July	Thank You Assembly - 9am
Wednesday 22nd July	Leaver's Assembly - 9am - Year 6 Parents invited
Wednesday 22nd July	End of Year Picnic - School Field from 12pm
Wednesday 22nd July	Last Day of School
Thursday 23rd July - Monday 31st August	SUMMER HOLIDAYS

All dates and timings are accurate at the time of publication but are subject to change

Girls have non-stop fun, learning and adventure

1st Shipton Bellinger brownies is returning to Shipton!

For girls aged between 7- 10 years

When – Monday nights
Where – Shipton Bellinger village centre
Timings – 6pm-7.30pm

Please contact Fiona on 07886 377785 to reserve your child's space (hopefully launching on the 7th September 2026 or soon after)

SUMMER OF FUN

Enjoy our family-friendly programme and let history come alive this holiday!

Museum Escape Trail

Journey around the museum on an epic adventure. Find the artefacts to collect XP and level up to claim your prize!

23rd July - 31st August

Summer Studio Takeover!

This holiday, our Studio becomes your space! Dress up, build, create, and relax in our cosy book corner – fun for all ages.

23rd July - 31st August

Refuel at the café!

Treats, lunches, ice cream, children's meals, cakes, drinks and more.

Discovery Days

28th July: Print Your Own Palace Tile

4th August: Curious Cyanotypes

11th August: Barmy Burial Making

18th August: Animal Amulet Art

25th August: Book of Me!

10am - 4pm

Mini Monday

10th August: Little Animals

Ages 2-5, includes baby play area

10-11:30am

Summer Savings!

Summer Savings mean big family fun for less – just £24.99 for 2 adults and up to 4 children.

No need to book - just drop in!

Included in admission price

Find out more:

salisburymuseum.org.uk

The SALISBURY
museum

KIDS GO FREE

FOR YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY THIS SUMMER



This summer IS the time to visit!

We aren't able to take advantage of the Government's Great British Summer Savings campaign on admission, so we're asking for your help to bring **friends and family** to visit the Trust this summer with a **KIDS GO FREE** offer. Simply book them a visit before 30 September 2026 using this special link to receive one free child day admission per full paying adult.

As a member, you already know that our daily timetable is packed with **awesome displays, activities and adventures** that immerse you and your young adventurers in nature as they explore outdoors, and now is your chance to bring your friends and family along with you for a fantastic value, fun-filled, full, family day out! On top of all that, we have **#6 FANTASTIC reasons to visit - one for each week of the summer holidays!**

Simply use the special 'Kids go free' link below to take advantage of the offer. **Please book and buy your tickets before 31 July 2026** and use your tickets before 30 September 2026.

[Kids Go Free for Friends and Family this Summer!](#)

Summer Holiday ACTIVITIES

AT SOUTHAMPTON
MUSEUMS AND GALLERY

From £6 per activity

ART FOR ALL

Fri 24 Jul | **Print a Pangolin and More** (6+)
 Tue 28 Jul | **Paint with Palette Knives** (7+)
 Mon 27 Jul | **Fossil Plaster Casting** (5+)
 Tue 28 Jul | **Shrinkable Tudor Portraits** (6+)
 Wed 29 Jul | **Gruffalo Clay** (4+)
 Thu 30 Jul | **Summer Sun Prints** (all ages)
 Fri 31 Jul | **Fossil Plaster Casting** (5+)
 Tue 4, Wed 5 Aug | **Brilliant Beach Bags**
 Mon 10 Aug | **Clay Capybaras** (5+)
 Tue 11 Aug | **Surrealism Starts Here** (6+)
 Wed 12 Aug | **Animal Magic Monoprinting** (5+)
 Mon 17 Aug | **Bugs in Boxes** (4+)
 Tue 18 Aug | **Impressionism Starts Here** (6+)
 Wed 19 Aug | **Greek Pottery Pots** (6+)
 Mon 24 Aug | **Summer Sun Prints** (all ages)
 Tue 25 Aug | **Highland Cows in Clay** (5+)
 Wed 26 Aug | **Pencil Case Printing** (5+)
 Thu 27 Aug | **Pet Portrait Printing** (6+)
 Fri 28 Aug | **Dino Drawing and Printing** (6+)

HANDS ON HISTORY

Thu 23 Jul | **Potty Prehistory** (7+)
 Mon 27 Jul | **Knight School** (6+)
 Mon 3 Aug | **Shiver Me Timbers** (6+)
 Tue 4 Aug | **The Hidden History of Harry Potter** (5+)
 Fri 7 Aug | **Discover Titanic** (6+)
 Fri 14 Aug | **Soaring Spitfires** (7+)
 Thu 20 Aug | **Great Fire of London** (6+)
 Fri 21 Aug | **Awesome Egyptians** (7+)

TOURS FOR ALL

Thu 6 Aug | **Secrets of Southampton Castle** (6+)
 Thu 13 Aug | **Titanic Walking Tour** (6+)
 Tue 18 Aug | **Roman Southampton Walking Tour** (6+)

TODDLER TIME

Thu 30 Jul | **Delightful Dinosaurs** (under 4s & friends)
 Thu 20 Aug | **Gorgeous Birds** (under 4s & friends)

BOOK YOUR SUMMER ADVENTURE TODAY

For times, prices and locations visit our venue websites

seacitymuseum.co.uk | southamptoncityartgallery.com | tudorhouseandgarden.com



Summer Holiday FAMILY DAYS OUT

TUDOR HOUSE & GARDEN

SUMMER FETE

SATURDAY 26 JULY 2026 | FREE ENTRY 10am – 5pm

Join us for a day of family fun celebrating 114 years since Tudor House opened as a museum. Crafts, games and activities throughout the day*

*small charges will apply



LOOKING FOR ALL DAY DROP-OFF ACTIVITIES?

Create cool things,
learn new stuff and make
friends at our regular clubs

From £26 a day

CULTURE CLUB

6½ - 12 years old
Monday to
Wednesdays
3 - 26 Aug

JUNIOR ART SCHOOL

7 - 13 years old
Fridays
31 Jul - 28 Aug

ART SCHOOL PLUS

11 - 16 years old
Thursdays
30 Jul - 27 Aug



Summer KICKBOXING CLASSES

UNLIMITED CLASSES ALL
SUMMER HOLIDAY

FOR AGES 5-11



GET ACTIVE



HAVE FUN



**GROW
CONFIDENCE**

*Keep your child active,
build confidence, and
have fun this summer.*

*A great way to stay fit,
learn new skills, and
make new friends.*

*Unlimited Kickboxing
Classes. One set price!*

Why Join

- SUITABLE FOR ALL ABILITIES
- EXPERT INSTRUCTORS
- IMPROVE FITNESS AND COORDINATION
- SKILL-BUILDING & CONFIDENCE



**PLUS FREE LADIES
CLASSES FOR YOU!**

For more information:
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