

Shipton Bellinger Primary School

Weekly School Newsletter

No.31 - Friday 15th May 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly I would like to say a BIG WELL DONE to all of our Year 6 children this week!! As we all know, taking tests and exams is never easy, but they all took them in their stride and they should be proud of the positive attitude that they demonstrated throughout!! We all enjoyed the daily breakfasts hosted by Mrs Webber, Mrs Fotofili and Mrs Gregory!! They were delicious, the waffles being a particular favourite!



On Wednesday after school our Ground Force Working Party continued their great work in the Cygnus outdoor area. They are very much looking forward to continuing their work in Cygnus Class, moving onto Ara and then Forest School! Their next event is during the May half term break on Sunday 31st May from 10am onwards. Links to join the WhatsApp group for this have been shared with FoS and Class Reps from Parent Forum if you are interested in joining this exciting adventure!



Also on Wednesday after school, Mrs Warland held a presentation regarding the Multiplication Timestables Check taking place in June for parents and carers of children in Year 4. If you were unable to attend the presentation is available on our school website: <https://www.shiptonbellinger.hants.sch.uk/parents/statutory-assessments/multiplication-tables-check-year-4>



If you would like further information, please speak to Mrs Warland.

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

SCHOOL BOOK SWAP - WATCH THIS SPACE! DONATIONS WELCOME!

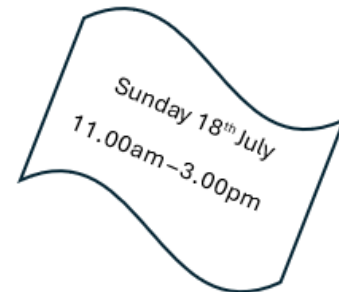
The Star Council met with Mrs Chapman last week to discuss their idea of a school book swap.

We have decided that this would be amazing to have set up as part of our school library. Our plan is to have a selection of boxes for the EYFS, Key stage 1 (years 1 and 2), Lower Key Stage 2 (years 3 and 4) and then Upper Key Stage 2 (years 5 and 6).

If you have any books that could be donated to start us off, please can you send these into the school office!

Thank you for your support and we can't wait to get this up and running!

Mrs Chapman



'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, including:

- Old school registers
- Exercise books
- Photographs
- Newspaper cuttings
- Building plans

We are holding a couple of **open afternoons**, where everyone will be very welcome to come along, browse the display, and enjoy a glimpse into the school's past.



SCARECROWS - MONDAY 1ST JUNE

Our school theme this year is 'Alice in Wonderland'. Each class is going to be creating a character from the book. We will need all the help we can get in creating these. We will be doing this in school on Monday 1st June, so if you are available and would like to help us bring our vision to life, please either let the office know, send a message on Arbor or speak to your child's class teacher.



THE BIG NUMBER NATTER - WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY - 2PM

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to let you know that, as a school community, we will be celebrating National Numeracy Day this year. Maths and numbers can sometimes evoke strong feelings, both positive and negative. For some, maths brings confidence and enjoyment; for others, it may bring anxiety or difficult memories. We know that classroom experiences can last a lifetime, and we want our school to be a place where every child and adult feels supported in building positive relationships with numbers.

Big Number Natter: Why "Natter" About Numbers?

As part of our celebrations, we will be taking part in the Big Number Natter. Love it or loathe it, everybody has something to say about numbers. Talking with children and adults in our school community about numbers can turn low number confidence from a private struggle into a shared strength. Opening up about how we feel is often the most powerful way to start thinking differently. When we talk honestly about maths, it helps people realise they are not alone and that many others share similar experiences. It can help build confidence with everyday numeracy and normalise learning, showing that it is okay to ask questions and learn at any age. It also gives children the opportunity to talk about numbers in everyday life, not just in maths lessons, and creates opportunities for staff and parents to engage in a different kind of conversation about maths, including parents' own experiences and feelings.

Please come and join us from 2pm on **Wednesday 20th May** for the Big Number Natter.

DIVERSITY DAY

In celebration of the United Nations World Day for Diversity, families are invited to join us for a parade followed by a picnic (bring your own) at 2pm.



Children are invited to come to school in an outfit that reflects their uniqueness. For example, a traditional costume, their favourite colour or perhaps colours of the rainbow to represent the colourful world in which we live!

You might like to bring a traditional dish from another country to share with family and friends at the picnic!

If you have a custom or tradition from another country such as a dance, song, delicious dish to cook or share or a language that you could teach and would be happy to join your child's class for a short time to share this, please speak to your child's teacher, send a message on Arbor or speak to the school office.

MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

We are pleased to advise that JAG will be reopening the bookings for Half Term Holiday Club as we have been made aware a number of parents wanted to book their children in, but missed the cut off date. If you do have problems booking in, please contact JAG directly and they will be happy to help - 0333 5771533.

Please ensure you book in as soon as possible, if there are not enough bookings, unfortunately they will not be able to run the sessions.

Junior Adventures Group

HOLIDAY HQ

WORLD CUP

TEAM KIT & FLAG WORKSHOPS

FOOTGOLF & GAME ARENA

MAKE & TAKE YOUR OWN SPORTS BOTTLES

View Dates & Book in 2 Minutes

Don't Miss Kick-Off This May Half Term!

A Half Term packed with action

WHERE HOLIDAYS COME ALIVE!
RUNNING FROM 26TH - 29TH MAY

Celebrate the big kick off with JAG Holidays:
🏆 **Create team names, flags and anthems to kick off the week**
Take part in striker, defender and goalkeeper skill challenges
Design and build their own World Cup trophy
Compete in quizzes, team missions and problem-solving games
Design football shirts, bottles and flipbooks to take home
Play matches, footgolf and high-energy team games
Finish the week with finals day, celebrations and awards

VIEW OUR FULL MAY SCHEDULE ONLINE!

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WALK^{to}SCHOOL WEEK 2026

Monday 18 May - Friday 22 May

Your school is supporting
'Walk to School Week'
Monday 18 May - Friday 22 May

Designed by Kerim from
Four Lanes Federation



How can I help?

- Walk with your child and discuss potential hazards such as driveways, junctions, parked cars and bends
- Work out together the safest route even if this involves a slightly longer journey
- Let your child suggest places to cross and discuss their choice
- Practice the green cross code on your way to and from school - reminding them to stop, look, listen and think

I don't have time to walk!

- Park the car some way from the school gates and walk the last part of the journey

- Try to find time to walk with them once during the week
- Your child will qualify for a certificate if either option is taken

What are the advantages of walking?

- The chance to teach important road safety skills
- The chance to learn about the local environment
- A chance for a chat about the day
- Less congestion at the school gate
- A healthier way to start the day



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SUMMER PICNIC & BBQ - SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2026



SUMMER BBQ
SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2026
2pm – 5pm



After a successful event last year, we are very excited to be holding our Shipton Bellinger Primary School BBQ on Saturday 4th July 2026, from 2pm – 5pm. This is an event being held as a way of building parental connection and community spirit!

Bring the family, bring a picnic and enjoy some time with family and friends.

Please indicate below if your family are planning to attend.

If you would like to order food from the BBQ – please indicate, your requirements below – booking of food and payment is required in advance to help with planning and purchasing of food.

Alternatively, you can use the google form -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSpD4WbTyy5chiWan_TRyxGepoWwZ_rBbWBqebS_9wexIR2Nizw/viewform?usp=publish-editor

Should the weather be against us, we will make a decision on Friday 3rd July, and communicate with you via in-app message/email.

Child's name

We will be attending the Summer BBQ (Number of attendees)

We would like to order (if applicable):

Burger(s) in a roll (Quantity) @ £3.50 each

Sausage(s) in a roll (Quantity) @ £3.00 each

Vegetarian option (Quantity) @ £3.00 each

Please make payment to the FOS bank account, using your child's name as reference

Friends of Shipton School – Sort Code – 30-90-09 – Account No. 46405460

Soft drinks will be available to purchase.

There will be bouncy castles available for the children.

There will be toilets available.

FRIENDS OF SHIPTON

We are pleased to share with you some upcoming events, more information will be sent out in due course.



Friday 5th June - Non-uniform day in exchange for Bottles for the Village Fete



Saturday - 13th June - Village Fete (the school will be taking part)

Saturday 4th July - Summer Picnic/BBQ

Thursday 9th July - End of Year Disco

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

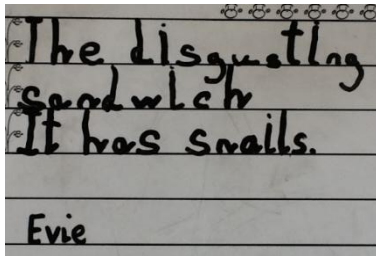
WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK.....

CYGNUS CLASS

We've had another action packed week of learning in Cygnus this week!

In English the children had fun changing parts of the story of The Disgusting Sandwich to create their own narratives. We had disgusting cakes, pizzas, hot dogs and more! Year R drew and described their 'disgusting' food item and thought about what might happen to it. Year I wrote a story with a beginning, middle and end and challenged themselves to use adjectives, prepositions, capital letters and full stops. We're also working on 'ed' spelling.

In Maths we continued our counting in ones, twos, fives and tens and used arrays as well as repeated addition, to represent different 'lots' or 'groups' of a quantity. YR compared numbers and explored the 'staircase' pattern, noticing that there was '1 more' or '1 less' as they counted forwards and backwards.



In PSHE the focus was on the importance of exercise and the children loved being different animals moving in different ways. In Science we learnt about the lifecycle of a butterfly and now have five caterpillars that have hatched and are beginning to make their chrysalises which is very exciting! For Geography, we looked at our maps of the grounds and to show what we'd love to have in our playground such as bug houses and planters for a food garden. In Art, we continued creating our marvellous minibeast garden collages using tissue paper and magazine cuttings. In RE, the children had a fun time with Mr Sullivan acting out Bible stories linked to our understanding of God.

Another HUGE thank you to all volunteers that joined for our Ground Force afternoon. The children were so excited to begin building our bug house to welcome insects and were excited to find a snail and caterpillar which have now taken up residence there! The woodcraft area is almost ready for action and our gardening tools have been dusted off and are ready to go for our planting topic next half term.



ARA CLASS

Ara Class have had another busy and exciting week of learning!

In English, we have been planning and writing our own imaginative stories about a disgusting meal, inspired by the hilarious book *The Disgusting Sandwich*. The children have loved creating revolting ingredients and describing them using fantastic vocabulary and detail.

In Maths, we have been exploring fractions of shapes and quantities. We have been learning to find halves and quarters and have enjoyed using practical resources and drawings to help us understand how fractions work in everyday situations.

In Geography, we have been thinking carefully about our local area and discussing ways to improve Shipton Bellinger. We have planned persuasive letters sharing our ideas and are looking forward to writing them next week.

Science has been especially exciting as we have been learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly. The children have been fascinated by the caterpillars in our classroom, which are now in their chrysalises, and we cannot wait to see the butterflies emerge!

Inspired by nature, we have also created beautiful collage artwork of minibeasts using a range of colours, textures, and materials.

CONSTELLATION ROOM

This week in the Constellation Room, we have been learning about grouping, multiplication, and division in Maths. The children have been using visual objects and practical resources to create equal and unequal groups, helping them to build a strong understanding of these early mathematical concepts through hands-on learning and discussion.

In English, we have been reading *The Disgusting Sandwich*. The children have enjoyed retelling the story using pictures and writing sentences to describe different parts of the story. We also explored compound words and discussed what makes a compound sentence.

In Science, we have had a wonderful time learning about minibeasts. The children have been especially fascinated by our caterpillars, which have now turned into chrysalises. This has led to some fantastic conversations as we explored the life cycle of a butterfly and observed the changes happening before our eyes.

In Art, the children have been creating beautiful collages using a variety of materials. They designed their own habitats and also made colourful butterfly collages using tissue paper, carefully selecting and arranging materials to create their artwork.

We have also reintroduced Rhyme Time, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed participating in. Alongside this, we have spent several afternoons outside exploring the sand and water areas, encouraging imaginative play, teamwork, and curiosity.

The children have also been enjoying lots of messy play activities this week, using paint and foam to explore different textures, colours, and patterns. They have loved getting creative and experimenting through sensory play experiences.

It has been a lovely week full of exploration, creativity, and exciting learning experiences. We are very proud of all the children and the enthusiasm they continue to show in their learning.



PEGASUS CLASS

This week has been quite eventful! The children wrote several monster poems using different figurative language and structures. They learnt different rhyming structures such as ABAB and AABB, then applied it to their writing. They also incorporated similes, metaphors and repetition to create descriptive and engaging monster poems.

In Maths, we focused on fractions but still embedding how fractions is linked to division and multiplication. We used the counters, drew bar models and used grouping and sharing to show our working out.

We continued learning about strategies and tactics in cricket like where the fielders should space themselves out to prevent the batter from scoring runs. For our final cricket lesson, we plan on playing a whole class game of cricket. In dance, the children finalised their dance moves and combined their music skills by counting in beats of 8 and using this to know when to move to the next dance move.

We had double science this week! The children learnt about food webs and food chains. They had to cut out different living things and order them correctly in a food chain. They now know that the producer is at the bottom of the food chain and the consumers eat the producers and other consumers. They also learnt about predators and prey. During our second science lesson, the children learnt about habitats and the natural and human damage that is caused to different habitats. For example, if trees are cut down (human damage), then birds and other forest animals won't be able to live.



During PSHE, we debated different statements. The children had to decide which statement they agreed with, disagreed with or in the middle. We had some great discussions going. Some of the statements they had to discuss were things like 'should children be allowed to walk to buy sweets without an adult' and 'should children be made to do 30 minutes of exercise everyday.'



The children continued to edit new photos using Canva. This time they edited parts of a photo by using tools to select the part they would like to edit. The results made the picture look different to the original. They played around with changing the colour of doors, dogs, football fields etc. It was so much fun!

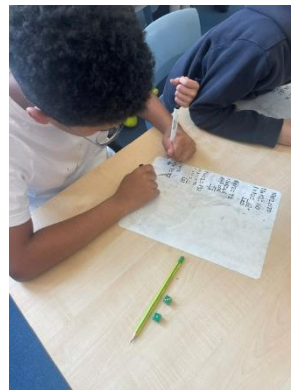


ORION CLASS

We have been working hard again this week and loving exploring different poetry. As a class, we have unpicked the structures of different poems including rhyme, nonsense and free verse. This will help us make a decision on what sort of poem we want to write next week.



During our Multiplication Monday session we focused on our 12x table. We thought about which strategies could help us to solve these quickly. This included partitioning the 12 into 10 and 2 so...If I know 10 lots and 2 lots of a number, I can add these together. The other method was to use our 11x table and add 1 more lot of a number. We compared strategies before deciding which method we preferred.



In Cricket, we worked on our batting and bowling skills this week. Each player took a turn at the stumps and received three bowls from our team mates. We focused on watching the ball and following through with the bat so we were pushing the ball in the right direction. As the bowler, we continued to think about our arm movements and how we extended this forward to aid trajectory.

Our French skills are really improving. We are using the language of different colours to say what item of clothing we are wearing and its colour. Some of us are now able to ask the question "what are you wearing?"

In computing, we used online programmes to manipulate images. Using Canva, we inserted an image from the internet and used a range of filters and tools to edit. Some of us removed backgrounds and changed the portrait to be in front of a sunset. We also added text and other graphics. It would be useful if we could upload a photo of ourselves onto the Google Classroom for next week.

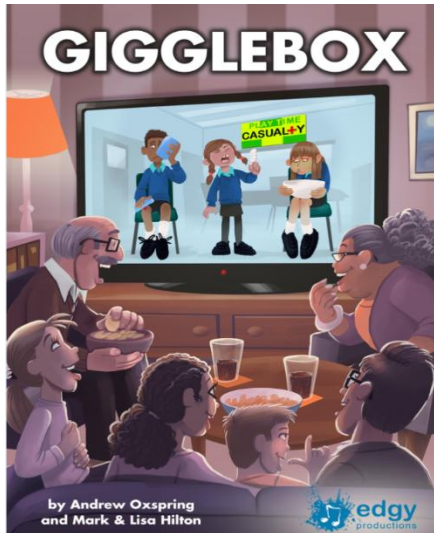
Our scarecrow theme has been set as Alice in Wonderland. Please see the message on the Google Classroom for what we need to bring in.

Have a great weekend!

CASSIOPEIA CLASS

We are so incredibly impressed with the attitude of the children this week. They have worked extremely hard and tried their best with the SATs this week. It was lovely to see them during breakfast enjoying a chat with their friends.

Also this week, we have chosen our end of year production which is very exciting. This year our play is called 'Gigglebox'. They have already been given their scripts and parts will be given out tomorrow so they can practise their lines over the half term break.



On Friday, we enjoyed a well earned treat with Mrs Fotafili baking her famous cupcakes for us to enjoy.



Wednesday 20th May	National Numeracy Day - Parents invited in from 2pm
Thursday 21st May	Diversity Day - Parade and Picnic from 2pm
Thursday 21st May	Last day of Summer 1 half term
Friday 22nd May	INSET DAY School closed for children
Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May	HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED
Sunday 31st May	Ground Force Working Party from 10am
Monday 1st June	School re-open for Summer 2 term
Monday 1st June - Friday 12th June	Year 4 Multiplication Screening Check
Wednesday 3rd June	New Entrants Meeting 6pm
Thursday 4th June	Athletics Event AM - invite only
Friday 5th June	Non-uniform day in exchange for bottles
Monday 8th June - Friday 12th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Monday 8th June - Friday 12th June	Year 4 Multiplication Screening Check
Tuesday 9th June	Cricket Event - invite only
Thursday 11th June	Pegasus and Orion Trip to Paultons Park
Monday 15th - Friday 19th June	Cassiopeia Class Residential to PGL Liddington
Wednesday 17th June	Orion Class Family Assembly - 2:30pm
Thursday 18th - Friday 19th June	Year 3/4/5 Activities Extravaganza
Monday 22nd June - Friday 26th June	ARTS Week - Parents invited into school for gallery showing from 2:30pm on Friday 26th June
Tuesday 23rd June	School Organisation and Structure 2026-2027 Presentation 3:10pm
Wednesday 24th June	New EYFS Stay and Play for all - 1:30 - 2:30pm

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

SHIPTON BELLINGER PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER

PICNIC & BBQ

SATURDAY 4TH JULY

2:00PM -5:00PM
SCHOOL SPORTS FIELD

Bring the family, bring a picnic ...
or order some BBQ food!

PLUS ... BOUNCY CASTLES FOR THE CHILDREN!



THE ICE CREAM VAN WILL BE THERE!

PLEASE SEE EMAIL FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO ORDER FOOD

“Storybook”

Scarecrow Competition 2026



Recreate the magic of your favourite storybook character and bring them to life.

Submit your entry by scanning the QR and message on the page or contact Sam H Eaton via Facebook or inform the school office.

Entries to be on display from 1st June
Judging & prizes awarded at Village Fete



**Straw available on request - £1 per bag.
Please call 07795433483**