

Shipton Bellinger Primary School

Weekly School Newsletter

No.36 - Friday 26th June 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a big thank you for your understanding and co-operation this week. It really has been appreciated. The children and adults in the school have shown such resilience and adaptability,

Despite having to make lots of changes and adaptations to everything we had planned for this week, we still managed to carry on with a few different things. We were lucky that we had already planned to hold our ART WEEK, this week. The children really enjoyed creating 'Wild Art' and lots of these were done outside in the shade. Unfortunately, not everything has been completed yet, but we look forward to sharing these with you next Friday 3rd July from 2pm onwards.



On Wednesday afternoon we continued with the first EYFS transition sessions. It was lovely to see so many of the children attend with their parents and carers. The children were engaging with the new learning environment and it was a great opportunity to start to get to know them better.



A new addition to our playground was delivered last Friday afternoon. The children were very excited to see the finished bench, which included the designs voted for by the STAR council. A massive thank you to the parent who created this for us, we can't wait to see what they will make next!!



Apologies for cancelling the School Organisation presentation at such short notice. We have rescheduled this to Tuesday 30th June at 3:10pm. We hope that you can come, if not, the presentation will be made available on our school website.

The Ground Force Working Party was postponed this week. They are planning for it to take place next week on Wednesday 1st July at 3:10pm. Please come along and help!

Don't forget to sign up for our Summer BBQ taking place on 4th July!! The weather is looking good at the moment, so fingers crossed it stays that way.

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

TATTOO YOUR TEACHER



On 13th July, you are invited to Tattoo Your Teacher. Available, from FOS, will be a selection of temporary tattoos ranging from 50p to £1. Children can then purchase as many temporary tattoos as they wish and place them in a cup of their choice. Each cup will be allocated to different adults across the school. At 2pm, adults will apply all the tattoos that have been purchased for them by the children. All proceeds will go to FOS and raise money for school equipment.

SRE PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS IN YEAR 5 AND 6

On **MONDAY 6TH JULY** at **2:30pm**, our PSHE lead, Mrs Kiely, will be delivering a presentation for parents whose children are in Year 5 and 6. This is to provide you with information regarding how our sex, relationship and health education is taught, what is covered and also to answer any questions you may have. If you are unable to attend, the presentation will be shared with you and available on the school website after the event.

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

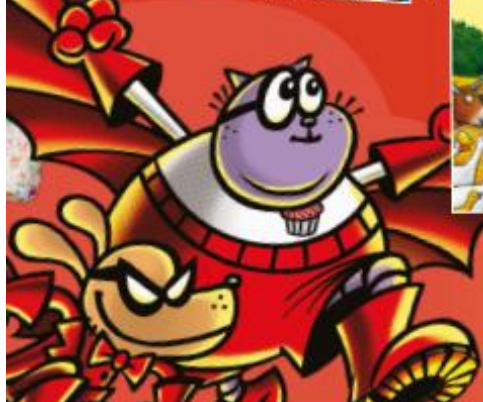
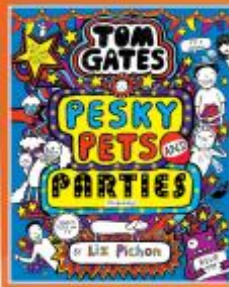
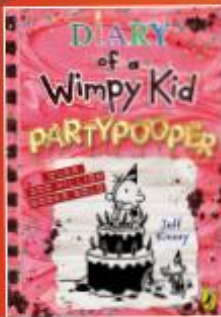
Every book you buy earns **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

AND FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!

3 BOOKS FOR THE PRICE OF 2

Art by Dan Pyle, Illustration by Dan Pyle



GO ALL IN.
National Year of Reading 2020

DATE: 1st - 6th July 2020

TIME: from 3pm daily

LOCATION: The corridor outside of the library

Scan to pay securely online!

DAY'S GONE BY



Shipton Bellinger Primary School Archives

Help Us Bring the School's History to Life

Everyone
is
Welcome!



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!)



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



***** CHANGE OF DATE *****

Due to the extreme weather, the Art Exhibition will now happen on **July 3rd, 2pm.**

WILD ART WORKSHOP & Exhibition



26TH JUNE

2PM



COME AND JOIN YOUR CHILD FOR
A HANDS ON ART WORKSHOP
AND ADMIRE THE ART WORK
PRODUCED BY THE CHILDREN
FOR ARTS WEEK
(22ND - 26TH JUNE)



FORMER PUPIL OF SHIPTON BELLINGER.....

Hello, I am Molly-Rose Atkinson. Some of your children may remember me from when I was a pupil at Shipton and my mum is Mrs Atkinson in Orion class.



I am currently in year 9 at John Hanson School in Andover and I have been given the incredible opportunity to take part in a life-changing Cambodia Trek Expedition in 2028 with Camps International. This is a four-week expedition that will allow me to travel to Cambodia and work on meaningful community, environmental, and wildlife conservation projects that will make a real difference to local people and their future

During the expedition, I will be helping with projects that aim to improve education standards in rural communities, raise living standards for families, and support important wildlife conservation programmes that protect vulnerable habitats and biodiversity.

But families at Shipton Bellinger School, I need your help!

To take part in this incredible expedition, I need to raise £4,990. I am fully committed to reaching this goal and will be fundraising in every way I can, from my GoFundMe page to organising various community events over the next two years.

Look out for me at upcoming village events like the Dog Show on 7th June and Shipton Fete on 13th June. Also, I will be offering glitter tattoos at your school discos and hopefully more school events in the future.

I am incredibly determined to make this opportunity happen, and I hope I can also inspire your children to believe that no dream is too big. Even though Shipton is a small school in a small village, amazing things can be achieved with hard work, determination, and belief in yourself.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this and for considering supporting me on my journey.

gofundme

Molly-Rose's Cambodia Trek Expedition



Donate now!

gofund.me/edge.link.sail



SUMMER BBQ

Saturday 4th July - Summer Picnic/BBQ - complete the online form if you would like to order BBQ food or you are more than welcome to bring a picnic

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SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2026
2pm - 5pm



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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:



Cake Sale – Thursday 2nd July from 3pm – in the Playground – all cake donations gratefully received!

“No one can do everything but everyone can do something”

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Thursday 9th July – End of Year ‘Summer’ Disco – flyer being sent home this week.



At the disco, Molly-Rose (see above information about her fund raising), will be in attendance selling and applying temporary glitter tattoos - these will cost between 50p and £1 - please send your child in with cash if they would like one.

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

CYGNUS CLASS

This week didn't go quite as planned but the children have been wonderful adapting to the changes and coping with the extreme heat. We've cooled off with refreshing foot spas, sprinkler showers and face splashes as well as lots of hydration breaks. The children have gained independence in applying their suncream and taking socks and shoes on/off to help cool their bodies down! For our nature themed Arts Week, we have been artists, painters, sculptors, weavers and printers and used natural treasures found outside as much as possible to make our creations!

Inspired by the dotty work of Yayoi Kusama, we created colourful flower sculptures by moulding magic clay. We thought carefully about the shapes and contrasting colours as well as how we could make our sculptures 3D. For our collages we first created backgrounds with sharp lines or curly contours, then cut and layered colourful paper to build up the flowers. Finally we used oil pastels to make the dots 'pop'.



We carefully sketched British wildlife using sketching pencils to create tone, texture and shade and painted the countryside views surrounding Shipton in the style of David Hockney. The children looked at creations by earth artist Andy Goldsworthy and had fun creating their transient art pieces using natural objects such as flowers, leaves, stones and pine cones. We thought about patterns such as spirals and symmetry. We also used the 'Hama Zome' technique using hammers to pound leaves and petals onto cotton to make beautiful prints using the natural dyes. We also used grasses and stems to weave and made clay coaster and pots pressing ferns and leaves into the clay to leave imprints!



Overall it was a fantastic fun-filled week where the children's creativity really shone through!

ARA CLASS

What a fantastic week we have had in Ara Class! This week was Art Week, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring a wide range of creative activities inspired by nature and famous artists.



We began by learning about Yayoi Kusama and exploring how she uses bright colours, bold patterns and dots within her artwork. Inspired by her style, the children created beautiful air-drying clay flowers, carefully decorating them with colourful painted patterns. They also produced stunning collages of flowers in vases, using a range of materials to create vibrant and imaginative pieces of art.

Throughout the week, the children have enjoyed working outdoors, using natural materials to practise weaving and creating transient art from objects found around our school grounds.



They explored texture and shape by making flower prints in clay and demonstrated great creativity in their designs. The children particularly enjoyed Hapa Zome printing - one of the noisiest art lessons ever- where they used different flowers and leaves pressed between a piece of

cotton cloth that they then hammered to extract the ink! It was brilliant fun!



To finish the week, the children developed their sketching skills, using a range of techniques to create some truly beautiful drawings of animals. We were so impressed with the care, concentration and creativity shown by everyone.

It has been a wonderful week full of artistic exploration, and we are incredibly proud of all the children's achievements.

CONSTELLATION ROOM

This week in the Constellation Room, we have been finding lots of fun and exciting ways to keep cool during the hot weather! The children have loved taking part in lots of water play, paddling in the tuff trays, splashing in the sprinklers, and exploring different sensory water activities. These experiences have been a wonderful way to stay cool while developing communication, turn-taking, and sensory exploration skills.

We have also had a fantastic time joining in with the rest of the school for Art Week. The children particularly enjoyed creating transient art using a range of natural materials, encouraging creativity and imagination. One of our favourite activities was picking flowers and using hammers to carefully transfer their beautiful colours and patterns onto linen, creating some lovely natural artwork. We also explored clay through pressing, rolling, and moulding, giving everyone the opportunity to experiment with different textures and techniques.

Back in our classroom, we chose to make sea animals using air-dry clay. The children showed great enthusiasm as they shaped, decorated, and brought their favourite sea creatures to life, with each creation being unique and full of character.

Although it has been a very warm week, it has been filled with fun, laughter, creativity, and lots of memorable learning experiences. We are incredibly proud of how well the children have engaged with all the activities while staying positive and making the most of the sunshine.

PEGASUS CLASS

Pegasus had an absolute blast making all their art week creations. Despite the very hot weather, the children persevered with their learning. We were lucky enough to have two fans in the classroom.

We went for a walk around school to pick up some leaves, pinecones, flowers, grass and rocks to create transient art.



The children then had a go at sketching different wildlife animals. Really taking their time to add texture and patterns to make it as life-like as they could.



They also had a lot of fun picking some flowers and creating their weaving. They all looked so pretty!

On Wednesday the children got their hands dirty with clay and created some flower sculptures in the style of Yayoi Kusama, a Japanese artist known for using polka dots in her artwork. Therefore, they also had the opportunity to paint their sculptures once they were dry, and add polka dots to it.



We still had squash with Mr. May and it was so much fun! He got the rebound nets and the children practised hitting and serving the ball, in pairs, against the rebound net. It was good practice for the real thing.

Since it has been incredibly hot this week. We thought Pegasus deserved a little play outside with the sprinklers to help cool them down. It was a lot of fun and really got the job done.

Well done for braving the heat this week Pegasus!

ORION CLASS

What an amazing, art-filled week, Orion!

We certainly haven't let the heat beat us this week! Despite the soaring temperatures, everyone has shown fantastic determination, creativity, and enthusiasm throughout our Art Week activities.

We began the week by researching different artists and exploring a range of artistic techniques. The children then put their learning into practice by creating their own detailed drawings and clay sculptures.

On Tuesday, we brought British wildlife to life through some fabulous pencil sketches. The children carefully observed their chosen animals and used excellent shading and drawing techniques to create some wonderful artwork.

Wednesday saw us exploring the art of nature weaving. We carefully selected natural materials from outdoors and wove them into sticks, creating beautiful and unique pieces inspired by the world around us.

On Thursday, we took inspiration from the artist Andy Goldsworthy and his transient art. After planning our own designs, we headed into the shaded outdoor area to create stunning natural artworks using materials we found around us. The creativity on display was truly impressive!

Finally, on Friday, our clay sculptures were completely dry and ready to paint. It was wonderful to see the finished creations come to life with colour and personality.



You should all be incredibly proud of yourselves for staying focused, positive, and engaged throughout this extreme heatwave. A special thank you goes to Mr Steinson, who kindly let us use the sprinklers to cool down during the day—it certainly helped keep us refreshed and smiling!



Have a wonderful weekend, Orion. We can't wait to see what next week brings!



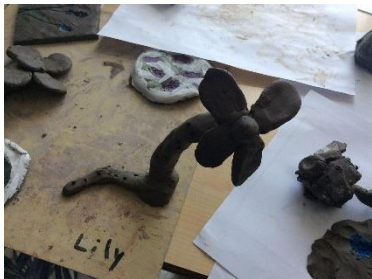
CASSIOPEIA CLASS

This week, Cassiopeia Class has been buzzing with excitement as we celebrated Art Week, centered around the theme of nature, inspired by the works of the renowned Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama, David Hockney and Andy Goldsworthy. We have had the wonderful opportunity to delve into their creativity and self-expression through a variety of engaging activities. From crafting clay flower sculptures to experimenting with Hapa zone printing, each project has allowed us to connect with the environment while enhancing their fine motor skills and evaluative thinking.

Here's a glimpse into some of the fantastic activities we participated in:

- **Clay Flower Sculptures:** We shaped and painted their own flowers using unique colours to reflect the work of Yayoi Kusama.
- **Hapa Zone Printing:** Using natural materials, they created stunning prints, exploring the cultural significance of this technique.
- **Weaving with Natural Materials:** This activity not only fostered creativity but also highlighted the importance of sustainability.
- **Sketching British Wildlife:** Students observed local flora and fauna, deepening their appreciation for the natural world around them.

It has been really lovely to see the outcomes of these activities. Not only have we reflected on the artist's work but we have evaluated our own and others' work.



We have also continued with our squash skills this week, where we worked in pairs and used the rebound to have a mini game.

In Music, we have continued to practice our production songs. It's starting to sound great!

Hopefully, it will be cooler next week and we can continue rehearsals on the stage.





Tuesday 30th June	New EYFS Stay and Play by myself - 1:30 - 2:30pm
Tuesday 30th June	School Organisation and Structure 2026-2027 Presentation 3:10pm
Wednesday 1st July	Pegasus Class Family Assembly - 2:30pm
Wednesday 1st July	Cygnus and Ara Class trip to Marwell
Wednesday 1st July	Ground Force Working Party 3:10pm
Thursday 2nd July	FoS Cake Sale
Friday 3rd July	Parents invited into school for gallery showing from 2:00pm
Saturday 4th July	Summer BBQ - 2-5pm
Monday 6th July	SRE Presentation for Year 5 and 6 Parents - 2:30pm
Wednesday 8th July	Whole School Transition Morning
Wednesday 8th July	Ara Class Family Assembly
Wednesday 8th July	New EYFS Stay and Play by myself - 9:30am - 11:30am
Thursday 9th July	End of Year School Reports to be sent home
Thursday 9th July	End of Year Disco - EYFS/ KSI 3:15 - 4:15pm and KS2 4:30-5:30pm
Friday 10th July	SPORTS DAY
Monday 13th July	FoS Tattoo Event
Tuesday 14th July	Year 6 Production - Evening
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Wednesday 15th July	Open Afternoon 3:10pm onwards
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Wednesday 15th July	Year 6 Production - evening
Wednesday 15th July	Days Gone By 3-5pm
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 Leavers' Event 4-6pm

Friday 17th July	Back up date for Sports Day
Sunday 19th July	Days Gone By - 11am - 3pm
Monday 20th July	Shipton's Got Talent - PM
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



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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