

Shipton Bellinger Primary School

Weekly Newsletter No.3

Friday 18th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

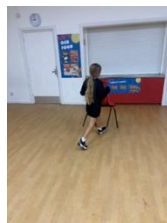
Our second full week in school has certainly been a busy one. On Tuesday we had our first school trip for the academic year. Orion Class became Vikings for the day and became fully immersed at Oxenwood. Everyone had a really good time, including all of the staff and governors too!



We have been holding our STAR Council Elections this week and we announced our new STAR council representatives during our STAR assembly today. We then held our first council meeting where the new reps voted for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. To find out who is on our school council, please click here: <https://www.shiptonbellinger.hants.sch.uk/learning/star-council>



After announcing our Year 6 responsibilities last Friday, all of the children have fully embraced their new roles. On Monday the play leaders will also be taking on their new lunch time activity responsibilities too. A full list of the Year 6 Responsibilities can be found here: <https://www.shiptonbellinger.hants.sch.uk/learning/class-pages/cassiopeia-class>



Next week we have got our annual SCARF PSHE Workshops taking place for all the children. Nothing extra is needed for the children as everything is provided for them in school.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and if you have any concerns, queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

From Miss Seed

ACCEPTABLE USER AGREEMENTS

Online safety is part of our safeguarding procedures and as such we ask each child in our school to complete an 'Acceptable User Agreement' or 'AUP' each year. There is a guidance sheet for parents attached to this newsletter. This year our AUP is a paper copy which will be sent home with your child. Please complete a form with your child and return it to school as soon as possible.

SAFEGUARDING FORMS

Every year we ask our families to complete a safeguarding form regarding who can collect your child at the end of the school day. This is to ensure that your child is collected by the right adult as part of our safeguarding process. This also means that if there is another parent/ regular adult that you entrust to pick up your child, they can be named on this form. If any adult who you have not put on the list is coming to collect your child, please inform the school office immediately about the new pick arrangements, otherwise, we will contact you to establish permission. Today, your child will have taken home their safeguarding form, we kindly ask for these to be completed and returned to school as quickly as possible.

HARVEST FESTIVAL THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER

On Thursday 8th October we will be having our annual Harvest festival at St. Peter's Church. There will be two services, one for EYFS and KSI and one for KS2. The timings will be as follows:

EYFS and KSI - Cygnus and Pegasus Classes- 9:45am

KS2 - Orion and Cassiopeia Classes - 11am

We ask if you are arrive at 9:35am case we arrive possible. If you aim to be leaving KSI and around walk for either teacher know.



Harvest appeal

Help support Andover Foodbank this Harvest

So far this year the Foodbank has supported 4700 people in our community with over 40,000 meals and other essential items

Donate food



Donate 1 or 2 items so we can provide food for people in your community who cannot afford the essentials

Donate money



Help to cover our operating costs, including a Citizens Advice caseworker to provide financial support



Shopping list

- Tinned meat meals
- Tinned/instant potatoes
- Tinned soup/spaghetti
- Tinned fruit/veg
- Rice 500g
- Rice pudding/custard
- Pasta sauce
- Milk (long life)
- Breakfast cereal
- Biscuits/Chocolate

planning to attend the service, please (EYFS and KSI) or 10:50am (KS2) in sooner and can get started as soon as are able to help walk to the church, we between 9am and 9:15am for EYFS and 10:30am for KS2. If you are able to service please let your child's class

01264 362111
andover.foodbank.org.uk

Registered charity in England & Wales 1199568

PE DAYS

Changes for Orion and Cassiopeia who will be having Squash with Mr May again for this half term. Here is the new PE days:

Pegasus Class - Wednesday and Friday

Orion Class - Monday and Thursday

Cassiopeia Class - Monday and Tuesday



Annual flu vaccination

Dear parent/carer

We are coming to Shipton Bellinger School on Wednesday 7 October 2026 to give pupils their annual flu vaccination and would like your consent to vaccinate your child.

How to respond

It's important to let us know whether you do or do not want your child to have the vaccination. It will take less than 5 minutes to respond using the link below.

Flu Vaccination

Form <https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=SH115947>

You need to respond by 9am Monday 5 October. Please enter the Year group that your child is currently in.

If you cannot use the online form, you can respond over the phone using the contact details below.

About the children's flu vaccine

The vaccine protects against flu, which can cause serious health problems such as bronchitis and pneumonia. It is recommended for children from Reception to Year 11 every year.

[Find out more about the children's flu vaccine on NHS.UK](#)

You can also find a range of [information resources about the vaccine on GOV.UK](#), including in other languages.

How the vaccine is given

Most children are given the vaccine as a nasal spray. This is a quick and painless spray up the nose and offers the best protection against flu.

The nasal spray contains a small amount of gelatine derived from pigs (porcine gelatine). If your child does not use gelatine products, or cannot have the nasal spray for medical reasons, you can choose an alternative injected vaccine that has no gelatine or any other animal product. You can request this in the consent form. This vaccine will be given at the session in school. Please contact either the school immunisation team or your school if you want to be present for this.

[Find out more about the use of gelatine in the flu vaccine \(including the views of faith communities\)](#)

Contact us

Speak to a member of our team by calling 02382 318318 or email hiowh.nwimms@nhs.net

From the NHS School Age Immunisation Service

School Age Immunisation Service

NHS
Hampshire and
Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Your child's Flu vaccine is due



FLU: 5 REASONS TO GET PROTECTED AGAINST FLU

1. Protect your child - The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
2. Protect you, your family and friends - Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family.
3. No injection needed - The nasal spray is painless and easy to have. (A porcine free injection is available)
4. It's better than having flu - The nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record.
5. Avoid costs - If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare.

The Immunisation team
will be in the school on

Wednesday 7 October



Scan the QR code to complete
a flu consent form
(even if you wish to opt out)

School Code

SH115947

For more information, visit our website:

www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/annual-nasal-flu-vaccination-programme/

LOST PROPERTY

This year we are trying to ensure that children come home each day with all of their belongings. As such as each class has a lost property box. If there is anything in it that is unnamed, then it will be taken out at the end of the school day. This includes lunch boxes and water bottles. At the end of each half term, all of the lost property will be collated outside the school for our families to look through. Anything that is uncollected will be donated to our Pre-loved Uniform shop.

EYFS TOURS

If you have a child who is starting school in September 2026, please see our attached flyer regarding tour dates. These can be booked via the school office. Please pass on this information to anybody you may know who is looking for a school for their child next academic year too! Please also see the poster advising how to apply for your School place in September 2027.



Shipton Bellinger Primary School

Is your child starting school in September 2027?

Come and visit us and have a tour around our school.

OPEN DAYS

Thursday 15th October - 9.30am
Tuesday 20th October - 9.30am
Thursday 5th November - 9.30am
Tuesday 10th November - 9.30am
Wednesday 18th November - 9.30am
Thursday 26th November - 9.30am

OUR VISION

At Shipton Bellinger primary School our core purpose is to provide a safe and respectful learning environment where everyone can grow and achieve together.

Please call or email to book in.

Phone - 01980 843369
Email - adminoffice@shiptonbellinger.hants.sch.uk



Starting school in September 2027

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2027, they can start school in September 2027

Applications open for Hampshire residents on **1 November 2026**

THE NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS **FRIDAY 15 JANUARY 2027**

DON'T MISS IT!

For more information go to www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

FRIENDS OF SHIPTON



Friends
Of
Shipton

Working
together
for our
children

Parents ♥ Friends ♥ Brighter Futures

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

The FOS team is a group of parent volunteers who raise funds to provide extra materials and experiences for our children that wouldn't normally be possible within the school budget.

★ We want to keep school life fun, exciting and good value for everyone! ★

≥ CAN YOU HELP? ≤

There are lots of ways to get involved, no matter how small!



**JOIN THE
FOS COMMITTEE**

- Meet just 1 hour per month
- Ideally 1 parent per class
- Very informal – new members always welcome! ♥



**BE A GENERAL
SUPPORTER**

- Join our email list
- We'll get in touch when we need advice or extra help with ideas and activities. ♥



HELP AT EVENTS

- Lend a hand at fun events like movie nights, cake sales or raffles
- Usually 10 minutes – 2 hours
- We'll contact you when events are coming up.

**♥ Together we can make
a big difference! ☀**

To get involved, please complete and return the slip to the school office.
Thank you – THE FOS TEAM ♥

Upcoming Events/Date for your Diary:

Thursday 22nd October – School Disco

Friday 13th November – FOS/Children in Need Cake Sale

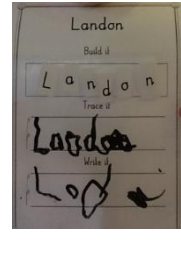
Friday 4th December – Non Uniform day – in return for bottles and/or chocolate for Christmas Fair

Thursday 10th December – Christmas Fair

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO....

CYGNUS CLASS

This week has been a week full of 'firsts'! For our first full week together as Cygnus Class, the children have amazed us with their eagerness to learn and it's been lovely to see the children settling happily into routines and see new friendships begin to blossom! The children have continued to explore their new classroom and are learning how to work TOGETHER and be RESPECTful of our classroom environment by keeping it organised and tidy. We made our Class Charter - a list of rules to keep ourselves and each other SAFE and happy so that we can ACHIEVE our best.



Linked to our 'Marvellous Me' topic, we continued to practise reading and writing our names and focused on cutting and drawing skills to create self portraits. Can you work out who's who?!

We read the Colour Monster and introduced our daily 'feelings jars' to check in to see how everyone is feeling and chat about what different emotions might feel like, triggers and strategies to help us with our big feelings.



In Literacy we read the book 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' and used the rhythm and rhyme to learn each other's names changing the words to 'Cygnus, Cygnus who do you see?, I see ___ looking at me!' We have used our daily routines to practise counting and number recognition. In Phonics, we learnt the sounds, s (for snake), a (for astronaut), t (for tiger), p (for penguin). For our first PE lesson we played games with a focus on negotiating space and moving in different ways.



PEGASUS CLASS - I am so proud of the children in Pegasus this week who have worked so hard to achieve all of their learning. In English we have written our first piece of published work! Each child has produced a fact page all about themselves, linked to our text 'What makes me a me?' They have tried hard with sounding out and blending their words and using them to write complete sentences. In Year 2, the children have been adding extra to their sentences by using the conjunction 'and' to join. Some of them even used 'because'.

In Maths we have continued recapping our Place Value knowledge. The children have played matching games, learnt how to use a number line to find one more and one less than a number and have explored different groups of objects to say whether they are greater than, less than or equal to each other.

In Science the children have learnt about the 5 senses and discovered what each of those senses are for.

In Geography the children have made their first map of the classroom and they tried hard to draw everything in the correct places.

In History this week the children have been looking at photos of themselves when they were babies. They talked about how they have changed and what they have learnt to do since they were babies. All of the photos were so lovely to see! An enormous thank you to parents for sending their photos in.

What a week!

CONSTELLATION ROOM - We have had a lovely time in the Constellation Room this week! The children have been busy learning, exploring and having lots of fun together.

In Math's, we have been learning about number and comparing groups to see which have fewer, more or the same.

The children have worked really hard and enjoyed using a selection of practical resources to support their learning.

In English, we have been reading *A Squash and a Squeeze*, and we have really enjoyed exploring the story together. We had lots of fun unscrambling words that we had seen in the book, and everyone did really well with this activity.

We also had a go at writing sentences about what we saw in the book, using adjectives to describe the characters.

It was lovely to see the children sharing their ideas and developing their vocabulary.

We have enjoyed our Fizzy Fingers activities this week, where we practised our fine motor skills through cutting and sticking. This was definitely a favourite activity, and the children enjoyed getting creative!

We have also enjoyed Bucket Time, continuing to explore our new toys.

We have loved singing along to our song while playing and exploring together. And, of course, we couldn't forget the shaving foam! The

children had lots of fun getting messy while exploring this sensory activity. There were plenty of smiles and lots of enthusiastic exploring!

Well done, everyone, for another fantastic week in the Constellation Room!



ORION CLASS

We have had another fantastic week in Team Orion, with lots of exciting learning and Viking adventures!

In English, we have been exploring *The Dragon Slayer* as we prepare to write our very own Norse myth next week. The children have been busy developing their vocabulary and have particularly enjoyed creating expanded noun phrases to describe both the mighty warrior and the fearsome dragon. We have been thinking carefully about how authors choose words to help their readers picture characters and settings, and we are now ready to put all of this learning into our own Viking-inspired stories!



In Maths, we have continued our work on number and place value. The children have become increasingly confident when representing numbers using Dienes and counters, and can now comfortably show one number as more or less than another. It has been fantastic to see their confidence grow as they explain their mathematical thinking and use practical resources to support their learning.

On Tuesday, we were incredibly lucky to visit Oxenwood Educational Site, where we were looked after for the day by a real-life 'Viking'! He taught us lots of fascinating facts about Viking life and helped us understand that the people of Scandinavia would not have called themselves 'Vikings'. Instead, they would have gone 'viking', meaning they were going looting or pillaging. The children were fascinated to discover that being a 'Viking' was more about what you did than who you were!

The children also had the opportunity to experience Viking life for themselves. They learned how to create a shield wall, working together to protect their group, and even had a go at rowing a longship! This was certainly not an easy task, especially with the harsh wind and sea making us work even harder. The children showed fantastic teamwork, determination and resilience throughout the day.



In PE, we have begun developing our netball skills. This week, we focused on learning how to perform a chest pass while pivoting, remembering that once we have established our landing foot, we must keep it firmly in place. The children worked hard to practise their passing and movement skills and showed great determination as they developed their technique.

We have had a lovely week in Team Orion and it has been wonderful to see the children continuing to demonstrate our STAR values, particularly Together and Achieve, as they have worked collaboratively, challenged themselves and thrown themselves into our Viking learning.

We can't wait to see what next week brings as we become Norse myth authors and begin writing our very own Viking-inspired stories!

Well done, Team Orion!



CASSIOPEIA CLASS

It has been another busy and productive week in class, with plenty of opportunities to learn, practise new skills and work together.

In Maths, we have been looking at 6- and 7-digit numbers on a number line and developing our reasoning skills. We have explored finding the midpoint and working out the increments between numbers. We have also continued to learn and practise our times tables. Please make sure you are regularly accessing TTRockstars to support fluency and recall.

In Writing, we have focused on sentence-level work, including subordinate clauses, conjunctions and techniques to help create cohesion. We have been considering how sentences can be joined and organised so that our writing flows clearly for the reader.

In Art, we have been exploring line and mark-making to create different effects when adding details to our train drawings. We have experimented with a range of lines and marks to show texture, shape and detail.

This week in French, we have been learning the names of key places around a town, including the swimming pool, the museum and the train station, to name a few. We have practised reading the French words, as well as reading and writing them.

Year 6 enjoyed playing netball, taking part in mini tournaments to practise their skills and apply the rules. Meanwhile, Year 5 went swimming and worked on developing their swimming skills and confidence in the water.

This week, we held our School Council elections. Congratulations to Lucy and Phoebe, who were elected as our School Council representatives.



Monday 21st September	SCARF workshops
Tuesday 22nd September	SCARF workshops
Tuesday 22nd September	Year 5 Swimming
Wednesday 23rd September	Ground Force Working Party
Tuesday 28th September	Year 5 Swimming
Wednesday 29th September	Phonics and Early Reading Workshop for Parents - 2:30pm
Thursday 30th September	Half Termly Progress Reviews sent home
Tuesday 6th October	Year 5 Swimming
Wednesday 7th October	Whole School Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 7th October	Open Afternoon - 3:10pm
Thursday 8th October	Harvest Festival - EYFS/KS1 9:45am and KS2 11am Harvest Lunch
Tuesday 13th October	Year 5 Swimming
Thursday 15th October	New EYFS School Tours for 2027 9:30am
Tuesday 20th October	Year 5 Swimming
Tuesday 20th October	New EYFS School Tours for 2027 9:30am
Thursday 22nd October	FoS Disco - Spooks and Sparkles Spooks and Sparkles Lunch
Thursday 22nd October	School Nurse Clinic
Friday 23rd October	Last day of Autumn Term 1
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October	HALF TERM

	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 2nd November	Start of Autumn Term 2 - children return to school
Monday 2nd November	SAFE School Values Day
Monday 2nd November	Individual and Sibling School Photos
Tuesday 3rd November	Year 5 Swimming
Wednesday 4th November	Cassiopeia Class Family Assembly - 2:30pm
Thursday 5th November	New EYFS School Tours for 2027 9:30am
Thursday 5th November	Bonfire Lunch
Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 10th November	Year 5 Swimming
Tuesday 10th November	New EYFS School Tours for 2027 9:30am
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Service at School 2:30pm
Thursday 12th November	Interfaith day
Friday 13th November	Children In Need - Children to wear something spotty with their school uniform FoS Cake Sale
Monday 16th November	Anti-Bullying week - children to come into school wearing odd socks
Tuesday 17th November	Year 5 Swimming
Tuesday 17th November	Maths workshop for our families 2:30pm
Wednesday 18th November	New EYFS School Tours for 2027 9:30am
Wednesday 18th November	Orion Class Family Assembly - 2:30pm
Thursday 19th November	Provisional Date for FoS Sponsored Event - more details to follow

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