

Shipton Bellinger Primary School

Weekly Newsletter No.

Friday 2nd October 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week it was great to have a much bigger turn out from our families for our Phonics and Early Reading Workshop delivered by Mrs Chapman. We have received positive feedback which is always lovely to hear. If you were unable to attend, the presentation can be located on our school website:

<https://www.shiptonbellinger.hants.sch.uk/our-school/curriculum-/english>



Our Wilderness Area has continued to be enjoyed and we're looking forward to seeing this provision develop further over the coming months. Please could we ask Wilderness Warriors children to bring wellies and waterproofs to school on Wednesdays so that they can fully immerse themselves in the great outdoors whatever the weather!



On Wednesday 7th October, we will be having our very own Fijian Day. This is a way for us as a school to recognise the importance of other cultures that we have within our school and celebrate all of our uniqueness. We ask that children come into school wearing blue or other colours from the Fijian flag/ Hawaiian/ floral based clothes.



On Wednesday we will also be having our first open afternoon of the year where we invite our families to come into school at 3:10pm to have a look through the children's learning in their books.

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 KS1 and one for KS2. The timings will be as follows:

EYFS and KS1 - Cygnus and Pegasus Classes- 9:45am

KS2 - Orion and Cassiopeia Classes - 11am

We ask if you are planning to attend the service, please arrive at 9:35am (EYFS and KSI) or 10:50am (KS2) in case we arrive sooner and can get started as soon as possible. If you are able to help walk to the church, we aim to be leaving between 9am and 9:15am for EYFS and KSI and around 10:30am for KS2. If you are able to walk for either service please let your child's class teacher know.

Please can all donations for the Andover foodbank be in school on Thursday 8th October too! Below is their 'shopping list' of items that they are requesting.

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



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

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andover.foodbank.org.uk

Registered charity in England & Wales 1199568

JAG HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB



🚀 Mission Starlight Is Ready for Launch! 🚀

This **October half-term**, JAG's Holiday HQ camp is coming to our school with their Mission Starlight theme — a week of active games, creative activities, challenges and plenty of choice throughout the day.

Children will build and test Rocket Launchers, take on Meteor Dodgeball, create Fizzing Moon Art, hunt in the dark and even make their own Solar System Planetarium to take home.

📅 **26-30 October** - (Check our school page on the JAG website for full details.)

👶 **Ages 4-11**

👉 [See What's On This October Half-Term](#)

What this means for families

- ✓ Safe, structured days delivered by experienced, DBS-checked staff
- ✓ Ofsted-registered holiday childcare you can trust
- ✓ Book only the days you need
- ✓ Flexible cancellation if plans change — check our school page for details
- ✓ Tax-Free Childcare accepted

For parents, it means reliable October half-term cover, active days for children and a smoother, more organised week — without the stress of planning every day yourself.

Book early and save

🌟 **Early Bird – Save 10%**

Use code **STARLIGHT10** when you book by **Sunday 4 October**.

👨👩 **Sibling discount – Save 10%**

Automatically applied when booking more than one child

📅 **Multi-day booking discount – Save 4%**

Applied when booking four days or more within the same week

All eligible discounts are combined automatically at checkout.

👉 [Find our school page](#) 🌟 [Make a booking](#) 🗨️ [Have any questions?](#)

☎️ 0333 577 1533

✉️ hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk

Junior Adventures Group

HOLIDAY HQ

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP

LAUNCHING OCTOBER 2026

- ✓ Action-packed activities every day - sports, games, crafts, challenges & more
- ✓ Mission Starlight this October - a new space-themed adventure every day
- ✓ Make, create & take it home - including our Solar System Planetarium
- ✓ Great-value holiday childcare - with offers & discounts available

SCAN TO FIND YOUR HOLIDAY HQ & BOOK NOW

MISSION CONTROL IS CALLING...

MISSION Starlight

OCTOBER PROGRAMME

Give your child an October half term filled with activities, creativity, active play, new experiences and plenty of fun at Holiday HQ. With exciting activities throughout the day and a programme designed to keep children engaged, Holiday HQ offers October half term childcare that's about much more than simply filling the school holidays. Find your nearest October half term holiday club and join Mission Starlight.

DAILY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- 🚀 Big adventures bringing each day's theme to life
- 🧠 Fun challenges to test skills, teamwork & confidence
- 🎨 Imagine it. Create it. Make it yours.

MAKE YOUR OWN PLANETARIUM

PLUS - 100+ WAYS TO PLAY WITH CHILDREN'S CHOICE EVERY DAY

- ✓ Save with Early Bird
- ✓ Sibling Discounts Available
- ✓ Book Ad Hoc or Weekly
- ✓ Tax-Free Childcare Accepted

SCAN TO FIND YOUR HOLIDAY HQ & BOOK NOW

☎️ 0333 577 1533
✉️ [HELLO@JUNIORADVENTURESGROUP.CO.UK](mailto:hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk)

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!

BEST START IN LIFE

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



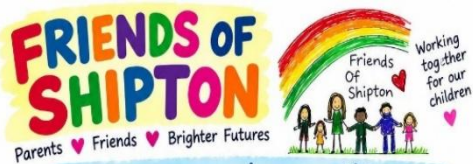
hants.gov.uk

DONATIONS FOR CYGNUS CLASS

Cygnus would be grateful for any of the below donations:

- Small, metal toy cars + any accessories such as hot wheels loop the loop track.
- Monster trucks (big and small)
- Accessories for dolls
- Barbie dolls + clothing
- Buckets and spades for sand play. Thank you for your support with this!





**"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 ♥



Parsons Pumpkin Patch Nr. Bulford

Football Cards – please share this with family and friends, get the cards filled up, collect the £5 per team and be in with a chance of not only raising money for the school but winning £30 if you have the winning team!

Look out for raffle tickets coming home to win on our of 'Boo Baskets', including pumpkins kindly donated by Parsons Pumpkin Patch



22nd October – Spooks and Sparkles Disco

13th November – Cake Sale / Children in Nee

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO....

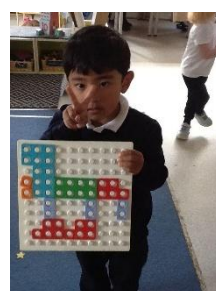
CYGNUS CLASS

It has been fantastic to see the children settled into their routines and gaining more and more independence and confidence every day.



In Literacy the children have continued to make their 'All About Me' booklets, drawing and chatting about themselves and their family as well as a few of their favourite things! Some children even had a go at writing some letters and words and we've practiced writing in our lizard poses lying on our tummies keeping our feet together to strengthen our bodies. Lots of opportunities for name writing and mark making have been given and we've enjoyed reading more Julia Donaldson stories. Our phonics focus has been the sounds g,o,c,k and it's been exciting to see the children reading words such as map, pat and dog using their knowledge of the sounds that we've learnt so far. We also learnt our first tricky word - 'is'.

In Maths, we've sung number songs and explored different ways to make numbers up to 3. Mr Sullivan joined us to chat about the significance of Harvest and the children were excited to feel the wheat grains that Mr Sullivan brought in! Mrs Shaw visited us and together we planted some seeds so we're excited to watch these grow and hope to have some home grown carrots and beans to enjoy!



During Explore and Learn, the mud kitchen has been particularly popular and the children have cut, mashed, scooped and poured to make dandelion dishes and foxtail soup inspired by Gruffalo Granny! We also had a wild time for our Welly Wednesday - swinging, balancing, digging and den building! Looking forward to more adventures next week!



PEGASUS CLASS

It has been another fantastic week in Pegasus Class, with the children showing great enthusiasm, perseverance and pride in their learning.

In English, we have been developing our sentence-writing skills by writing simple and compound sentences all about ourselves. The children have worked incredibly hard to apply what they have learned and have now completed their first fully independent paragraph of writing. This is a wonderful milestone, and we have been so impressed with the confidence and independence they have shown.

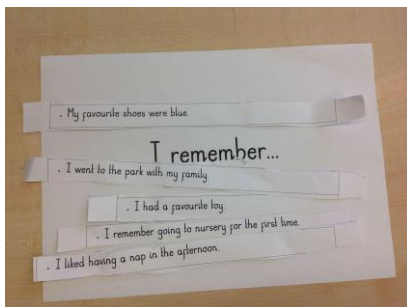


related facts, making connections between addition and subtraction and using what they know to solve new problems.

In PE, we have been developing our movement and ball skills. The children have practised jumping and hopping from a variety of different starting positions and have been learning how to send and receive a ball by rolling and throwing. They have approached these activities with lots of energy and enthusiasm and have been working hard to develop their coordination.



In Computing, the children have continued to use the PAINTZ website to create their own digital paintings. Our focus has been on developing accurate mouse control, and it has been lovely to see the children becoming more confident as they navigate the website and use different tools to create their artwork.



In History, we explored what we know about ourselves when we were babies. We thought carefully about how we can find out about the past through our own memories, photographs and things that other people have told us. This was a tricky concept for the children to grasp, but they did incredibly well and were able to share some thoughtful ideas and observations.

We are incredibly proud of the children this week. They have worked hard, challenged themselves and continued to show what wonderful learners they are. Well done, Pegasus Class!

CONSTELLATION ROOM

What a Busy Week!

What a fantastic week we have had! We have been busy learning, exploring, creating and, most importantly, having lots of fun along the way!

This week we have been enjoying our new book, *Shh! We Have a Plan*. We have become very good at sneaking around and pretending to look for birds — shhh... don't let them spot us! We have been doing lots of exciting activities linked to our story, including unscrambling words, matching sentences and talking about the events in the book. Some of us have even been writing our own sentences independently — what super writers we are becoming!

Our maths learning has been very hands-on this week. We have been exploring length and comparing objects both inside and outside the classroom. We collected leaves and sticks and had fun putting them in order from shortest to longest. We then turned our attention to ourselves! We measured everyone's height and worked together to put ourselves in order from tallest to shortest. There were lots of giggles as we discovered who was taller and who was shorter! We have also started exploring mass and learning about things that are heavier and lighter. We became classroom detectives and searched for different objects to compare. We made some interesting discoveries!

Did you know our toy octopus is heavier than the fish? And a Magna-Tile is lighter than the glue stick! We loved making our predictions and then checking to see if we were right!

In the afternoons, we have been joining Pegasus and Orion for their PE sessions. We have been practising our throwing and catching skills and have had lots of fun getting active together.

There have been lots of throws, catches, smiles... and the occasional ball that decided to go somewhere completely different!

We have also been getting creative and painting our hands ready to make our very own autumn garland. We can't wait to see it all come together and add some beautiful autumn colours to our classroom!

And finally, we have been reading our books every single day. The adults have been so impressed with our reading skills and how much confidence we are showing. We are becoming such enthusiastic and independent readers, and it is wonderful to see our hard work paying off!

We hope you enjoy hearing all about our adventures at home. We can't wait to see what next week brings!



ORION CLASS

Another fantastic week in Team Orion!

We began our week with our new phase-based Guided Reading sessions. The children have been split into their reading groups and have enjoyed having the opportunity to read with an adult and develop their reading skills.

In English, we have been exploring fact files and discussing how they can be used to share important information. We have focused on Viking fact files, using our growing knowledge and research to make links with our History learning.

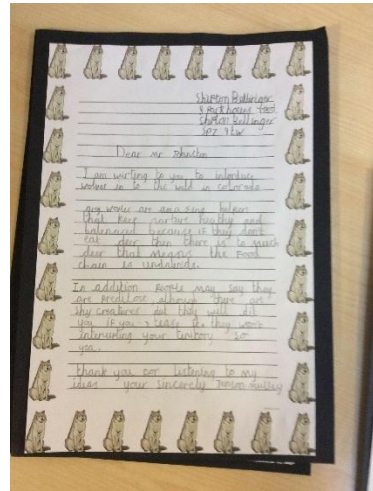
In Maths, we have continued our work on number and have begun tackling one and two-step word problems. The children have worked incredibly hard, using Dienes and counters to help explore problems involving two and three-digit numbers. Year 4 have even begun challenging themselves with four-digit numbers!

In Science, we explored why different animals have different types of teeth. We discovered why herbivores have flatter teeth and carnivores have sharper teeth before using this knowledge to create our own food chain diagrams. We started with a plant, moved to a herbivore and finished with a carnivore.

Our PSHE learning this week has had a big focus on feelings and how we can support one another. The children shared examples of situations that might make them feel comfortable or uncomfortable and discussed what we can all do to help make sure everyone feels happy, safe and comfortable in school.

Another great week in Team Orion. We are incredibly proud of how hard everyone has worked. Well done, Orion!

This week, Cassiopeia have shown great pride in their work after we published our writing and on display in our hallway.



In Maths, we have been calculating and using the inverse to check our answers. We have been finding different methods to add and subtract mentally using partitioning, rounding and adjusting. These are important skills to support us when we are calculating larger numbers quickly.

The children used google slides and communicated with their 'work' partner via the chat function. This was to demonstrate how the internet is used to collaborate and communicate on a shared project.

It has been a busy week full of so many learning opportunities where the children have continued to thrive.



Tuesday 6th October	Year 5 Swimming
Wednesday 7th October	Whole School Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 7th October	Open Afternoon - 3:10pm
Wednesday 7th October	Fiji Day - children to come into school wearing the colours of the Fijian flag
Thursday 8th October	Harvest Festival - EYFS/KSI 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
Tuesday 24th November	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 25th November	Pegasus Class Family Assembly - 2:30pm
Thursday 26th November	Parents Consultations
Thursday 26th November	New EYFS School Tours for 2027 9:30am
Friday 27th November	INSET DAY - School closed for children
Wednesday 2nd December	Cygnus Class Family Assembly - 2:30pm
Wednesday 2nd December	Maths workshop for parents - calculation progression 3:10pm
Friday 4th December	Non-uniform day in exchange for wrapped cakes, chocolate and bottles

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



Online Workshops

- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

**9
OCT
13:00**

Considering an EHC Plan?

Independent and
impartial information to
guide you through the
process

**13
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13:00**

Responding to a draft
EHCP

If you are in that critical
time frame having
received your draft

**14
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17:30**

Appeals to SEND Tribunal

A step-by-step guide
through the appeals
process

**20
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13:00**

Ordinarily Available
Provision and SEN Support

Looking at support
available for those who do
not have an EHCP

**28
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10:00**

Responding to a draft
EHCP

If you are in that critical
time frame having
received your draft

**21
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16:00**

Alternative Provision

What constitutes as a
suitable education in
relation to section 19 of
the education act

www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops



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/

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS*

The Community Public Health Advisors from the
Andover & Winchester Public Health Nursing
Team(5-19yrs) are offering support with your
primary aged child's health

Scan the QR code
to book a 30-minute slot at
Beech Hurst, Andover



How do I manage
challenging behaviour?

Why does my child wet the bed?

Where can I access support
for my child's anxiety?

How do I encourage
healthy eating?

* These slots should not be used as a place to seek advice regarding specific medical conditions