

# Shipton Bellinger Primary School

## Weekly School Newsletter

### No.33 - Friday 5th June 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable half term break! We have definitely hit the ground running this week at school.

On Sunday 31st May our Ground Force Working Party had a busy day making, sorting and painting lots of different things in the Cygnus and Ara Class outdoor areas. They have made amazing progress but don't worry there is still more to do if you would like to get involved. Their next date is Wednesday 24th June at 3.10pm.



We started the half term by each class working together to create their class scarecrow based on the story book characters from 'Alice and Wonderland' as part of the Village Fete. There are lots of photos in each of the class sections further on in the newsletter and these amazing creations are now displayed outside the school!!!

We also started our transitions by holding our New Entrants meeting on Wednesday evening. This was an opportunity for the Parents and Carers to learn more information about what to expect when their child starts school in September.



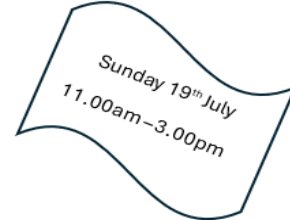
On Friday we had a non-uniform day in exchange for bottles for the Village Fete, so a BIG thank you to everybody who donated! We also had a whole school focus on our school value 'Respect'. The children were focusing on respecting our school environment. They spent time litter picking as well as planting seeds and bedding plants to brighten up our school!



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



## '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

## NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

We are currently in the process of creating our Yearly Overview for the academic year 2026-2027 so that you know the initial dates for planned events over the year. However, we thought we would share our planned Inset days so that you can make plans for these. The dates are shown below:

Tuesday 1st September

Wednesday 2nd September

Friday 27th November

Monday 4th January

Friday 28th May

## SHIPTON BELLINGER VILLAGE FETE WEEK

Do you have any new unwanted gifts, bottles, toys lying around that you could donate as a raffle prize for the village fete week? These will be used for prizes at the quiz night on Thursday 11th July at the Social Club.

The money raised through all events will be shared with the preschool, the primary school and SNAP.

Please bring into school by 8th July - Thank you!

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026**  
**SHIPTON BELLINGER VILLAGE FETE and CRAFT FAIR**  
 Making happy memories for you and your children

**1pm at the Village Centre**  
**Only £1 per adult, children free.**

**Free Parking**

**Car Boot Sale**

**Craft Fair**

**Raffle Draw at 4pm**

**In the Village Hall**

**SORRY dogs are not allowed in the Village Centre or on the field**

SHIPTON BELLINGER FETE WEEK 2026



Classes are only £1 to enter

So, if you think that you have the prettiest, most handsome or smartest dog in the Village bring them to:

**FUN DOG SHOW**  
**MISS ALBRIGHT'S FIELD\***  
 ON THE RIGHT ALONG THE DROVE FROM THE VILLAGE CENTRE - SIGNPOSTED  
**13:00 SUN 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE**  
**JUDGING STARTS AT 13:30**

Quickest Puppy  
 Waggiest Tail  
 Prettiest Black  
 Most Handsome Dog  
 Best Rescue  
 Best Senior  
 Most Attractive Dog and Owner

BEST IN SHOW  
 11 Feet, Big Paws, BBQ Rice, Painting, Doggie Onfire

Test yourself and your dog on the Agility Course or Temptation Alley

ONCE AGAIN, WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE GENEROUS SPONSORSHIP OF AMESBURY PETS AND THE DOGS TRUST

\*This Dog Show would not happen were it not for the kindness and co-operation of Chris and Jane Tail of Manor Farm who not only allow us to use the field but prepare it for us. Please Respect it - PICK UP DOG MESS.

**Shipton Bellinger Fete Week 2026**

**FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT**

11 June

Shipton Sports and Social Club  
 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm


If you know that Bulgaria isn't the capital of Sofia and that the Roman God of War isn't a Bounty, it's Mars you should come to the Family Quiz Night at the Club on the Thursday of Fete week. Equally if your kids know about Elsa, the Teletubbies or have read Harry Potter, bring them too.

£1 per person - max team size 3 people.  
 Children FREE



**"One man's junk is another man's treasure"**

**CAR BOOT SALE**



**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026**  
 sellers from 12:00 at THE VILLAGE FETE

**£10**

Join us:  
 text 07912395111 for details

We need a helping hand at the Village Fete on June 13th.

All day or part of the day - you decide

Please comment below

Your Village Needs **YOU**

and we'll be in touch

or email: [summerfete@shiptonbellingerparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:summerfete@shiptonbellingerparishcouncil.org.uk)



## 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](https://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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SUMMER BBQ  
SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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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



Thank you for all the bottle donations today - the Bottle Stall at Village Fete will be the place to be!

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

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Thursday 9th July - End of Year 'Summer' Disco - tickets will be available soon

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

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

### CYGNUS CLASS

We started the week with a trip down the rabbit hole to inspire our scarecrow making. We read *Alice in Wonderland*, designed Cheshire cat scarecrows and then got making!



We began our topic of 'Saving the Planet' by reading 'One Plastic Bag', the inspiring story of Isatou Ceesay who came up with the idea of repurposing plastic bags by crocheting them into purses. We used adjectives to describe the setting of Gambia and retold key events in the story. In Maths YR learnt about repeating patterns and Y1 found one quarter of a given quantity by sharing objects equally between four parts.



The YR children were so excited to begin woodwork sessions and I was amazed to see so much patience and problem solving as the children practiced using a hammer and nails to join two pieces of wood. Rules around keeping ourselves and each other safe whilst in our woodwork workshop were discussed and it was lovely to see the different directions that the children took their projects in including monsters, coat hooks and fairy garden signs!



The children were thrilled to discover the new stage in the garden which inspired lots of singing, dancing and music making, all of which builds confidence as well as language and communication skills and the audience showed great respect by listening to and celebrating each other's performances. The new balancing scales were a hive of activity as the children attempted to make the scales equal! Thank you to our amazing 'Ground Force' team of volunteers who chose to spend their Sunday developing the garden!



## ARA CLASS

Ara have had an amazing first week back.



They spent Monday making the most amazing Mad Hatter scarecrow! We explored the story of Alice in Wonderland, learning all of the characters and what they did in the story. We then started to create our scarecrow. The children had great fun stuffing and poking the straw into the scarecrow's body and then found it hilarious when putting its clothes on. We finished the scarecrow off by painting some things for him to hold!

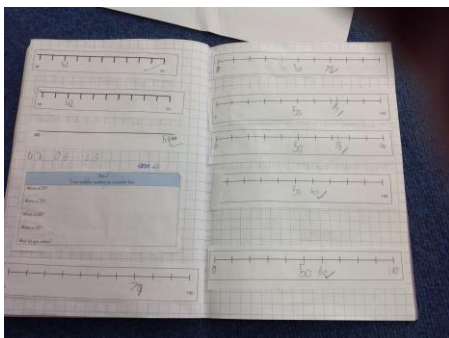


This week we have also begun our topic for the term 'Saving the Planet'. We have started



reading the story 'One Plastic Bag' which is about the incredible Isatou Ceesay who saw the impact that discarded plastic bags was having on the wildlife around her, and who found a way for them to be used - by crocheting them into purses. The children have begun learning about her life and learning how to retell her story.

In Maths we have had a strong focus on number lines this week. We have made sure that we know the order of numbers, by placing them correctly onto a range of number lines - from very structured number lines between 0 and 10, all the way up to number lines from 0-100. The children have done very well and I was so impressed by them!



In the wider curriculum, we have begun exploring wheels and axles, which we will be using when we create our own carts. We have begun our Athletics block in PE and have learnt that we might not want to run at full speed all of the time, especially if we are running longer distances.

Finally we also began our very first French lesson! We have learnt how to say hello!

## CONSTELLATION ROOM

This week in the Constellation Room, we have really settled back into learning after an exciting half-term break.

On Monday afternoon, we joined Cygnus Class, where we helped to make their scarecrow and enjoyed spending time playing with our peers in the garden. It was wonderful to work together and develop our friendships across the classes.

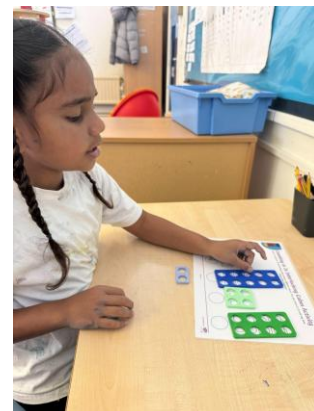
In phonics, we have continued to develop our knowledge and confidence. We are becoming very secure with our Phase 3 sounds and tricky words, and many of us have been challenging ourselves to write words independently.

We have also started exploring the story *One Plastic Bag*, which has sparked some thoughtful and engaging conversations about the world around us and how we can help to care for our environment.

Creativity has been a big focus this week, and we have loved becoming artists! The mark-making area in the tuff tray has been particularly popular, with some children spending up to 30 minutes creating drawings with chalk pens. We have also enjoyed exploring paint in different ways, using a variety of objects to stamp, roll and splat to create unique artwork.

Another highlight of the week has been making our own playdough. This is something the children have been asking to do for a while, and they thoroughly enjoyed helping to make it before using it in their play and learning.

We are very proud of all the enthusiasm, creativity and confidence the children have shown this week.



## PEGASUS CLASS

Pegasus had a very busy first week back. Starting with our scarecrow making, the children had a lot of fun stuffing the White Rabbit and putting all the pieces together. Big shoutout to Mr Steinson for getting all the bits and finalising our scarecrow. The children went out in small groups to help with the scarecrow and those who were in the classroom had fun painting their clay monster sculptures. All in all, it was a really fun first day back.



In writing, we started our new unit called "The Lucky Dip" to go with our Fun Fair topic. This time, we are not reading a book but looking at a short video. Although the children have not been allowed to watch it yet, only look at some pictures to give them clues as to what the video is about. They really had to use their inference skills to make educated guesses about the setting and characters by listening to the soundtrack and looking at one picture at a time. In writing, a big focus for us is also spelling and making sure common exception words and high frequency words are all spelt correctly. The children have also been encouraged to read over their sentences slowly, making sure they make sense. They have also had opportunities to partner read and help each other.



In Maths, we have been making use of all the concrete resources (dienes, arrow cards and counters) to help with our adding and subtracting, and ordering numbers. Our unit this half term is using addition and subtraction with statistics. For our Times Tables Tuesday, we started practising our 4 times tables. We used the counting stick to build fluency and develop the relationship between numbers. The children then had a go at ordering the numbers themselves. We ended with a Times Tables game.



During Science, the children learnt about force and that force is a push and pull. They looked at different demonstrations of when force is used and how we use force in our everyday lives, such as pulling out our chairs, pushing a shopping trolley and putting our shoes on.

Computing was a lot of fun! We drew on our prior knowledge of using Logo to create shapes and discussed how the codes were similar to Scratch. The children then had a go at creating different shapes on Scratch and seeing how they could change the shape and size.



In PSHE, we had a discussion about relationships, such as who we have relationships with (mum, dad, siblings, teachers), what makes a healthy relationship (trust, love, respect, kindness), what we could do to create a healthy relationship (listening to others, helping them when they are sad), and what makes an unhealthy relationship (saying mean things, hurting others, lying). We then put all our thoughts and ideas on paper leaves, roots and branches to create a relationship tree.

## ORION CLASS

What a fantastic start to the new term it has been in Orion! The children have returned to school with enthusiasm, positivity, and a real eagerness to learn. It has been wonderful to see everyone settling back into routines so quickly and making such a positive start back.

One of the highlights of our week was creating our very own 'Alice' scarecrow on Monday. The children thoroughly enjoyed working together to bring her to life, using straw and mesh suits to carefully create her appearance. There was plenty of excitement, teamwork, and creativity on display as Alice gradually took shape. We are incredibly proud of the finished result and the effort that went into making her.



This week also saw our very first squash lesson with Mr May. The anticipation had been building over half term and the children certainly did not disappoint with their enthusiasm! They were eager to learn new skills, listen carefully to instructions and have a go at something many of them had never experienced before. It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces and such positive attitudes throughout the session.

In English, we have begun exploring our new unit based on the short film *Lucky Dip*. Although we have not yet watched the film in its entirety, the children have already been putting their detective skills to good use. Through careful observation and discussion, they have been making predictions about the mystery surrounding the pier, the little girl and the man who initially appeared rather frightening. The class have generated some fantastic ideas and theories, and we are all looking forward to discovering whether our predictions are correct as the story unfolds.

We have also started reading our new class novel, *Magicborn*, which has already become a firm favourite amongst the children. From the very first chapters, the story has captured our imaginations and sparked lots of thoughtful discussions. We are excited to follow the adventures of Tempest and Kwesi and discover what lies ahead for them as they face the threat of the evil sorcerer Lord Hawthorn. We are already desperate to know what happens next!

Well done, Orion, for such an amazing first week back. Your enthusiasm, hard work and positive attitude have made it a pleasure to start the new term with you. Keep up the fantastic work! We cannot wait to see what next week brings!



## CASSIOPEIA CLASS

This week we enjoyed making our amazing scarecrow, 'The Queen of Hearts'. It was a challenge to make sure her head stayed upright but we were happy with the end result.

In writing, we have been finishing our narratives based on the opening of 'Holes' when Stanley meets the guard for the first time when arriving in Camp Green Lake. We spent time reading our work out to each other and peer edited. We then moved our attention to non-fiction writing after reading about the deadly yellow-spotted lizard found in the desert surrounding Camp Green Lake. After planning and drafting out an information page for our own creature, we published it by writing it up on the computer.

In Art, we have found out about our artist this term, Kristjana Williams, an Icelandic artist that specialises on laser-cut collages. Her designs are inspired by nature and combine layering of Victorian engravings and nature.



We had a fantastic squash session this week with Mr May. Lots of new skills learnt as well as keeping fit. We were exhausted afterwards to say the least. We're already looking forward to next week.

We have been busy rehearsing sections of the play when we can. I'm impressed that many already know a lot of their lines and the songs are coming together.

We ended the week with Respect Day. All our activities were focused on respecting our environment and linked that with David Attenborough recently turning 100. We thought about our local area and how we could improve it or ways to respect what we have. It was lovely to plant flowers and scatter seeds in our school garden. Year 6's designated area we are looking after is the front of school.

Don't forget the village fete is on Saturday 13th where groups of Year 6 are running their own stalls selling things such as homemade cakes, fudge and sweet cones ... watch this space!



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
Wednesday 24th June	Ground Force Working Party 3:10pm
Tuesday 30th June	New EYFS Stay and Play by myself - 1:30 - 2:30pm
Wednesday 1st July	Pegasus Class Family Assembly - 2:30pm
Wednesday 1st July	Cygnus and Ara Class trip to Marwell
Saturday 4th July	Summer BBQ - 2-5pm
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

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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