

Shipton Bellinger Primary School

Weekly Newsletter No.2

Friday 11th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school routines and expectations are becoming well established throughout our first full week back at school. For those who were able to attend, we hope that you found our 'Meet the team' presentations useful and informative. If you were unable to attend, please don't worry as these have been uploaded onto your child's class page on our school website and on to your child's class Google Classroom:

<https://www.shiptonbellinger.hants.sch.uk/learning/class-pages>



This week we also welcomed the children in EYFS into our school community. They all settled in very well and quickly. They have enjoyed sharing their 'All about me' boxes, exploring their new learning environment and having a special tour of the school, including our kitchen!



On Wednesday our Ground Force working party were hard at work again! Our Wilderness Area is really coming together and becoming an amazing place to explore. Their next date is 23rd September at 3:10pm.



On Tuesday we will be explaining to the children the role of the STAR Council during our whole school assembly. This is something for the children to be elected on to. Our STAR Council is a formal group of pupils who act as representatives of their class in discussing school issues with the headteacher and staff. It's a brilliant way of representing and contributing to Pupil Voice in our school. Each class will be holding their class STAR elections throughout the week. If this is something your child is interested in nominating themselves for, please talk to them and help them to prepare what they would like to share with their class, explaining why they should be elected to represent their class. There will be two representatives from each class.

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

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

On Monday your child will come home with two copies of our Home School Agreement. A Home-School Agreement is a document that defines the responsibilities of the school, the parents and the children to foster a strong partnership focusing on their development and success at school. It also outlines the school's aims, values, and policies, while also detailing what parents and children are expected to do, such as promoting good attendance, providing a supportive home learning environment, and maintaining open communication between home and school. We ask that one copy is signed and returned to school and that you keep a copy at home.

TRIPS

Following on from our 'Meet the Team' presentations this week, our families were informed about our curriculum trips and events that have been planned for the academic year. The trips for each year group have already been added to ScoPay to provide our families with the opportunity to pay their voluntary contribution in a way and timeframe that suits them. If you wish to pay a lump sum or little often, this new system provides you with the opportunity to do that. We fully appreciate that some families may experience financial difficulties and understand that circumstances vary. We encourage anyone who may be facing challenges with payments to contact the school confidentially so that we can discuss possible support where available.

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/



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

COMMUNICATION

As a school we recognise that at times it might feel like we are communicating with you using lots of different platforms. We would like to clarify what platforms we use, the purpose of them and what to expect in terms of communication.

Every Friday our updated Yearly overview and a school newsletter will be sent home via the Arbor App. This will provide you with information about what has happened in school, upcoming events and any other information that we believe might be relevant. There are also sections in the newsletter completed by each class, giving an overview of the learning they have been doing that week.

Below is an outline of the platforms we use for communication:

Platform For Communication	What information is it providing?
	This is the main way we communicate with our families, whether this be general messages and reminders, direct 1:1 correspondence, booking parents evening appointments or information about your child. Each week we will send out our newsletter and yearly overview via this platform. We will send out our half termly flyer each half term using this platform too. You can also log absences and send any messages you would like us to pass on to your child's class teacher, as sometimes drop offs and pick ups can be busy. Please make sure that you have downloaded the app and turned on notifications, as this is our main method for communication with our families.
 Google Classroom	This is the platform we use for each class to communicate with the children linked with their learning. Each week home learning is uploaded onto Google Classroom, as well as distributed in paper form from school. Staff may also use this platform to give messages directly to their class or to give reminders too. Each half term the staff share the up and coming topic information, week by week overview and knowledge organisers. Children can upload their work onto this platform.
 School Jotter App and Website	We upload our newsletters, yearly overviews and letters onto our website along with class information on each class page. You will also find curriculum information as well as policies relating to the school. We also share and celebrate events that have taken place in the school. Our new website also has an up to date calendar with our upcoming events. The new app will provide you with an alert when our website has had anything recently uploaded.
	This is the platform used for parents to pay for trips, school meals, and other school events, such as clubs. No information from the school is sent out via this app.

If you have any issues accessing any of the platforms for communication, please speak to the school office. We kindly ask that if you have any questions or queries that you direct your communication in the first instance to the school, rather than on social media, including WhatsApp. We will be sending out our social media guidance next week to provide further information about this.

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.

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!



Shipton Bellinger Primary School

Is your child starting school in September 2026?

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

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.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO....



CYGNUS CLASS - It has been wonderful to welcome the children to school and to spend time getting to know each other. Everyone has been excited to share their 'All About Me' box which have not only been fantastic ice breakers helping to get to know each other more but they've also provided some familiarity to the children to have their own precious items close to them! They have loved seeing their family photos too!



The children have spent time getting to know their classroom through 'Explore and Learn' time. They have been artists, writers, mathematicians, story tellers, explorers, puzzle makers, builders, readers, chefs, postmen, shopkeepers and more! We've been developing listening and attention skills by reading stories, singing songs and playing games. We've been so impressed with how quickly the children are beginning to understand the routines and expectations and we have spent time practising our 'Shipton Sitting', lining up, putting away our belongings safely and washing our hands (have you heard our catchy song for this yet?!).



They are already showing our STAR values by making SAFE choices, working TOGETHER, ACHIEVING their best and showing RESPECT to themselves and others and we have spent time talking about what these words mean and what these look like. We also squeezed in a tour of the school which included visiting the school kitchen and meeting our school chef.



The Y6 buddies have joined us for an afternoon and they have been fantastic role models to the younger children chatting and playing with and alongside them. It was also lovely to see Y6 looking out for their buddy during lunch break both in the lunch hall and the playground. Have a restful week!



PEGASUS CLASS

Welcome to Term 1 in Pegasus Class! We have had a lovely week (and two days) getting to know each other and learning where everything is in the classroom. The children have enjoyed all of the exploring and 'getting to know each other' activities.

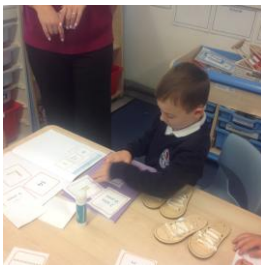
We have been really busy already and the children are already showing me their amazing learning skills.



In English we have begun the text 'What makes me a me!' and we have spent the week writing about ourselves. The children have written simple sentences and the year 2 children have been remembering how to use a conjunction to join



In Maths we have been exploring place value. The children have been counting using different objects, finding one more than a given number of objects and generally amazing me with their counting skills - today they counted to 100!



In the foundation subjects, the children have been trying to log on to their own laptop, sung 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes' whilst learning the main parts of the body and particularly enjoyed a lively game of Simon Says! Mrs Chapman particularly loved our first art lesson - drawing our friend's faces using different shapes. They were brilliant.

All in all, a really successful and enjoyable first week of the year!



CONSTELLATION ROOM

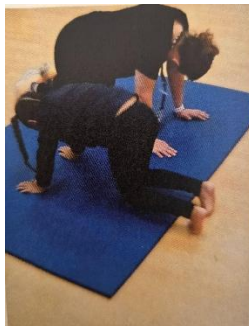
What a busy and exciting week we have had in Constellation Room! We have joined Pegasus and Orion for PE, where we have been practising our gymnastics skills and exploring lots of different ways to balance. We have also been developing our early writing skills by learning how to write sentences about our new book, *Eggs and Legs*. We have been fantastic at recalling the story and retelling it independently!

In Maths, we have been counting and representing numbers from 1 to 10. We have especially loved joining in with our daily **Count Rocket** song! We have also started learning some Makaton signs, which we are beginning to link to our social-time songs each morning.

Our **Bucket Time** sessions have been a big hit this week! We have lots of exciting new toys in our bucket, and the children have been very excited to explore them. We have continued developing our fine motor skills during **Fizzy Fingers**, particularly practising our cutting skills. We have also enjoyed using pipettes to fill pop-it toys with water, helping to strengthen our little hands and fingers.

And, of course, we have loved getting messy and having lots of fun exploring in our garden!

Well done, Constellation Room, for another fantastic week of learning, exploring and having fun!



ORION CLASS

We have certainly hit the ground running in Team Orion! It has been wonderful to see the children settling into their new roles within the school as members of Orion Class. Throughout the week, they have continuously demonstrated our STAR values of Together, Respect and Achieve, and we are incredibly proud of the way they have approached their first week.

We have begun our exciting new unit on Vikings, and the children have already been completely captivated by our class book, *The Saga of Erik the Viking*. They have particularly loved discovering how each chapter takes Erik and his crew on a brand-new adventure!

We have also been using the knowledge we have developed during our reading sessions to enhance our English learning about Norse mythology. The children have been busy reading and annotating Norse maps, using clues to infer what might be happening in stories about the Frost Giants, and discovering fascinating Viking and Norse vocabulary. They were especially intrigued to learn about the Bifröst, the rainbow bridge connecting the worlds in Norse mythology.

In Maths, we have been focusing on numbers and different ways to partition them. The children have been exploring how numbers can be represented in a variety of ways and have enjoyed getting hands-on with different mathematical resources.

Mrs Warland's lesson was particularly memorable, as the children used bead strings, Numicon, Dienes and counters to explore numbers practically. It has been fantastic to see them developing their mathematical understanding while explaining their thinking to one another.

We are incredibly proud of how settled and enthusiastic the children have been during our first week in Orion. They have embraced their new class, routines and responsibilities brilliantly, and it has been lovely to see their personalities beginning to shine through.

We are looking forward to getting to know the children even more as the year progresses and are excited about all the wonderful learning and adventures still to come in Team Orion!

CASSIOPEIA CLASS

What a fantastic start to our new academic year.

We have begun our exciting term on Journeys. We are reading *Son of a circus* which is about a young boy who discovers his father owns a circus and wants to teach his son the tricks of the trade.

In writing, we have found out about *The Grey Wolf* and generated the For and Against reasons why wolves should be released back into the wild.

We had an exciting Science lesson learning about fossils and had a go at being paleontologists ourselves by looking closely at fossils and finding clues to what the animal could have been. I was very impressed with all the facts the children already knew.

Year 5 have enjoyed starting their swimming lessons and we were very impressed with the children demonstrating their STAR values at the leisure centre.

It has been exciting for the Year 6 children to be given their roles and responsibilities for the year. I know they will do a fantastic job! The children also met and spent time with their buddies in Year R. They were fantastic role models.

A great start and I'm so excited for the year ahead!





Tuesday 15th September	Year 5 Swimming
Tuesday 15th September	Orion Class Trip to Oxenwood
Friday 18th September	STAR Council elections
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

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



Hampshire Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Services

UNDERSTANDING ADHD

Tickets £20
Tea and
coffee
included

A day that focuses on skills and strategies, for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with ADHD. Hampshire CAMHS Colleagues will be hosting this day alongside parents / carers with lived experience.

Topics include:

- Understanding your child with ADHD, support, strategies and tips.
- Support for SEN in education & what to do if it's not working.
- ADHD nervous system differences, sensory systems, emotional regulation, stress response, attention regulation, and executive functioning.

Discretionary tickets available to families on request.

3 November 2026
9.30am - 4pm

Andover Community Church
Charlton Road, Andover SP10 3JH



For more information scan the QR code or visit:

<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/>



Hampshire Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Services

EMBRACING AUTISM

Tickets £20
Tea and
coffee
included

A day that focuses on skills and strategies, for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with Autism.

Topics include:

- Supporting your autistic child to thrive - adapting to meet the needs of the autistic young person and practical strategies.
- Support for SEN in education & what to do if it's not working.
- Supporting Young People to Make Sense of their Experiences - empowering young people and putting them at the centre of their experience.

Discretionary tickets available to families on request.

17 November 2026
9.30am - 4pm

Andover Community Church
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