

Shipton Bellinger Primary School

Weekly School Newsletter

No.38 - Friday 10th July 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

After another warm week and as we get closer to the end of the academic year, everyday there is some kind of event taking place and next week seems to be the same too.

It was lovely to see so many families at our annual Summer BBQ last Saturday. The weather was definitely on our side this year which made a difference. The children enjoyed the bouncy castle and obstacles and once again Mr Steinson executed his fabulous cooking skills.



On Monday Mrs Kiely delivered a presentation for our Year 5 and 6 parents regarding RSE. If you were unable to attend or would like further information, the presentation can be found on our school website:

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

On Wednesday we had our whole school Transition Morning. The children had the opportunity to move into their new year groups and find about who will be teaching them and where their classroom will be. Hopefully you have all received the transition letter and the Meet the Team booklet that was sent out. If not, please contact the school office.



On Thursday FoS held their End of Year disco. All of the children (and adults) had a great time and Molly did a fantastic job with the glitter tattoos. I think there might be a request for her to join more discos in the future!



Today we still managed to have a very eventful Sports Morning, which involved the races aspect of the day. All of the children did very well and should be proud of their sportsmanship, participation and team spirit. It was lovely to see the house flags being displayed that the children had created earlier in the year as part of our TOGETHER day. Below are the house point scores so far. The children will be taking part in their carousel of activities before the end of term in their classes, so these points will be added before we can announce which house has won the cup.



74



Avebury

91



Danebury

45



Stonehenge

62



Sarum

This week children in Years R to 5 were sent home with their end of year reports. Please take time to read through them and celebrate their achievements. If you have got any questions about your child's report, please speak to your child's class teacher. We will be inviting parents in on Wednesday after school (from 3:10pm) to come and have a look at the learning in their child's books.

Don't forget, the classes will be holding their Shipton's Got Talent auditions next week before the grand final on Monday 20th July.

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



We will be holding a picnic to mark the end of the school year at 12:00pm on Wednesday 22nd July 2026. Parents are invited to attend and bring a picnic. We will be holding the picnic on the school field.

There will be no hot dinners on the last day but packed lunches are available from the school kitchen. Packed lunches contain one bap (please choose filling on the google form by Tuesday 14th July to give the kitchen time to order supplies), vegetable sticks and lemon cupcake (usual cost applied). Please order by Tuesday 14th July, using the Google form link, so that the kitchen knows how many they are catering for. If parents would also like to order one, at the cost of £3.20 each, you are more than welcome (we will add the cost to your child's scopy account individually if required).

After 1:05pm, any children who wish to go home are allowed to leave with their parent or carer. We need to sign children out before they leave so that we account for all children and follow our Safeguarding procedures. You will need to notify your child's class teacher when you are leaving so that they can sign your child out. If your child is going home with another adult, to avoid any confusion, these arrangements need to be given to the school, using the Google form link below. If children are unable to be collected, we will look after them until the end of the school day: 3:10pm.

*Please note – EVERYONE is required to complete the google form, by Tuesday 14th July if possible please, so we are aware of all arrangements.

<https://forms.gle/5CBMZAjYZDCeejLJ7>

We hope you are able to join us, but if not, the children will have their picnic with their friends, and I am sure this will be a real celebration of the end of the school year.

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



FRIENDS OF SHIPTON

We had a great end of year Summer Disco last night - thank you for joining us and thanks to all the teachers and parents for their support.



Our final event of this school year is 'Tattoo your Teacher' - see below for more information.

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.

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

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

CYGNUS CLASS

This week we continued thinking about plastic pollution, we explored the pros and cons of plastic, discussed why it was a problem and thought about what we could do to take action. The children created information posters to spread the message and educate more people about the dangers of plastic pollution as well as how we can be responsible citizens. In Maths, Year 1 focused on telling the time to the hour and half past the hour, taking care to check which hand was the minute hand and which was the hour hand.

In Science we were excited to see how much our sunflowers had grown after just under a week. We learnt about the lifecycle of a sunflower and thought about which stage of growth ours were currently in. In Music we continued our dragons theme which the children are having a lot of fun with! In History we compared Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole sorting out facts about them each. We agreed that they were both kind and inspiring people who worked selflessly to make a difference to the lives of others. In RE, Mr Sullivan shared some bible stories around the theme of 'change' and used his fantastic storytelling board and props to tell the stories in an engaging way!



On Wednesday, we had our transition day and the children loved spending time in their new class-to-be whilst Cygnus Class welcomed the 'Year R to be' children who will begin their learning journey with us in September.

On Thursday we put on our dancing shoes and enjoyed party food and dancing with friends at the school disco!

The tattoo parlour was also a huge hit!



We finished the week with our Sports Day where the children gave their all to complete the various races and challenges set. We were so proud of everyone's enthusiasm and determination to achieve their very best and work together with their team mates in their houses.

ARA CLASS



Ara Class has had another fantastic week full of learning, confidence, and teamwork!

In English, we have been planning a report about plastic waste, thinking carefully about why it is harmful to our environment. The children have focused on writing clear, informative sentences to share important facts and explain how we can all help to reduce plastic pollution.



In Maths, we have been exploring different types of measurement. The children have enjoyed finding and comparing the lengths of a variety of classroom objects, learning how to measure temperature using thermometers, and investigating the capacity of different containers. They have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm while developing these practical skills.

We had a fantastic day of DT on Thursday, where the children designed and made their own carts to help Isatou Ceesay carry her heavy fruit. The children loved learning about wheels, axles and chassis and they all made a working cart!



We were incredibly proud of Ara Class during their class assembly. Every child spoke clearly and confidently, and their singing was absolutely incredible. It was wonderful to see them perform so enthusiastically for their families, and they should all



feel very proud of themselves.

To round off the week, we enjoyed an exciting Sports Day. The children demonstrated excellent determination, teamwork, and encouragement throughout the events. It was lovely to see everyone joining in with such enthusiasm, trying their best, and celebrating each other's achievements. Well done, Ara Class, on another brilliant week!



Constellation Room

This week in the Constellation Room, we have had another fun-filled week packed with exciting learning experiences.

One of the highlights of the week was our fantastic Sports Day! The children showed great enthusiasm, determination and teamwork as they took part in a variety of races and activities. We were so proud of the encouragement they gave one another and the resilience they showed throughout the day.

In maths, we have been learning all about time. The children have been exploring different times of the day, discussing daily routines and beginning to recognise and talk about o'clock times through practical activities and games.

In science, we became gardeners by planting our own seeds. We talked about what plants need to grow and are looking forward to observing them over the coming weeks. We can't wait to see if our seeds begin to sprout!

The warm weather has meant we have been able to enjoy lots of sensory play outdoors. The children have loved exploring different textures and materials through water, sand and messy play activities. These experiences have encouraged curiosity, imagination and wonderful collaborative play with friends.

It has been another fantastic week in the Constellation Room, and we are so proud of the children's positive attitudes, kindness and enthusiasm for learning.



PEGASUS CLASS

It's been another busy week for everyone in Pegasus! To start off, the heat doesn't help our concentration but we have been making sure to drink plenty of water. Luckily, we also have two fans in the classroom.

In Writing, we have been working on knowing where to add commas in our writing. For example, after a fronted adverbial. This will help our writing become smoother and flow more easily. We have also been working on our spellings and using our phonics sounds to decode and blend a word.



In Maths, we have been practising some division with and without remainders. The children were encouraged to use concrete resources to practise sharing and grouping, before drawing it in their books. We have also been doing Studio on TTRockstars. Hopefully some children in the class will be climbing towards the top of the leaderboard soon.

Science has been a lot of fun! The children learnt about air resistance and got to make parachutes using three different materials (tissue, plastic and paper). They learnt that air resistance is a force created by air. It pushes against moving objects and slows things down. As gravity pulls objects down, air resistance pushes up against them. We then tested our parachutes trying to figure out which parachute would be the best one to be in.



ORION CLASS

What a fantastic and incredibly busy week it has been in Orion Class!

In Guided Reading, we are almost at the end of our class novel, *MagicBarn*. The story has kept us completely hooked, with every chapter leaving us wondering what will happen next to Tempest and Thomas. We cannot wait to discover how their adventure ends, and the children have enjoyed making predictions and discussing the clues the author has hidden throughout the story.

Our Science lessons have been full of exciting investigations as we continued learning about forces. We explored pushes and pulls by creating our own balloon rockets and investigating how different forces can make objects move. We also became scientists by testing which objects floated or sank in water while learning all about buoyancy. There were lots of fantastic discussions, careful observations and, of course, plenty of excitement!

On Wednesday morning, the children had a wonderful opportunity to step into the shoes of next year's Year 5s and Year 6s. They met their new teachers, explored their new classrooms and took part in a range of fun and engaging activities. It was lovely to see everyone embracing the experience with such enthusiasm and confidence.

In Art, we continued to take inspiration from Roy Lichtenstein by creating our own self-portraits. The children carefully applied the techniques they have been practising over the last few weeks, and the finished pieces are absolutely beautiful. We are so proud of the creativity, effort and attention to detail shown by every member of the class. Can you guess who created these pieces of art work?



Finally, a huge well done to everyone in Orion Class! Mrs Warland and Miss Burns have been incredibly impressed with the resilience, positivity and determination you have shown this week. Despite the hot weather and the excitement of the school disco and Sports Day, you have continued to work hard, support one another and always try your very best. We couldn't be prouder. What a brilliant week! Have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to seeing what next week brings!



CASSIOPEIA CLASS

We have had a busy week full of fun, hardwork and determination.

Many of the children went on their transition day at their secondary school and it was wonderful to hear all about it.

This week in PE, we were learning how to do the standing triple jump. We practised a hop, step and jump to get the flow then we worked in pairs to improve our technique. By the end we were able to measure our top scores - lots of us getting over 4 metres which is a fantastic score.

In PSHE, we thought about stereotypes and how we can challenge them. We then discussed pressures online and focused on understanding the risks of sharing images online and how these are hard to control, once shared.

As you know, we are performing our play to the school and families next week. Therefore, this week has been busy with rehearsals and making props. We are very excited to perform for you all.

To end the week, we had a fantastic sports day and myself and Mrs Fotofili were so impressed with the children's determination, positive attitude and team work.

We are looking forward to welcoming you next week at one of our performances.



Monday 13th July	FoS Tattoo Event
Tuesday 14th July	Year 6 Production - Evening
Tuesday 14th July	New EYFS Stay and Play with my buddy - 1:30 - 2:30pm
Wednesday 15th July	Open Afternoon 3:10pm onwards
Wednesday 15th July	Cygnus Class Family Assembly - 2:30pm
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

KIDS GO FREE

FOR YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY THIS SUMMER



This summer IS the time to visit!

We aren't able to take advantage of the Government's Great British Summer Savings campaign on admission, so we're asking for your help to bring **friends and family** to visit the Trust this summer with a **KIDS GO FREE** offer. Simply book them a visit before 30 September 2026 using this special link to receive one free child day admission per full paying adult.

As a member, you already know that our daily timetable is packed with **awesome displays, activities and adventures** that immerse you and your young adventurers in nature as they explore outdoors, and now is your chance to bring your friends and family along with you for a fantastic value, fun-filled, full, family day out! On top of all that, we have **#6 FANTASTIC reasons to visit - one for each week of the summer holidays!**

Simply use the special 'Kids go free' link below to take advantage of the offer. **Please book and buy your tickets before 31 July 2026** and use your tickets before 30 September 2026.

[Kids Go Free for Friends and Family this Summer!](#)

Summer Holiday ACTIVITIES

AT SOUTHAMPTON
MUSEUMS AND GALLERY

From £6 per activity

ART FOR ALL

Fri 24 Jul | **Print a Pangolin and More** (6+)
 Tue 28 Jul | **Paint with Palette Knives** (7+)
 Mon 27 Jul | **Fossil Plaster Casting** (5+)
 Tue 28 Jul | **Shrinkable Tudor Portraits** (6+)
 Wed 29 Jul | **Gruffalo Clay** (4+)
 Thu 30 Jul | **Summer Sun Prints** (all ages)
 Fri 31 Jul | **Fossil Plaster Casting** (5+)
 Tue 4, Wed 5 Aug | **Brilliant Beach Bags**
 Mon 10 Aug | **Clay Capybaras** (5+)
 Tue 11 Aug | **Surrealism Starts Here** (6+)
 Wed 12 Aug | **Animal Magic Monoprinting** (5+)
 Mon 17 Aug | **Bugs in Boxes** (4+)
 Tue 18 Aug | **Impressionism Starts Here** (6+)
 Wed 19 Aug | **Greek Pottery Pots** (6+)
 Mon 24 Aug | **Summer Sun Prints** (all ages)
 Tue 25 Aug | **Highland Cows in Clay** (5+)
 Wed 26 Aug | **Pencil Case Printing** (5+)
 Thu 27 Aug | **Pet Portrait Printing** (6+)
 Fri 28 Aug | **Dino Drawing and Printing** (6+)

HANDS ON HISTORY

Thu 23 Jul | **Potty Prehistory** (7+)
 Mon 27 Jul | **Knight School** (6+)
 Mon 3 Aug | **Shiver Me Timbers** (6+)
 Tue 4 Aug | **The Hidden History of Harry Potter** (5+)
 Fri 7 Aug | **Discover Titanic** (6+)
 Fri 14 Aug | **Soaring Spitfires** (7+)
 Thu 20 Aug | **Great Fire of London** (6+)
 Fri 21 Aug | **Awesome Egyptians** (7+)

TOURS FOR ALL

Thu 6 Aug | **Secrets of Southampton Castle** (6+)
 Thu 13 Aug | **Titanic Walking Tour** (6+)
 Tue 18 Aug | **Roman Southampton Walking Tour** (6+)

TODDLER TIME

Thu 30 Jul | **Delightful Dinosaurs** (under 4s & friends)
 Thu 20 Aug | **Gorgeous Birds** (under 4s & friends)

BOOK YOUR SUMMER ADVENTURE TODAY

For times, prices and locations visit our venue websites

seacitymuseum.co.uk | southamptoncityartgallery.com | tudorhouseandgarden.com



Summer Holiday FAMILY DAYS OUT

TUDOR HOUSE & GARDEN

SUMMER FETE

SATURDAY 26 JULY 2025 | FREE ENTRY 10am – 5pm

Join us for a day of family fun celebrating 114 years since Tudor House opened as a museum. Crafts, games and activities throughout the day*

*small charges will apply



LOOKING FOR ALL DAY DROP-OFF ACTIVITIES?

Create cool things,
learn new stuff and make
friends at our regular clubs

From £26 a day

CULTURE CLUB

6½ - 12 years old
Monday to
Wednesdays
3 - 26 Aug

JUNIOR ART SCHOOL

7 - 13 years old
Fridays
31 Jul - 28 Aug

ART SCHOOL PLUS

11 - 16 years old
Thursdays
30 Jul - 27 Aug



Junior Squash Club

At Andover Leisure Centre



Would you like your child to try a dynamic, fast paced and fun sport?

Every Thursday

4pm – 4.40pm intermediates

5.20pm – 6pm beginners

For ages 8 - 13

£6.00 per session



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