

# Shipton Bellinger Primary School

## Weekly School Newsletter

### No.26 - Friday 27th March 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well the end of the second term of this academic year has seemed to come on to us very quickly!! We had our final Family Assembly for the term. Cygnus Class did a fantastic job, with lots of songs and jam packed with all of their learning from this half term. We all learnt lots of facts about the Titanic too!! Well done Cygnus Class.



On Wednesday Year 1 and 2 had their school trip to SeaCity. All the children had a lovely time and it was a great hands on experience for the children to apply all of their Titanic knowledge.



On Thursday EYFS, KS1 and KS2 had their Easter Services at St. Peters Church. EYFS and KS1 shared lovely descriptions about the signs of spring and performed a spring poem too. Mr and Mrs Sullivan also recreated Palm Sunday with some of the KS1 children as well. KS2 shared the different parts to the Easter story and the messages of suffering and salvation as part of their RE learning. We were all really impressed with the choir's performance. Thank you to Mrs Webber for organising both services and to Mrs Lane for her organ accompaniment and teaching the choir.



The children proudly showed off the Easter Bonnet creations during our parade on Friday. It is clear that a lot of time and effort has been put into this. It was also lovely to have the pre-school children join in as well. Thank you to all who attended and supported the event by purchasing raffle tickets too!



We ended the term with a fantastic fundraising event, the much-anticipated Sponsored Colour Run. It was lots of fun and it had a lovely community feel about it. I don't think anybody left without some kind of paint on them, whether they ran or not. Apologies to those throwing paint who ended up covered in it too!



From our Easter Raffle and Colour Run, to date, we have raised an AMAZING £2,000.00.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please let us know.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

From Miss Seed

## CAMHS QR CODE

Last week we shared Reframing ADHD. We are continuing our ADHD theme and sharing the link about Growing older and changing ADHD symptoms.

Either scan the QR code or visit the website:

<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/videos-podcasts/>



Hampshire Child and Adolescent  
Mental Health Services

Growing older and  
changing ADHD  
symptoms



## GRAND OPENING FOR ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND - 15th APRIL 2:30pm

We are hoping to open our new Adventure Playground after Easter, based on raising the remaining funds from our colour run on the 27th March. The Mayor and Mayoress of Test Valley have agreed to attend so we are hoping you can join us too!!



## JAG WRAPAROUND

Thank you to those who have already transferred their bookings to JAG from 13th April. We know there have been some questions raised around the change in wraparound. We have sent out a letter to hopefully address some of the questions. If you do have any further questions, please contact us and if we are able to answer them we will.

For further information please visit <https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/find-us/shipton-bellinger-primary-school/>



## DEPLOYMENT

We are aware that some of our families have already been impacted by deployment of a parent or that they know a deployment is coming up. Therefore, we are excited that Camo Club will be returning in the Summer Term. It will be run by Miss Burns. She was a military child herself so can offer the children advice and support based on her own experience too. The aim of the club is to support those children whose parent(s) are in the military and are currently working away. Once you have completed the form, please email the office on [adminoffice@shiptonbellinger.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@shiptonbellinger.hants.sch.uk) so that your child can be invited to the club. It is not compulsory, but more a service we wish to offer the children in the school during periods of uncertainty. Here is the link to the Google Form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFSvcqX4GtOBLvFoc4ys53T4cWZL4NBSfFwJJRduCm29nHGw/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

Even if you feel that your child doesn't need or want to attend Camo Club and a parent has gone or is due to be deployed, please can you let us know, either through the office or via their class teacher.

## SUMMER 1 CLUBS

### Lunchtime Activities - 12.30pm - 12.55pm

Here is the clubs that will be on offer next half term:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Member of Staff</u>
Monday	Sewing	Miss Yau
Tuesday	Art	Mrs Chapman
Wednesday	Forest School	Mrs Kiely
Thursday	Choir Camo	Mrs Lane Miss Burns
Friday	Chess/ Homework	Miss Seed/ Mrs Warland

Please complete the details below to request a place for your child's preferred activities. Please be aware that spaces are limited, we will try our best to ensure everyone who wants to take part in an activity gets at least one of their chosen options. **Choir Club does have a charge of £6 for this Half Term (payable via ScoPay once your child's place is secured.** Camo club has a separate form to request a place.

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## EYFS - TRASH TO TREASURE



Cygnus Class are in need of the below items for crafting and creating! In our efforts to reduce waste and be more eco-friendly, we are keen to repurpose items that might otherwise end up in landfill and also develop the children's creativity in turning 'trash into treasure' so please think of us when you're doing your recycling or having a clear out! Thank you

### For junk modelling & collage

Lids & bottle tops - all sizes (plastic & metal), old birthday and christmas cards, magazines, newspapers, buttons, CDs & DVDs, beads, curtain/shower rings, old keys, spools, photo & picture frames - all shapes and sizes, small mirrors, tissue paper, pom poms, pipe cleaners, lollipop sticks, wool, string, scraps of fabric, ribbon

### Woodwork resources

Off cuts of wood (untreated), washers, screws, corks, corkboard, spanners, screwdrivers, nails, bolts, hammers and any other tools for tinkering with!

### Working Party

We will be having a ground force working party on **Wednesday 22nd April from 3:10pm** onwards to continue our development of the outdoor environment in Cygnus Class. If you are available to help, please come along!

## FRIENDS OF SHIPTON

Just one word to describe today ..... WOW!



Thank you all so much for your support with today's events - the Easter Bonnet Parade was lovely - some amazing creations! Well done to everyone. The Easter Raffle made around £200.00, well done to the lucky winners! All the prizes were made from the kind donations from the non-uniform day earlier in the month.

The Colour Run - what a brilliant time was had by all. The atmosphere was amazing and colourful! Everyone seemed to have such a wonderful time! All the children were brilliant and the adults too - some very good runners out there! Thank you all so much for raising such an amazing amount of money with all your sponsorships. We think it's safe to say the final amount for the Adventure Playground has been met! Miss Seed has mentioned at the beginning of the newsletter the amount raised so far, we very much look forward to sharing the final amount very soon, once all the payments have filtered through!



Thank you also to all those who helped behind the scenes and on the day - these events could not run without the support! I think Mrs Allum's face says it all! HAPPY EASTER

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

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

### CYGNUS CLASS

We began the week by recapping what we'd learnt this half term in preparation for our assembly. We mindmapped all the facts that we could remember about the Titanic and used this knowledge to create a news report about the tragedy. In Maths YR found 1 more and 1 less. First they rolled a dice and then used lego to build the number rolled before adding a piece to find one more, resetting and then taking away one to find one less. Y1 used tens frames, part whole models and number sentences to support their understanding of number bonds to 10 and looked at related subtraction facts. For example  $3+7=10$  and  $10-3=7$ .

Despite a few last minute nerves, the children did a brilliant job with their Family assembly on Tuesday. They have so enjoyed their music lessons with Mrs Lane and were very excited to showcase their singing! Well done Cygnus! We are so proud of you!



Year 1 had a great time at SeaCity Museum. They consolidated their learning about the Titanic and enjoyed two workshops to learn more about the disaster and the year 1912.



The children also learnt more about the Easter story by sequencing events and enjoyed some Easter crafts and an egg hunt! We wish everyone a very happy break!

## ARA CLASS

What a fantastic term Ara!

They have amazed me all term with their knowledge of the Titanic and Wednesday's trip to SeaCity in Southampton just topped it all off!

The children had the best day! We began the day with our coach journey there where the children enjoyed a sing a long with the music. We arrived at SeaCity and split into two groups to explore the museum. My group explored two workshop sessions before lunch. We began by learning what it would have been like to be a passenger on the Titanic and also how different it would have been to be the crew. The children learnt that three members of the crew actually got left behind in Southampton because they were late. The children agreed that it must have been good luck for them really!



The children got to dress up, explore the different artifacts (some replicas) from the Titanic and to explore some of the smells that would have been onboard the ship - lavender in the 1st class bedrooms, coal in the boiler room and our personal favourite.....sweaty feet in the gymnasium! Gross.

We ended the day exploring the museum for ourselves. The children behaved beautifully, asked great questions and were respectful to all of the staff and the public too.



What an amazing class! Have a fantastic Easter Holidays.

## CONSTELLATION ROOM

This week in the Constellation Room has been incredibly busy and exciting. We have continued to explore and learn more about the Titanic, sparking lots of curiosity and enthusiasm among our learners. Some of the class even had the opportunity to visit SeaCity Museum in Southampton, where they discovered even more fascinating facts about the ship. A definite highlight for many was the enormous LEGO model of the Titanic, which left everyone amazed. Inspired by what they saw, we have also been having a go at creating our own Titanic models back in the classroom.

In Maths, we have been building on our understanding of one more and one less, and have even challenged ourselves by adding 10 more to numbers. Our creativity has been in full swing as we've taken part in a range of Easter crafts. The learners have enjoyed decorating Easter eggs using different materials and designing their own festive Easter headbands. Some of our learners also joined the rest of the school for the Easter church service, and this morning we proudly took part in the Easter bonnet parade. It has been a fantastic half term full of learning and creativity—wishing you all a wonderful and relaxing Easter break!

## PEGASUS CLASS

In maths this week, we continued adding and subtracting three digit numbers but using rounding to the nearest ten. We carried on using number lines to help show our working out. The children had to remember that whatever they add on to round to the nearest ten, they have to subtract from the answer.

$$\text{Eg. } 127 + 19$$

$$\text{This can be rounded to } 127 + 20 = 147$$

$$\text{Then we have to subtract } 1 \text{ so } 147 - 1 = 146$$

$$\text{Therefore, } 127 + 19 = 146$$

During times tables Tuesdays, the children created arrays to help them visualise the multiplication and to understand that multiplication is commutative, meaning the numbers can be multiplied in any order and the answer will stay the same.

To finish off our Stone Age unit, the children finally completed their Stonehenge fact files. They learnt a lot about what makes a good fact file, such as having a heading, subheadings and pictures.

In PE, we practised our backhand for our tennis unit. The children were taught how to use a two handed backhand to help them hit balls on the other side of their forehand. Then they had a go at rallying with their partners to practise forehand and backhand. During our fitness unit, we practised planking and even did a challenge where the children had to high five each other while staying in a plank. It was hard work but really strengthened our arms and core muscles.





## ORION CLASS

This week, we have thoroughly enjoyed our Stone Age focus week, where the children have been fully immersed in learning about life thousands of years ago. Throughout the week, they explored the three key periods of the Stone Age: the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic and developed a deeper understanding of how humans lived and adapted over time. The children were particularly interested in comparing the different lifestyles, including how homes changed from simple shelters to more permanent settlements, how tools developed, and how daily life became more advanced as people began farming and domesticating animals.

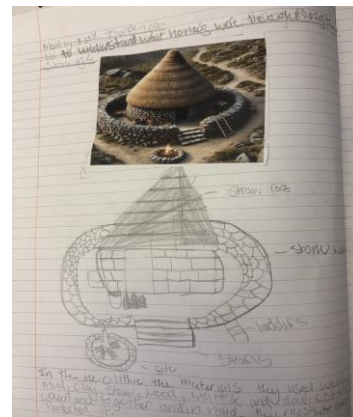
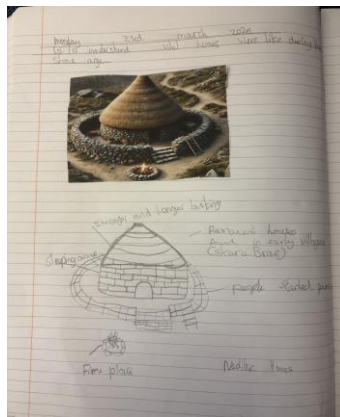
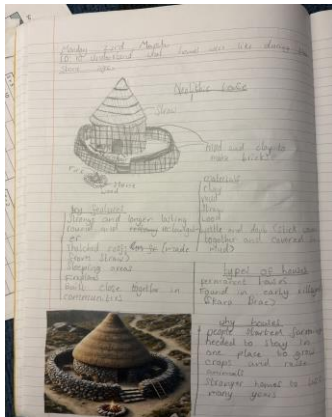
In English, the children have worked incredibly hard to complete their Stone Age leaflets. They have taken great care to present their work clearly and creatively, showcasing everything they have learned during this topic. It has been fantastic to see them using subject-specific vocabulary and organising their ideas so effectively. Their enthusiasm and pride in their work have really stood out this week.

On Thursday, we visited the church for our Easter service, which was a lovely opportunity for reflection as we come to the end of term. During the service, the children learned about the story of Holy Week, including the key events leading up to Easter. They listened thoughtfully and showed great respect, gaining a deeper understanding of the importance of this time in the Christian calendar.

In PE, we reached an exciting milestone as the children were finally able to play a real game of tennis after many weeks of developing their skills. They demonstrated excellent teamwork, resilience and determination, applying everything they have practised. Despite the windy conditions trying to disrupt our games, the children persevered brilliantly and made the most of the experience!

Overall, it has been a fantastic and busy week filled with learning, creativity and achievement. A huge well done to all of the children for their hard work, positive attitudes and enthusiasm across all areas of the curriculum.

We hope you all have a wonderful and restful Easter break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back next term!







Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 13th April	School re-open for Summer Term 1
Monday 13th April	ACHIEVE school values day
Wednesday 15th April	Grand Opening of the Adventure Playground - 2:30pm
Friday 17th April	Military Child Day - Wear something yellow with your school uniform
Monday 20th April	Whole Class Photographs
Wednesday 22nd April	Phonics Screening Check Presentation for Year 1 Parents - 2:30pm
Wednesday 22nd April	Cygnus Class Working Party - 3:10pm
Wednesday 29th April	PGL Presentation for Cassiopeia Class Parents - 3:10pm
Thursday 30th April	Progress Reviews to be sent home
Monday 4th May	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 6th May	Open Afternoon 3:10pm onwards
Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May	KS2 SATs
Wednesday 13th May	Multiplication Times tables check presentation for Year 4 parents

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

# AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU

# WEEK 3

WC: 13/04/2026, 04/05/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Beef Bolognese	Roast Gammon	Chicken and Vegetable Pie	Fish Fingers
	OPTION 2	Potato and Lentil Curry	Vegetarian Bolognese	Roast Quorn	Savoury Vegetable Rice	Quorn Dippers
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta

HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD

DESSERT	Crunchy Apple Slice	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Homemade Oat Cookies	Apple Crumble and Custard	Chocolate Ice Cream

**AVAILABLE DAILY**  
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

Vegetarian Vegan Oily Fish Fruity! Wholegrain  
Our menus are subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.



# AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU

# WEEK 1

WC: 20/04/2026, 11/05/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken	Chicken and Sweetcorn Pasta Bake	Battered Pollock
	OPTION 2	Vegetarian Deluxe Pizza	Meatless Balls in Tomato Sauce	Roast Quorn	Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Fingers
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta

HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD

DESSERT	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Orange Glazed Sausy Pudding with Custard	Lemon Drizzle Cookie	Chocolate Marble Cake	Berry Blondie

**AVAILABLE DAILY**  
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

Vegetarian Vegan Oily Fish Fruity! Wholegrain  
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# AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU

# WEEK 2

WC: 27/04/2026, 18/05/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato	Roast Chicken	BBQ Chicken	Battered Pollock
	OPTION 2	Veggie Burrito	Vegetarian Sausages with Mashed Potatoes	Vegetarian Shepherd's Pie	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	BBQ Vegetable Wrap
	OPTION 3	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato

HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD

DESSERT	Chocolate Caramel Crunch	Flapjack	Chocolate Brownie	Apple and Golden Syrup Spanglopp	Strawberry Ice Cream

**AVAILABLE DAILY**  
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

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OPEN NIGHT

# ELITE JUNIORS KICKBOXING



5-11 years

*Free taster class plus 15% off the joining fee when you sign up before 12th April*

*Get active. Get strong. Feel proud.*

- Build strength and confidence from the inside out
- Improve fitness, balance and coordination
- Learn new skills in a positive environment

