

# Shipton Bellinger Primary School

## Weekly School Newsletter

### No.34 - Friday 12th June 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Although the weather may not have been on our side this week, it hasn't stopped all the exciting learning that has taken place across the school.

On Tuesday, we held a presentation for parents regarding the Year 3,4 and 5 Activities Extravaganza. It went through the planned activities and expectations for the two days. If you were unable to attend, the presentation can be found on Google Classroom or on our school website:

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

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



On Thursday, Pegasus Class and Orion Class went on their trip to Paultons Park linked to their topic 'All the fun at the fair'. The children participated in a workshop during the morning to learn more about rides and then had time to research what makes a good ride or rollercoaster in preparation for them creating their own fair/ theme park! Although the weather wasn't ideal, it didn't dampen their spirits and they all had an amazing time!



A BIG well done to all of the children in Year 1 and Year 4 who have completed their statutory assessments this week. The Year 1 children all tried really hard with their phonics and the Year 4 children impressed everyone with their timetables knowledge. The outcome of these will be shared in your child's end of year report.

Next week is the Year 6 residential to PGL Liddington and our Year 3,4 and 5 Activities Extravaganza, so it looks like it will be another busy one! Attached to this week's newsletter is our 'Shipton's Got Talent' flyer. If your child has got a talent that they would like to showcase, then they can start to prepare for the auditions that will be

taking place in their classroom at the start of July. We are excited to see what talents we have got this year!

Hopefully I will see lots of you at the Village Fete on Saturday.

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

## NEW GOVERNORS

At our last Full Governing Body meeting before half term, we accepted two governors onto our governing board. Here is a little bit of information about them:

Name: Jackie Stephenson

I am really pleased to be starting as a Governor at Shipton Bellinger Primary School. I have worked in schools for all of my working life as a teacher, SENCO and Headteacher, and have been lucky enough to spend some of that time working overseas thanks to my husband's job in the Foreign Office - with our three sons we lived in Chile, Cuba, New York and Nairobi. I really enjoy helping children to achieve their full potential and hope that I can continue to support both pupils and staff at Shipton Bellinger in my new role.

We now live just outside Andover with our 2 dogs.

Fun Fact: As you can see from the picture, Ruby and Mabel are champion agility dogs, so maybe they can come into school to show off their skills (though sometimes they don't always listen to instructions so Miss Seed might not think that's a good idea!)

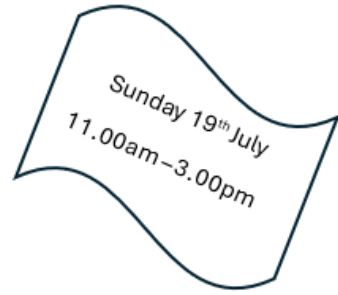


Name: Emily Roderigo

A little about me, I live in Shipton and am married with a young daughter. I am a secondary school history teacher by day but also love scuba diving and travelling extensively. I am really looking forward to being a governor at Shipton and learning more about the primary school curriculum.

Fun fact: I hate bananas!





## '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

### SRE PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS IN YEAR 5 AND 6

On **MONDAY 6TH JULY** at **2:30pm**, our PSHE lead, Mrs Kiely, will be delivering a presentation for parents whose children are in Year 5 and 6. This is to provide you with information regarding how our sex, relationship and health education is taught, what is covered and also to answer any questions you may have. If you are unable to attend, the presentation will be shared with you and available on the school website after the event.



Share your talent or special skill  
Perform solo or as part of a group

Auditions will take place in classrooms during the week beginning 13th July

The final will be held on the afternoon of Monday 20th July

Pick up an entry form from the school office

GOOD LUCK!

## 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.

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## 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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Soft drinks will be available to purchase.

There will be bouncy castles available for the children.

There will be hotels 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

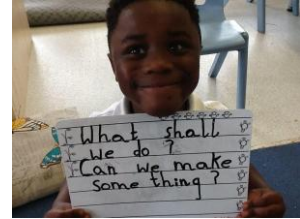
**"No one can do everything but everyone can do something"**

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

### CYGNUS CLASS



In English this week we have used story language to retell the story of One Plastic Bag. YR took turns to tell their version to an adult using the picture prompts and there was some wonderful story language used. Y1 have spent time focusing on their grammar skills in preparation for their story writing next week. We have reinforced basic punctuation such as capitals and full stops and explored contractions and the use of an apostrophe in words such as I'm and 'they're' and changed present tense verbs to the past tense.



In Maths we have been applying our knowledge of number to position numbers on a number line. YR ordered numicon from 1-10 and then wrote the numbers to match each. Y1 started with numbers up to 20 and moved to larger numbers up to 100 as well as 'nearly numbers' such as 29 and 31. They did a fantastic job with this.



In Science we explored what a plant was and was not and went on a walk outside to identify different plants. We found daisies, buttercups, an oak tree and a fir tree to name just a few of the plants we found! In History we began to learn about Florence Nightingale and sorted photos into past and present which ignited lots of talk around the Crimean War and this period of time in history. We continued to group and count in Computing in preparation for recording this next week.



## ARA CLASS

This week, we have continued exploring the wonderful story *One Plastic Bag* during our English lessons. The children have been developing their grammar skills by learning about the difference between the past and present tense and practising when and how to use each correctly. We have also been learning how to use an apostrophe for contractions. The children have worked hard to apply these new skills in their writing and have shown great enthusiasm for the story.



In Maths, we have been focusing on addition and subtraction. We began by revisiting our number bonds to 10 and 100, ensuring that these key facts are secure and can be used to support problem-solving. The children have been using their number bond knowledge to help them add and subtract from given numbers with increasing confidence. We have also challenged ourselves by finding missing numbers in calculations and explaining our reasoning.



In Science, we have started our exciting new topic on plants. This week, the children had great fun taking part in a "Plant or Not a Plant?" activity. Through this, they discovered that plants are always living things and began identifying some of their key characteristics. We have also started



learning about the different parts of a plant and are looking forward to finding out more about the important jobs each part performs.

Our PE lessons have continued with our athletics unit. This week, the children enjoyed taking part in a round robin of athletics activities, developing a range of skills and showing excellent determination and teamwork.

In Music, we continued chanting our dragon songs and singing about dragons to the tune of *If You're Happy and You Know It*. It has been a really positive, energetic and, at times, wonderfully noisy week of learning!

## CONSTELLATION ROOM

This week in the Constellation Room, we have continued to work hard and have enjoyed lots of exciting learning opportunities linked to our topic of *Saving the World*.

In our writing, we have been learning about the importance of looking after our environment. We discussed litter picking and how small actions can make a big difference in helping to keep our world clean and healthy. The children shared some fantastic ideas about ways we can all help to protect our planet.

In maths, we have been developing our understanding of number by using number lines. We have been practising ordering numbers from 0–10 and 0–100 and are becoming increasingly confident at recognising where numbers belong and putting them into the correct order.

During our Design and Technology learning, we explored wheels and axles. We discussed what they are, where we might see them in everyday life, and how they help things move. The children then used Magnatiles to create ramps, allowing them to observe wheels and axles in action and investigate how different ramp designs affected movement.

We have also loved spending time outdoors this week. The mud kitchen has been a very popular area, where children have worked together to create imaginative potions, soups and recipes. These activities have encouraged teamwork, communication and creativity.

On the field, we have enjoyed developing our physical skills through a range of games and activities. The children have been practising their throwing, catching and kicking skills and have shown great enthusiasm and perseverance as they continue to build their confidence and coordination.

We are very proud of the curiosity, creativity and teamwork the children have demonstrated throughout the week.



## PEGASUS CLASS

This week was a very busy week for Pegasus. We have started a whole class guided reading of our new book "Benji's Emerald King: Woodlands Explorer Club". We discussed specific vocabulary from the book and what they mean in the context. We worked on comprehension and understanding the theme of the book. In Writing, we focused on adding fronted adverbials and conjunctions to extend our sentences and help us with our final writing piece.

In Maths, we continued our learning on measurements and how to add and subtract word problems using measurements in litres and millilitres. For our Times Tables Tuesdays, we used counters to create arrays of our 4 times tables before drawing them in our books.



PE was a lot of fun! The children continued learning squash with Mr. May. They learnt how to bounce the ball on their rackets and even had a friendly competition to see who can keep the ball up the longest. For outdoor PE, we're doing athletics in preparation for Sports Day. We focused on our form when sprinting to help us go faster.



In PSHE we learnt about personal space and boundaries. We discussed when it is appropriate or inappropriate to allow someone into our body space and rehearsed some strategies for when someone is inappropriately in our body space, such as what to say or do to someone and who to tell if we are uncomfortable (eg. a trusted adult).



In Science, we learnt about balanced and unbalanced forces. We had a go at building our own balloon rockets and explaining how unbalanced forces cause movement or changes in movement.



A big highlight for us this week was our trip to Paultons Park. As part of our "All the Fun in the Fair" topic, we got to explore the park and go on lots of different rides. We even got to meet Peppa and George! The workshop was so cool. We learnt about forces and how much it cost to build a really tall rollercoaster. It was so much fun that we did not want to leave!



Well done for all your hard work this week and have a fantastic weekend Pegasus!

## ORION CLASS

Team Orion have absolutely smashed their second week back and have had a fantastic start to the term!

In English, we began our grammar sessions and enjoyed improving our sentences and paragraphs while working on our short film project, *Lucky Dip*. The children showed great creativity and enthusiasm as they developed their writing skills.

In Maths, we have started our new topic on angles. The class impressed us by drawing on their prior knowledge of acute, obtuse and reflex angles, helping them tackle new learning with confidence.

During PSHE, we explored ways to stay calm in tricky situations through meditation and thoughtful discussion. We also talked about what trust means and identified trusted adults we can turn to when we need support.

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly our exciting trip to Paultons Park! As part of our learning, we explored how rollercoasters work, investigated the different types of wheels needed in varying weather conditions, and used our experiences to inspire ideas for designing our own theme parks. Of course, there was also plenty of excitement as the children challenged themselves to overcome fears and enjoy the rides!

Mrs Warland and Miss Burns were thoroughly impressed with the children throughout the trip. They represented the school brilliantly and demonstrated excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and resilience.

Well done, Team Orion!



## CASSIOPEIA CLASS

Last Friday as part of RESPECT day, we spent time making the front of school look more inviting by planting new plants. Hope you are impressed with our work!



In English, we have been diving into the enchanting world of "The Wonder Garden," where we have been exploring the rich vocabulary used to describe various habitats. After examining the text, we worked together and generated our own vocabulary to describe a Pacific Island, which we used to write a setting description.

In Maths, our focus has been on developing efficient methods for addition and subtraction, including the use of rounding to estimate answers. Additionally, we have introduced "Multiplication Mondays," where our spotlight is on mastering the 9x table. Regular practice is essential for building confidence in mathematics, and we encourage the children to log onto TTRockstars to challenge themselves and improve their times.

In our PSHE lessons, we have been exploring the important topics of body image and media manipulation. We have learned how editing can significantly alter perceptions of beauty, prompting thoughtful discussions about self-esteem. To foster a positive self-image, we each created affirmations to share with one another, promoting a culture of kindness and support.

In Music, we are excited to continue to practise our production songs. It is starting to sound great. Please remember you can listen to these songs at home on Spotify and other major streaming platforms.

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, drinks and sweet cones ... watch this space!





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
Monday 6th July	SRE Presentation for Year 5 and 6 Parents - 2:30pm
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
Tuesday 14th July	Year 6 Production - Evening
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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

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**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**