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CHARACTER VALUE OF THE WEEK: PERSEVERANCE

"A bend in the road is not the end of the road...Unless you fail to make the turn." – Helen Keller

School will be closed for the summer break from
Monday 14th July to Wednesday 27th August 2025.

We will re-open on **Thursday 28th August.**

Headteacher's end of year message: As we reach the end of this academic year, I want to take a moment to recognise the incredible effort put in by everyone at our school. Working on our character values has really helped us create a strong sense of belonging, and it's been fantastic to see how much our pupils enjoy learning. This year, we've celebrated our highest SATs results in many years, and that's all down to the great teaching we see year after year. It's wonderful to see how far our students have come and the progress they've made. With summer just around the corner, I encourage everyone to take time to relax and recharge. It's important to prepare for the hard work, challenges, and, of course, the fun that lies ahead in the new school year. Here's to more exciting adventures together!

A Fond Farewell to Our Wonderful Year 6 Pupils

It's time to say goodbye to our lovely Year 6 children. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them for all they have achieved during their time at Shaftesbury. As they move on to their secondary schools, we wish them every success and happiness in this exciting new chapter.

They will be dearly missed by everyone in our school.



STAFF NEWS

Today, we say a fond farewell to three valued members of staff who are moving on to pastures new.

- **Mrs Stabik, who has been a dedicated Class Teacher at Shaftesbury for the past three years.**
- **Miss Toogood, who has supported pupils and staff alike as a Teaching Assistant for nearly three years.**
- **Miss Bashir, who has made a meaningful impact as the Y3/4 EAL Lead over the last two years.**

A **BIG THANK YOU** from everyone at Shaftesbury Junior School for your hard work, passion, and commitment. You will all be truly missed, and we wish you the very best in your next adventures!

We are delighted to welcome three new members of staff who will be joining us in the autumn term:

- **Miss Rosie Trounson, who will be joining as a Year 3 Class Teacher.**
- **Mrs Spriggs, who will be joining as a Teaching Assistant.**
- **Mr Tom Bamford, who will also be joining as a Teaching Assistant.**

We look forward to seeing them in the new term and wish them all the very best as they settle into their new roles.



Welcome to **Mrs Pala**, who will be starting as our new Breakfast Club Supervisor from the autumn term. A big thank you to **Miss Lee** for her support in running Breakfast Club for the past three years.

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Year 6 Leavers' Production- 'The Greatest Show: Reimagined' 2025



Well done to Year 6 for an amazing performance of 'The Greatest Show: Reimagined' (2025)!

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who came to support the show — I'm sure you'll agree the children truly showcased their talent brilliantly. We also want to express our gratitude to all the staff working tirelessly behind the scenes to help bring the production to life.

You can watch the Y6 production on YouTube here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=etSht9Lzumo>

SPORTS CLUBS – IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that from next term, after-school sports clubs will carry a **charge of £1 per session**. As you know, we are a very active school and want our children to be active and healthy. For many years now, I have managed to provide these at no cost to parents. Unfortunately, with reducing budgets, this is becoming unsustainable and so we are asking for a small amount that will make a big difference for our children and ensure we continue to run a good variety of clubs.

Key Information:

- Letters with full details will be emailed to parents/carers during the **first week back after the summer holidays**.
- **All bookings, payments and consent slips must be completed via ParentPay.**
- Places for each club are **limited** and will be allocated on a **first-come, first-served** basis.

To avoid disappointment, please ensure you are **registered on ParentPay** ahead of time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our School, Our World – Biodiversity Summer Homework

What if... You had £5000 to spend to improve biodiversity in our playground?

- What would it look like?
- What would you do to have more green space in our playground?
- What plants would you plant and why?
- Where would you put them?
- How much would it cost?

Write your ideas, draw a plan of an improved playground, create a budget plan and share your ideas with us!

Please bring your plans to school in the Autumn term, by Friday 12th September.





Penalty notice fines for school absence are changing

As you will be aware, changes came into force for penalty notice fines issued for unauthorised absence that occurred after 19 August 2024.

For absence from August 2025, we are changing our Code of Conduct to include the threshold as follows: term time leave of 4 or 5 or more consecutive days – 4 days applies where the absence immediately precedes, or is attached to, a school closure (e.g. school holidays / INSET / school closure etc.) or any form of absence.

Please see the poster below for detailed information:

Penalty Notice Fines for School Absence

Fines are issued in line with the National Framework for Penalty Notices. This poster explains when a fine can be issued for unauthorised absence that occurs from August 2025 onwards. Fines issued for absence that happened from August 2024 onwards count towards the escalation process.

<p style="text-align: center;">Per Parent, Per Child</p> <p>Penalty Notice fines will be issued to each parent, for each child who was absent.</p> <p>For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave will result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Consecutive days of term time leave</p> <p>Penalty Notice fines will be issued for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days or 4 days where the absence immediately precedes/includes a 5th day which is a school closure day (e.g. school holiday / INSET / enforced closure) or any form of absence or for fewer days where this has happened before
<p style="text-align: center;">First Offence</p> <p>The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period</p> <p>Fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of absence in a 10-week period.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Second Offence (within 3 years)</p> <p>The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days. (No option to pay at £80 level)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)</p> <p>The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued. The case will usually proceed to the Magistrates' court. Magistrate's fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child.</p> <p>Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate and may impact on job applications and travel abroad.</p>	
<p>Court prosecutions: Penalty Notices will not automatically be issued. Parents are advised that where the LA considers that a Penalty Notice is not appropriate due to the level of concern about a child's absence, prosecution action may be taken.</p>	

By law, all Penalty Notice payments go to the local authority and not to schools.

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SCHOOL UNIFORM

We love and expect to see all children looking smart in the Shaftesbury school uniform which consists of:

- Navy sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece
- White polo shirt
- Black or grey trousers/skirt
- Sensible black shoes

Good quality sweatshirts, cardigans and fleeces with the 'SJS' logo are available from the school office at very reasonable prices, ask at the office for an order form.

Payments can be made online via BACS.
No cash or cheques are accepted.

UNWANTED UNIFORM ITEMS

Parents/Carers; If you have any uniform items in good condition that you no longer need, would you consider donating it to school please? This would be greatly appreciated! Thank you.



Free and low-cost activities for children this summer

This summer, enjoy a variety of free or low-cost family activities - from craft sessions at libraries, to railway days at the Abbey Pumping Station, and a superheroes day at Leicester Guildhall.

[Find all the details on our Family Hub website](#)

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Women's Franchise Trust

CHILDREN'S PARTY

PIRATE EXTRAVAGANZA!

Join our pirate captain in sailing the seven seas in search of treasure!

WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY
THE CHAPEL CAFE, 10a BISHOP SREET, LE1 6AF

12PM-3PM

- TREASURE HUNT
- PIRATE CAPTAIN VISIT
- FACE PAINTING
- GAMES
- CRAFT STATION

Become a salty sea dog for the day at our face painting station!

SOMETHING FOR THE GROWN UPS TO ENJOY FRESHLY MADE RUMBA MOCKTAILS AND TREAT YOURSELF TO SOME GOODIES AT OUR BESPOKE MARKET STALLS!

ADVENTURE CAMP

Games & Songs
Bible Stories & Prayer
Crafts & Challenges
& more adventure fun!

KETCHUP CLUB

A Holiday Club for children age 6-11
Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August 2025
10am-12 noon
Martyrs Church 17 Westcotes Drive LE3 0QT
For more info contact irene.hart@martyrs.org.uk 07868390888

Scan here to book via Eventbrite

Leicester Cathedral

Summer Holiday Crafts

at Leicester Cathedral

FREE!
No booking required - just drop-in

FREE family craft every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the summer.
10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm

FREE family trail and new heritage centre to explore.

FREE themed workshops Tuesday and Thursday 2pm-4pm

Ages 3+
All children must be accompanied by an adult

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<p>TUE 15 & THURS 17 JULY</p> <p>WEEK 1 CATHEDRAL GROTESQUES 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm Create your own clay grotesque 2pm-4pm Face painting</p>	<p>TUE 22 & THURS 24 JULY</p> <p>WEEK 2 ARCHAEOLOGY ADVENTURES 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm Cover along and learn about archaeology with the University of Leicester, handle real artefacts and much more!</p>
<p>TUE 29 & THURS 31 JULY</p> <p>WEEK 3 ANIMAL WATCH 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm Make a hopping porcupine! (Tues) Leicester Long Wool sheep craft - make a book mark (Thurs)</p>	<p>TUE 5 & THURS 7 AUGUST</p> <p>WEEK 4 MAKING MUSIC 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm 2pm-4pm (Tues) 10am-12pm (Thurs) Dhol drumming demo & workshop</p>
<p>TUE 12 & THURS 14 AUGUST</p> <p>WEEK 5 MAKING MUSIC 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm Music inspired craft 2pm-4pm (Tues) Musical percussion workshop 2pm-4pm (Thurs) Dhol drumming demo & workshop</p>	<p>TUE 19 & THURS 21 AUGUST</p> <p>WEEK 6 GARDEN & ORW 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm Wildlife inspired craft activity 2pm-4pm (Tues) Plant your own seed to take home 2pm-4pm (Thurs) Workshop led by The Conservation Volunteers</p>

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