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CHARACTER VALUE OF THE WEEK: RISK-TAKING

"Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go." – T. S. Eliot

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FROM
MONDAY 30TH MARCH UNTIL
FRIDAY 10TH APRIL.
IT WILL RE-OPEN ON
MONDAY 13TH APRIL.
HAVE A LOVELY EASTER ALL!



SPORTS CLUBS

The Sports Clubs listed below will start for the new term from **week commencing Monday 13th April 2026**. Letters with details have been emailed to all parents A charge of £1 per session will apply, except for Basketball. Letters for Basketball will be available directly from Mr Hartopp. **Please note that the days for the football clubs have been swapped; Y3/4 will now be on a Thursday and Y5/6 on a Tuesday.**

- Monday:** Basketball for Years 5 & 6
- Tuesday:** Football for Years 5 & 6
- Wednesday:** Gymnastics for all year groups
- Thursday:** Football for Years 3 & 4
- Friday:** Multi Sports for all year groups.



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 book the places well ahead of time.



We've received a lovely message from Comic Relief following our fundraising efforts on Red Nose Day:



*Thank You Shaftesbury Junior School!
You raised **£70** for Comic Relief, and we couldn't be more grateful. You're helping to tackle inequality, improve mental health and help young people to survive and thrive – locally, nationally, and internationally. Give yourself a pat on the back!*

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Thank you to all those parents who attended the parents' evenings this week both face-to-face and virtually.
If you missed the opportunity to see your child's class teacher and would like to arrange a meeting, please contact the school office. Thank you.

SCHOOL MEALS

If your child has school meals, please note that the **deadline to book** for the first week back after the Easter Holiday is on **Sunday 5th April 2026**.
Please book in advance to avoid missing out!

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Our School, Our World - Water Homework Competition



This term, we are learning about water. To celebrate this topic, you are invited to take pictures related to water, such as a canal, a river, the sea, raindrops, or fog.

Why not create an album or a calendar using your pictures? Could you write a poem about your picture?



Be imaginative and have fun!

Please bring your work to school by
Tuesday, 1st July 2026.

Free and low-cost activities

This Easter, 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 K-Pop day at Leicester Guildhall. Full details of activities and events is available at families.leicester.gov.uk/easter-fun.

SEND Easter activity programme

Children with special needs and disabilities who live in Leicester can take part in free activities over the summer holidays. Siblings are welcome to attend, and parents/carers are required to accompany and support their children during the session.

A food hamper/voucher will be provided to those families attending where their child is receiving benefits related free school meals. There is also an opportunity for families to sign up for an emotional well-being workshop focused on managing anxiety, low self-esteem and low moods. Full information about the programme is available at families.leicester.gov.uk/disabled-childrens-activity-programme.

Alternatively, view the [SEND Easter Programme \(pdf\)](#).

Holiday activities and food programme (HAF) - Easter 2026

There is still time for children who eligible for benefits-related free school meals to register for a HAF programme over Easter holiday and they will also receive a healthy lunch each day that they attend.

Full information is available at families.leicester.gov.uk/haf. Alternatively, view the [HAF programme list \(pdf\)](#).



Year 3 Egyptian Day

On Monday, Year 3 were visited by Cleopatra! We learnt about what life was like in Ancient Egyptian times and how people were mummified. We learnt how to play one of the oldest games in the world, mancala, and some of the different jobs Ancient Egyptian people may have had.



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WEEKLY AWARDS AND ATTENDANCE

CLASS ATTENDANCE

3J:	91.7%
3T:	88.6%
4K:	94.0%
4W:	93.6%
5G:	90.0%
5P:	92.7%
6P:	89.0%
6S:	95.3%

Overall Attendance from
28.08.25 - 27.03.26:
96.4%

WOW AWARDS

3J:	Arpita
3T:	Malia
4K:	Lilly
4W:	Nancy
5G:	Patricia
5P:	Jolene
6P:	Niveditha
6S:	Akachukwu

TOP ATTENDANCE: 6S 95.3%
PUNCTUALITY: 6P
LUNCHTIME: 6S

HOUSE POINTS

1st: Cranmer 234
2nd: Latimer 227
3rd: Tyndale 218
4th: Ridley 216

WEEKLY HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Every week, two pupils from a year group are chosen for an outstanding piece of work. This is our celebration of their efforts. WELL DONE!



5P- BAHA

For his improving confidence, determination and enthusiasm in all lessons!



5G - LENA

For demonstrating brilliant concentration and challenging herself during assessments!

WE ❤️ LUNCHTIMES

Andrii 5P:	Perseverance/Challenge
Richard 6P:	Co-operation
Savio 3T:	Kindness
Ella 4W:	Kindness
Sakhira 6S:	Concentration
Lewis 3J:	Acceptance
Ezeldin 6P:	Challenge
Isaac 6S:	Kindness
Liyana 4W:	Exploration

TABLE OF AWESOMENESS

Children who have shown our character values and received a lunchtime award had their name drawn out of a box to have lunch on the 'table of awesomeness' as a reward.

The following children had their name drawn:

Noor 3T, Deekshant 3T, Dorian 4K, Freya 4K, Zehna 4W, Amir 5P, Zenia 6S, Marshall 6S.

Well done to all!

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