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CHARACTER VALUE OF THE WEEK: SELF-CONFIDENCE

"If we all did the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves." – Thomas Edison

NEW SCHOOL TIMES

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their views during our recent consultation regarding proposed changes to the school day at King Richard III Infant & Nursery School and Shaftesbury Junior School. We greatly appreciate your feedback and the thoughtful responses we received. The reason for these proposed changes is to ensure both schools meet the Department for Education (DfE) expectation of a 32.5-hour school week, which now forms part of the Ofsted framework. This additional time will allow us to make the most of our time with the children and continue to provide them with the best possible start in life. Having carefully considered all viewpoints, we have decided that both schools will introduce the **new school times after the May half-term holiday**. These changes will come into effect from **Monday 1st June**.

The new school day timings are as follows:

<u>School</u>	<u>Morning (Gates Open)</u>	<u>Morning (Gates Close)</u>	<u>School Ends</u>
King Richard III (Infant & Nursery)	8:35 am	8:45 am	3:15 pm
Shaftesbury Junior School	8:30 am	8:40 am	3:10 pm

Key arrangements:

- Parents can continue to drop children at Shaftesbury from 8:30am (as usual), but all children must now be in school by **8:40am (not 8:50am)**.
- Parents with children at both schools will then be able to drop off at King Richard III for 8:45am.
- At the end of the day, parents should collect from Shaftesbury first (**3:10pm**) and then collect from the infant school.

We recognise that any change to routines can take time to adjust to, and it is really important that we all make every effort to make these new arrangements work smoothly for our children and families.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Smith, Headteacher of KRIII (Infant & Nursery) or myself. Thank you again for your continued support.



The Material World: A STEM Roadshow

Through a highly interactive and energising performance, our Year 5 pupils discovered how the materials all around us connect to cutting-edge technologies in engineering, manufacturing, technology, aerospace and beyond. The children loved this exciting exploration of material science!



Viking Day

Last week, Year 4 enjoyed an exciting and immersive Viking Day with Mr Pepper. The children travelled back in time to learn all about life as a Viking and the Lindisfarne attack. They found out about the journey of the Vikings on the longship and the raid at Lindisfarne. To bring their learning to life, the pupils took part in practical activities and even recorded their own film. Everyone showed fantastic teamwork, creativity, and enthusiasm throughout the day. It was a memorable experience that really helped Year 4 deepen their understanding of this fascinating period in history.



Please visit our **school website** where you will find the latest updates and useful information:

<https://www.shaftesbury.leicester.sch.uk/>

For all the parents who are not aware, we also have a closed group on **Facebook** which can be joined upon request. Here you will find all the latest news, photos, videos etc.

Please inquire at the school office for any further assistance or queries.

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Earth Day at Shaftesbury Junior School on 22nd April 2026

Eco Warriors



making seed bombs

art activities



enjoying being in nature



stick frame



making hotels for bugs

Our School, Our World:
Thank you to Severn Trent for delivering a fascinating assembly about WATER!

WONDERFUL ON TAP

COMMITMENT CERTIFICATE

This certificate is awarded to:

Shaftesbury Junior School

For making a promise to:
Only put the 3Ps down the loo and use water wisely.

Following our assembly on: _____
Friday 24th April 2026

Name: _____
Mrs Gosia

Signature: _____
M. Gosia

Signed on behalf of: _____
6 / 234 children/adults

Education Officer: _____
Vicki Johnson

SCHOOL TRIPS

We have various school trips coming up, as indicated below. Parents and carers are kindly asked to book and make payment via ParentPay if you have not already done so. If you need any assistance with booking or payment, please contact the school office.

- Year 4 Windmill Farm Trip - Date: Tuesday 28 April 2026
- Year 3 Bradgate Park Trip - Date: Tuesday 2 June 2026
- Year 3 Leicestershire Music Festival - Date: Tuesday 9 June 2026
- School Council Houses of Parliament Trip - Date: Friday 1 May 2026

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WEEKLY AWARDS AND ATTENDANCE

CLASS ATTENDANCE

3J: 94.8%
 3T: 93.7%
 4K: 95.0%
 4W: 93.6%
 5G: 97.3%
 5P: 95.3%
 6P: 99.0%
 6S: 94.7%

Overall Attendance from
 28.08.25 - 24.04.26:
 96.3%

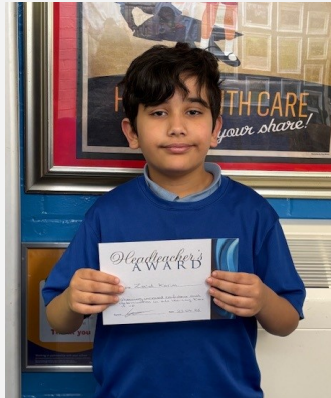
TOP ATTENDANCE: 6P
 PUNCTUALITY: 5P
 LUNCHTIME: 3J

HOUSE POINTS

1st: Latimer 213
 2nd: Ridley 190
 3rd: Tyndale 181
 4th: Cranmer 166

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!



3T - Zaid

For showing increased confidence and determination in all learning, keep it up!



3J - Esohe

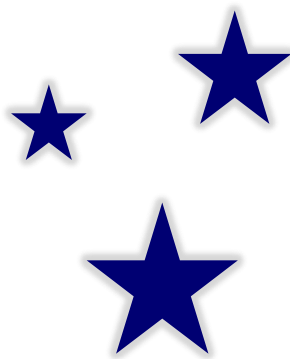
For a great start to the term. You have shown a mature, positive attitude. Well done!

WOW AWARDS

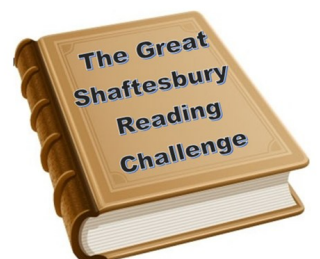
3J: Emma
 3T: Deekshant
 4K: Flourish
 4W: Moses
 5G: Abigail
 5P: Argonita
 6P: Latayah
 6S: Andrei

WE ❤️ LUNCHTIMES

Haifa 6P:	Self Motivation
Milan 3T:	Self-regulation
Lewis 3J:	Open minded
Hattie 6S:	Communication
Tanay 4W:	Kindness
Yunus 4W:	Honesty
Alans 5G:	Reflection
Eunice 4W:	Co-operation



READING MILES



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