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CHARACTER VALUE OF THE WEEK: RESILIENCE

"Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear." – Ambrose Redmoon

TRANSITION DAY—WEDNESDAY 2nd JULY

NEW YEAR 3 INTAKE

The new Year 3 children from feeder infant schools will be spending **Wednesday 2nd July** at Shaftesbury. They will be told what class they are in on the day. There will be an **Induction Meeting** for parents of the new Year 3 intake on **Wednesday 2nd July at 5.00pm**. Parents/carers will receive a welcome pack at the induction meeting with details about starting at Shaftesbury.

YEAR GROUPS 3, 4 & 5

Children will be told on **Tuesday 1st July** what their new classes will be. On **Wednesday 2nd July**, children will spend the day in their new classrooms.

YEAR 6

On transition day, **Wednesday 2nd July**, Year 6 children will be spending the day at their new secondary schools. Y6 pupils **should NOT come to Shaftesbury** but go directly to their secondary school. The only Year 6 children in school will be the ones who have their transition day on a different date.

SCHOOL REPORTS

The end of year reports will be out on **Monday 7th July**. The reports will be sent home with the children so, please keep an eye out for your child's report. In case you do not receive it, please inquire at the school office. If any parents/carers would like to discuss their child's report, the class teachers will be available on Tuesday 8th July from 3.05pm to 4pm. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- ◆ **1st July:** Sports Day
- ◆ **2nd July:** Transition Day
- ◆ **8th July:** Year 6 Leavers' Production
- ◆ **11th July:** End of term



SJS SPORTS DAY - TUESDAY 1ST JULY

YEAR 3/4: Morning - 9.30am - 11.30am
YEAR 5/6: Afternoon - 1.15pm - 2.30pm

All children need to come into school in their PE kit, wearing suitable footwear and bring along a water bottle.

Parents, guardians and family members are most welcome to come and cheer on the pupils down at our field on Andrewes Street. YEAR 5/6 children whose parents are there, can leave directly from the field once sports day has finished. All other children MUST return back to school and leave as usual.

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.



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. Fines issued for absence that happened from August 2024 count towards the escalation process.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will be issued to each parent, for each child who was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave will result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice fines will be issued for:

- 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
- for fewer days where this has happened before

10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of absence in a 10-week period.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days. (No option to pay at £80 level)

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

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.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate and may impact on job applications and travel abroad.

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.

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

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Summer Holiday Activities and Food Programme - For eligible free school meal

children (HAF) will be available for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Eligible children can register to attend up to four weeks of HAF programme over the summer holiday.

They will also receive a healthy lunch each day that they attend.

There are over 50 programmes taking place across the city for parents to choose from. The dates, times and age suitability will differ by provider.

Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis to children and young people who meet all of the following criteria:

- live in Leicester City, or attend a city school if living outside the city
- are aged between 4 to 16 and in full-time education
- are receiving benefits related free school meals
- are in the age range for that programme

Please see the [list of programme providers \[pdf\]](#).

You can also find details directly at families.leicester.gov.uk/haf

Please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. **Registration will close on Friday 27 June 2025.** Registration for a HAF place is made directly with the programme provider, and details on how to do this can be found in the provider listing.

Household Support Fund

We are pleased to announce that the council is now accepting Household Support Fund applications. Families can apply directly if they need help with: gas and electricity (billed and pre-paid), applications can be submitted **by families** from 9am on the following dates:

- 23 July 2025
- 10 September 2025
- 29 October 2025
- 17 December 2025

Full details can be found at leicester.gov.uk/householdsupportfund

Disabled Children's Activity Programme

Children with 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.

Full details can be found at: families.leicester.gov.uk/disabled-childrens-activity-programme

It's Back Again

Department for Education

MULTI SPORTS SUMMER CAMPS

AIMSTRONGSPORT SAQ

Fullhurst Community College: HAF Camp

WEEK 1	Mon 14th to Thurs 17th July, 10 am - 3 pm
WEEK 2	Mon 21st to Thurs 24th July, 10 am - 3 pm
WEEK 3	Mon 28th to Thurs 31st July, 10 am - 3 pm
WEEK 4	Mon 4th to Thurs 7th August, 10 am - 3 pm

IMPERIAL AVENUE LEICESTER LE3 1AH

6 TO 14 YEAR OLDS

Activities and food are free for HAF eligible children within Leicester

BOOK NOW AT: AIMSTRONGSPORT.COM

In partnership with...

Leicester City Council, INSPIRE TOGETHER, CROWN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Department for Education, SHAW Control

Summer HAF Camp's
Primary Camp (Ages 5-11)
Secondary Camp (Ages 12-16)
at Crown Hills Community College

- High quality activities delivered by fully qualified, DBS checked teachers & coaches.
- A choice of activities each day to suit all ages.
- Healthy lunch included. Participants will also be encouraged to invite their parents/carers along for a presentation on the last day.
- Sessions will be tailored to age groups with more relaxed sessions for the older participants.
- Eligible criteria e.g free school meals assessed via application

Week 1:
• Monday 28th July - Thursday 31st July 9am-2pm

Week 2:
• Monday 4th August - Thursday 7th August 9am-2pm

To book a place please click [here](#) or scan the QR code.
Please phone 0116 249 1032 for more information.

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ALTON TOWERS TRIP

The Year 6 children had a fantastic time at Alton Towers on Tuesday. The trip was organised as a reward for working hard towards their SATs. Thanks to all the staff who arranged the trip and accompanied the children on the day. We would also like to thank Kevin Paterson the Operations manager at BD Living for the kind donation to help with the cost of the trip. It was a fun day for all!



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WEEKLY AWARDS AND ATTENDANCE

CLASS ATTENDANCE

3J:	98.8%
3W:	99.0%
4K:	98.1%
4S:	96.2%
5G:	96.3%
5P:	98.7%
6P:	96.3%
6S:	92.3%

Overall Attendance from 29.08.24 - 27.06.25: 95.9%

WOW AWARDS

3W:	Treven
3J:	Muhammad
4K:	Sonia
4S:	Eunice
5G:	Sukhkirat
5P:	Mateusz
6P:	Sehajdeep
6S:	Shakayla

TOP ATTENDANCE: 3W 99.0%
 PUNCTUALITY: 3W
 LUNCHTIME: 3W

HOUSE POINTS

1st: Tyndale 336
 2nd: Ridley 311
 3rd: Latimer 301
 3rd: Cranmer 300

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!



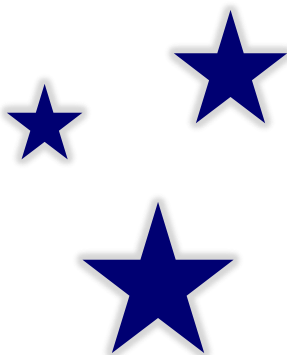
5P—Hatheem
For his positive attitude, curious mind and polite manner.



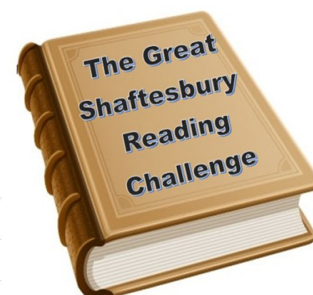
5G—Sakhira
For great enthusiasm during our P4C discussions.

WE ❤️ LUNCHTIMES

- Kareema 5G: Creativity
- Amy 5G: Creativity
- Alisa 5G: Creativity
- Marshall 5G: Appreciation
- Lilia 4S: Self-regulation and resilience
- Komail 4K: Sharing
- Avinoor 4S: Resilience
- Matei 5G: Self-confidence
- Nicoleta 4K: Caring
- Assia 5G: Self-respect



READING MILES



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