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CHARACTER VALUE OF THE WEEK: SELF-MOTIVATION

"Your talent determines what you can do. Your motivation determines how much you're willing to do. Your attitude determines how well you do it." —Lou Holtz

School will be **closed** on **Monday, 4th May** due to the May Day Bank Holiday. It will **re-open** as normal on **Tuesday 5th May**.

HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES

Here at Shaftesbury, we operate a healthy eating policy. In your child's packed lunch box, please do not include sweets, chocolates or fizzy drinks. Please include healthy items such as bread, pasta, fruit, salad, vegetables, yoghurts, cheese, lower-sugar snacks and water.



SHAFTESBURY IS A NUT-FREE SCHOOL! No nuts please, or any items containing nuts.

For healthy lunch box ideas please visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

COFFEE MORNINGS AT SHAFTESBURY WITH MRS ESLEY EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 8.40AM ONWARDS.

ALL WELCOME TO COME ALONG!



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.

INHALERS AND MEDICINES

Parents/carers, if your child has any medication or an inhaler kept in school, please make sure that it has not run out of date. Please note that it is the parents' responsibility to check the expiry dates on any medication kept in school. Please enquire at the school office, if you need to check the dates.

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.

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WINDMILL FARM PARK TRIP

On Tuesday, year 4 visited Windmill Farm Park to explore and observe different animals in their habitats and classify living things. It was a wonderful enrichment opportunity for the children to experience the local Leicestershire countryside and apply the skills they've been learning as SJS scientists. They had a really great day!



Y4 WATER WORKSHOP

Last Friday, Year 4 took part in an exciting water workshop led by Severn Trent. The children learned all about how clean water is produced and supplied to our homes. Working in groups, they also used a variety of equipment to investigate who could make dirty water the cleanest. It was a fun and educational experience for everyone involved.



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WEEKLY AWARDS AND ATTENDANCE

CLASS ATTENDANCE

3J: 97.9 %
 3T: 96.3%
 4K: 99.0%
 4W: 99.3%
 5G: 97.7 %
 5P: 98.5 %
 6P: 99.7%
 6S: 93.3%

TOP ATTENDANCE: 6P 99.7%
 PUNCTUALITY: 6S
 LUNCHTIME: 6S

HOUSE POINTS

1st: Latimer 269
 2nd: Cranmer 234
 3rd: Ridley 233
 4th: Tyndale 222

Overall Attendance from
 28.08.25 - 01.05.26:
 96.4%

WOW AWARDS

3J: Cristian
 3T: Irina
 4K: Muhammad
 4W: Raffaella
 5G: Alisha
 5P: Afeez
 6P: Karolina
 6S: Matei

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!



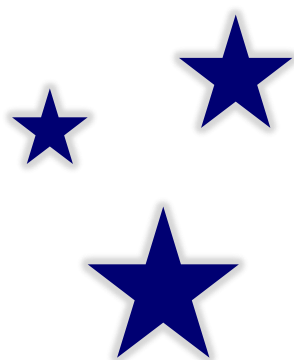
6P - Mirabelle Osita for demonstrating increased motivation and confidence to do well during her mock SATs.



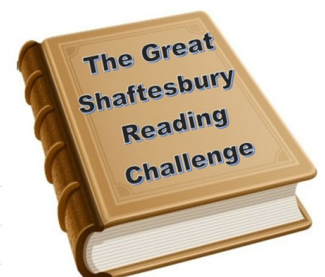
6S - Ritika For demonstrating excellent self-motivation in preparing for her SATs.

WE ❤️ LUNCHTIMES

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| Moses 4W: | Curiosity |
| Milan 3T: | Honesty |
| Esohe 3J: | Questioning |
| Jaxson 4K: | Appreciation |
| Celine 3T: | Self-Confidence |
| Alina 5P: | Kindness |
| Ahmed 6P: | Self Motivation |
| Rebecca 3J: | Self-Confidence |



READING MILES



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