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## CHARACTER VALUE OF THE WEEK: CREATIVITY

Creativity is one of the superpowers that can help you become the best version of yourself and make the world a better place. The great thing is that everyone has the power to be creative in their own way.

*“Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, making mistakes and having fun.” - Mary Lou Cook*

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

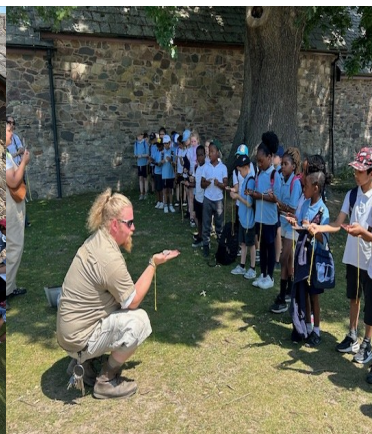
- ◆ 24<sup>th</sup> June: Year 6 Alton Towers Trip
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> July: Sports Day
- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Transition Day
- ◆ 8<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 Leavers’ Production
- ◆ 11<sup>th</sup> July: End of term



Our annual sports day will be on **Tuesday 1st July**. Please save the date in your diaries, details to follow.

### YEAR 3 TRIP TO BRADGATE PARK

On Wednesday, Year 3 visited Bradgate Park as part of their Local Area topic. They explored the different areas within the park, walking along the ridges and valleys. They learnt how to use a compass correctly and how to read an ordinance survey map. They looked for signs of wildlife, both native and invasive, learnt about the significance of Bradgate Park in the local history of the area, all while behaving brilliantly!





## 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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## YEAR 4 LINKING SCHOOL

On Wednesday, Year 4 children from Market Harborough CE Academy visited Shaftesbury Junior School as part of the Linking School. We all took part in activities throughout the day and found about each other. The children from both schools had a fantastic experience.



### 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](https://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

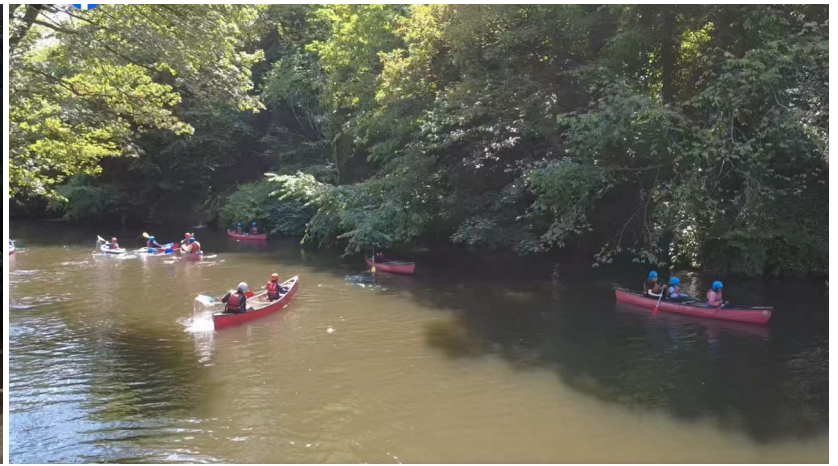
We are pleased to announce that the council is now accepting Household Support Fund applications. Families can apply directly if they need help with: gas and electricity (billed and pre-paid), applications can be submitted **by families** from 9am on the following dates:

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

Full details can be found at [leicester.gov.uk/householdsupportfund](https://leicester.gov.uk/householdsupportfund).

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# YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP



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**WEEKLY AWARDS AND ATTENDANCE**

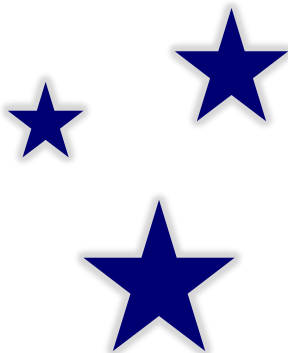
**CLASS ATTENDANCE**

- 3J: 95.0%
- 3W: 94.0%
- 4K: 96.1%
- 4S: 96.6%
- 5G: 94.3%
- 5P: 98.3%
- 6P: 97.3%
- 6S: 98.0%

Overall Attendance from  
29.08.24 - 20.06.25:  
95.9%

**WOW AWARDS**

- 3W: Ivaniah
- 3J: Naetochukwu
- 4K: Erin
- 4S: Jessica
- 5G: Kareema
- 5P: Semilore
- 6P: Arina
- 6S: Marta



- TOP ATTENDANCE: 5P 98.3%
- PUNCTUALITY: 3J
- LUNCHTIME: 3J

**HOUSE POINTS**

- 1st: Tyndale 349
- 2nd: Cranmer 342
- 3rd: Ridley 323
- 3rd: Latimer 321

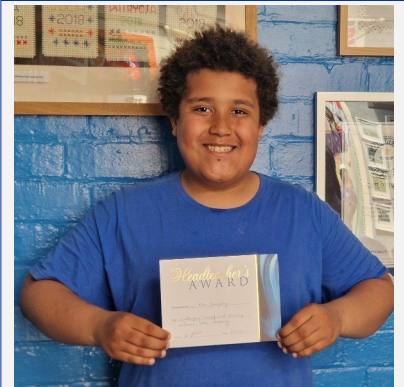
**WEEKLY HEADTEACHER AWARDS**

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—EVELYN

For showing great resilience ,  
challenging herself and making the  
most of the residential.



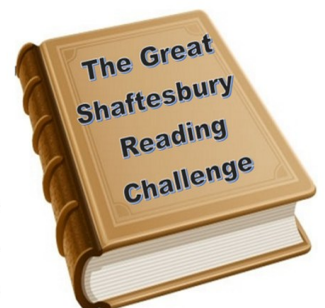
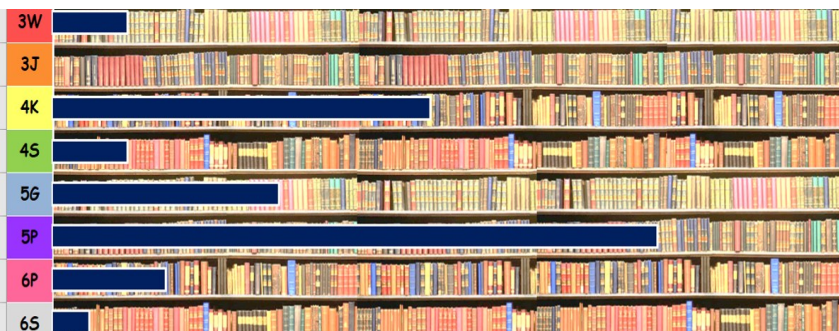
6S—EBRIMA

For challenging himself and  
showing resilience when canoeing at  
the residential.

**WE ❤️ LUNCHTIMES**

- Dania 6S: Caring
- Freddie 4S: Self-confidence
- Naetochukwu 3J: Leadership
- Anthony 4K: Kindness
- Amileya 4K: Co-operation and sharing
- Luca 4K: Kindness
- Ryan 4S: Showing respect
- Elisavet 4S: Independence
- Matei 5G: Enthusiasm
- Iustin 5G: Caring
- Zehana 3W: Confidence

**READING MILES**



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