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CHARACTER VALUE OF THE WEEK: CONCENTRATION

"Concentrate all your thoughts upon the work in hand. The sun's rays do not burn until brought to a focus." — Alexander Graham Bell

Summer Term will end on Friday 10th July 2026 at 3.10pm.

School will be closed from Monday 13th July to Tuesday 25th August 2026.



SJS SPORTS DAY

Children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the sports day held on Thursday morning, for Y3/4 and Friday morning, for Y5/6.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended and supported the children on both days.

The weather stayed perfect for all to enjoy the sunshine and the activities!



Holiday activities and food programme – summer holiday

The HAF programme offer is now live on families.leicester.gov.uk/haf for summer 2026. This will be available for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Please see the offer list by following this link

[HAF summer offer list](#)

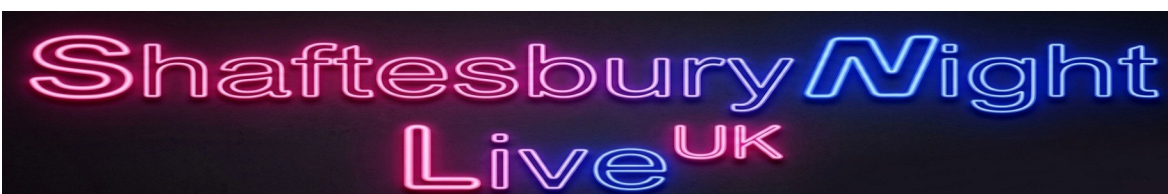
Please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

UNWANTED UNIFORM ITEMS

Parents/Carers, if you have any school uniform items in good condition that your child no longer needs, we would be very grateful if you would consider donating them to the school. Your donations would be greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS

Parents/Carers, if your child has borrowed any school library books, please return them by **Wednesday, 8th July.**



YEAR 6 END OF YEAR PRODUCTION

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon and evening at our spectacular production, *Shaftesbury Night Live!*

Packed with music, laughter and fantastic performances from our talented pupils, this is a show not to be missed. We look forward to welcoming **parents of Year 6** for some unforgettable entertainment on **Tuesday 7th July 1:30pm and 5:30pm**

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Attendance & Punctuality

Parents and carers are required by law to ensure that children of compulsory school age receive efficient full-time education. This means that you are responsible for ensuring that your child attends and stays at school.

We have to keep accurate daily registers of each pupil's attendance by law. If your child is away from school, the absence can be "authorised" or "unauthorised" and the school will decide whether the reason for absence is acceptable. If your child is unable to attend school, please inform us as soon as possible, preferably before 9.00am, by telephone or email, stating the reason for the absence. An automated answering service is available for reporting absences.

Telephone: 0116 254 9203

Email: office@shaftesbury.leicester.sch.uk

Please ensure that your child is on time for school, as late children can disrupt the start of the school day. **The school day begins at 8.40am. School finishes at 3.10pm.**

There will be a member of staff on duty from 3.10pm to 3.20pm.

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 that occurs from August 2025 onwards. Fines issued for absence that happened from August 2024 onwards 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 5 or more consecutive days
- or 4 days where the absence immediately precedes/includes a 5th day which is a school closure day (e.g. school holiday / INSET / enforced closure) or **any** form of absence
- or 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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Urgent Action Required: Free School Meals is changing – check your eligibility from today!

From Monday 1 June 2026, the government has changed the free school meals system. More families than ever before will now qualify for free school lunches. Because the rules are changing, all existing transitional protections are ending. **This means that every family must be re-checked before the new school year starts. If you do not complete this check, your child's free school meals may stop in the autumn term 2026.** Please click the secure link below to complete an online application.

[Free school meals | Leicester City Council](#)

What you will need: Your national insurance number (or national asylum support service number), your date of birth, your legal name.

From Monday 1 June 2026, children in households in receipt of universal credit, with annual household earnings above £7,400 would be entitled to 'expanded' free school meals. If your child was previously refused free school meals, you can apply again. Children who qualify under this expanded eligibility will receive free school meals from autumn term 2026.

KING RICHARD III INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL AND SHAFTESBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027

AUTUMN TERM

Schools Open: Wednesday morning 26th August 2026

August Bank Holiday: Monday 31st August 2026

Schools Close: Friday evening 16th October 2026

Mid-Term Break: Monday 19th October to Friday 23rd October

Schools Open: Monday morning 26th October 2026

Schools Close: Friday evening 18th December 2026

Christmas Break: Monday 21st December to Monday 4th January

SPRING TERM

Schools Open: Tuesday morning 5th January 2027

Schools Close: Friday evening 12th February 2027

Mid-Term Break: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February

Schools Open: Monday morning 22nd February 2027

Schools Close: Friday evening 19th March 2027

Easter Break: Monday 22nd March to Friday 2nd April

SUMMER TERM

Schools Open: Monday morning 5th April 2027

May Day Holiday: Monday 3rd May

Schools Close: Friday evening 28th May 2027

Mid-Term Break: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

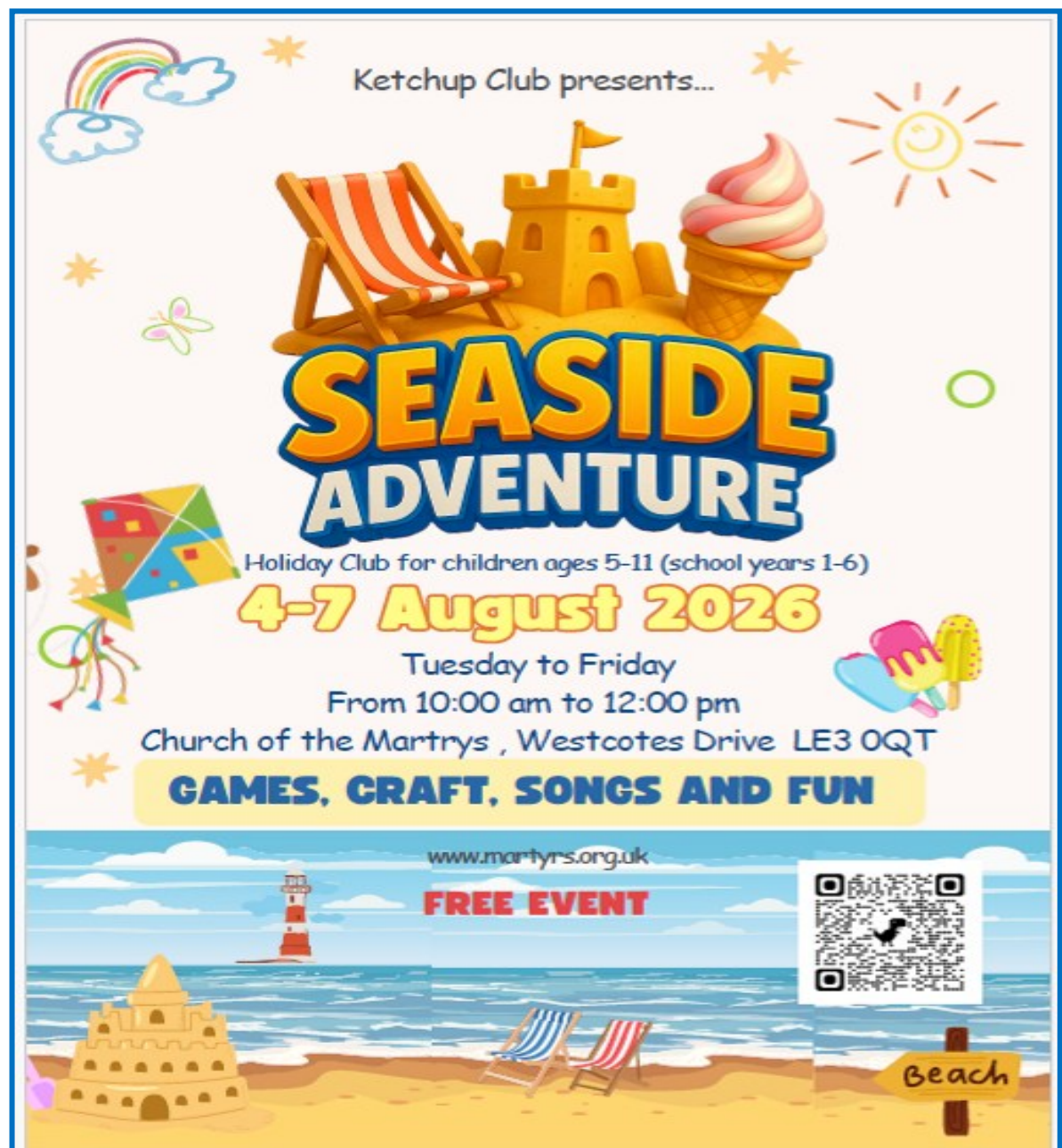
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WEEKLY AWARDS AND ATTENDANCE

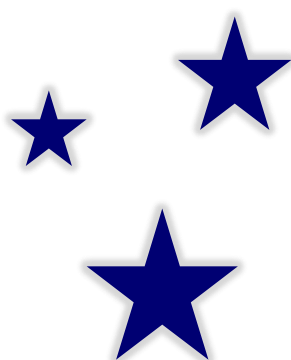
CLASS ATTENDANCE

3J:	89.7%
3T:	92.7%
4K:	99.3%
4W:	97.1%
5G:	94.3%
5P:	96.2%
6P:	94.8%
6S:	91.4%

Overall Attendance from
28.08.25 - 03.07.26:
96.4%

WOW AWARDS

3J: Irene
3T: Nelin
4K: Erick
4W: Liyana
5G: Rabail
5P: Zion
6P: Emily
6S: Andrei



TOP ATTENDANCE: 4K 99.3%

PUNCTUALITY: 4K

LUNCHTIME: 3J

HOUSE POINTS

1st:	Latimer 130
2nd:	Tyndale 129
2nd:	Ridley 114
4th:	Cranmer 109

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 - Ahmed

For being an enthusiastic and curious member of the class. Always coming to school with a smile and asking plenty of questions!



6S - Kaiden

For smiling and laughing this term; from camping to rollercoasters, Kaiden has shown his love of life. Keep it up!

WE ❤️ LUNCHTIMES

Etienne 4P	Challenge
Liliana 3T	Enthusiasm
Adon 5G	Empathy/Kindness
Erick 4K	Communication
Lewis 3J	Resilience
Liyana 4W	Co-Operation & Kindness
Anthony 5P	Creativity
Seth 3J	Resilience

READING MILES

