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MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

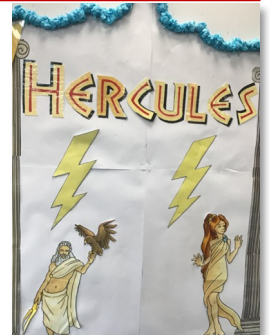
School will be **CLOSED** on **Monday 5th May**.
Have a lovely bank holiday weekend all!

On **Thursday 8th May**, it will be the **80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (VE day)**, which in 1945, was declared a national holiday by Prime Minister Winston Churchill. To commemorate, we will show a live lesson and have a whole school VE drone shot, to remember the sacrifice of those that came before us. **To support our event, we would like the children to wear their school uniform, including something red, to represent the colours of our national flag.**



We look forward to being a part of the country's commemorative event. Events in Leicester, include vintage music, bunting, street parties, a lighting of beacons and bellringing at Leicester Cathedral, with our very own campanologist – Miss Lee. In 1945, to celebrate this victory, local people danced the conga around the clock tower.

Congratulations to Year 5 on their outstanding performance of **'Hercules and the 12 Tasks'!**
Your infectious enthusiasm and talent were truly remarkable,



STAFF NEWS

A very warm welcome to our new office administrator, Miss Wooley, who has joined the office team as of Monday.
On behalf of all at Shaftesbury, I wish Miss Woolley all the best in her new role here.

SCHOOL TIMES

The school days starts at **8.40am** with registration at 8.50am. The school day finishes at **3.05pm** and the school gates close at 3.15pm. Parents/carers are kindly requested to ensure that the children are picked up before the gates close. Unless attending a sports club, all children who are not picked up by 3.30pm would be sent to After School Care. In case of a late pick up, please note that the **office closes at 3.30pm** so parents/carers would have to use the night entrance to pick their child up.

SPORTS NEWS

As the weather is getting warmer, children will be going to the playing field for their PE lessons this term. Parents and carers please make sure that your child comes to school in their PE kit and the correct footwear as they will be outdoors. If your child suffers with any allergies like hay fever/rash please inform the school or provide medication if needed. Thank you.

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Swap Your Books Day

Reduce waste and don't throw your old books away!

Someone else would enjoy reading them!

Bring a book to school and swap it with a friend for a new, exciting one!

Book swap Day is on **Wednesday 7th May!**

Enjoy reading and save your planet!

Eco-warriors



Our Schools, Our World - Biodiversity Whole School Homework

During the summer term, our school will learn how to support biodiversity to help our nature thrive. We would love your whole family to get involved at home and make a beetle bucket! Have fun and send us pictures!

Dear Parents, we would love to hear what you think about climate change and sustainability education! Please respond to this [survey](#) to help us plan this area of curriculum.

Make a beetle bucket



You will need

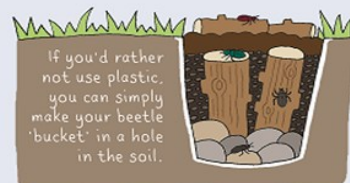
- A bucket, trug, or other durable, upcycled container
- A small craft knife
- Stones
- Bark chips and/or leaves
- Small logs (that will fit in your container when upright)
- A spade

Fill a bucket with rotting wood and leaves and make the perfect home for all sorts of beetles and other insects. Making your beetle habitat in an old plastic container means you can easily find it again to top up or examine the contents (make sure to replace everything straight away after examining).

- 1 Safely cut small circular holes (around 3cm wide) in the sides and bottom of the bucket for beetles to enter and exit.
- 2 Dig a hole just larger than your bucket and sink it into the ground.
- 3 Place some large stones at the bottom of the bucket, then stand some small logs upright on top.



- 4 Fill the rest of the bucket with bark chips and/or garden leaves, leaving around 10cm at the top to fill with some soil dug from the ground.
- 5 Top the soil with a couple more logs to tempt in beetles - from above or below!



These will rot and make lovely spots for female beetles to lay their eggs.

If you'd rather not use plastic, you can simply make your beetle 'bucket' in a hole in the soil.

Perfect for smaller gardens!

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WEEKLY AWARDS AND ATTENDANCE

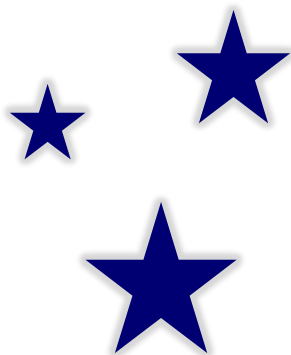
CLASS ATTENDANCE

3J: 95.3%
 3W: 92.3%
 4K: 95.8%
 4S: 96.6%
 5G: 96.7%
 5P: 97.3%
 6P: 94.0%
 6S: 96.7%

Overall Attendance from
 29.08.24 - 02.05.25:
 95.9%

WOW AWARDS

3W: Yunus 3W
 3J: Dhruv 3J
 4K: Soraya 4K
 4S: Helena 4S
 5G: Evangelina 5G
 5P: Sania 5P
 6P: Liyana 6P
 6S: Iyanu 6S



TOP ATTENDANCE: 5P 97.3%

PUNCTUALITY: 3W

HOUSE POINTS

1st: **Resumes next week**
 2nd:
 3rd:
 3rd:

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!



4K—Erin

For making fantastic progress this year in all areas of the curriculum.



4S—Avinoor

For his careful thinking and sensible contributions to class discussions. Keep up this improved maturity and levels of concentration!

WE ❤️ LUNCHTIMES

Bright 4S

Lilia 4S

Jan 6P

Thomas 3J

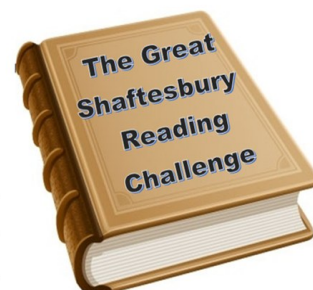
Scarlette 5P

Sonia 4K

Kareema 5G

Tamim 5P

READING MILES



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