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**CHARACTER VALUE OF THE WEEK: SELF-MOTIVATION**

*"The thing that makes you say, "I want to do something" - that is the beginning of talent."  
— Stella Adler, The Art of Acting*



*Happy Easter*

**EASTER HOLIDAYS**

School will be **CLOSED** from  
**Monday 14th April to Friday 25th April.**  
It will **RE-OPEN** on **Monday 28th April.**

**CO-OPTED GOVERNOR VACANCY**

We have a Co-opted governor vacancy here at Shaftesbury. This is a great opportunity to help and support the school and to gain insight on how the school is run. This is not a parent governor vacancy but could be anyone. If any parents are interested or know anyone who may be interested, please inform myself or the school office staff.



**EASTER EGG COMPETITION**

Well done to everyone who sent in a decorated egg this week. There was amazing creativity shown by the children. The following children were the winners:  
**Nailah 6P, Srishti 5G, Jolene 4S, Akshara 3W and Treven 3W.**



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## Support BIODIVERSITY – Whole School Homework Project



This term, as part of **Our Schools, Our World** programme, we would love to invite you to support biodiversity at home. Plant some flowers! Feed some birds! Make a pond! Choose one of the actions and send us pictures of your project! For more ideas, visit [Wildlife Watch Website](#).

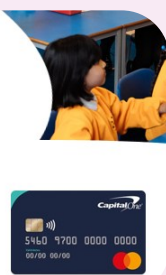


### Eco news—Plant pot competition

Earlier this term, some children have planted spring bulbs in pots. We are asking the children to kindly bring in their potted plants by **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**, so that they can be judged. Please don't forget to label the pot with the name and class!



**My Maths Story**  
Dave Richards, Capital One  
nationalnumeracy.org.uk



### NATIONAL NUMERACY

On Monday, we were visited by volunteers from Capital One, Experian and National Numeracy who came and shared their maths story. They talked about how they felt about maths when they were in school, how they use maths in their jobs and how they use maths every day. They shared a very important message—**everyone has their own maths journey, don't compare yourself to others. We all need maths so stay positive. The skills you are taught in school will teach you skills for life.** If you would like to improve your own maths skills, in school we have 3 numeracy champions, **Mrs Vardalia, Mr Page and Mrs Justesen**. We are always happy to talk to you about maths and how we can help!

### Leicester's Old Town Festival: Romans, Dragons & St George

**Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 April. Jubilee Square and Old Town, Leicester**

Step into the world of the Romans and celebrate St. George at Leicester's exciting new free festival! Enjoy a weekend packed with adventure, hands-on fun, and time-travelling excitement. Celebrate the city's rich heritage with thrilling tales of heroes, legends, and epic adventures. Train like a warrior, march in a grand parade, or dive into archaeology through interactive activities. Don't miss the pre-festival events at Haymarket Shopping Centre plus, be part of history as we rebuild a full-scale Roman monument right in the heart of Leicester, with workshops running throughout the Easter holidays at Highcross Shopping Centre. Be part of this incredible journey. To learn more and get involved

[Old Town Festival - Visit Leicester](#)

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This afternoon SJS visited the Martyrs Church to watch an Easter production. The children enjoyed learning about the meaning of Easter and why it is celebrated, as well as singing and dancing along to the songs.



#### SCHOOL MEALS—PARENTPAY

The menu for **April-May 2025** is live on ParentPay now. Please book meals as required for your child. **The deadline to book for the first week back to school will be on Sunday 20th April.** If you have missed booking by the deadline, a packed lunch would have to be sent from home. All parents would get a reminder email from Chartwells before the deadline. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, no payment is required but the parents can make the choices from the menus and book the meals.

**Please note that it is the parents' responsibility to book the meals as required.**

There is a variety of meals available daily to suit most dietary needs.

Please note that there are **no 'Halal'** options available.

#### Year 4 - Cooking

As part of D/T, Year 4 children have been cooking healthy tortilla pizzas.

They have been learning lots of different skills during the session.

Thank you to Mrs Kinchington, Mrs Desai, Mrs Pala and Mrs Smith.



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# WEEKLY AWARDS AND ATTENDANCE

## CLASS ATTENDANCE

- 3J: 96.9%
- 3W: 92.0%
- 4K: 90.0%
- 4S: 92.1%
- 5G: 93.7%
- 5P: 91.0%
- 6P: 92.0%
- 6S: 95.7%

Overall Attendance from  
29.08.24 - 11.04.25:  
95.8%

## WOW AWARDS

- 3W: Zara
- 3J: Muhammad
- 4K: Ishnoor
- 4S: Edward
- 5G: Hattie
- 5P: Latayah
- 6P: Dante
- 6S: Hajer

TOP ATTENDANCE: 3J 96.9%

PUNCTUALITY: 3J

## HOUSE POINTS

- 1st: RIDLEY 202
- 2nd: TYNDALE 196
- 3rd: CRANMER 180
- 3rd: LATIMER 170

## 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!



5G - Justin-Andrei

For fantastic commitment to his learning and being a great role model.



5P - Aisha

For her concentration, determination and perseverance during Bikeability

# WE ❤️ LUNCHTIMES

## TABLE OF AWESOMENESS

Children who have shown our character values and received a lunchtime award had their name drawn out of a box to have lunch on the 'table of awesomeness' as a reward. The following children had their name drawn: Zainab, Elisavet, Baha, Kaiden, Nivi, Sharlet, Navlin and Kaiden.

Well done to all!



## READING MILES



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