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CHARACTER VALUE OF THE WEEK: CHALLENGE

“Life is about accepting the challenges along the way, choosing to keep moving forward and savouring the journey.” — Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES WEEK 2025

Shaftesbury’s annual Healthy Lifestyles Week returns on Monday 17th March for five days of activities. Pupils will participate in a range of activities on-site, as well as some surprises too! This year we are linking with Comic Relief to promote laughter as being an important part of leading a healthy lifestyle. Please send your child into school wearing PE Kit from Monday-Thursday, whilst on Friday 21st March they can come in non-uniform for Red Nose Day.



FRIDAY 21 MARCH

COMIC RELIEF/RED NOSE DAY is a UK charity which started in 1985. In 40 years, Red Nose day has raised £40 MILLION!

Happy 40th Birthday Comic Relief!

Donate £1 for this AMAZING cause which supports families in need across the UK and beyond.

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DAFFODILS

Thank you to Ms. Carroll & Ms. Hughes (Parents) for helping plant some daffodil bulbs in the school garden area!

COFFEE MORNINGS AT SHAFTESBURY
WITH MRS ESPLEY EVERY WEDNESDAY
FROM 9.00AM ONWARDS.



All welcome to come along!

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE
MORNING ON WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH.**

The Easter Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) will be available for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Eligible children can register to attend one HAF programme over Easter holiday and 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 receiving benefits related free school meals are in the age range for that Programme

Please see the [list of programme providers](#). You can also find details directly from families.leicester.gov.uk/haf. Please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. **Registration will close on Sunday 30 March 2025.** Registration for a HAF place is made direct to the programme provider and details on how to do this are found with the provider listing.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We love school, we love learning and we want your child to do the best that they can. Amazing things happen when they attend school every day and that is what we want every parent and child to strive for. **Here's the legal bit:**

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 school regularly. Regular attendance at school is important so that every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

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.

- We expect you to tell us if your child is not going to be in school and the reason for the absence as soon as possible, preferably before **10.00am** by telephone or email. We have an automated answering service to leave messages concerning absentees. Please do not ask your child to explain.
- We do operate a first day response. If we have not heard from you by **10.00am** you will be contacted to ask why your child is not in school. If we have no valid reason for absence then we have to register it as "unauthorised".

Please ensure that your child is on time for school, as late children can disrupt the start of the school day. The school days starts at 8.40am with **registration at 8.50am**. The school day **finishes at 3.05pm** and the school gates will close at 3.15pm. Children who are regularly late or absent from school can find it hard to keep up with their work and may struggle to build friendships, so it is important that they come to school every day and on time.

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Family Homework!

Thank you to those families who completed the last homework task—wow! We had some great solutions to the problem and we loved seeing how you solved it.

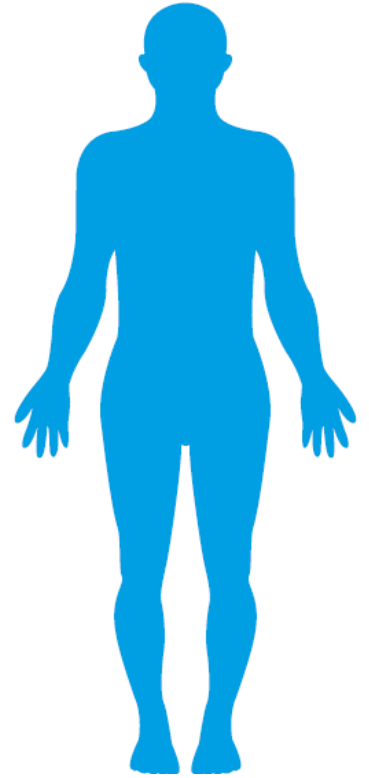
This week's task is:

Facts about humans:

- Humans' arm spans (finger-tip to finger-tip) are about the same length as their height.
- There are about 8 head-lengths to a person's height.

Can you check these facts on you and your family? Is it the same for everyone?

If you have teddies, dolls or adventure figures - see if they have been made to match human shapes!



**Please bring scrapbooks in by
Friday 21st March.**

**The next homework will be sent home on
Friday 28th March.**

Good luck!

Do you find maths tricky? We have teamed up with National Numeracy to help parents boost their confidence. Learn online [here](#).

We are also looking forward to sharing our 'Help your child love maths' ideas with you at two parents events, either 2nd April, 2.30pm or 9th April, 3.30pm

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WEEKLY AWARDS AND ATTENDANCE

CLASS ATTENDANCE

3J: 95.9%
 3W: 98.7%
 4K: 97.7%
 4S: 93.7%
 5G: 97.3%
 5P: 99.0%
 6P: 99.7%
 6S: 98.3%

Overall Attendance from
 29.08.24 - 14.03.25:
 95.9%

WOW AWARDS

3W: Wilfred
 3J: Shnya
 4K: Oliver
 4S: Vina
 5G: Sukhkirat
 5P: Osivwi
 6P: Muhammed
 6S: Sham

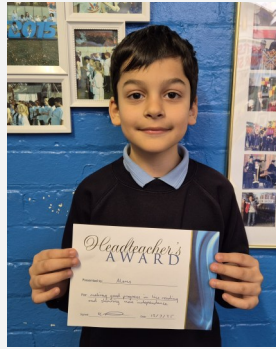
TOP ATTENDANCE: 6P 99.7%
 PUNCTUALITY: 6S
 CLEANEST CLASS:

HOUSE POINTS

1st: RIDLEY 267
 2nd: LATIMER 243
 3rd: CRANMER 236
 3rd: TYNDALE 235

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 - Alans

For making good progress in his reading and showing more independence in his learning.

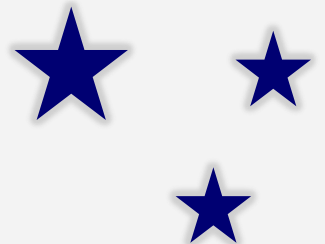
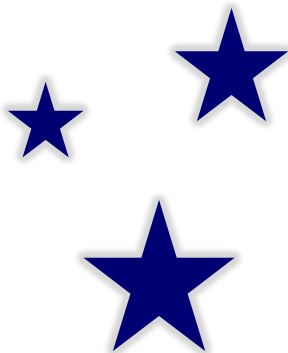


4S - Julia

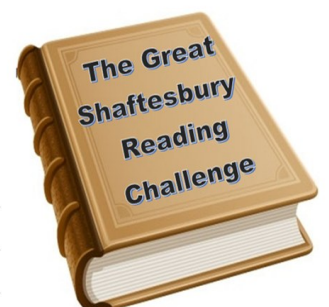
For demonstrating fantastic confidence during the class performance this week, pushing herself out of her comfort zone and reaching the high notes!

WE ❤️ LUNCHTIMES

Bavish 3W: Self-motivation
 Nivi 5P: Kindness
 Abdul 3J: Honesty
 Reggie 4K: Independence
 Jannat 4K: Self-regulation
 Elisavet 4K: Confidence
 Aabiha 6S: Care
 Assia 5G: Self-respect



READING MILES



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