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CHARACTER VALUE OF THE WEEK: QUESTIONING

“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning.” - Albert Einstein



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
School will be CLOSED from
Monday 23rd December 2024 to
Monday 6th January 2025.

It will re-open on
Tuesday 7th January 2025.

*On behalf of all at
Shaftesbury I would like
to wish you a very
Happy Christmas
and
New Year!*

*Here are some other fun facts about
Christmas in England:*

- Christmas pudding was initially made with meat, not fruit. The first recipe for Christmas pudding dates back to the 14th century, and it was called “frumenty.”
- Mince pies were also originally made with meat, not fruit. The first recipe for mince pies dates back to the 13th century, and they were called “minced pies.”
- Decorating Christmas trees began in England in the 19th century. Prince Albert, the husband of Queen Victoria, is credited with popularizing the tradition.
- The first recorded use of the word “Christmas” was in England in 1038.
- The traditional English Christmas dinner includes roast turkey, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, carrots, Brussels sprouts, cranberry sauce, and gravy.

YEAR 3 NATIVITY

The Year 3 children performed really well at this year’s Nativity Play, “TINSEL AND TEA TOWELS.”

Thanks to all the staff who put together this wonderful play and well done to all the children for showing such good talent! Thanks to all the parents & carers for supporting the children and it was nice to see many of you at both the performances. We have recorded the performance and a DVD will be available after the Christmas Holidays.



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TERM DATES

The new term dates for 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 have been agreed and can be found on the school website: <https://www.shaftesbury.leicester.sch.uk/term-dates/>

SOCIAL MEDIA

With Christmas just round the corner and the possibility of children getting new technology as gifts, I thought it would be good to send a timely reminder about ensuring that parents check that their children know how to use the technology safely and responsibly. Many apps and games have age restrictions for a reason and parents need to be aware of this. It is also worth reinforcing that children should use kindness in their online interactions and, as a rule of thumb, not write anything that they wouldn't want their mum reading!
Have a 'safe' Christmas.

SCHOOL MEALS—PARENTPAY

The menu for January - March 2025 is live on ParentPay now. Please book meals as required for the new year.
The deadline to book for the first week back to school will be on Sunday 29th December. All parents should get a reminder email from Chartwells. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, no payment is required but the parents still have to 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. If you have missed booking by the deadline, your child would not be provided with a school meal. A packed lunch would have to be sent from home.



Vote for Shaftesbury!

We have been selected by Tesco as a named nominee for their Stronger Starts fundraising initiative. Next time you are in a Tesco store, have a look out for their Stronger Starts stand and be sure to place a blue coin into the Shaftesbury section.

Our aim is to be able to provide pupils with health snacks during breaktimes. Voting began last week and will continue until January 2025.

For more information, please watch this special video, made for our school by Jessica Ennis-Hill!

<https://tinyurl.com/2u4ep9nw>



NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service. Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common condition	Patient eligibility
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

A summary of the service is available as an [animation](#) and more information can also be found at nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst.

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BBFC - The Card Competition

In partnership with Paramount Pictures UK, the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) called on creative and artistic young minds, offering them a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to design the official **Black Card for Sonic the Hedgehog 3**.

Ruby-Rose from 5G took part and was one of the 1300 children who participated nationwide. **I am delighted to let you know that our own young artist, Ruby was announced as the winner of this year's 'Create The Card' Competition! Well done Ruby for showcasing your artistic skills.**

Congratulations from all at Shaftesbury!

Ruby's entry is a striking, impactful tri-colour design that brilliantly reflects the brief. It conveys a real sense of movement, capturing the spirit of Sonic the Hedgehog as he speeds across the screen. Ruby, alongside her parents attended the Premier of Sonic 3 last week where she met all the cast from Sonic 3, including Hollywood legend Jim Carrey. Please see here an article via BBC Online:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c74xkgej49vo>



Some of our Y6 pupils took part in a BBC Radio Leicester feature for the Breakfast Show.

Listen out on the week commencing 6th January for their opinions on what makes SJS special, their unsung hero and more!



GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS attempt! **Largest Hand Hygiene Lesson** (multiple venue) .

You can see below the children's reaction last Thursday when we found out that... We broke the world record! Across the country 4,492 people joined the lesson, beating the previous record by 468 pupils.

WE'RE WORLD RECORD HOLDERS!

As part of this, four Y6 children were interviewed by the BBC and have already been on the radio that morning. Well done!



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WEEKLY AWARDS AND ATTENDANCE

CLASS ATTENDANCE

3J:	97.4%
3W:	94.7%
4K:	90.6%
4S:	89.7%
5G:	89.0%
5P:	98.0%
6P:	97.5%
6S:	89.7%

Overall Attendance from 29.08.24 - 20.12.24: 96.0%

TOP ATTENDANCE:	5P 98.0%
PUNCTUALITY:	3W
LUNCHTIME:	
CLEANEST CLASS:	

HOUSE POINTS

1st:	RIDLEY 107
2nd:	CRANMER 103
3rd:	TYNDALE 91
4th:	LATIMER 90

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:

Dante 6P, Freya 3J, Julian 6S, Natalia 6P, Luca 4K, Nikola 6P, Naeto 3J, Elisavet 4S. Well done to all!



Our Shaftesbury Digital Leaders were given the exciting opportunity to design a 3D printed trophy for the winners of the 3D enterprise competition. After considering various ideas and designs, the selected design was created by Jack from 6P. 3D Printing Award was won by 3J.

Class Enterprise Award at the Xmas Fair was won by 6P who made £207 on their Toy Tombola stall.

Christmas Hoops Award was won by 3W

WELL DONE TO ALL WHO TOOK PART!

Message from Dave Harris -TEAM Ltd:

"I want to extend my gratitude to all the children who participated in the basketball after school club from September to December. Over the course of these sessions, they have made great progress in developing their basketball skills, including passing, dribbling, shooting, and layups. In addition to skill-building, they also had the opportunity to compete in games against one another. Their behaviour throughout the sessions has been exemplary, and it brings me great joy to present medals to all the children listed below in recognition of their outstanding achievements."

Demilade 6S, Chetveer 6S, Marshall 5G, Mohammed 6S, Khalid 6S, Dante 6P, Alan 6S, Anjel 6P, Jack 6P, Jan 6P.

All children received a medal. The basketball is awarded to Anjel in honour of her outstanding dedication, effort, and progress throughout the sessions.

Anjel has displayed remarkable enthusiasm and a strong eagerness to learn, consistently putting in the hard work to enhance her basketball abilities.

From refining fundamental skills like passing and shooting to showcasing teamwork during competitive games, she has excelled in all aspects. Notably, Anjel also claimed victory in the SUPER Shooter of the Year competition. Her positive attitude and commitment to the sport are truly admirable, making her a well-deserving recipient of this recognition. Well done to all!

READING MILES

