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SHAFTESBURY NEWS



CHARACTER VALUE OF THE WEEK: IMAGINATION

"The world of reality has its limits; the world of imagination is boundless." -

Jean-Jacques Rousseau



Shaftesbury Junior School



YOU ARE INVITED!

We are delighted to invite parents and carers to our Reading Café, a special after-school session celebrating reading and supporting your child's learning.

**Monday 26th January 2026,
3:15pm to 4:30pm,
in the school hall.**

Refreshments Provided!



What to expect:

Enjoy reading alongside your child and explore practical ideas to support reading at home.

Relax and chat in a friendly environment.

Why Reading Is a Superpower for Children

Reading isn't just about words on a page, it's a magical adventure that helps children grow in amazing ways. Every story opens a new door, letting them travel to faraway lands, meet brave heroes, and imagine worlds beyond their own.

When children read, their brains get a workout. They build strong language skills, learn new words, and become better at expressing their thoughts. Reading also boosts focus and memory, kind of like a gym for the mind, but with dragons and detectives!

Best of all, books help children understand feelings, their own and others'. Through stories, they learn empathy, kindness, and problem-solving, all while having fun.

So whether it's a silly picture book or an exciting chapter story, reading helps children dream bigger, think smarter, and smile wider. One book at a time, they're becoming lifelong learners, and that's a pretty awesome superpower!

STAFF NEWS

A very warm welcome to Mrs Natalie Blackwell, who joined us this week as an Office Administrator. Mrs Blackwell has become part of our office staff team, and we are delighted to have her with us. Wishing her all the best at Shaftesbury!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We love and expect to see all children looking smart in the Shaftesbury school uniform which consists of:

- Navy sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece
- White polo shirt
- Black or grey trousers/skirt
- Sensible black shoes

Good quality sweatshirts, cardigans and fleeces with the 'SJS' logo are available from the school office at very reasonable prices, ask at the office for an order form.

Payments can be made online via BACS. No cash or cheques are accepted.

Coffee Morning



Coffee Mornings with Mrs Espley every Wednesday from 8:40am onwards. All are welcome to come along!

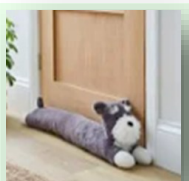
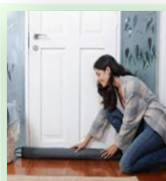
Our School, Our World - Energy Homework Competition

This term, we are learning about Energy. To explore how you can help our environment and save energy, get creative with some art and design activities.

Challenge: Use recycled materials to create a draft stopper.

Be imaginative and have fun!

Please bring your work to school by **Tuesday 17th March 2026.**



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WEEKLY AWARDS AND ATTENDANCE

CLASS ATTENDANCE

3J: 96.5%
 3T: 96.3%
 4K: 94.0%
 4W: 98.6%
 5G: 98.5%
 5P: 96.5%
 6P: 99.4%
 6S: 96.5%

Overall Attendance from
 28.08.25 - 23.01.26:
 96.3%

WOW AWARDS

3T: Milan
 3J: Leo
 4K: Dhruv
 4W: Blanka
 5G: Oliver
 5P: Joanna
 6P: Osivwi
 6S: Sukh

TOP ATTENDANCE: 6P 99.4%
 PUNCTUALITY: 4K
 LUNCHTIME: 3T

HOUSE POINTS

1st: Tyndale 105
 2nd: Cranmer 101
 Latimer 101
 3rd: Ridley 99

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 - Patricia
 For being an enthusiastic Eco-Warrior and caring for our planet.



5P - Martin
 For showing great creativity in his writing and challenging himself further in Maths.

WE ❤️ LUNCHTIMES

- Lilia 5G: Creativity
- Dorian 4K: Kindness
- Ivaniah 4W: Communication
- Luca 6S: Self-motivation
- Scarlette 6P: Kindness
- Isac 6S: Co-operation
- Jannat 5P: Appreciation
- Matei 6S: Sharing

READING MILES



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