

CHARACTER VALUE OF THE WEEK: CURIOSITY

Curiosity is the quiet courage to ask one more question, even when the world thinks it already knows the answer.

HALF-TERM

February half-term will be from **Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February**. Families planning to take a holiday are asked to ensure that any leave is booked within these dates. Please note that absences taken outside of this period would not be authorised. **If your child has unauthorised leave of absence you may be issued with a Penalty Notice of £160 per parent per child (discounted to £80 if paid within 21 days) or, your case could be referred by the Local Authority directly to the Magistrates' Court).**

Thank you for your co-operation.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have a parent governor vacancy here at Shaftesbury. This is a great opportunity to help and support your child's school and to gain insight on how the school is run. If any parents are interested or would like to nominate someone, letters with the election details and nomination forms are available from the school office.

Please send in nominations, no later than **Friday 6th February 2026**.

Reading Café at Shaftesbury Junior School

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at our recent Reading Café. A huge thank you to Cassie from CLS for her fantastic talk on how to support children with reading and the many benefits it brings. It was great to see parents and children enjoying books together and sharing their love of reading. Thank you to everyone who came along and made it such a warm and successful event.

**SCHOOL MEALS**

Parents and carers; this is a gentle reminder that orders need to be completed by midnight on a Sunday, one week before they are due.

Please kindly select meals that your child enjoys, we love to see children eating well at lunchtime!

The catering manager has reported that often children are leaving their meals unfinished because they don't like what has been ordered.

Meals can be ordered via logging in to your ParentPay account at www.parentpay.com.

Please note that all meals must be ordered, including Free School Meals.

YEAR 6 CGP BOOKS

Each child in Year 6 will be provided with a set of books to assist their learning this year in both English and Maths. The three study books will be on loan and will need to be returned back to school after SATs. Please note that if the study books are not returned back to school, then you will be charged an additional £8.00. The accompanying two 10-minute test books will need to be purchased for £6.00, which is a discounted rate directly from the producers CGP. If any of the Year 6 parents are interested in purchasing these books, please make your payment via Parent Pay.

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Join the Safer Internet Day Poster Competition!



To enter, you will need to submit a two-part poster. The student must design one part and the parent / carer must design the other part.

The child part theme: How can I keep myself safe on the internet?

The parent/care part theme: How can I keep my child safe on the internet?

Entries must be handed into Mrs Patel by
Tuesday 10th February

The internet is a powerful place to learn, play, and connect with others, but it also comes with risks, just like the real world. Staying safe online is not about fear or strict rules; it's about **understanding, trust, and teamwork.**

Children should know that they are never alone online and that asking for help is always the right choice. If something feels wrong, confusing, or upsetting, it's important to speak up. Making mistakes online doesn't mean getting in trouble, it means learning and staying safe.

Parents play an important role by staying involved, listening without judgment, and creating a safe space for open conversations. When children feel supported, they are more likely to make smart choices and share concerns early.

When families communicate openly, set clear boundaries, and look out for one another, the internet becomes a safer, more positive place.

Working together helps everyone enjoy the benefits of being online while staying protected.

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WEEKLY AWARDS AND ATTENDANCE

CLASS ATTENDANCE

3J: 95.4%

3T: 97.7%

4K: 100%

4W: 97.2%

5G: 97.7%

5P: 98.1%

6P: 97.1%

6S: 94.5%

Overall Attendance from
28.08.25 - 30.01.26:
96.3%

WOW AWARDS

3T: Yusuf

3J: Afiya

4K: Freya

4W: Damilola

5G: Fallilou

5P: Avinoor

6P: Hatheem

6S: Sakhira

TOP ATTENDANCE: 4K 100%

PUNCTUALITY: 4K

LUNCHTIME: 3T

HOUSE POINTS

1st: Latimer 231

2nd: Ridley 212

3rd: Tyndale 186

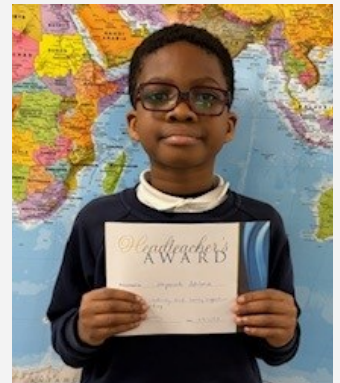
4th: Cranmer 179

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!



4W - Zehna
For working hard and being resilient in her reading and writing. Everyday her confidence continues to grow, keep it up.



4K - Adeyomade
For showing creativity and being supportive to others during computing.

WE ❤️ LUNCHTIMES

Banya 3J: Kindness

Sofia 5P: Empathy and Care

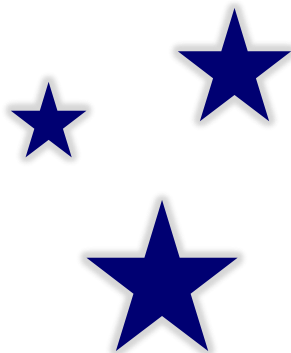
Jaxson 4K: Co-operation

Zenia 6S: Leadership

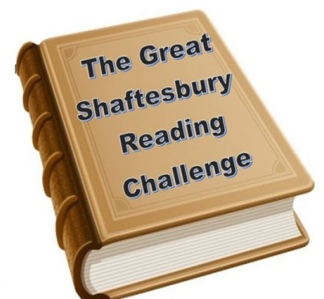
Irene 3J: Co-operation

Sharlet 6P: Acceptance

Shawn 4W: Exploration



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