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**CHARACTER VALUE OF THE WEEK: REFLECTION**

*"We do not learn from experience... we learn from reflecting on experience." — John Dewey*

**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 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

**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.

Please visit our new school website where you will find the latest updates and useful information:

<https://www.shaftesbury.leicester.sch.uk/>

For all the parents who are not aware, we also have a closed group on **Facebook** which can be joined upon request. Here you will find all the latest news, photos, videos etc.

Please inquire at the school office for any further assistance or queries.

*Chinese New Year 2026 begins soon, marking the start of the **Year of the Horse** in the Chinese zodiac. The Horse symbolizes energy, confidence, independence, and forward momentum. Traditionally, Chinese New Year is a time for family reunions, honouring ancestors, and welcoming good fortune through customs like lion dances, red decorations, fireworks, and festive meals. The celebrations last for 15 days and conclude with the Lantern Festival, emphasizing hope, renewal, and prosperity for the year ahead.*

**SHAFTESBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL**  
**Celebrates Chinese New Year 2026**  
**with the Lion dance performance**

*Year of the Fire Horse*

**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**2:00 PM**

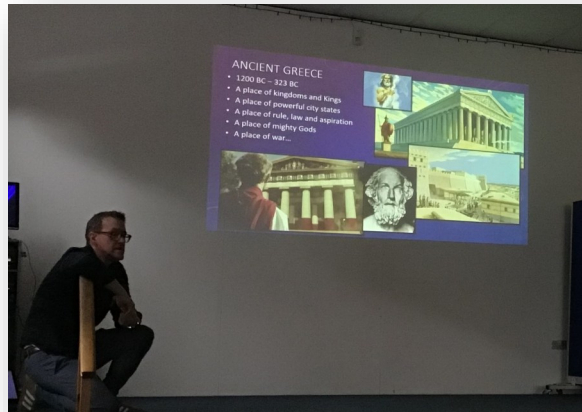
**You are invited**  
**to come along and watch this amazing**  
**spectacle at 2pm in our playground!**

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## ANCIENT GREEK DAY

Last week, Year 5 enjoyed an exciting and immersive Ancient Greek Day with Mr Pepper. The children travelled back in time to learn all about life in Ancient Greece and the Ancient Olympic Games. They discovered how the Olympics began, the events that took place, and how the games were very different from the modern Olympics we know today.

To bring their learning to life, the pupils took part in practical activities and even recorded their own film. Everyone showed fantastic teamwork, creativity, and enthusiasm throughout the day. It was a memorable experience that really helped Year 5 deepen their understanding of this fascinating period in history.



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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 10<sup>th</sup> 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: | 97.6% |
| 3T: | 96.7% |
| 4K: | 98.0% |
| 4W: | 96.6% |
| 5G: | 98.3% |
| 5P: | 98.4% |
| 6P: | 92.6% |
| 6S: | 98.1% |

Overall Attendance from  
28.08.25 - 06.02.26:  
96.3%

### WOW AWARDS

|     |          |
|-----|----------|
| 3J: | Irina    |
| 3T: | Darshita |
| 4K: | Saad     |
| 4W: | Zevion   |
| 5G: | Ibrahim  |
| 5P: | Deborah  |
| 6P: | Aisha    |
| 6S: | Theo     |

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| TOP ATTENDANCE: | 5P 98.4% |
| PUNCTUALITY:    | 3T       |
| LUNCHTIME:      | 3T       |

### HOUSE POINTS

|      |             |
|------|-------------|
| 1st: | Cranmer 353 |
| 2nd: | Latimer 319 |
| 3rd: | Tyndale 316 |
| 4th: | Ridley 304  |

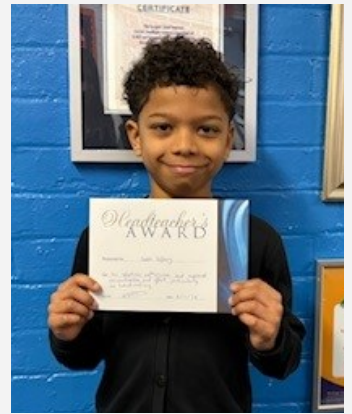
## WEEKLY HEADTEACHER AWARDS

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!



3T - AVA

For showing great determination and learning from her mistakes to better her learning everyday.



3J - ISAAC

For your infectious enthusiasm, improve concentration and effort, particularly with your handwriting.

## WE ❤️ LUNCHTIMES

- Maria 4K: Creativity
- Marshall 6S: Kindness
- Karolina 6P: Creativity and Self-motivation
- Iriana 3T: Self-respect
- Tiche 3J: Self-motivation
- Deekshant 3T: Self-respect
- Imran 6P: Self-respect
- Jamal 6S: Perseverance
- Shawn 4W: Exploration
- Lilia 5G: Caring

### LUNCHTIME FRIENDSHIP CLUB



Exciting work by Annabelle in 4W! These boots were transformed from plain to spectacular.



Ishnoor in 5P showcased her incredible crocheting skills by making this lovely bag.

### READING MILES

