



**Year 6 on World Book Day**

## Update from our Heads of School

Term 4 has been full of opportunity, excitement and lots and lots of learning! From gaining confidence on bikes, to a Trip to The Tower of London, entering a range of sporting competitions, an incredible concert at The Woodville, and our school being inspected - with all the incredible learning that's taken place in between! The children and staff at Shorne have really packed it in and should be incredibly proud of all their hard work and effort. We welcome you to celebrate this term's achievements in our termly newsletter, which also gives you an idea of what's to come next term.

### What are we focusing on?

At Shorne C of E Primary School, we strive to continually improve our offering for the children and families in our community. Our current key priorities are to:

- 1 Continue to improve outcomes in reading and writing, with a focus on children's vocabulary acquisition.
- 2 Ensure that children are challenged to deepen their learning across the curriculum.
- 3 Further develop and embed our updated curriculum so that all children have a broad and high-quality learning experience.
- 4 Improve attendance for all pupils and decrease persistent absenteeism so that children can engage fully in their learning.
- 5 Strengthen our community even further through community engagement, celebration of diversity and ongoing inclusive practice.

We are grateful for feedback from our families, both positive and constructive, in both celebrating our school's progress and shaping things to move them forward. We are excited to share information from our recent inspection with you all as soon as it is published.



## Morph's Art Adventure

Shorne Primary School are delighted to be supporting and taking part in Morph's Epic Art Adventure. The event will be the UK's first step-free art trail, taking place during the summer of 2023.

Find out more on page 3!

*Thank you*



Mrs Prest, Mr Mallinson, and Mr Muggridge

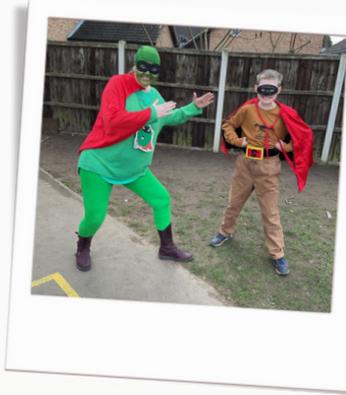
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# World Book Day

# Photo gallery



We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March and really enjoyed seeing the children dressed as their favourite book characters. They all looked fantastic and thoroughly enjoyed showing off their costumes to the parents and spectators during the parade around Shorne Village. Thank you all for making such a tremendous effort.

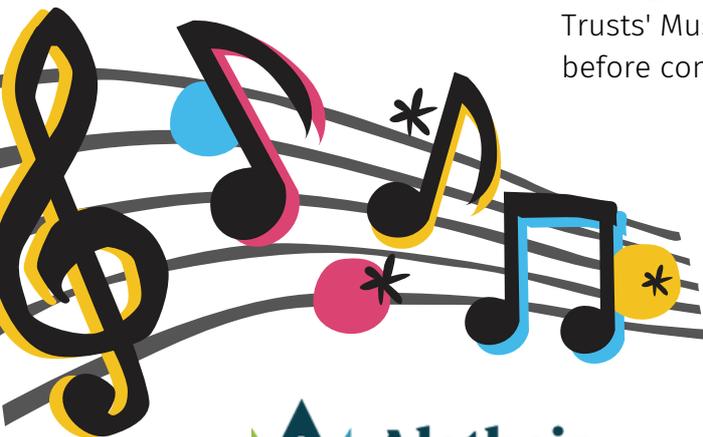
## Thank you FOSS

We would like to say a massive thank you to our fantastic FOSS (Friends of Shorne School) who have organised some wonderful events this term to raise money for the school. Their first Mother's Day Afternoon Tea was a huge success and sold out on both days. It was also great to end the term doing an Easter Egg Hunt around the playground which we all enjoyed!



## A round of applause

On Tuesday 28th March our school choir, led by Mrs Thornley, had the privilege of performing on stage at The Woodville Theatre as part of the Trusts' Music Concert. All 11 schools took and sung individual songs before coming together for the grand finale. Well done Shorne!





## Update from Rabbit Class



This term Rabbit Class have been learning all about traditional stories. They started the term off by telling the Story of the Runaway Pancake. This was followed by pancake racing and then decorating and eating their own pancakes. Goldilocks was next, and they helped Mummy Bear make some more porridge for Baby Bear. It was fun mixing the porridge and trying it too! The children enjoyed making masks and stick puppets of characters from the story. We also enjoyed the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and planted our own magic beans, built castles and enjoyed role playing the story.

For the 3 Little Pigs we built houses from cereal boxes and practised our cutting skills as we designed outfits for the 3 Pigs. We learnt a song to retell the story, which we enjoyed performing to parents at our reading café. The Gingerbread Man story was good fun! We made story maps in groups to retell the story, designed and made our own Gingerbread men and had to break 6 secret counting codes in order to win a real Gingerbread Man to eat!



We have also been investigating 3D shapes. It has been a very busy but fun term which we ended with learning all about Easter – enjoying our first visit to the church for the Easter service, creating an Easter garden and a flower cross.



## Update from Hedgehog Class

On Wednesday 1st March, Hedgehog Class visited The Tower of London. For most children, it was their first experience of travelling by coach and they were really excited by the sights of the London skyline. We explored The Tower and visited the crown jewels and took part in a workshop all about our History topic - The Great Fire of London. We learnt many facts and tried hard to understand what it would have been like to be alive in 1666!



## Marvellous Morph!

Thank you to everyone who designed a mini Morph picture over the last half term - we received over 100 of them! These gave us lots of wonderful ideas which helped to design our Morph sculpture and he is really starting to take shape now. A huge thank you to Mrs Bond for all her support. She has been helping out and sharing lots of amazing artistic advice! We will keep you posted on Morph's progress.



# What have our Otters been up to

In Year 2 we have been super artists this term! They have looked at the artist Henri Rousseau and Vincent Van Gogh and studied their techniques and styles to create their own pieces. They created group pictures in the style of Henri Rousseau, using a variety of materials to layer up the background to their jungle pictures before adding animals as a final touch. For their starry night pictures, everyone had a section to complete and using different shades of blue and thin paintbrushes, they used small brushstrokes to mimic Van Gogh's style to create a whole class picture. Some of them created individual pieces in their own time using pencils.



Our class book this term has been 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt. We have written rhyming and list poems about different colours and shades, written descriptive writing and wrote a letter to Duncan (the boy from the book) to try and persuade him to choose us as his favourite colour. We create our own pages in the style of the book and created a whole class display based on our incredible art work and writing!

We also had fun doing our Learn to ride experience. The children had the opportunity to learn how to ride a bike and sharpen their skills for those that could already ride. The children had a great time and confidence grew throughout.



## Lots of fun in Fox Class

On Monday 27th March 2023, Fox Class took part in a fantastic art day, in preparation for the St George's Day Parade in Gravesend next month. They worked with a local artist, using natural materials to create a stallion to ride down the High Street! Fox Class learnt how to manipulate willow branches and fix them together to create a frame, which was then covered in a special type of tissue paper and PVA glue to bring their horses to life. In the afternoon they set to work to create armour and a helmet, following instructions carefully step by step, to transform ourselves into St George.



*We had a wonderful day!*



# Update from Dolphin Class



Year 4 have had a wonderful time enjoying using the computer suite this term.



They have particularly enjoyed using the website Turtle Academy to program a turtle to move to make different shapes. They have learnt a number of different codes to help create an algorithm.

## Easter Service

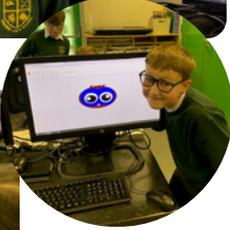
We had a wonderful Easter Service on Wednesday 29th March. Our Year 3 and 4 class were truly fantastic in leading the service. The singing was truly mesmerising and filled the space wonderfully. The children spoke beautifully and were a real credit to the school.



# Panda Class

Like Year 4, Year 5 have had great fun in the computing suite. Our focus this term has been creating vector diagrams.

Here are just a few.



## Shocking news!

Year 5 had an electric term learning all about circuits, cells, buzzers and propellers, all in the name of science of course. The children quickly learned how to adapt circuits to a given set of criteria, and that a motor was a great way to create a perfect circle (a steady hand was of course required!)



# Tiger Class

This term Year 6 have been lucky enough to share some of their favourite stories with Rabbit class! They loved reading with the younger children!



# Shorne's STAR Awards

**RESILIENCE – COMMUNITY - RESPECT**



<b>Year R</b>	Sadie	Georgina	Harlow
<b>Year 1</b>	George	Ella	Gabriella
<b>Year 2</b>	Sam	Sid	Emelia
<b>Year 3</b>	Harry J	Thomas	Ayra
<b>Year 4</b>	Teddy W	Cece	Darlie-Beau
<b>Year 5</b>	Isla P	Sam	Gabriella
<b>Year 6</b>	Selina	Aidan	Darcey



## Term 4 pics



*PJ Day - 6th Feb*



*Pancake Day - 21st Feb*



*Turkiye/Syria Fundraiser*

## Staffing update

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Claire Ede back following her maternity leave. We are pleased that Ms Paffett will be continuing with us on Tuesdays in Year 4.

## FRENCH CORNER

<b>le Pâques</b>	Easter
<b>le carême</b>	Lent
<b>le vendredi saint</b>	Good Friday
<b>le printemps</b>	Spring
<b>des oeufs en chocolat</b>	Chocolate eggs
<b>une jonquille</b>	a daffodil
<b>un lapin</b>	a rabbit
<b>un agneau</b>	a lamb
<b>un poussin</b>	a chick



## ICT Suite up and running



We are delighted the computer suite is finally up and running and each class has had the opportunity to use it. Year 4 have had lots of fun learning how to guide a turtle using some programmed codes.



## Pupil Attendance

Improving pupil attendance is a key priority here at Shorne. We are committed to supporting children and families to ensure every child meets their potential and can flourish.

Whilst we understand that there are some instances where children are unable to attend school, where it is possible, children should be in school benefiting from the academic, social, emotional, moral, spiritual, cultural and personal development opportunities that we offer here at Shorne.

### When can my child be absent from school?

When you register your child at school, you have a legal duty to ensure your child attends that school regularly. This means that your child must attend every day that the school is open, unless:

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- Your child is too ill to attend that day.
  - You have asked in advance and been given permission by the school for your child to be absent on that day due to exceptional circumstances.
  - Your child cannot attend school on that day because it is a day you are taking part in religious observance.
  - Your local authority is responsible for arranging your child's transport to school and it is not available on that day or has not been provided yet; or
  - You are a gypsy/traveller family with no fixed abode, and you are required to travel for work that day meaning your child cannot attend their usual school.

In most circumstances, however, your child is required to attend another school temporarily during such absences.

These are the only circumstances where schools can permit your child to be absent. Please visit our website for our Attendance Policy, and you can access the most up-to-date information about your child's attendance on Arbor.

### Medical reminder

Thank you all for keeping your child's details up to date on Arbor by adding new conditions and also removing ones they no longer suffer from. A polite reminder that we are unable to administer prescribed medication if given three times per day. We can only do so, if prescribed four times per day and the necessary paperwork has been completed. Please ensure any Epipens and Inhalers required by your child are in school at all times and expired ones are replaced. At no time, should a child have any medication on themselves in school ie paracetamol, calpol, creams etc. This also applies to suntan lotions.

Many thanks for your assistance as always.

We now have a Family Liaison Officer - Mrs Reason - who is very happy and able to support families in many ways, including in relation to pupil attendance.



Mrs C Reason

FAMILY LIAISON OFFICER



# Shorne Sports news!

## Football

Well done to all of those children who took part in our recent football events, including the semi final of the O'Reilly shield and the Easter 7's tournament at Riverview. Everyone who took part represented Shorne brilliantly and a fun time was had by all.

## Bike Balance

Children from our Reception and Year 1 class took part in a Balance Bike Course run by the team at Take Pride. The course enables the children to practice balancing, gain confidence and develop the skills needed when riding a bike. There were a couple of nerves initially, but they went from strength to strength! A huge thanks to Deborah and Aniello from Take Pride for your expert teaching and valuable knowledge!



## Netball

On Tuesday 28th February, nine Aletheia Academies Trust's Primary schools battled it out in a Trust Netball Tournament. All the schools came together and showed fantastic sportsmanship and teamwork in trying to win points to count towards the final score. Well done to Stone who took 1st Place, Sutton-at-Hone who came 2nd, and St Botolph's who came 3rd!



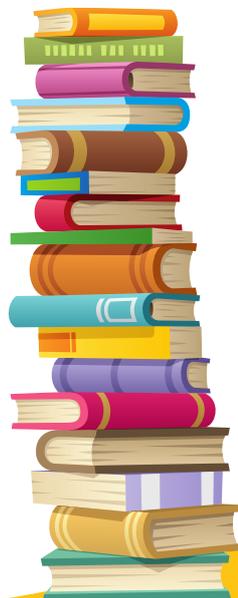
So far this academic year, we have read a grand total of:

**16,835,175 words!**

## Accelerated Reader Word Count: **UPDATE**

Our readers with the highest average % correct in their quizzes who have read on average 25 or more minutes per day are:

Thomas in Y2 – 98.6%  
Thomas in Y3 – 98.8%  
Harry in Y4 – 98.8%  
Brielle in Y5 – 100%  
Selina in Y6 – 100%



Our readers who have read the most words per class this term are:

Foley in Y2 – 54,080  
Thomas in Y3 - 183,337  
Harry in Y4 - 327,388  
Isla in Y5 - 151,176  
Lily in Y6 - 229,219

# Easter Prayers



God, thank you for the gift of hope and new life, the greatest gift of all!

Let your light surround those we love today and forevermore.

Amen

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OUR LORD HAS  
WRITTEN THE PROMISE  
OF RESURRECTION, NOT  
IN BOOKS ALONE, BUT  
IN EVERY LEAF IN  
SPRINGTIME.

*Martin Luther*

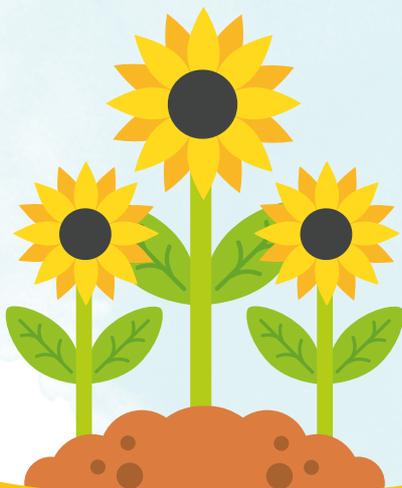


## Gardening Club

Mid term we were lucky enough to receive four mini fruit trees to plant in our new garden from the charity 'From the Ground Up'. Mr Beal our Sit Manager planted our own mini orchard of fruit trees which we will look after.

Gardening Club will commence next term as the weather improves. The Spring bulbs we planted in the Autumn have begun to sprout and the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Garden at the front of the school is beginning to spring to life! Gardeners next term will be planting seeds, creating a wildflower meadow area, sensory area, bug hotels and painting the fences and tables. We will also be designing and planting up the flower beds in the summer ready for the grand opening in July. If anyone has any seeds or herbs they would be willing to donate we would be very grateful.

We look forward to sharing photos of our garden in full bloom.



# Diary Dates

## Key Dates - Term 5

Keep up-to-date  
with our news and  
events on our  
Facebook page!



**Monday 17th April - Staff Development Day**

**Tuesday 18th April - First day of Term 5**

**Friday 21st April - Crazy Hair Day**

**Friday 21st April - St George's Day Parade, Year 3**

**Monday 24th April - Parent Consultations**

**Tuesday 25th April - Year R trip to Horton Kirby**

**Wednesday 26th April - Parent Consultations**

**Friday 28th April - Krispy Kreme Sale**

**Monday 1st May - Bank holiday, school closed**

**Friday 5th May - FOSS King's Coronation Street Party**

**Monday 8th May - Bank holiday, school closed**

**Saturday 20th May - Bootfair/table top sale**

**Friday 26th May - Last day of Term 5**

**HAPPY  
EASTER  
EVERY  
BUNNY**