



# Shorne C of E Primary School

Term 2 newsletter

December 2024

## Introducing our new school *values*

At our school, we deeply value Resilience, Community, and Respect. These principles shape who we are and guide our daily actions.

**LOVE** *your neighbour*

**LEARN** *from the Good Samaritan*

**LIVE** *with open hearts and minds*



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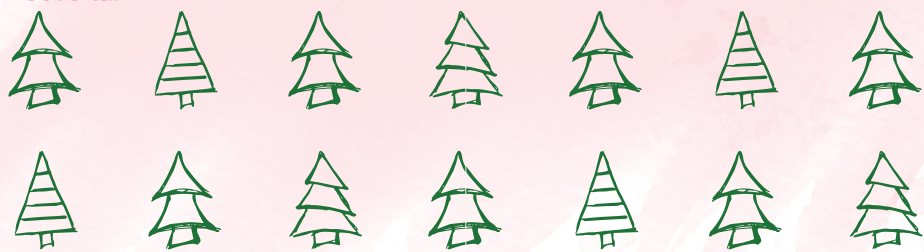


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**A Christmas message  
from Miss Hewett, Head  
of School and Mr Syrett,  
Chair of Governors**



Dear Parents,

Throughout this term, we've been launching our Christian vision: Love, Learn, Live. This has been developed alongside the children and incorporates the story of the Good Samaritan, which is woven into our behaviour policy. The children are beginning to articulate the importance of loving our neighbour as we learn from the Good Samaritan and living with open hearts and minds. This forms our vision and is consistently linked to our collective worship. It also aligns with our Christian values of resilience, community, and respect.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who work incredibly hard for the children and I would also like to thank FOSS, for supporting the school and for organising of the incredible events that have taken place this term.

Finally, the festive season is on the doorstep. Christmas is such a special time of year, the opportunity to spend time with our families and taking time to reflect on and appreciate all that we are thankful for. I obviously want to wish all our families a wonderful Christmas break with lots of time for family fun, food and festivities.

I always feel privileged that I get to spend part of the Christmas period with young children, for surely, Christmas is the perfect time of year for being around young people. The pure joy, innocence, and magic of Christmas for children is simply infectious.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year, and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Best Wishes,  
Miss Hewett

Thought we would take time out just to say a massive thank you for your support of our School and our members of staff. It's very much appreciated. Now is the time to pull your family and friends around you and in their warm celebrate Christmas. In the spirit of our Schools Vision and the story of the Good Samaritan it's time for giving as well as receiving and rejoice in God's love.

**Enjoy the festive break and  
we'll see you in the new year.  
Merry Christmas and a Happy  
New Year to you all.**



# SHORNE SPOTLIGHT

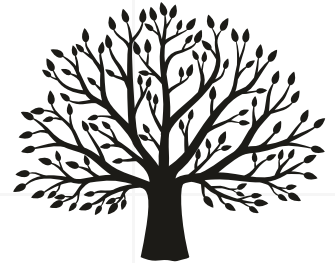


## on...Mr Mallinson

Get to know our Deputy Head Teacher Mr Mallinson in the second of our new feature - Shorne Spotlight! Here are five things you may not know about him!



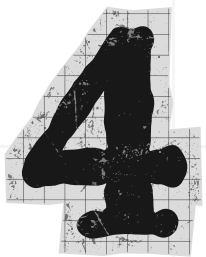
A proud Yorkshireman, as the children know from when my accent slips(!), I was born in Huddersfield. Most of my extended family still live there but both my parents and my brother all now live down south.



I am a very proud Dad of two daughters – Elin (Swedish name pronounce 'yaylin') and Emily. Elin is about to go travelling after finishing University while Emily is in the second year of her studies. Both daughters are studying Psychology.



I love sport of any kind and played as many sports as I could growing up. My favourite sports would be cricket, rugby and football. I suspect I get this from my Dad, who used to play football back in the days when the ball was like concrete when it got wet. He is still better than me and he's nearly 80!



Music is another passion of mine, which I must get from my Mum (an accomplished singer), and play the piano, guitar, drums and clarinet (with varying degrees of ability). The children will often hear me on the keyboard or piano at school, or listening to all genres of music in the classroom, though my singing days definitely finished when I left school.



After University I went to law school and became a solicitor specialising in tax law. While working in London, I volunteered at my daughters' primary school and this set me on the path to teaching. It made me realise the effect I could have on future generations so I signed up to train as a teacher and qualified in 2012. It was the best decision I have made.



**I love teaching and making lessons fun and engaging. Seeing children develop as learners and people are the proudest moments I witness.**

*Warm regards, Steve Mallinson, Deputy Head of School*





# SHORNE *News*

We attended a short service at St Peter & St Paul's Church in honour of Remembrance Day. We all came together to pay our respects with a two minute silence and each class laid a poppy wreath that they had made.



**Our star bakers at Cooking Club supported Children in Need by making delicious cupcakes!**

## *Thanks from us*



Thank you, as always, for your support towards the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - we raised **£332.37!**



Wear it Pink day raised **£2,555** across all the schools in the Trust for Breast Cancer Now! Thank you for supporting this cause.



Back in November, Head Boy/Girl and Deputy Head Boy/Girl delivered hundreds of items to the Gravesham Foodbank, thanks to your very generous donations towards our Harvest Festival collection. These were gratefully received by our community.

Leo in Hedgehog Class joined his Grandad Bryan who is Chairman of Kent County Council, at the Kent Civic Launch of the Poppy Appeal 2024. It was an event at County Hall in Maidstone with the Royal British Legion and members of Kent's military. Leo presented his poppy to the High Sheriff of Kent, Gill Fargher. Well done Leo - fantastic achievement!









# Healthy Selfie

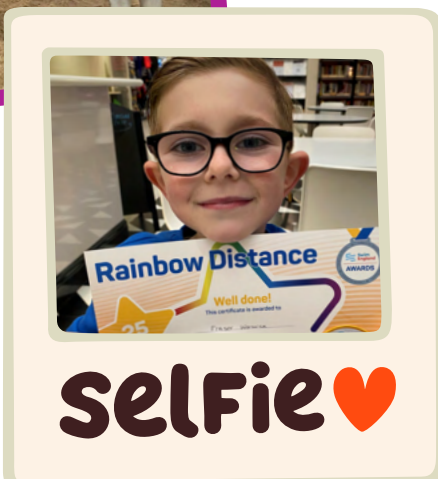


## Healthy Selfie Campaign!

This fabulous campaign aims to encourage our children and families to showcase how we stay active and to celebrate healthy lifestyles together. The idea is simple yet impactful! Whether it's walking to school, participating in sports clubs, tackling our weekly challenges, taking active breaks, enjoying trampolining in the garden, engaging in active learning, exploring nature, or cooking up delicious healthy meals and snacks, we want to see what you're up to!

**Don't forget to share what you get up to over the festive season!**

# Live HEALTHY






**Selfie** ❤️





# Shorne's STAR Awards

	RESILIENCE 	COMMUNITY 	RESPECT 
Year R	Florence G	Zekhye	Polly
Year 1	Theo C	Luna	Layla
Year 2	Chase	Ariadne	Frank
Year 3	Thomas	Lenny	Ben
Year 4	Ben	Ella	Eleanor
Year 5	Ellis	Aziz	Kalel
Year 6	Tommy	Emily	Isla

Year 5 won best attendance with 96.26%

House winners (Term 2) are: Nickleby

Our STAR Award winners!



## Writer of the Week

A huge congratulations to our winners in Term 2:

Cece, Tommy R, Oliver M, Beth, Theo D and Joseph



## New books!

**Thank you** to everyone who was able to come to our travelling book fair this term. With the money raised we have brought a brand new selection of books to add to our library!



## Accelerated Reader Achievements:

This academic year, we have read a grand total of:

**4,479,946 words!**

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

Year 2: Georgie 25,087

Year 3: Ben 210,418

Year 4: Sid 91,759

Year 5: Matthew 335,719

Year 6: Harry S 156,664



## Rabbit Class



Rabbits have been learning about traditional tales this term. We've planted beans, made vegetable (turnip) soup, roleplayed as little red riding hood, collaged gingerbread men and made houses for the 3 little pigs.



WE'VE ALSO  
HAD LOTS OF  
CHRISTMAS  
FUN!

## Hedgehogs



This term, Year 1 performed a magical nativity. The children all worked hard to perfect their performance and we are so proud of them.



Year 1 have also been working hard in the classroom too. The children have engaged brilliantly with their R.E big question: "why does Christmas matter to Christians?". We enjoyed learning about the story of Jesus' birth and worked together to recognise the different characters. Hedgehog Class have written wonderful letters to Santa. They made sure to tell Santa about new things they have learnt and their achievements so far.



## Otters



This term we have been looking at the story of the Grek Kapok Tree. We discovered the different layers of the rainforest, what it is like in each layer and the different types of animals that you find there. We then focused on writing a persuasive letter to the people who want to cut down the Kapok Tree to encourage them to leave the tree alone! We have also looked at the artist Henri Rousseau and were inspired by his painting 'Tiger in the tropical storm' and our story to create a collage of the Kapok tree and the animals that live there.



We also had an extra special surprise this term, Buddy our elf wrote us a special letter asking us to write an extra copy of our Christmas letters in case Rudolph got hungry and nibbled our original letters! After spending the morning writing our letters on magic paper, we walked to the post box to deliver them to Father Christmas!

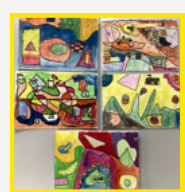




# Foxes

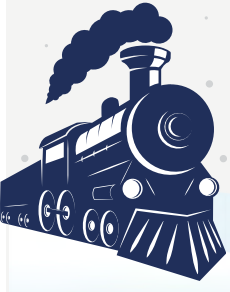


Term 2 has been a truly magical time in Foxes class!



In Art, we explored Kandinsky's work, researching his techniques and then creating our own abstract artwork. What a festive term it has been!

We have fully embraced the Christmas spirit, creating a plethora of delightful Christmas crafts. The highlight of our festivities was our wonderful trip to the cinema to see The Polar Express. To add to the excitement, we returned to school with a ticket for the Polar Express itself! Inspired by the film, we've been busy crafting our own Polar Express bells, which we can all hear ringing whenever we believe.



*Believe*

# Tiger Class



Year 6 have worked very hard this term, including: tackling the dreaded fractions in maths; completing some lovely writing, showing off their ability to use a very formal tone to write an estate agent advert; dropping eggs off of the roof in science; and making excellent progress whilst very much enjoying their swimming lessons in PE.



Towards the end of this term we had a fun afternoon out at Gillingham Ice Rink to watch Alladin on Ice and, as always, Elf Day was a great success with the children persevering to make tea-light holders from clay.



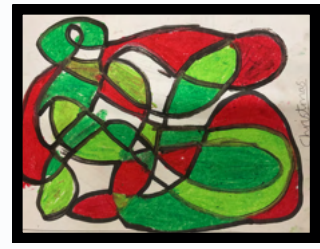
# Dolphin Class



As always Term 2 seems to fly by, especially towards the end with all the Christmas activities. A highlight of the term has to be the class trip to see The Polar Express. The children were a credit to the school and loved continuing the theme for the day back in class – see the photos for what you get when you let the children loose with your iPad!



In English we created our own song around the story 'The Emperor's New Clothes'. We hope you all liked the video we shared. Art was all about Klee and Kandinsky – abstract art – using geometric shapes or taking a line for a walk. Some amazing pieces of art were created – a festive favourite attached.



# Year 5 Pandas



Pandas Class has had a fantastic and busy term. In English, we have been engrossed in the novel Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. The book has sparked some amazing creative work, particularly in writing. Inspired by Michael's experiences on the island, the children wrote diary entries and survival guides based on the skills and knowledge Michael acquires during his time on the island.



Meanwhile, in History, we investigated the fascinating topic of Ancient Egypt. The children took great pride in researching their chosen gods, creating detailed fact files on their qualities, roles, and importance in Egyptian society. As Christmas approached, we had a delightful and creative time, with Elf Day bringing out the children's artistic talents! They created charming snowmen using socks!





# Diary Dates



## Key Dates - Term 2

Monday 6th January	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 7th January	Term 3 begins
Friday 24th January	Young Voices
Wednesday 29th January	Chinese New Year
Friday 14th February	Term 3 finishes

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