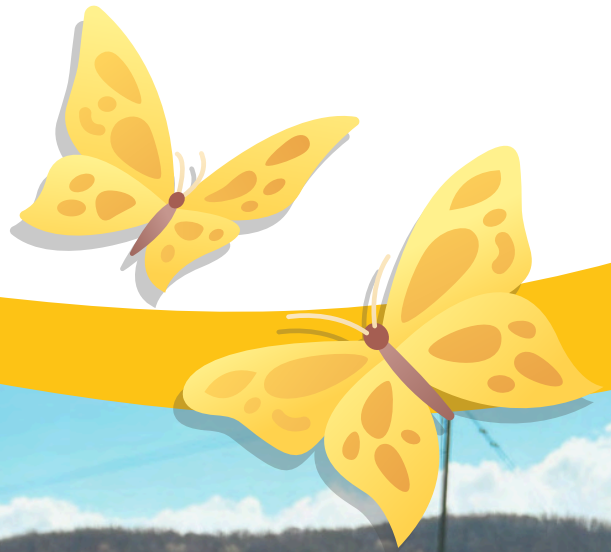




# Shorne C of E Primary School

Term 4 newsletter

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## Spring has sprung!

**Harley, our Dog Mentor, has been enjoying the nice weather!**



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## A message from Miss Hewett

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Term 4 draws to a close, I am delighted to reflect on the exciting events and achievements we've shared. Our FOSS Mother's Day Afternoon Tea was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the amazing women in our children's lives, while Crazy Hair Day brought a splash of colour and creativity to our school! Thank you to our FOSS members for organising these events.

We also had a series of sporting tournaments, where our pupils showcased their talents and sportsmanship, and our celebration of World Book Day inspired a love of reading across all year groups. Additionally, our participation in the Trust Choir event was a highlight, demonstrating the power of music and collaboration within our community.

Having been in education for the last 25 years, it is worth noting that this is a very challenging time with budget constraints and recruitment crises. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for their amazing work and unwavering commitment to providing those extra opportunities for the pupils at our school.

I also welcome the support of parents, as parental engagement is key to a successful relationship and outcomes for our children. Throughout the term, we have continued to review our School Improvement Plan. Our senior leaders work closely with the Trust Improvement Team to ensure that we are consistently providing the best possible education for our children. This process involves ongoing monitoring and collaboration with governors, all dedicated to our shared goal of continuous improvement.

**Thank you for your ongoing support.**

**We look forward to more exciting experiences in the coming term!**

*Best Wishes, Miss Hewett*



## Trust Choir Event



Our school choir took part in the Trust Choir Concert at the end of March and were fantastic! They sung beautifully and were so confident with their performance. Thank you to Miss Morgan for leading our choir and making it happen!

# SHORNE *News*



A huge thank you to Elaine Rothwell for donating over 40 strawberry plants. Eco Club had a fun time planting them!



Thank you, as always, for your support towards Comic Relief - we raised **£160!**



Thank you to our amazing volunteers who come in weekly and give up your spare time to support our pupils.



A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils who organised a fantastic fundraising afternoon for charity and raised over **£500!** Thank you to everyone who supported them!

## Term 4 pics



*Comic Relief*



*Easter Egg Hunt!*



## *Easter egg collection*

Over 70 Easter eggs were delivered to Gravesham Foodbank, thanks to your wonderful generosity. Head Boy/Girl and Deputies had the great privilege of delivering the donations to families most in need over the Easter period.

## Easter Church Service

This term, along side Year 6, Hedgehog Class confidently took on the role of leading the Easter Church Service. They performed brilliantly and took great pride in sharing their understanding of the Easter story with everyone who attended. Well done Year 1 and 6!







## 'DON'T DROP LITTER' COMPETITION WINNERS!



A huge well done to our winners and to everyone who took part in our poster competition. We received over 50 entries in total!! The children really engaged with the task and it was wonderful to see so many fantastic designs.

Congratulations to **Nevaya** in Year 5 who was our overall winner with her wonderful eye-catching design. First prize went to **Luna** in Year 1 and **Rosie** in Year 6, and our Highly Commended award went to **Jax** in Year 1 and **Jack** in Year 6.



A huge thank you to Julia and **Shorne Wildlife Community Group** for all their support with this campaign. It was great to collaborate with them on such an important project and we are excited to put these posters up around the village to help prevent littering!



## TEAM Shorne!

### Maidstone Pretty Muddy 5k 2025

At Shorne, we are relentlessly exploring ways to give back to our local community and various charitable causes, and are excited to announce that a team of eight dedicated members of staff have signed up to participate in the Maidstone Pretty Muddy 5k, a Cancer Research UK Race for Life event. This event will take place on **Saturday, 5th July**, at Mote Park.

*Cancer Research is an incredibly vital charity. Our Head of School, Miss Hewett, serves as a significant motivation for our participation in this challenge. Her remarkable resilience has been a beacon of strength as she resumes her full-time role in leading our school, and we are immensely grateful for the support she has received.*

All donations towards this event would be gratefully received. You can donate by following the link below:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/team-shorne>

## My Mum

Year R, 1 and 2 drew pictures for Mother's Day and they were in the Kent messenger



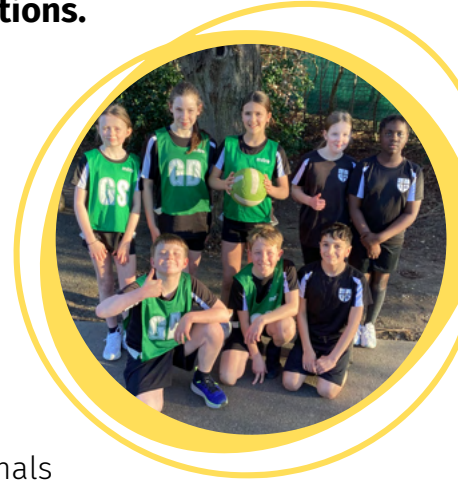


# Shorne Sports news!

**It has been an extremely busy term for sports at Shorne, and we couldn't be prouder of every student who has taken part. Together, they have truly embodied our core school values of Respect, Community, and Resilience throughout our various competitions.**

## Netball

We kicked off the term with a thrilling Netball match against Dartford Bridge Community Primary School. Our team played excellently, showcasing their skills and teamwork, and emerged victorious with an impressive 12-1 win! A special shout-out to Darlie-Beau for her outstanding performance, scoring six goals, and Harry Sholl, who secured a commendable hat-trick!



## Girls Football

Next, our girls competed in the Quarter Finals of the Woodhead Shield against Riverview. They displayed tremendous spirit and determination, battling valiantly, though we were unfortunately knocked out at this stage. A huge congratulations is in order for Meadow, who held her own brilliantly against players two years her senior — what a remarkable achievement!

## Boys Football

The boys took centre stage with a Saturday tournament in the Hughes Shield. Despite being up against two larger schools, our students demonstrated excellent football skills and sportsmanship. Though we didn't progress beyond the group stages, the boys truly acted as brilliant ambassadors for Shorne, with Jude scoring an impressive goal and Harry making an incredible play that nearly secured our progress.



## Year 5 and 6 - Basketball

Subsequently, a mixed team of Year 5 and 6 boys and girls participated in a Basketball competition. They worked seamlessly together, winning one of our matches thanks to a basket scored by Rihanna Tough. Our final game was a nail-biting shootout where, unfortunately, we lost on points.

## Year 5 and 6 - Tag Rugby

To cap off a fantastic term, we entered a tag rugby tournament with high hopes and began with a splendid 4-1 victory against Saint Georges, featuring tries by Rihanna and Charlie. While we faced a narrow 3-2 loss in the next game, we bounced back with two more wins, including a debut try for Jacob! In the playoff for 3rd and 4th place against Halling, we were just unlucky, with Olivia's try being disallowed in the dying moments of the game.





# Shorne's StAR Awards

	RESILIENCE 	COMMUNITY 	RESPECT 
Year R	Oliver	Bertie	Winnie
Year 1	Sienna	Thea	Alex D
Year 2	Henry	Parker	Isabella
Year 3	Maya	Cameron	Bobby
Year 4	Louisiana	Drew	Georgie
Year 5	Jacob	Rene	Charlie
Year 6	Darlie-Beau	Tom-Henry	Jack

*Our StAR Award winners!*



**Year 6 won best attendance!**

**House winners (Term 4) are: Copperfield**

## World Book Day

Staff and pupils had a great time celebrating World Book Day! We had a brilliant day - thank you for all your efforts!

**Special mention to Matthew in Year 5 who has read over 1 million words this year!**

## Accelerated Reader Achievements:

This term, we have read a grand total of:

**4,033,680 words!**

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

**Year 2 - Max 29,671**

**Year 3 - Ben 261,457**

**Year 4 - Sam 104,389**

**Year 5 - Matthew 331,157**

**Year 6 - Ted W 141,293**

Word total for each year group

**Year 2 - 182,380**

**Year 3 - 875,931**

**Year 4 - 740,795**

**Year 5 - 1,305,066**

**Year 6 929,508**





## Rabbit Class

This term, Rabbits have been learning about dinosaurs! We've learned about a different dinosaur every day including where they lived, what they ate and how big they were! We have made our own fossils, investigated dino-poo to see if the dinosaurs were herbivores, carnivores or omnivores and written some dinosaur fact files.



We've also been learning about spring and Easter, and we enjoyed making some chocolate cornflake nests!



## Otters



We've had another busy and creative term in Year 2 from learning our 2, 5 and 10 times tables, to creating fact files about foxes after thoroughly enjoying our class book 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roahl Dahl to thinking about why Easter is an important celebration for Christians!

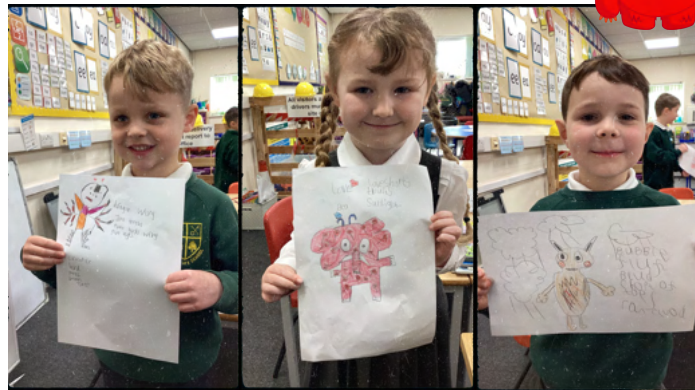
We're really looking forward to our school trip to Wingham Wildlife Park next term!



## Hedgehogs



Hedgehog Class have been working hard and trying their best in all of their lessons this term. In English, the children enjoyed their new class book Monstersaurus! The main character Monty loves inventing but things do not always go to plan... Monty inspired the children to create their own monsters and write their own recipes on how to make their wonderful monster creations.



In PE we have been learning many different skills, such as developing their ability to accurately throw or roll a ball towards a target, and to work in a team in a competitive situation.

All children have displayed excellent team work and were able to congratulate their partner when they were successful.



In Art this term we have been looking at flowers and we studied the artist Georgia O'Keeffe who is famous for her close up paintings of flowers. We created our own pictures using chalks, oil pastels and paint throughout the term. In DT this term, we created our own cous cous recipes and at the end of the term we make our recipes with the help of our grown ups! It was a very tasty afternoon!

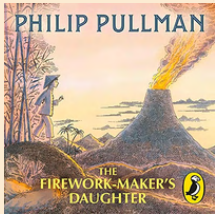






What a bustling term it has been in Year 3! The children have made fantastic progress, and their hard work truly shines through in everything they produce. In History, we've delved into the captivating Anglo-Saxon tale of Beowulf, sparking plenty of discussions and creativity.

Our English lessons have been equally enjoyable as we've immersed ourselves in "The Firework-Maker's Daughter," resulting in some delightful pieces of writing.



In PE, we have been learning Handball, applying their previously acquired skills to this exciting new sport, and they've been having a blast! To top it all off, we had an exhilarating dance workshop where everyone showcased their moves and embraced a brand-new routine.

## Tiger Class



We have had a very busy term in Year 6, concentrating on our maths and reading learning in preparation for the SATs exams next term. In writing, the children have been using specific sentence structures to fire their imaginations and successfully improve their compositions.



However, we have tried to have some fun as well - the weather has been kind and we have shared our PE lessons with Year 5, playing handball and practicing refereeing skills.

We have also used frame structures in DT to make colourful kites (some of them even managed to fly - sort of!). Next term we will begin final preparations for the SATs which begin on 12th May but subsequent to that, the children will have lots to look forward to!



## Dolphin Class



This term Year 4 might seem to have been all about fractions and decimals. Around this, however, we have been studying the text 'How to be a Viking' and writing our own stories around our character overcoming a fear.

We can't forget swimming, and all the children had a great time celebrating their hard work with a fun session with the wave machine!



Our art work was around cityscapes and pointillism (using dots to make up an image). See a couple of pictures of some great end of unit examples.

## Year 5 Pandas



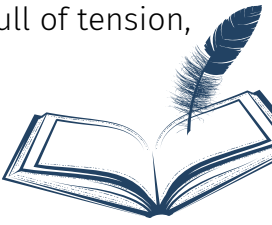
Year 5 have had a fantastic term filled with sport and creative writing! In our PE unit on handball, we teamed up with Year 6 on numerous occasions.

The children showed incredible teamwork throughout. They also had the chance to take on the role of referees in various games, and it's been amazing to watch their confidence grow over the term!



In writing lessons, our stimulus was Cogheart by Peter Bunzl, a vividly written Victorian inspired steampunk novel. The children started by crafting compelling persuasive letters on the rights of the characters within the story. We then shifted our focus to expanding vocabulary and exploring suspenseful writing techniques to craft their own narratives. These stories were full of tension, excitement, and imagination.

Overall, it's been a term filled with growth, creativity, and collaboration!





# Diary Dates

## Key Dates - Term 5 and 6



<b>Tuesday 22nd April</b>	<b>Term 5 begins</b>
<b>Wednesday 23rd April</b>	<b>St George's Day parade, Gravesend - Year 3</b>
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Year 6 Parent Meeting - Residential Trip, 2.45pm</b>
<b>Monday 12th May</b>	<b>Year 1 and 2 Trip to Wingham Wildlife Park</b>
<b>Thursday 15th - Friday 16th May</b>	<b>Year 4 overnight trip to Chatham Dockyard</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Class Photos</b>
<b>Tuesday 20th May</b>	<b>World Bee Day</b>
<b>Friday 23rd May</b>	<b>Term 5 finishes</b>
<b>Monday 2nd June</b>	<b>Term 6 begins</b>
<b>Sunday 8th - 11th June</b>	<b>Year 6 Residential Trip</b>
<b>Thursday 19th - 21st June</b>	<b>Year 5 Glamping</b>
<b>Friday 5th July</b>	<b>Year R Trip to Swanley Park</b>
<b>Monday 7th July</b>	<b>Trust Development Day - school is closed</b>
<b>Friday 11th July</b>	<b>Sports Day</b>
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 6 Leaver's Church Service, Shorne, 10am</b>
<b>Wednesday 23rd July</b>	<b>Last day of Term - finish at 1.30pm</b>

## FOSS DIARY DATES:

Friday 16th May – Krispy Kreme Sale

Thursday 12th June – Father's Day Brunch

Friday 13th June – Father's Day Brunch

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – BBQ stall at Sports Day

Friday 18th July – Colour Run

**THANK YOU  
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FAR!**

