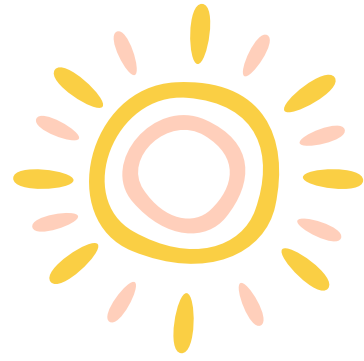




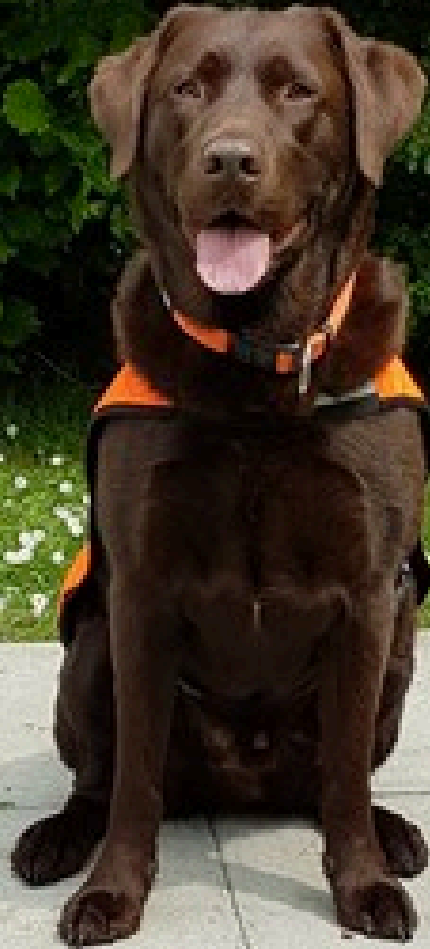
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Term 6 newsletter

July 2025



**Goodbye
Harley**
- enjoy your
retirement!



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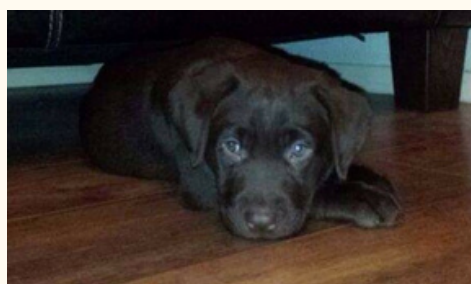
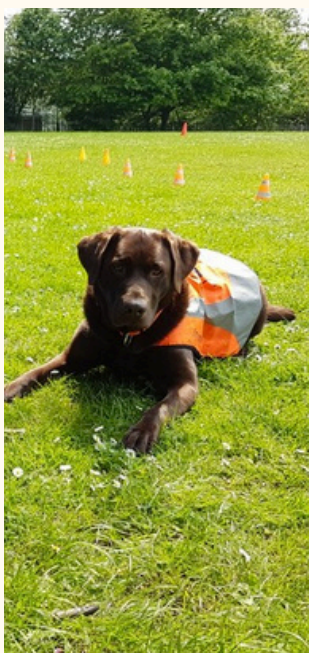
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Thanks for all the fun times 🐾

Harley started as a Dog Mentor at Shorne Primary School over eight years ago, and since then he has captured the hearts of everyone he has met. From pupils to visitors, everyone who comes into contact with Harley adores him. Harley has worked with our children, offering companionship and support, and he has truly been a special part of our school community.



— HAPPY —
Retirement

A message from Miss Hewett

As we come to the end of another successful and busy term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many achievements of our school community.

This term has seen continued momentum in our drive for high standards and positive outcomes. As a school, we remain focused on making meaningful progress against our School Development Plan, closely monitored and supported by our Trust. I am pleased to share that teaching and learning continues to improve across the school, and our academic SATs results have shown improvement once again. We are clearly on a positive, upward trajectory.

Working closely with the Trust and our committed Governing Body has been instrumental in helping us sustain these improvements. Their support, challenge, and strategic guidance continue to play a key role in helping our children achieve their very best.

We are incredibly proud of all our pupils. The children have been a real credit to the school, not only in how they've progressed academically but also in the way they've demonstrated emotional maturity, kindness, and our school values — particularly respect and resilience.



This has also been a fun-filled term, bursting with enrichment activities - from exciting school trips and charity events to the much-loved colour run and the energy of our sports days. These moments help build lasting memories and are a vital part of the holistic education we strive to provide. A heartfelt thank you goes to all our families for your continued support. Your partnership plays a vital role in everything we do.

Finally, we would like to wish our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck as they move on to secondary school. We are confident they are ready for this next chapter, and we know they will continue to flourish. To all our families: have a wonderful, restful summer break.

We look forward to welcoming you back in the autumn term.

Best Wishes. Miss Hewett



We are delighted to announce that Miss Whitbread gave birth to a gorgeous baby boy last Friday, named Leo, weighing 7lbs 4oz. Both Mum and baby are doing well!

Staffing updates



We're pleased to share with you the class structure and teaching arrangements for the upcoming academic year:

- **Reception:** Miss Swift
- **Year 1:** Mrs Bath (4 days)/ Mrs Wanmer (1 day)
- **Year 2:** Miss Kelly
- **Year 3:** Mr Farnell
- **Year 4:** Mr Mallinson
- **Year 5:** Miss Morgan
- **Year 6:** Ms Nolan

HAPPY Retirement!

After an incredible 21 years of service, Mrs Bull is retiring. We know many families will join us in wishing her a well-deserved and happy retirement.

Her commitment and warmth have touched the lives of so many in our school community.



WELCOME



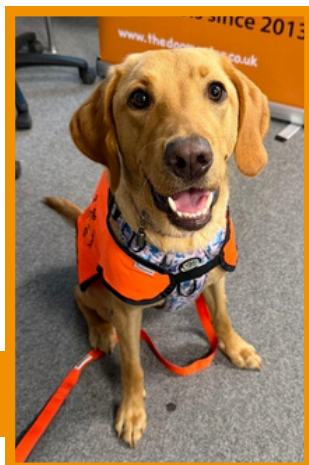
Nicolaas
Site Manager



Miss Aston-Reed
Teaching Assistant



Miss Kelly
Year 2 Teacher



Lola
Dog Mentor



The Art of Belonging

Shorne were delighted to be taking part in the Aletheia Academies Trust's Art Project!

This collaborative art piece celebrates 'Belonging' through the unique identity of everyone in our school community. Each fish has been created by a pupil, with every class using a variety of materials and techniques to express each child's personality and creativity. Together, the fish form a vibrant, united shoal, swimming in the same direction. Hanging together in a flowing formation, the artwork reflects the values of inclusion, unity, and the beauty of being ourselves within a greater whole. A huge thank you to Miss Morgan for pulling everything together so beautifully.



SHORNE *News*

Term 6 pics



Congratulations to Luna in Year 3 who made it through to the grand final of the Trust Speaking Competition. Each finalist delivered a powerful, passionate speech on a topic close to their heart and the judges were blown away by the confidence, creativity, and courage shown by every single pupil.

Well done to our fantastic Year R and 1 team who competed in a bike balance competition at Stone St. Mary's on 3rd July and came first! They worked really hard, behaved beautifully and had lots of fun.



Litter Picking



Father's Day Brunch



Year 6 presented beautifully at their Leaver's Church Service. Pupils shared their fondest memories of school and came together to sing an array of songs to mark the end of their time at primary school.



Trust Leavers' Service

TEAM Shorne!

We did it! We survived the muddy 5k run for Cancer Research! Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored us - we were blown away by your support.

You helped us to raise £1,565.75

THANK YOU!!

 **Race for Life**



Celebrating a year of **SPORTING SUCCESS**



What a wonderful year it has been for sport at Shorne! Lots of children have had the opportunity to represent their school in a variety of different events, with lots of success.

In Term 6, we had a huge success! Our Reception and Year 1 team took part in a locally organised Balance Bike event – and they won! 🏆 The children were absolutely amazing and worked incredibly hard to achieve this fantastic result. A brilliant effort from our youngest athletes!



The final event – and the pinnacle of our sporting year – was the athletics tournament, and what a fantastic day it was! We had some brilliant performances, including wins for Jude H and Beth, and runner-up finishes for Eva B and Teddy M. Overall, we finished in 6th place – just 8 points behind 5th and only 22 points away from 4th! A brilliant end to a great year of sport!


A huge well done to our very first Sportspersons of the Year!

Sportsperson of the Year is a special award given to someone who has shown outstanding commitment, effort, and attitude in sport throughout the year. This person always tries their best, supports others, shows great teamwork, and represents the school with pride. It's not just about winning – it's about showing a true love for sport and being a positive role model to others. **Congratulations Pickwick!**

A huge congratulations to Pickwick for winning this years sports day the totals were very close!

SPORTS DAY RESULTS:

Pickwick - 1st place with 2591
Havisham - 2nd place with 2498
Nickleby - 3rd place with 2419
Copperfield - 4th place with 2411

Reception	Ruby
Year 1	Mollie
Year 2	Freddie
Year 3	Harry
Year 4	Ari
Year 5	Jude H
Year 6	Rihanna and Teddy M

We ended the term with a friendly staff v Year 6 rounders match!



Shorne's StAR Awards

	RESILIENCE 	COMMUNITY 	RESPECT
Year R	Johnny	Nellie	Bonny
Year 1	Chloe	Samuel	Jax
Year 2	Tilly	Scarlett	Jenson
Year 3	Roman	Kalan	Gabriella
Year 4	Primrose	Mia	Oliver
Year 5	Bonnie	Hooper	Beth
Year 6	Rihanna	Macie	Olivia

Year 1 won best attendance!

House winners (Term 6) are: Pickwick

Our StAR Award winners!



Your child is invited to sign up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge!

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely FREE to take part. This year's theme is Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors. The challenge will run from Saturday 5th July to Saturday 6th September. Visit your local library or sign up online <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

Accelerated Reader Achievements:

This term, we have read a grand total of:

3,253,363 words!

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

Year 2 – Georgina 43,881

Year 3 – Ben 223,771

Year 4 – Ella Mahon 105,186

Year 5 – Matthew 304,153

Year 6 – Rosie 67,947

100% Attendance!

For the whole academic year:

Congratulations to Teddy B, Sofia B, Jace, Jada, Alex M, Rohan, Pippa, Bobby, Arabella, Jini, Emily C, Jayden, Jacob H, Meera, Thomas H and Freya!



Rabbit Class

This term Rabbits Class have been learning about the seaside. We read lots of pirate stories and made our own pirate ship!

We have also been learning about different sea creatures and how we can keep them safe by not littering and recycling.

A big highlight of this term was our very own summer holiday to Swanley Park. We had lots of fun travelling on the coach, swimming in the splash pool, playing in the playground and enjoying an ice cream!



Hedgehogs



Term 6 has been packed full of exciting learning in Hedgehog Class! The children have been observing the growth of a sunflower plant from seed through to a mature plant as part of their science lessons. Everyone got to plant their own seed and watch them sprout into a seedling and then grow taller with larger leaves. The children learned that the seed needed water, sunlight and warmth to grow, this lovely weather has certainly helped! The plants have now gone home to continue growing in the children's gardens, hopefully a beautiful sunflower will bloom soon and new seeds will be produced.



In English, we have enjoyed reading the book 'The Colour Monster'. The children created their own puppets and acted out the story to the rest of the class. This helped them to write their own versions of the story.

Otters



We have had a very fun and creative time in Otters this term, from learning about pictograms, positional and directional language. In science we have been learning about different forces and enjoyed carrying out our experiment to test friction, as well as exploring magnets.

During our PE lessons the children learnt how to attack and be a defender - the children then applied this to a team game situation where they had to defend their treasure, whilst trying to attack another team to steal theirs.

P.E.  



For DT, we have been learning about mechanisms, particularly focussing on wheels and axels. The Children looked at existing products and how wheels and axels work. We then practised our cutting and joining skills, planned our car before the making and evaluating process.

Foxes



It has been a wonderful Term 6 in Year 3, filled with creativity, fun, and memorable experiences.



In DT, we explored link levers and used them to design our own moving picture boards featuring our favourite characters. In science, we learned all about volcanoes and made our own erupting models!

The highlight of the term was definitely our trip to **Eagle Heights** and the exciting pizza night and sleepover at school – an unforgettable way to end the year!

Tiger Class



Where do I begin! This final term has been a whirlwind of excitement. The term began with our amazing residential trip and culminated with a superb performance of the **Wizard of Oz**.



In between, the children have worked very hard at rehearsals, taken part in various sporting activities, attended the Trust Leaver's Service at Rochester Cathedral, completed some lovely artwork for the Trust exhibition with our visiting artist and completed transition days at their new schools! They are a truly outstanding group of children and we would like to wish them all the very best for the next stage of their educational journey at secondary school.

Dolphin Class



A great final term for Year 4 as we have been learning all about the Hindu Dharma, Boudicca (and whether she really existed), life art with Leonardo da Vinci, as well as creating and testing out framed structures as part of our Design and Technology curriculum.



First the children had to design and create a framed structure. They tested out different joining methods (note: stick glue is not good!) then re-designed their structure and put as much weight on it as possible. Check out some pictures below of them carrying out their tests.

Year 5 Pandas



Term 6 has been such a joyful and memorable one for Year 5. In English, we've delved into Macbeth, a classic that sparked brilliant discussions and writing. The children thoroughly enjoyed writing balanced arguments for and against the murder of King Duncan and showed real creativity when creating poems using rhyming couplets.



In Art, we explored the elongated style of El Greco and created foil figures. Meanwhile, in Design and Technology, we took on the challenge of building structures with arches, each designed with a different purpose in mind.

And of course, who could forget our highlight of the term: **Glamping!** From camping on the field to our fantastic day out at Leeds Castle and the high-flying fun of Go Ape, the children made memories to last a lifetime. Whether it was the excitement of water fights, tie-dyeing T-shirts, or simply enjoying the outdoors together, this term has been packed with moments we'll never forget.



Diary Dates

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



Key Dates - Term 1

Tuesday 2nd September	Staff Development Day - school is closed
Wednesday 3rd September	First day of Term
Friday 5th September	Year 3 Parent Welcome Meeting - after school
Monday 8th September	Year 1 Parent Welcome Meeting - after school
Tuesday 9th September	Year 2 and Year 4 Parent Welcome Meeting - after school
Thursday 11th September	Year 6 Parent Welcome Meeting - after school
Friday 12th September	Year 5 Parent Welcome Meeting - after school
Thursday 16th October	Individual school photos
Thursday 16th October	Last day of Term
Friday 17th October	Staff Development Day - school is closed
Monday 27th October	Staff Development Day - school is closed
Tuesday 28th October	Term 2 begins

thank you for supporting Friends
of Shorne School

We have had a fantastic year of fundraising and we couldn't have done it without the support of parents, teachers and pupils. This year we have organised some wonderful events, but the highlight for us was the Christmas Fair. Seeing our school community come together to support the event and enjoy the festivities was amazing. Not forgetting all the projects FOSS have funded, including new fans, classroom resources, butterflies, curriculum books and Chromebooks!

We have recruited valuable volunteers who give up their time to get stuck in and make these events happen and we couldn't do it without them.

If you would like to get more involved next year, please do get in touch.
We are a friendly group of parents and always need more helpers!

Email us at shornefoss@gmail.com

