



Shorne C of E Primary School

Term 1 newsletter

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Excellent!

Tournament winners!



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A message from Miss Hewett

As we come to the end of this short but busy autumn term, it's been a real pleasure to see our school community flourishing once again. Our new Reception children have settled so confidently into school life, and our Year 6 pupils have embraced their new responsibilities with pride and enthusiasm.

This term, we've continued to deepen our focus on spirituality — helping pupils reflect on what it truly means to live out our vision: **Love Our Neighbour, Learn from the Good Samaritan, and Live with Open Hearts and Minds**. Through our monitoring, we can see how children are showing kindness, empathy, and courage in their learning and relationships, living out our values of **Resilience, Respect, and Community**. Our reflective question, "Have I been a Good Samaritan?" continues to guide how we think, act, and treat one another across the school.

We have also had a particular focus this term on developing Talk for Writing. Staff have been exploring new ways to support and inspire our children as writers — helping every pupil to find their voice and reach their full potential in writing. It's been wonderful to see the enthusiasm this has created, with pupils sharing ideas, improving their vocabulary, and growing in confidence as storytellers and communicators.

It's been a lively and joyful term overall, filled with sporting achievements, creative learning, and our beautiful Harvest Festival, which once again reminded us of the importance of gratitude and giving. Amidst the continuing challenges facing schools nationally — from funding pressures to the increasing needs within SEND — I remain incredibly proud of the commitment, care, and resilience shown by our staff. They work tirelessly to provide the very best for every child.

I would also like to thank our whole school community — including our dedicated members of FOSS and our school governors — for their continued support, time, and commitment.

Together, we make such a difference to the life of the school and the opportunities we can offer our children. As we look ahead to the coming term, I remain deeply grateful for the warmth, generosity, and spirit that define our school. Together, we continue to build a community where every child can learn, grow, and live with open hearts and minds.

Have a wonderful half term.

Best Wishes, Miss Hewett



Here is a poem that was written by our Year 6 Faith Leaders.

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of a new school year. We ask for your guidance as we all start this new journey in our lives. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Thank you for all our friends, teachers and family. Help us to forgive others and show kindness and respect to everyone.

Amen.

*Written by Olivia and Harry H
Year 6 Faith Leaders*



SHORNE *news*



On Saturday 4th October, our Year 5 and 6 boys' football team entered the Ford Shield, and from the very start, the team played some truly wonderful football. After a strong start, we suffered a narrow 1–0 defeat to St George's However, the boys regrouped superbly and went on an incredible run of form, winning their next three matches to finish top of the group. We carried on, beating St George's 2–0 in the semi-final, which secured our place in the final against Culverstone. With confidence high, the boys once again showed their quality and dominance, winning 2–0 in the final to be crowned Ford Shield Champions!

Alongside the Ford Shield runs the Cooke Shield, which is for larger schools. In the overall Ford vs Cooke Final, we faced Painters Ash in what proved to be a very tough and tightly contested match. The game ended 0–0, leading to a tense Golden Goal period. Thankfully, a fantastic corner routine saw Harry J slot home the winning goal, sealing a dramatic victory and securing our place as Gravesham's representatives! This is a truly wonderful achievement for our small school, and we couldn't be prouder of the team's effort, skill, and sportsmanship. We look forward to seeing what more they can achieve as the year goes on!

Term 1 pics



Coffee Morning



Lola taking a break..



Hello Yellow!



Parkour



Netball

The Aletheia Trust Games 2025 are officially underway - and they kicked things off with an action-packed Netball tournament! From fast footwork to great teamwork, every school brought their energy to the court, and Shorne were delighted to come 5th.



Harvest Festival



On Monday 7th October, our Year 3 and 4 pupils led a Harvest Festival service at St Peter's and St Paul's Church! It was lovely to see so many parents attend the service and listen to the children reading so clearly and confidently.



Thank you to everyone who supported our harvest collection for Gravesham Foodbank! Hundreds of items were delivered. This time of the year is particularly difficult for lots of families but the generosity shown from our community was fantastic.

We are excited to share that we will be celebrating National Poetry Day this year with a special whole-school poetry competition!



This year's theme is **"Awe and Wonder: Through the Window"**, which links beautifully to our work in school around spirituality and noticing the amazing world around us. Children are invited to use their imagination to look through a "window" and describe what they see in a poem. Poems can be written in any style - rhyming, acrostic, shape poem, or free verse - and can be as creative and imaginative as children like!

- All poems should be handed in by **Monday 27th October 2025.**
- Each class teacher will select **three poems** to enter the final round.
- Finalists' poems will be **displayed in the school hall** for everyone to enjoy.
- Winners will receive **certificates, special prizes**, and will have the opportunity to **share their poem in assembly.**

We can't wait to read the fantastic poems that the children create!

Update from FOSS

A huge thank you for all your efforts with the Shorne Bake Off competition. We had some fantastic entries! The winners are:

Overall Bake Off winner - Arabella in Year 4 with her brilliant bakes!



Class	Runners up	Winner
R	Everleigh and Danny Parish	Logan
1	Ricky and Florence P	Polly
2	Fern and Samuel	Chloe
3	Isabella and Pippa	Max
4	Jude and Oliver	Arabella
5	Foley and Jemima	Anna
6	Olivia and Beth	Ivy

Shorne's StAR Awards

	RESILIENCE 	COMMUNITY 	RESPECT
Year R	Everleigh	Freddie	Evie
Year 1	Florence P	Polly	Oliver
Year 2	Bea	Mollie	Thea
Year 3	Harlow	Georgie	Elsie
Year 4	Cameron	Arabella	Oliver S
Year 5	Jayden	Annabel	Meadow
Year 6	Lucas	Sid	Jesse

Our StAR Award winners!



Year 6 won best attendance!

House winners (Term 1) are: Nickleby



Accelerated Reader Achievements:

This term, we have read a grand total of:

2,791,491 words!

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

Year 2 – Theo C 20,094
Year 3 – Georgie 126,681
Year 4 – Ben 213,274
Year 5 – Drew 106,821
Year 6 – Hooper 187,891

Rabbit Class



The new rabbits have settled really well into school! They've had lots of fun playing in the classroom with all the new toys and making new friends. Our topic this term has been 'Super Me!' and we've enjoyed learning all about the children and their families.



We also read **Supertato** and made fruit kebabs. We did some potato printing and made wanted posters to find Evil Pea!



The children have also loved going to forest school and exploring outside.

Hedgehogs



Hedgehog class have had a fantastic first term! We have been busy writing setting descriptions in English, learning about place value in maths and discussing Queen Victoria and King Charles in history. We enjoyed a special visit from Year 6, who shared their own learning on Victorian times with us.

We also created art in the style of Andy Warhol!



In Science, we have been learning about our bodies – what the different parts are called, what we need to survive and how to stay healthy.

Next term, we look forward to practising for the Nativity and the Christmas church service.

Otters



This term in Year 2, we have been focusing on our writing. We read Stanley's stick and wrote a story where our sticks could be whatever we wanted them too.



We have been learning about **Autumn** and **Winter** in science, we have been observing how the weather and temperature has been changing across the term. Subsequently, we used our knowledge about Autumn to write non-chronological reports - explaining about the tress, nature, animals and festivals.

In geography, we have learned about the **Equator** and how it helps our locational knowledge and climate of different countries. Art has been lots of fun, as we have learnt about the famous artist 'Thomas Gainsborough'. We have used water colours to create landscapes and portraits.

We are really excited for next term.



What an exciting term we have had in Year 3! We've truly been busy, delving into the fascinating world of the **Stone Age** during our History lessons. In Science, our exploration of rocks and soil has sparked some wonderful discussions and discoveries. PE has been a highlight too, as we've embraced mindfulness and orienteering, fostering both physical and mental well-being.



In Art, we had a fantastic time studying L.S. Lowry's artwork, "Return to Work."

Our creations of matchstick people using oil pastels and colouring pencils turned out brilliantly! We cannot wait to see what the next term holds for our budding artists!

Tiger Class

The children have settled very well into the new routines and expectations of year 6. They have embraced their new roles and responsibilities: from buddies to **librarians**, everyone is busy and involved in contributing to our wider school community.



We have been able to link some of our learning this term which has meant the children have been quite engrossed in Victorian Britain through their history, English and reading lessons.



They have learned about life for Victorian children - the living conditions, expectations to work and differences in education have been a real eye-opener, giving the children the opportunity to reflect on how lucky and privileged we are now. I hope you all have an enjoyable half-term break and come back refreshed and ready for the madness of the Christmas term!

Dolphin Class

What a busy Term 1 in Year 4! In English we studied the text 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit, learning new language to retell the story and then wrote a news report which we are planning on filming.



We have had lots of active maths learning, using our orienteering course to help us to consolidate our learning on place value, Roman numerals and times tables.

The children said "We really enjoy this. It helps us to get our energy out and helps us to learn our times tables."

In science, we explored different rocks, looking at their colour, the particles that could be seen and how hard or soft they were. Then we used chocolate, applying pressure and heat to learn how sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rocks are formed.



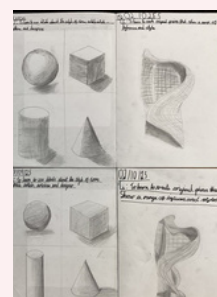
Year 5 Pandas

Year 5 have had an amazing first term back! In English, we've been using Kensuke's Kingdom as our stimulus. The children have explored modal verbs to create detailed survival guides and used emotive language to write diary entries from Michael's perspective. They've thoroughly enjoyed reading and engaging with this exciting and heartwarming story.



We've also had a very creative term. In Design and Technology, we began learning about motors and how they work in preparation for building our very own motorised cars next term!

In Art, we focused on architecture and the inspirational work of Zaha Hadid, who is famous for her curved, emotionally powerful buildings. We explored value and shape, learning how to use light and shading to draw 3D forms. They we designed our own drawings using imaginative and dynamic shapes.





Diary Dates

Key Dates - Term 2

Monday 27th October	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 28th October	Term 2 begins
Thursday 6th November	FOSS Donation day - donate pre-loved items for the Fair
Friday 7th November	Non-Uniform Day - in exchange for donations for the Fair
Friday 14th November	Children in Need
Saturday 15th November	FOSS Christmas Fair, 12pm - 3.30pm
Monday 1st December	Parent Consultations, 3.30pm - 7pm
Wednesday 3rd December	Parent Consultations, 3.30pm - 7pm
Tuesday 9th December	KS1 Nativity performance - PM
Thursday 11th December	KS1 Nativity performance - AM
Thursday 11th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas cinema trip
Friday 12th December	Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 15th December	Christmas Church Service - Year 5 and 1
Tuesday 16th December	Elf Day and Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Disco, organised by FOSS (after school)
Thursday 18th December	KS1 Panto visit

New Lunch Menu!

Please note after half term there will be a new lunch menu!
This has been shared with all parents and will start from
Tuesday 28th October.





**FREE
ENTRY**



SHORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAIR



**MUSIC, FOOD, GAMES,
RAFFLE AND GIFTS**

Come along and have some festive fun!



15 NOVEMBER

FROM 12PM TO 3.30PM



SHORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL,
COB DRIVE, GRAVESEND, KENT

