



# Shorne C of E Primary School

Term 2 newsletter

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## Shorne shows off new sports kit!

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# A message from Miss Hewett

## A Busy and Joyful Term

As we reach the end of another term, I am delighted to share our Term 2 newsletter. It has been a busy and fun-filled few months, with highlights including our much-loved nativities, exciting cinema visits, a festive pantomime, and delightful choir performances at local residential homes. Our themed weeks and enrichment activities have added even more vibrancy to school life.

## Celebrating Our Children

As always, the children have been an absolute pleasure. They have shown enthusiasm, curiosity, and a growing sense of resilience, kindness, and confidence. It has been wonderful to see their friendships strengthen and their willingness to embrace new experiences flourish.

## Staff Commitment and Hard Work

I would like to acknowledge the dedication of our staff, who have worked tirelessly and wholeheartedly to ensure that the children receive a grounded and enriching education. Their efforts, compassion, and professionalism continue to shape a positive and nurturing environment for all.

## Our Commitment to High Standards

The Senior Leadership Team continues to closely monitor the standards of teaching and learning across the school, striving for continuous improvement. We work in partnership with our Trust and Governors, ensuring our vision and values remain strong and our ambitions for the school remain high.

## Navigating Challenges in Education

We recognise that the wider educational landscape continues to bring challenges. Despite this, our commitment remains steadfast: we will always work to provide the highest quality education and care for every child in our school community.

## Living Our Vision – The Good Samaritan

To reflect our school's vision, we highlight the following guiding statement: *"We show compassion, act with kindness, and support one another, just as the Good Samaritan did."*

These values have been evident throughout our school this term, and we are grateful to our families for their ongoing partnership in helping us bring this vision to life.

## Festive Wishes

As we head into the festive season, I wish all our children, families, and staff a wonderful Christmas and a restful break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 6th January.

*Best Wishes, Miss Hewett*

# SHORNE News

- ★ Thank you to everyone who donated towards our Poppy Appeal - we raised an incredible **£518.25** - the second highest total in the County!
- ★ Thank you to our amazing volunteers who come in weekly and give up your spare time to support our pupils.
- ★ This term, Pupil Voice and Eco Club have teamed up to work on our **Peace Garden Project** - with the help of our wonderful volunteer Sue, and Mrs Jones! The group are hoping to re-vamp the garden, by cutting back trees and bushes, planting new flowers and shrubs and adding lots of new additions to brighten up the space. We will keep you updated with their progress!



We are incredibly proud and grateful to announce that **Twin Property Group** have sponsored our game kit, staff kit, and football club kit for this season. Your support means a great deal to our players, our staff, and our entire community. Sponsorship like yours helps us continue to grow, compete, and provide opportunities for our team both on and off the field.

**From everyone at the school - thank you for being part of our journey and for believing in what we do.**



## Term 2 pics



Dodgeball Tournament



ODD socks day!



Remembrance Service



Nite Owls visit

# Staffing update

We are pleased to announce that Miss Taylor (Mrs Doerr) will be taking on the role of Acting Assistant Headteacher from January until 31st August 2026. Miss Taylor has been a valued member of our school team, and we are delighted that she will be stepping into this role. We congratulate her on this appointment and are confident that she will make a positive contribution to the leadership of the school during this time.



## Fantastic FOSS!

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved with FOSS - your help and support to organise and deliver such amazing events for the school doesn't go unnoticed. A special thank you to Jo and Sophie for coordinating every event that we do - your time, effort, and organisation are very much appreciated.

The money raised from these events means we are able to fund lots of extras for the children, including **new supplies for forest school, stamps for our Santa letters, support towards coach costs, elf day crafts and much more!**

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you \*



# HAPPY Retirement Father Ted!



Father Ted will be relinquishing his duties from St Peter & St Paul Church at the end of the year and moving onto pastures new to begin his retirement.

Father Ted has supported Shorne School for 10 years, and we are so grateful for his years of service and dedication. We want to thank you for being a guiding light in our community. Your wisdom and kindness will be greatly missed.

## A Christmas Blessing for Our School Community

Within these walls and hearts so wide,  
At Shorne Primary, side by side,  
Our children gather, learn, and grow,  
With joyful steps and minds aglow.

From smallest voice to tallest cheer,  
Each child is treasured, each held dear.  
This Christmas time, we pause to say:  
You light our school in every way.

To parents, carers, families true,  
We give our thanks this season too.  
Your love and trust, your guiding hand,  
Help shape the futures here we stand.

To staff whose care goes far beyond  
The lessons taught, the rules, the song —  
With patience, kindness, strength each day,  
You lead, inspire, and light the way.

Our values shine in all we do:  
Community, strong and ever true;  
Respect, in word, in deed, in care;  
Resilience, rising through despair.

As candles glow and carols ring,  
We remember why we sing:  
A child was born, a hope made new,  
God's love made real for me and you.

So as we part this Christmas time,  
With grateful hearts and hope aligned,  
May peace be near, may joy increase,  
May homes be filled with love and peace.

From all of us, both far and near,  
At Shorne Primary,  
Merry Christmas — and a blessed New Year.

# Festive Round-up



# Shorne's STAR Awards

	RESILIENCE 👉	COMMUNITY 🤝	RESPECT ❤️
Year R	Mae	Miles	Hadley
Year 1	Nellie	Mason	Leya
Year 2	Jack	Jessica	Thea
Year 3	Scarlett	Reggie	Pippa
Year 4	Riley	George	Maya
Year 5	Sam	Isabelle	Jemima
Year 6	Brock	Zachary	Olivia

**Year 5 won best attendance!**

We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our students in entering this year's **Poetry Competition**! Your encouragement led to an astounding number of entries, and we delighted to have chosen our winners!

Each winning entry will be carefully displayed in the school delightful works in a new window. We hope you enjoy reading them as much as we did!



**Our STAR Award winners!**



## Accelerated Reader Achievements:

This term, we have read a grand total of:

**4,704,004 words!**

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

**Year 2 – Theo C 75,022**  
**Year 3 – Georgie 126,632**  
**Year 4 – Ben 278,391**  
**Year 5 – Drew 617,453**  
**Year 6 – Matthew 246,781**

Our readers who have passed every quiz this term:

Nevaya, Reggie B, Lucas, Jenson, Amber, Ada, Emilia, Bobby J, George C, Ivy B, Fraser, Atilla, Tabitha, Jaxson, Theo C, Ellis R, Jada, Foley, Sidney B, Emily C, Jude S, Scarlett, Zachary, Anna, Arya, Layla W, Charlie P, Esmee, Jacob H, Roman, Jayden, William S, Drew, Matthew, Samuel P, Thomas J, Olivia S, Ari, Hooper, Harry L, Thomas H, Mia, Ella, Harry J, Ben and Oliver L.

## Rabbit Class

Rabbit Class' topic this term has been traditional tales. We made porridge after reading **Goldilocks**, built houses for the **3 little pigs...**



...and made vegetable soup after reading **the enormous turnip**.



We had great fun practicing for the nativity and enjoyed showing our parents and carers our dances. We've also had lots of fun decorating the classroom for Christmas, dancing to Christmas songs and doing crafts.



## Otters



It has been a very busy, but exciting term for year 2! For English we have read the text 'Leaf' about a polar bear who drifts to a forest on a melted ice sheet. The children really enjoyed this text and used it to write their own setting description. We then used this to inspire our spirituality art project.

The children have learnt about the environment and why it is important to care for our animals, as they are Gods creation.



## Hedgehogs



It has been a very busy and exciting term in Hedgehog class, topped off by a fabulous nativity performance by all of the children!



We have also worked hard on our writing, which this term included a non-chronological report about a snails, a re-telling of The Boy Who Cried Wolf and a silly recipe for Reindeer Flying Dust. The children are making fantastic progress. In maths, we completed a unit on addition and subtraction before moving on to shape. We learned about weather and climate in geography, the works of Giuseppe Arcimboldo in art and simple circuits in science.



**Next term, we will be visiting Penshurst Place to enhance our history learning on toys through time.**

In maths children have been applying their place value knowledge to addition and subtraction and have been adding tens, ones and comparing numbers. They have found it a bit tricky but showed such resilience and perseverance.

As you are aware we have also been learning our lines as narrators in the Christmas Nativity, as well as taking on acting roles in the 'Shorne Christmas Service'.



**As the Christmas season is upon us - we also wrote letters to Father Christmas, which we posted and received a reply.**

# Foxes



Year 3 have had a truly wonderful Term 2, full of fun, creativity and excellent learning.

The children produced some fantastic work across the curriculum, including striking Kandinsky-inspired artwork, impressive pivot DT projects, and an amazing witches-and-wizards themed dance in PE.



We also enjoyed some very special experiences this term. Our trip to the cinema to see The Grinch was a real highlight – especially having the whole theatre to ourselves!



Another memorable moment was breakfast with Santa, where the children had a wonderful time and even managed to get him joining in with the infamous “6, 7” chant!



# Tiger Class



What a busy end to Term 2 we have had in Year 6! After weeks of working very hard practicing fractions and composing some super writing (estate agent adverts, diary entries and poems), the children were thoroughly deserving of their Christmas fun: Breakfast with Santa, Elf Day and the magic of pantomime with their Year R buddies were real highlights.



I hope you all have a very happy and restful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

# Dolphin Class



Year 4 have had another busy term. In English, we read the book '[The Tin Forest](#)' by Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson. The children developed their use of expanded noun phrases to add description to their own versions, creating their own dream place. Then they wrote diaries from the perspective of the old man. The children really enjoyed this story and participated in discussions around the messages this story conveys.



**Following our cinema visit, they wrote a second diary entry, this time as if they were the Grinch, using fronted adverbials to show when, where or how something was done.**



The children have also been very engaged with our geography lesson, learning about natural disasters and how people prepare for these and offer support in affected areas. We carried out an earthquake drill, (drop, cover and hold on) and discussed the importance of safe evacuation afterwards.



# Year 5 Pandas



Year 5 have had a busy and creative term! We have really enjoyed our class book Who Let the Gods Out? with all its fun and amusing moments. In English, we have been writing newspaper reports about the release of the Daemon of Death and the possible consequences. The children have also enjoyed learning about parentheses and have been using them in their reports to add extra detail and clarity.



**We had lots of fun at Breakfast with Santa and the pantomime!**

Year 5 have taken part in swimming lessons, where they did extremely well and showed great progress and resilience. In addition, the children have enjoyed dance lessons inspired by The Greatest Showman, learning an energetic routine and demonstrating lots of creativity, enthusiasm, and teamwork.

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# Diary Dates

## Key Dates - Term 3

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Term 3 begins
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Young Voices Concert
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 trip
9 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Term 3 ends

MERRY  
*Christmas*

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

**We're Hiring!**

**Teaching Assistant**

We are looking for someone with good subject knowledge in reading, writing and maths, who is able to work well as part of a large team, supporting children to make progress in their learning.

**Apply Online Today!**



**JOIN OUR  
TEAM**

We are also looking for a dedicated and proactive **Site Manager** to help keep our school safe, clean, and welcoming! If you have maintenance skills, take pride in your work, and enjoy being part of a friendly team, we would love to hear from you.