



# Shorne C of E Primary School

Term 3 newsletter

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## Young Voices 2026!

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**On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, Shorne Primary School choir attended Young Voices at the O2 Arena.**

We were able to sing alongside talented artists in the largest children's choir concert in the world, which bring together primary schools from across the UK in a truly electrifying experience! While it was a long day, the children remained in high spirits and could not stop talking about how much fun they had - it is definitely an experience that they will never forget!

## A message from Miss Hewett

Dear Parents and Carers,

*As we reach the end of what has been a short but very busy term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all that has taken place across our school community and to thank you for your continued support.*

Despite the condensed term, there has been a great deal happening. We marked **Multi-Faith Week** with thoughtful activities and discussions that encouraged understanding, respect and curiosity about the beliefs and traditions within our wider community. During **Children's Mental Health Week**, pupils engaged in conversations and activities focused on wellbeing, kindness and resilience – themes that remain central to our daily school life.

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their recent school trip, which provided valuable hands-on learning experiences and many excited conversations on their return. We have also welcomed parents into school for workshops this term, and we are grateful for the positive engagement and partnership these opportunities continue to foster.

Pupils have taken part in a range of sporting activities and competitions, including a basketball tournament, football fixtures and other events. The children have really enjoyed these opportunities to participate, develop their skills and work as a team.

Alongside these wider experiences, we continue to prioritise high-quality teaching and learning in every classroom. Monitoring and review remain an important part of our work to ensure consistency, challenge and support for all pupils.

We are currently reviewing our **Behaviour Policy** and would like to thank you for the comments and feedback already received. This review is being shaped by parental feedback, pupil voice, staff reflection and governor input. The updated policy will continue to be rooted in our school values and the principles of the Good Samaritan – showing compassion, taking responsibility and doing the right thing, even when it is difficult.

As part of this work, we are also drawing on evidence-informed approaches, including the thinking of Paul Dix, particularly the principle that positive behaviour culture begins with consistent, calm adult responses. Our aim is to ensure that our policy reflects both our Christian values and best practice, creating a safe, respectful and supportive environment for all. We will be in touch once the revised policy has been finalised and formally adopted.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next term.

**With best wishes,  
Miss Hewett  
Head of School**



Miss T Hewett

HEAD OF SCHOOL

# SHORNE *news*



We've been rocking with **TT Rock Stars** for an epic 3 years!!



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



Thanks to a wonderful suggestion from our Year 1 Eco Rep Polly, Shorne School have signed up to take part in The Big Plastic Count!



Throughout the week of 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March, we will be counting our plastic waste to see how much we collect. Eco Club will be busy organising and promoting the count to parents and teachers after the half term break! Watch this space!



## Amazing Jessica!



We are proud to share that one of our pupils braved the chop at the start of the year to raise money for charity!

Jessica decided last year that she wanted to grow her hair for The Little Princess Trust, to be able to make poorly children smile, and that's exactly what she did! She donated an amazing 12 inches of beautiful hair, which is enough to cover the cost of 2 wigs!

Jessica raised a whopping total of £1,975 for the Little Princess Trust!



## Term 3 pics



Basketball comp!



Tractor visit!



Multi-Faith Week

## PJ day!



# Shorne Sports news!



## Basketball

The AAT sporting competitions continued in Term 3 with a trust-wide basketball tournament. The team worked brilliantly despite having limited opportunities to practise, finishing in an impressive 4th place overall. This was a fantastic achievement, especially for children experiencing competitive basketball for the very first time!

## Football

Following their success in the Ford Shield, the Year 5 and 6 boys were invited to compete in the Kent Finals held in Thamesmead. The event brought together all of the borough winners from across Kent to compete at a high level. The boys played some fantastic football throughout the tournament but unfortunately did not progress to the knockout stages after a tough group phase. They should be immensely proud of their achievements, and we will continue to support them in building their confidence and developing their skills over the coming months.



## Staffing update

Miss Couchman will be leaving us at the end of this term. We would like to thank her for her time, dedication and contribution to the school during her time with us, and we wish her every success in her next steps. We are pleased to share that Mrs. White will be joining us as her replacement and will be taking on the role from next term.

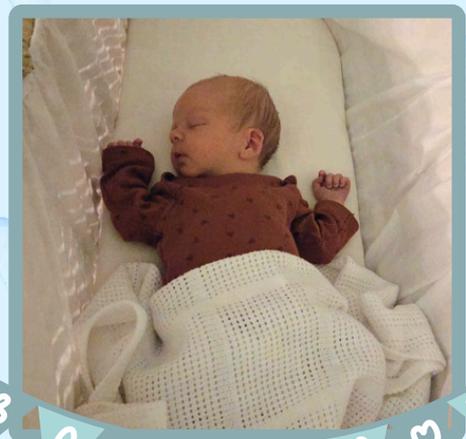
Our Site Manager, Mr. Liebenberg, will also be leaving us at the end of term. We are grateful for his hard work and commitment to maintaining our school environment. We are pleased to share that Mr. Roberts will be joining us as our new Site Manager and will begin after half term.

We would also like to warmly welcome Miss Parkinson, who is currently covering for Mrs. Page. In addition, we look forward to welcoming Miss Carter back in March and Miss Whitbread in early July.



Miss L. Couchman  
1:1 LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

**We are delighted to announce that Miss Page gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, named Adam, on 5<sup>th</sup> February. Both Mum and baby are doing well!**



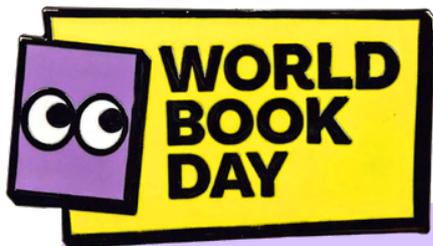
# Shorne's STAR Awards

|        | RESILIENCE<br> | COMMUNITY<br> | RESPECT<br> |
|--------|---|--|--|
| Year R | Danny Parish  | Lincoln  | Benjamin   |
| Year 1 | Jini  | Florence G   | Ruby   |
| Year 2 | Franklin  | Alex D   | Tabitha  |
| Year 3 | Fraser  | Matteo   | Chase  |
| Year 4 | Ben   | Luna   | William  |
| Year 5 | Foley   | Sid  | Eleanor  |
| Year 6 | Ellis   | Eva  | Jude   |

Our STAR Award winners!



**Year 2 won best attendance for the week and term!**



For World Book Day this year (**Thursday 5th March**), children are invited to dress up as a book character or an adjective (e.g. sparkly, colourful, spotty, magical, blue etc). The more creative the better! Please be mindful that the children will need to be in their costume all day, so please make sure any accessories are named so they do not get lost. You may wish to send your child in with something to get changed into if their costume is particularly creative!

On World Book Day, your child also needs to bring in their favourite book (with their name inside!). This can be a fiction, non-fiction, comic, poetry - whatever your child loves - and it does not have to be what your child has dressed up as.

## Accelerated Reader Achievements:

This term, we have read a grand total of:

**4,039,268 words!**

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

**Year 2 – Theo C 128,135**

**Year 3 – Georgie 150,625**

**Year 4 – Ben 187,315**

**Year 5 – Drew 329,095**

**Year 6 – Hooper 179,201**

# Rabbit Class



Our topic this term was transport and we've enjoyed making boats, hot air balloons and cars. A highlight of this term was having a huge tractor come to visit and being able to ask questions all about how it works!



We learned about road safety and put this into action when we did a transport survey in our local area. The children have also made loads of progress in their independent writing and phonics!

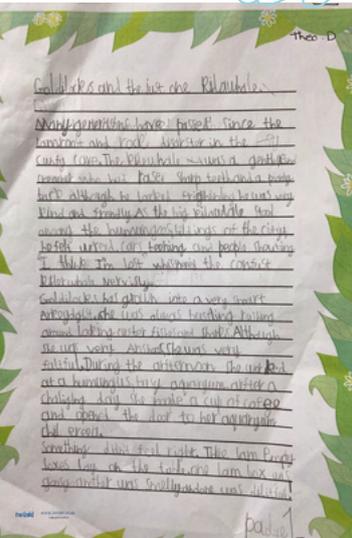


# Otters



This term children looked at the text 'Goldilocks and Just One Bear'. They have been looking at sentence openers, expanded noun phrases and character speech. Their stories are amazing!

In maths we have looked at shape and money and revisited place value, and in Geography the children have zoomed in from the wider world to focus on the United Kingdom, naming countries and capital cities.



# Hedgehogs



Hedgehog class have had a busy term learning about habitats, toys through time, story-writing, numbers to 20 and much more!



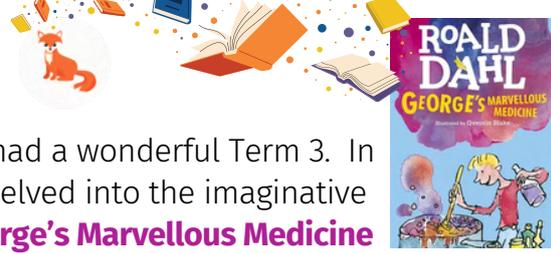
We had the opportunity to visit Penshurst Place as part of our history learning, where we explored the toy museum, played with Victorian toy replicas and created our own thaumatropes!



During History, the children have started to look at how transport has changed over time. How we have gone from walking, to peddling, travelling by train and car, to finally flying in a plane.

Additionally, we have fun learning about the Sikhism Religion and for Art we have learnt about Paul Cezanne and still life. I cannot wait to see what next term brings.





Year 3 have had a wonderful Term 3. In English, we delved into the imaginative world of **George's Marvellous Medicine**



While in PE we developed some fantastic new gymnastics skills. In RE, we explored Sikhi and Buddha Dharma, learning many interesting facts and deepening our understanding of different beliefs.

We also had lots of fun creating our galaxy artwork.

After learning and practising the key techniques in class, we invited parents in to share and celebrate our success. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and produced some truly excellent pieces!



Potatoes with personality! We had lots of fun creating these!



## Tiger Class



Well the first term of this year has absolutely flown by! The weather has been dreadfully unkind and we haven't managed to visit our very soggy forest school, but we

have managed to dodge enough of the rain to have some fun afternoons playing hockey in PE, as well as making good use of all of the new apparatus in gymnastics.



The children have been very reflective in their learning about Humanism in RE, and presented some excellent independent learning for our multi-faith week.



We have begun looking at fractions, decimals and percentages in maths, and this will continue after the half term. If you get the opportunity over the holidays, it would be great if you could introduce some practical learning around these concepts, eg if there is 20% off of something whilst you are shopping, ask them to work out the discount and how much it costs. Also lots of practice on **TTRockstars** as they will find this very beneficial.

## Year 5 Pandas



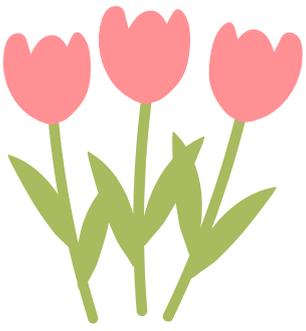
Year 5 have had a lovely term. In English, we have been reading Cogheart and writing persuasive letters inspired by the story. The children have practised using relative clauses to add detail and make their arguments more convincing. In Maths, we have been focusing on long multiplication, learning to multiply larger numbers with accuracy and confidence.



In DT, we designed and built motorised cars using motors and pulley systems.



This has helped us develop our teamwork, resilience and understanding of mechanical systems.



# Diary Dates



## Key Dates - Term 3

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| <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>        | <b>Term 4 begins</b>                            |
| <b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>          | <b>World Book Day</b>                           |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>The Big Plastic Count</b>                    |
| <b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>           | <b>Trust Development Day - school is closed</b> |
| <b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>           | <b>Red Nose Day</b>                             |
| <b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>           | <b>Easter Church Service, 10am</b>              |
| <b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>           | <b>Parent Consultations, 3.30pm-7pm</b>         |
| <b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>         | <b>Parent Consultations, 3.30pm-7pm</b>         |
| <b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>          | <b>Last day of term, finish at 1.30pm</b>       |



## FOSS DIARY DATES:

### Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March - PM

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March - PM

More details to follow...!

