



Shorne C of E Primary School

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**We're going on
a bear hunt!**



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A message from Miss Hewett

As we come to the end of Term 5, I would like to thank our whole school community for another busy and successful term. I would like to start by congratulating our Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs. They approached the week with resilience, maturity, and determination, and we are incredibly proud of the effort they have shown. Thank you also to our staff and families for the support and encouragement given throughout the process.

We also celebrated a successful SIAMS inspection this term, which reflected the many strengths of our school community and the commitment shown by staff, pupils, governors, and families. I would like to thank everybody who contributed to the process and for the support shown throughout the inspection. The final report will be shared with families once we have received it.

In addition, we have had some fantastic sporting events taking place recently. We are especially proud of our Year 5 and Year 6 team, who won their final — a wonderful achievement and a reflection of our school values of resilience and community. The pupils demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination, and encouragement towards one another, making us all incredibly proud. Well done to all of the children involved, as well as the staff and families who supported them. These opportunities help to strengthen our sense of community and reflect the values shown in the story of the Good Samaritan: supporting one another, showing kindness, and working together.

As a small school, we are proud of the range of sporting opportunities and clubs we are able to offer our children. Many of these opportunities are made possible because staff willingly give up their own free time, and some of our clubs are also supported by volunteers from our community, for which we are incredibly grateful.

Staffing update

We would like to say goodbye and good luck to Miss Kelly who is leaving us at the end of this term. Although Miss Kelly had originally planned to leave us at the end of June, she has recently been offered the opportunity to begin her new role earlier than expected. We completely understand Miss Kelly's decision to take up this opportunity, and we would like to thank her for all of her hard work, commitment, and care during her time with the children. We know she will be greatly missed by both pupils and staff.

We always strive to provide as many opportunities for participation as possible and work hard to include all pupils across the year. We do understand that, at times, some children may feel disappointed if they are unable to take part in every event or competition. With a small staff team, balancing opportunities, staffing, and fixtures can sometimes be challenging, but please be assured that we always aim to do the very best we can for all children.

We would greatly value and appreciate families' support in the decisions we make around sporting events and participation. Sport, by its nature, can be competitive, and learning how to manage both success and disappointment positively is an important life skill that helps children develop resilience, teamwork, and perseverance.

We have also received feedback regarding the possibility of a girls' football team. We would absolutely welcome opportunities to expand our provision further; however, at present, we have only had interest from a few pupils. We remain open to exploring opportunities where possible and would also warmly welcome any parents or community members who may be interested in supporting or running clubs in the future.

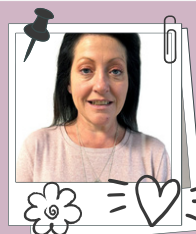
I know this is something I have previously shared, but I wanted to reiterate the message: "Greet your child with a smile, not a phone." Increasingly, research highlights the impact excessive screen time and reduced face-to-face interaction can have on children's speech, language, attention, and emotional wellbeing. Those small moments of conversation and connection at the beginning and end of the school day are incredibly valuable and can make a significant difference to children's confidence, communication skills, and sense of belonging. Thank you for your continued support with this important message.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and partnership with the school. We wish all of our families a happy and restful half term and look forward to welcoming everybody back for Term 6.

With best wishes,



Miss T Hewett
HEAD OF SCHOOL



SHORNE *news*



We would like to say a huge thank you to **Wickes** in Gravesend for donating **£100** worth of gardening items to the school, through their *Community Scheme*. These will be used to spruce up our peace garden area. Molly, Harry and Lucas were delighted to go along, collect the donations, and say thank you!



Ivy in Year 6 has been fundraising again. Earlier this month, Ivy and her friend Bonnie, set up a stall which they called 'The Lemonade Loop' outside her home. They sold homemade lemonade and bracelets that they had made with positive quotes or words asking for a small donation for each. They made **£55** in total for Cancer Research. Well done!

Term 5 pics



BMX Workshop



St George's Day Parade



Netball competition!



Sean the bear is finished and we are so proud of our final result!

Now fully finished, varnished, and carefully packaged, our bear has begun it's journey to its special location on this summer's Bear Trail! We can't wait to find out where our bear will be spotted.

To raise money for this special event, we will be doing a 'Bear Fundraising Week' at school w/c 6th July and we have lots of exciting things planned!!



Break the rules day!

Shorne Sports news!



CHAMPIONS



O'Reilly Shield Winners!

Our Year 5 and 6 boys are O'Reilly Shield winners after a hard-fought victory against Riverview! An incredible achievement - we are so proud of the teamwork, determination and resilience shown by every player. Well done boys!

Netball

Shorne played Sutton at Hone on Thursday and won 10-1! The team of 8 played so well, passing the ball confidently and showcasing their defending skills. Everyone put in 100% effort and the win was well deserved. Opposition Player of the match went to Beth. Special mentions to Emily and Anna. Emily's superb interceptions were controlled and regained us possession numerous times. Anna's excellent movement on court offered Shorne plenty of options.



Football

Our Year 3 and 4 team competed in the AAT Football Competition. A mixed team of Year 3 and 4 boys and girls entered the tournament hoping to build on last year's impressive 2nd place finish. During the group stages, the team played six other schools, scoring an incredible 15 goals whilst conceding just 1! This outstanding performance led to five wins and one draw, meaning Shorne topped the group and secured a place in the final. We faced a strong Cliffe Woods side, but two brilliant goals from Freddie gave Shorne a 2-0 lead and we won the match! A special mention must go to Dollie, who competed in her first football tournament. The whole team represented the school brilliantly, showing great sportsmanship and respect throughout the day. Football at Shorne continues to flourish!

Celebrating success




Over the Easter break Emilia in Year 5 participated in two dance competitions, and was successful, winning second place in her category at the Gravesham Performing Arts Festival, and third in the Love2 Perform competition. At both festivals she did a modern solo!

If you would like us to do a special mention about a recent achievement, please email the school office and we will be happy to include.



great job

Shorne's STAR Awards

	RESILIENCE 	COMMUNITY 	RESPECT 
Year R	Teddy K	Autumn	Isla
Year 1	Ruben	Winnie	Bonnie
Year 2	Riva	Luna	Leo
Year 3	Tilly	Jacob	Cooper
Year 4	Lenny	Dollie	Jude
Year 5	Thomas H	James	Francesca
Year 6	Beth	Harry H	Jacob

Our STAR Award winners!



Year 5 won best attendance for term!



Join us to find out more about
Getting Into Teaching
 Tuesday 2nd June 2026 at 18:00

Considering a career in education?
 Want to make a difference and shape the future generations?
 Discover the pathways to becoming a qualified teacher.

The evening will offer you the chance to find out more about getting into teaching with Aletheia Academies Trust, including:

- Teacher training routes (school-led, university)
- Funding & Bursaries
- Meet inspiring current teachers
- Learn about the supportive environment

Book your space!

Please email:
bunnyl@aletheiastrust.org.uk

This event is open to graduates & career changers

 Tuesday 2nd June 2026 at 18:00

 Gravesend Grammar School,
 Church Walk, Gravesend, DA12 2PR

Accelerated Reader Achievements:

This term, we have read a grand total of:

3,867,144 words!

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

Otters: Theo C - 160,128

Foxes: Max H - 129,481

Dolphins: Ben - 121,636

Pandas: Drew - 305,311

Tigers: Matthew G - 361,825

Rabbit Class



Rabbit class had a fantastic time at Wingham Wildlife Park this term! The children enjoyed exploring the park and seeing all the animals. They had such a good day that 17 of them fell asleep on the coach journey home!



Hedgehogs

Hedgehog class have managed to squeeze quite a lot into a very short half-term! The highlight was our trip to Howlett's zoo early in May, where we saw animals like elephants, lions, monkeys and capybaras and listened to some fascinating talks by the zookeepers.



This term children constructed windmills in DT and planted sunflowers seeds in science and really enjoyed these hands-on activities.



Otters



It's been a busy term in Year 2! For Science we have been learning about plants and what they need to stay healthy and grow, and for this we decided to grow our own beans. They have been carefully watching them grow each day.

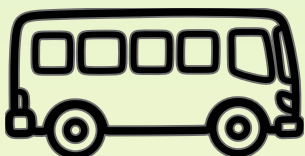


A real highlight for the class was swimming! They have really enjoyed doing lessons every week and are making great progress.

For DT we have been learning about eating healthy. We challenged the children to make healthy smoothies using two or more fruits/veg as part of their five a day! The children really enjoyed this!



Next term we are looking forward to our school trip to Chatham Dockyard.



Foxes



It has been a truly busy and exciting Term 5 for Year 3! We completed our swimming sessions, danced our way through the St George's Day parade and had lots of fun during our trip to the Living Land event. It has been wonderful to see the children embrace so many different experiences this term.



We have also thoroughly enjoyed reading **The Boy Who Grew Dragons**.



As part of our learning, the children created some fantastic dragon fact files and used their imaginations to design their very own dragons based on written descriptions. The creativity and detail in their work has been amazing to see!



Tiger Class



So we have finally come to the end of the shortest, longest term of the year! The children have worked very hard and coped amazingly well with all of the SATs preparation, SIAMS inspection and actual SATs.



One of the highlights of the term was definitely ripping up all of the practice papers (many of which were recycled into planets as part of their science lessons about space)!

They can now look forward to the exciting events in their final term - including our much-anticipated production of 'Looking Good Robin Hood' and residential trip to PGL Kingswood. There will still be learning taking place, primarily in the form of project-based and more contextual activities which will give the children lots of opportunity for group and independent learning.

Next term we will also be working towards the children's transition to secondary school - there will be visits from the schools as well as transition days later in the term. I hope you all have a fantastic, well-deserved break.

Dolphin Class



Year 4 have been studying the artist Tamara de Lempicka and exploring her unique artistic style. As part of their learning journey, the children explored her technique of exaggerating and emphasising certain facial features, as well as elaborating clothing and accessories to create bold and striking portraits. Then, they applied these skills to create their own final self portraits, and we are incredibly proud of the creativity and effort they showed throughout the project.



In Science we celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday by learning all about his amazing life and creating a fun fact file.

Year 5 Pandas



Year 5 have had a fun term! In English, we have been using our class book, **Macbeth**, as a writing stimulus for writing a balanced argument. The children engaged in discussions and debates about whether Macbeth should or should not kill King Duncan and came up with brilliant arguments for both sides.

They have loved learning about this Shakespearean play, especially following on from our learning about the Tudors!



Diary Dates



Key Dates - Term 5

Monday 1st June	Term 6 begins
Friday 5th June	Year 4 Fundraising Stall after school
Sun 7th - Weds 10th June	Year 6 Residential
Monday 22nd June	Year 2 trip to Chatham Dockyard
Thurs 25th - Sat 27th June	Year 5 Glaping
Friday 3rd July	Year 3 trip to Eagle Heights and sleepover
Monday 6th July	Trust Development Day - school is closed
7th - 10th July	Bear Hunt Fundraising Week 
Thursday 9th - Friday 10th July	Year 4 sleepover and school trip to Chatham Dockyard
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 Production, 6pm
Friday 17th July	Festival of Sports
Monday 20th July	Year 6 Leavers Service, 10am
Tuesday 21st July	Last day of term - 1.30pm finish

FOSS DIARY DATES:

Marvellous Men and Helpful Heroes Brunch

Friday 19th June – AM

Monday 22nd June – AM

More details to follow...!

