Shorne C of E Primary School

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Thank You, Mr Syrett!

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A message from Miss Hewett



As we come to the end of our first term, I would like to start by saying a heartfelt thank you to our outgoing Chair of Governors, Mr Syrett, for all the time, care and commitment he has given to our school. His support and thoughtful challenge has been greatly appreciated, and we are grateful for everything he has contributed to our school community.

We also warmly welcome Mrs Tutty-Johnson as our new Chair of Governors. We look forward to working with you as we continue to support our children, staff and families.

What does achievement look like?

Sometimes, it is a child proudly sharing a piece of writing or solving a problem they once found difficult. Sometimes, it is finding the confidence to speak in class, joining a game, asking for help or showing kindness when someone needs a friend. At Shorne, we want to notice and celebrate all of these moments. Each one tells us something about how a child is learning and growing. As we develop our inclusion strategy, we are thinking carefully about what helps every child feel they belong and take a full part in school life. This means understanding the barriers children may face and considering how we can adapt our teaching, support and school environment to help them succeed.

"Children need different things at different times. Our ambition is to know them well, have high expectations for them and provide the support they need to make progress. Our values of Community, Resilience and Respect guide this work."

We also have some wonderful academic achievements to celebrate:

- **In our 2026 end-of-Key-Stage-2 assessments, 83% of pupils achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths combined.**
- **In the individual subjects, 90% achieved the expected standard in reading and maths, 83% in writing, and 93% in spelling, punctuation and grammar.**
- **We are also delighted that 37% reached the higher standard in reading and maths.**

We are incredibly proud of our pupils. These results reflect their hard work, the dedication of staff and the encouragement of families throughout their time at primary school. Through Flourishing Friday, we will continue to celebrate achievements across school life and beyond the school gates. Please share the things your children are proud of outside school, whether that is learning a new skill, earning an award or helping someone in their community.

Thank you for the care and encouragement you give our children. If there is something that helps your child feel included, or a barrier you would like us to understand better, please speak with us. *Your insight matters.*

With best wishes,
Miss Hewett



A few lines to carry with us this term:

Some steps are small and hard to see,
A hand held out, a brave "help me".
A question asked, another try,
A friend who notices someone shy.
We make the space for each to grow,
And celebrate the steps they show.

SHORNE News

Thank you for all your generous donations towards our Harvest Festival Appeal. Pupils from our Leadsherhip Team were delighted to deliver the items to the Gravesham Foodbank. The total of your giving came to an incredible **108.40kg.**



Pupils danced the night away at the FOSS disco, and we are delighted to announce that they raised over £1,000 from the event! Thanks so much to FOSS for organising a fun night for the children, and to all the volunteers who gave up their time to help!

Eco Club started the year with a litter pick around the village! Pupils really enjoyed cleaning up the local area and was amazed at how much litter we collected.





Harvest Festival

We were extremely proud of our Year 3 and 4 pupils who led this year's Harvest Festival Service at the church. Thank you to all the families who came along and supported them!



Term 1 pics



Hot Dogs at Forest School



FOSS Disco!



Wear Red Day!



Rocksteady Assembly

Shorne Sports news!

O'Reilly Shield



On 3rd October, a strong team of boys took to the pitches at Riverview Junior School, to compete in the O'Reilly Shield. The boys performed brilliantly throughout the group stage, winning two matches and drawing two. These impressive results saw us finish second in our group and secure a well-deserved place in the semi-finals. The semi-final proved to be a nail-biting encounter, with neither team able to find a winning goal. The match went all the way to a penalty shootout, where Jaxson became the hero, saving the decisive penalty to send us through to the final against New Ash Green! In the final both teams battled hard but neither were able to break the deadlock. Once again, the match was decided by penalties. Unfortunately, two missed penalties meant that we were unable to retain our shield, but the boys could hold their heads high after a fantastic performance that saw them finish as runners-up.

However, the story doesn't end there! Thanks to their incredible teamwork, determination and effort, we have been invited to represent Gravesham at a small schools tournament in February! Although we didn't return with the trophy, we finished as the highest-placed small school in the competition, which is an achievement to be incredibly proud of.

Clarke Sheild



For the first time in a couple of years, we were delighted to be able to field a girls' football team and compete in the Clarke Shield on the 8th October. We made a fantastic start to the tournament, competing against three teams in the group stage. With one win and two draws, we finished second in our group, securing a well-deserved place in the semi-finals! Despite some excellent football, neither side could find the back of the net, and the match finished 0–0. Our semi-final was decided by a dramatic penalty shootout! The girls showed tremendous courage, successfully converting two of their three penalties. Unfortunately, St George's scored all three of theirs, bringing our fantastic tournament run to an end.
We are immensely proud of every single girl who represented the school. Their teamwork, resilience and determination were outstanding, particularly considering that some of the girls had never played together before. They supported one another brilliantly and showed exactly what it means to represent Shorne.

A massive shout-out to our Player of the Tournament, Tilly, who scored some fantastic goals throughout the competition while playing against girls up to two years older than herself! An incredible achievement!

PLAYGROUND APPEAL

Our playground is in dire need of updating. Some parts are looking tired, unloved and in need of repair! Our plan is to completely revamp the whole area into an exciting, inclusive environment where all our students can thrive during break time and outdoor activities.

To bring this dream to life, we need to raise funds for brand-new equipment, safety surfacing, and active play zones.

Small gifts. Big impact.

SCAN TO DONATE

HELP US TRANSFORM OUR PLAYGROUND

OUR GOAL **£15,000**

LET'S REACH OUR GOAL TOGETHER!

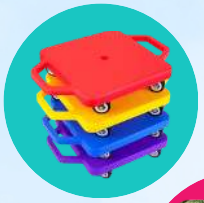
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YOUR GIFT CAN HELP

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£120 Chalkboard Flowers

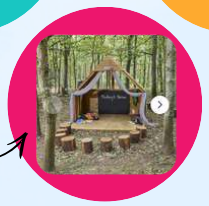
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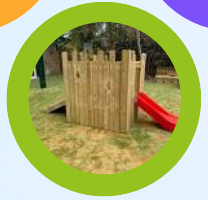






£700 Stage!





£1,400 Play castle

Thank you for making a difference!

Shorne's StAR Awards

	RESILIENCE	COMMUNITY	RESPECT
Year R	Beau	Rocco	Victor
Year 1	Hadley	Frankie	Isla
Year 2	Nellie	Presley	Mason
Year 3	Fern	Freddie	Evie
Year 4	Ronnie	Freddie	Joseph
Year 5	Roman	Oliver S	Bobby
Year 6	Ben	Anna	Oliver



Our StAR Award winners!







Headteacher Award!

Year 3 won best attendance for term!

A huge congratulations to all the children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge this year!



Accelerated Reader Achievements:

This term, we have read a grand total of:

2,506,755 words!

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

Year 2 - Oliver 10,084
Year 3 - Tabitha 44,416
Year 4 - Layla-Ann 115, 299
Year 5 - Jude 65,005
Year 6 - Primrose 220,507

Highlights FROM SHORNE

Hedgehogs



Hedgehogs were so excited to have Year 6 Tigers come visit us this term.

Both of our classes have been learning about the Victorians, and we shared our learning and completed a sorting task together.



Rabbit Class



Our term 1 highlight is all the children settling into school and creating new friendships!





Dolphin Class



This term, Year 4 have been exploring the fascinating journey our food takes through the human digestive system. To bring their learning to life, the children created a model of the digestive system, replicating the different organs involved in digestion. They explored how digestion begins in the mouth, where our teeth break food into smaller pieces, before it travels down the oesophagus to the stomach.



They investigated the important roles of the small and large intestines in absorbing nutrients and water from the food we eat. We thoroughly enjoyed bringing their science learning to life and discovering just how amazing our bodies are!

Otters



In art this term we have been looking at tone and texture. We have been practising our sketching and refining skills using different resources like charcoal and pastels so develop our skills and we drew a final sketch of our favourite teddy from home.



Foxes

This term, Year 3 have enjoyed exploring The Bear and the Piano, following the adventures of a curious bear who discovers a piano in the forest. The children have explored the bear's emotions and developed their descriptive writing by using expanded noun phrases and exciting vocabulary to create detailed sentences.





We are incredibly proud of their hard work and creativity!

Highlights FROM SHORNE

Tiger Class



Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed their first unit of our new art scheme, Kapow. We have looked at how one-point perspective can be used to create depth and realistic space when we designed our own Street Art celebrating our values of respect, resilience and community. We used bold colours, striking images and creative designs for our artwork and these will be displayed in the hall and in our classroom for the remainder of the year.

Year 5 Pandas

Year 5 have had a lovely term, especially in art!

As part of our new art curriculum, the children explored Charlie Mackesy's work and created memory drawings. They transferred their designs onto lino, carefully carved them using lino cutters, and used rollers to print their finished designs into their books.



STALLHOLDERS WANTED

If you're interested in having a stall at the Fair, please get in touch with us — we'd love to hear from you!
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CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

The planning for our Christmas Fair has officially begun, and we're looking for stallholders and raffle donations to help make it a wonderful event! 🎅✨ We would also be incredibly grateful if anyone knows of any local businesses or individuals who might be willing to donate a prize or make a contribution towards our raffle. Any donations, big or small, would be very much appreciated and would help make our Christmas Fair extra special. 🎁 Thank you so much for your support! ❤️ We really appreciate everyone who helps us make these events a success, and we look forward to a lovely festive day together! 🎄✨



Diary Dates

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

Key Dates - Term 5

Monday 2nd November	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 3rd November	Term 2 begins
Friday 6th November	FOSS donation day - own clothes in exchange for gifts
Monday 9th November	Parent Consultations - 3.30pm-7pm
Wednesday 11th November	Parent Consultations - 3.30pm-7pm
Saturday 28th November	FOSS Christmas Fair 
Wednesday 2nd December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Trip
Monday 7th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Trip
Monday 7th December	KS1 Nativity, 2-3pm
Tuesday 8th December	KS1 Nativity, 9.30am - 10.30am
Wednesday 9th December	Elf Day and Christmas Dinner Day 
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day and FOSS Disco
Wednesday 16th December	EYFS and KS1 Pantomime Trip
Friday 18th December	Last day of term, 1.30pm finish

