



## Weekly Update

Friday 7 July 2023



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Dear Families and Friends,

We have had the busiest of weeks since we last wrote.

Most recently, we have had the sports events that we so look forward to, for each of our age phases. This is an opportunity for the children to showcase what they have been learning in PE, and how they can achieve these skills. After moving to house group sets just prior to our covid lockdowns, we learnt a lot about how this worked in teams when we delivered it last year. You will see that the suggestions from parents have been put in place, and the event went very well.

New this year, thanks to Mr Tilbury, was the staff Tug O' War. I had a note from my mum!

We also held some WoW events, which we use to support the children to write exciting vocabulary and extensive pieces or writing unaided. The Zoolab came to visit in KS2 and children held some unusual animals, learning about their needs and their likes/dislikes. In KS1, the children were visited by Animal Edge. This company brought farm animals to school and the children were able to brush the horse, hold the rabbit and feed the goats and pigs.



These events are paid for the by PSA. If you are new to the school, or reading this newsletter because you will be joining us shortly, the PSA are a friendly and hard working team of volunteers who support the organisation of events and activities which raise funds for the children. They plough their monies raised into all of the fun things the children enjoy. The playground trolleys, the outside trim trails, playtime tables, the sensory equipment, the leavers disco and so on. This week, the school took delivery of an outside table tennis table. This will be erected in the external canopy area, before we break up hopefully.

As this week has unfolded, we are finalising school reports. As always, these will be sent home to families, and if you require separate copies, this can be arranged by our office.

We now look forward to the music concern next week, and the preparations for a successful move up day. Please do pop and see us if you need any clarifications in advance.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Finch

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Please know: We are an Operation Encompass School. This means that we work together with the police to respond quickly to instances of domestic abuse and/or violence. Staff in school are trained responders and we are a safe space.



# Celebrating Our Students



## House Points:

Air: 882

Earth: 869

Water: 813

Fire: 816

## House Points and Attendance

W/C 30/06/23

Well done to last week's house winners.



## House Attendance

&

Punctuality

Winner

**Earth!**

## Weekly Good News Calls

Here are the children whose parents and carers have received a phone call home this week to let them know how well their child has been working and showing their school values. Keep up the good work Shefford Lower.

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|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| ◇ <u>Reception</u> | <b>Peach:</b> Lucy          | <b>Pear:</b> Lilah             | <b>Plum:</b> Tommy      |
| ◇ <u>Year 1</u>    | <b>Chestnut:</b> Theo.S     | <b>Holly:</b> Eleanor & George | <b>Sycamore:</b> Jean   |
| ◇ <u>Year 2</u>    | <b>Maple:</b> Sienna & Leon | <b>Oak:</b> Elinor             | <b>Willow:</b> Charlie  |
| ◇ <u>Year 3</u>    | <b>Cedar:</b> Zoe           | <b>Elm:</b> Annie & Aaron      | <b>Hawthorn:</b> Layton |
| ◇ <u>Year 4</u>    | <b>Ash:</b> Isla            | <b>Beech:</b> Oscar            | <b>Hazel:</b> Mabel     |



Congratulations to the children below who have been recognised as a Finer Diner this week for displaying good manners and values at lunchtime



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| ◇ <u>Reception</u> | <b>Peach:</b> Thomas & Emilia | <b>Pear:</b> Lilah & Teddy   | <b>Plum:</b> Sienna & Kayden      |
| ◇ <u>Year 1</u>    | <b>Chestnut:</b> Lowri & Noah | <b>Holly:</b> Immy & Amelia  | <b>Sycamore:</b> Arthur & Louisa  |
| ◇ <u>Year 2</u>    | <b>Maple:</b> Mya & Logan     | <b>Oak:</b> Nivya & Annalise | <b>Willow:</b> Mia N & Alex       |
| ◇ <u>Year 3</u>    | <b>Cedar:</b> Bradley & Aria  | <b>Elm:</b> Eliza & Lauren   | <b>Hawthorn:</b> Serafina & Harry |
| ◇ <u>Year 4</u>    | <b>Ash:</b> Taylor            | <b>Beech:</b> Ella           | <b>Hazel:</b> Scarlett            |



## Shefford Sporting Successes

Well done to all our achievers!

Dougie – Hazel – Football

Nivya – Oak – Dance

Scarlett – Hazel – Swimming

Thea – Cedar – Triathlon

Niki – Cedar – Football

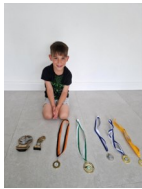
Jacob – Cedar – Swimming

Jake – Ash – Football

Thomas – Maple – Football

Jayda – Maple – Swimming

George – Beech – Swimming/  
Football



## Sports Days

Everyone had a fabulous time at the **Early Years Sports Day** despite a little bit of rain. The children really enjoyed doing the activities with their families.

Well done to everyone for taking part in the **Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Days** over the past few days. All the children did a fantastic job earning points for their house teams during the carousel activities, showing their school games values and having fun. All children take part in races during their PE lessons leading up to the final on sports day. A big well done to the following children for winning their races:

Year 1 - Teddy and Renae

Year 2 - Leon and Grace

Year 3 - Aaron and Eliza

Year 4 - James and Poppy



The overall scores were announced in assembly today and the sports day cup will be presented in our final celebration on the last day of term:

4<sup>th</sup> place – Earth house – 1731

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Air house – 1876

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Fire house – 1904

1<sup>st</sup> place – Water house - 2021

**Well done Water house!**

## Music News

This week marks the last choir session, I just want to say a big thank you to all the adults who have supported their children this year. Choir does take a lot of dedication to rehearsals and performances and I hope pupils have enjoyed these throughout the year. We have lots in the pipeline for next year!

Next Thursday is the Summer music concert, please provide consent via parent mail if you have not already.

The last month of music assemblies will focus on different genres of music. This week explored Indie music.

## Values

The values of July will be Happiness and Hope

“It’s the moments that I just stopped to be that I have been the happiest” Sir Richard Branson.

Looking forward to the future. Understanding optimism and looking for the best as we move forward.

Reflecting on how to keep ourselves and others happy.



Shefford Lower School PSA (Parent & Staff Association) is made up of volunteers who help raise funds to support Shefford Lower School.

### End of Term Music Concert

We will be serving refreshments at the concert if you are coming to watch your child perform.

### UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

**18<sup>TH</sup> JULY – Y4 LEAVERS DISCO**

**PSA meeting  
Wednesday 18 July**

### CONTACT US

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info.sls.psa@gmail.com

Chloë Llewellyn & Louise Hollis  
Co-Chairs

### SUMMER FAYRE

**THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our Summer Fayre this year by sending in much needed donations, without these donations and support from parents/carers we simply could not run the event. **Thank you** also to our PSA helpers and staff members who gave up their time to help on stalls.

After all costs were deducted, we raised an amazing **£964.00** for the school, which is absolutely fantastic!

### WOW Days

This year the PSA have funded a number of different WOW days for the children over the past 2 weeks. This has ranged from farm animals visiting the school to a performance from Mr Simms' didgeridoo and Sitar. We hope the children enjoyed the experiences.

### JOIN THE PSA

We are always looking for new committee members and helpers to support the events.

The activities we run to raise funds for the school vary from Christmas Fayres to Sponsored Bounces to Mufti Days, but we are always looking for new ideas.

too. If you would like to help or just find out how you can support, please get in touch!

# Community News

Please note, the following events/activities are run independently of Shefford Lower.

**Discover Bucks Museum**  
A Royal Dads Children's Charity

## MECHANICS ALIVE!

A humorous, hands-on exhibition combining art, science and engineering to delight visitors of all ages!

**22 JULY - 2 SEPTEMBER 2023**  
Discover Bucks Museum, Aylesbury HP20 2QP  
For opening times and ticket prices visit: [discoverbucksmuseum.org](http://discoverbucksmuseum.org)

Mechanics Alive! Produced and toured by Caberet Mechanical Theatre and Science Projects

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

## PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS

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## FOR 3-7 YEAR OLD PLAYERS BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME!

Our aim is to develop the confidence of children via football and encourage a healthy lifestyle - while having so much fun they don't realise they are learning important skills!

We use state-of-the-art local facilities, including an indoor sports hall and 3G all-weather pitches for the best experience.

Our experienced coaches are FA qualified and all are DBS / CRB checked and first-aid trained to keep your children safe.

**Respect**

FIND OUT MORE OR BOOK A TASTER SESSION AT:  
[info@stotfoldjuniorsdc.co.uk](mailto:info@stotfoldjuniorsdc.co.uk) [www.stotfoldjuniorsdc.co.uk](http://www.stotfoldjuniorsdc.co.uk)

**STOTFOLD WATERMILL**  
A NATURE RESERVE

## Children's Holiday Activities 2023

We are offering 4 different activities both in the Mill and the Nature Reserve.

Suitable for children from school years Y1 - Y6	£3.50/£4.00 per child. Sessions must be pre-booked.	Children must be accompanied by an adult.
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We offer a morning and an afternoon session for each activity:

<b>morning:</b> 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon	<b>afternoon:</b> 1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.
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<b>Kitchen Science</b>  <b>Wednesday 26th July - £4.00</b> Experiment! Explore! Explode! Discover what can be done using everyday objects and materials. See how high a rocket will go!	<b>Pond Dipping</b>  <b>Tuesday 1st August - £3.50</b> Marvel at the fantastic life that lurks in and around the different ponds in the Nature Reserve. All equipment provided.
<b>Crafty Kids</b>  <b>Wednesday 9th August - £4.00</b> Be creative and learn some great new and unusual skills. Be as messy as you like using a variety of materials!	<b>Skull Island Adventure</b>  <b>Tuesday 15th August - £3.50</b> Be an explorer using mapping symbols. Work out the pirates' code. Find where they have hidden their treasure!

For further details and booking go to: [www.stotfoldmill.com](http://www.stotfoldmill.com) Events - Children's Activities

PREMIER CAMPS NEAR YOU...

**HELLOW COPE ACADEMY, SG16 6AN**  
Monday 24th July - Friday 1st September  
Ages 5 - 12

**FULL DAY**  
8:00am - 4:00pm  
£30.76 a day

Additional info: We accept childcare vouchers / tax free childcare at this venue. Select this option when booking online and a colleague will follow with further info.

**PLEASE BRING**

- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!

Source into Summer with our multi-activity holiday camp!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities - from archery to fencing, dodgeball to cricket.

Book now for a Summer full of fun!

Contact us: [childrens.office@premier-education.com](mailto:childrens.office@premier-education.com)

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION  
[www.premier-education.com/holiday-camps](http://www.premier-education.com/holiday-camps)

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**Foundation Sports**

## Summer Football Camp

Theme days		Technical	
Tuesdays	Ice cream factory day	Skills and Turning	
Wednesdays	Champions league day	Shooting and Finishing	
Thursdays	Pizza day & Penalty king	Passing and Possession	

**Dates**

25/07/23	01/08/23	08/08/23	15/08/23	22/08/23	29/08/23
26/07/23	02/08/23	09/08/23	16/08/23	23/08/23	30/08/23
27/07/23	03/08/23	10/08/23	17/08/23	24/08/23	31/08/23

**£20 Per Day**  
9:30am to 3:30pm  
Early drop off available  
Prizes given out daily  
AGE: 5 TO 14 YEARS  
AGE: 4 YEARS HALF DAYS FROM 9:30AM 12:30PM  
£12

VENUE: Raysford Church of England Academy  
TO CONFORM YOUR PLACE PLEASE BOOK ONLINE AT  
[WWW.FOUNDATION-SPORTS.COM](http://WWW.FOUNDATION-SPORTS.COM)  
ADDRESS: Park Ln, Hellow SG16 6AT

ABOUT US  
ALL OUR COACHES ARE FA QUALIFIED HOLD A FIRST AID, HAVEN BEEN DBS CHECKED AND HAVE ATTENDED A CHILD PROTECTION WORK SHOP.

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**SHEFFORD**

## SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS!

FOOTBALL, FUN, COMPETITIONS AND PRIZES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-14!

CAMP 1 - MONDAY 31ST JULY-THURSDAY 3RD AUGUST, 10-3PM  
CAMP 2 - MONDAY 14TH - THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST, 10-3PM

\*\*\* 1/2/3/4 DAY TICKETS AVAILABLE. ONLY 60 SPACES AVAILABLE! \*\*\*  
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## Safeguarding Information

At Shefford Lower School we take our responsibilities to promote safeguarding the welfare of all children seriously. The designated persons for safeguarding children is the Headteacher who can be contacted via the school office on 01462 629123. If you are concerned about a child outside of school you can phone 999 in an emergency or 101 to make a report. The NSPCC operated an urgent helpline on 0808 800 5000.

### Mythbusters

**Myth:** "It doesn't matter if my child is 5 minutes late."

**Buster:** *There is a legal duty for parents to ensure children are at school each day, on time. Learning begins immediately and frequent lateness can account for several days of learning lost over a school year. Late children distract from the learning of others who arrive at school on time. Schools have a legal duty to record lateness and absence. At Shefford Lower School this is recorded on \*CPOMS.*

## Central Bedfordshire Upcoming Events

Central Bedfordshire

### Family support Drop in

We provide a friendly service to families with children 0-12 years  
No need to book, pop along for support or to meet other local families

**Monday 9 – 10.30 @ Stotfold Library** Hitchin Rd SG5 4HP

**Friday 9 - 11 @ Shefford Children's centre** School Lane SG17 5XA

Feeding support



Sleep advice



Speech & language



Behaviour strategies



Child development



Vitamins  
Diddy cups  
Benefits advice  
Well being support  
Local Activities

Self-weighing scales available

### Healthy Lunchbox Tip

Get your children involved in preparing their lunches and encourage them to make healthy choices



Shefford and Stotfold Children's Centre 0300 300 8112  
Supporting Shefford, Stotfold, Arlesey and villages



# Shefford Lower School

## Diary Dates

(further dates will be added and these will be in bold italics)

### 2023 Upcoming Dates

13th July	Music Concert 5.15pm School Hall (ParentMail has been sent to those participating)
14th July	Move Up Day—PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
18th July	Year 4 Disco 3:20pm—4:30pm
19th July	Year 4 Leavers Picnic and Leavers Performance. Doors open at 1:30pm for the performance PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME
21st July	Summer Term Ends
4th –5th September	Inset Days
6th September	Back to School

### Information from the School Office

Drop off times—08.45—09.00am

Collection times—3.20pm

The school office will be open from 8.30am to 3.45pm for any queries, please call 01462 629123 or email

[schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk).

To find Shefford Lower's Academic Calendar for 2022/2023 please refer to our website

[Term Dates Link](#)

Please note this will be different to the Central Bedfordshire term dates

Moving to become a primary as part of Central Bedfordshire's Schools For The Future project.

<https://www.schoolsforthefuture.co.uk/>