



Weekly Update

Friday 10th June 2022



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Dear Family and Friends,

With a 4 day week to come back to, we packed in a LOT! Thank you for all taking part in our RED WHITE & BLUE day for the Queen's platinum jubilee. We enjoyed our jubilee activities and our whole school picnic. It's been a long time coming to be able to reinstate lots of whole school fun things. The atmosphere in school was wonderful. The unity such activities bring about is felt in all classes. We hoped you had fun talking about it afterwards at home.

Thursday was commonwealth day for us. We learned about different areas of the commonwealth in each of our classes and this was tied into our learning about geography. The children are creating displays for the school corridors based on what they have found out, and if you are coming to the Arts event, you will see these as you browse our art gallery too. Do talk to the children about what they have learned, and how they used globes, atlases and maps in their explorations. We also tied this in with World Ocean Day, as our 'Connected Curriculum' is designed to make links between subjects, and we have been thinking about the environment with our eco-council too. We will be sharing our learning with our twin school in Sri Lanka when they return. We would like to make other school links, so please do see Mrs Carter if you have a connection we can use.

Our children have completed SATs, with maths being the final paper. We have also returned to the Phonics Screening Test, which year 1 have to complete in June each year. Over the break we posted lots of resources to our [Facebook page](#) and hope they were useful to families in our early years classes too, who will be doing this next.

School attendance is key to school success, and head teachers are not allowed to grant term time holidays. The exceptional circumstances that apply are extremely strict and detailed in [our policy](#). The DfE are very clear that the 13 weeks children have is sufficient, and have been clear about the amount of missed school for children already.

We are celebrating PE again...We returned to attend a cricket tournament this week too! Out of over 50 schools, we came 3rd, and the children behaved incredibly well. We always hear this about our children when they are out and about on school visits. The values we instil, and continually reinforce are shared at home and we thank you for your support in this.

Suncream, sun hats and rain macs! We have had EVERY season this week. Please make sure all of your child's things are named, and that they are well prepared for the sunshine as well as the rain. We go out in all weathers wherever possible. In Summer we always end up with more lost property on the field. So please do just check names haven't worn out in the washing machine, and that hats, bottles, suncreams, coats, cardigans and jumpers are fully visibly named.

Our children wanted equipment on the field. As well as our sensory trail and outside classroom, our lovely PSA met with captains who then chose items to buy. They chose traverse poles, a beanbag wall and some activity tables. These were then voted in by the PSA committee. Thank you for the support you give the PSA. They are funding friendship benches in their next move, as our values ambassadors have asked for these too. This came from talking to children about our work with the 'Behaviour Hub' and thinking about 'emotional health'. They have also been planting, decorating and painting in our outside areas—you may have noticed as you pass.

Our PSA also fund our leavers disco and a leavers book for every child in the three classes moving on. The next event the PSA are attending is the town fete of July 16th, and they do want a couple of helpers to support the stall. Please get in touch.

We continue to take in food for the NEED project, and to keep a 2nd hand uniform collection. Again, our PSA manage the uniform, and this ensures families have cost effective support for uniform. You may either need those extra clothes, or perhaps your child has grown, but you don't want to buy new before September. Please send your items in as you clear out.

The library will soon be releasing its Summer Reading challenge. We obviously love this, because it is all about the reading, which is crucial to learning. We will also be putting together reading ideas. In the meantime, we give out those daily housepoints for a read with a grown up each night. Please ensure the diary is signed, so that your child can collect points for their team.

Have a lovely weekend

From Mrs Finch

Values

The values of June will be Thoughtfulness & Patience

"Be a rainbow in somebody else's cloud." Maya Angelou

Thinking of others and putting their thoughts before our own. Thinking of the needs of others and giving time and space to support them. Enduring hardships and

House Points

Water—1215

Air—1108

Fire—840

Earth—824

House Points and Attendance

W/E 27/05/22

Well done to last week's house winners.



House Attendance & Punctuality

Winner

Fire

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

Please find useful information updated weekly

Mythbuster

Myth – Bedtimes are upto me

Buster - Ensuring children have good sleep hygiene in order to thrive is part of safeguarding. Schools are obliged to monitor and record instances on CPOMs. We can support you if you need help with this aspect of care. Our family worker can work with you and help you to establish good routines

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 0808800500



Shefford Museum and Gallery is growing fast at Shefford Lower School. It features copies of some the most famous paintings in the world and authentic historical and natural history artefacts. We would like to share a different exhibit each week in the news letter. This week's featured exhibit is

Save the date

23rd June 3.20pm

**Museum's Art and Exhibition open
evening**

Malaysian Lepidoptera

Lepidoptera - various

Moths and Butterflies

Malaysia

There are 165 000 species of lepidoptera (moths and butterflies) and only 18 000 are butterflies. Moths generally fold their wings horizontally against their bodies, but butterflies fold them vertically. All of these lepidoptera were collected in Malaysia and Singapore in the 1960s and 1970's. It is a tropical country with high biodiversity.





Calling all Shefford Lower School Bakers

As part of our Jubilee celebrations at Shefford Lower, we are going to be having a Shefford Lower School Bake-off home challenge.

This will be a year group home challenge and **the final voting will be done by our mayor at the Shefford Fete on Saturday the 16th of July.**



Children are invited to enter by, creating a cake linked to theme of the Queen's Jubilee. We would like photo entries and a little description of cake flavours and why you chose the design you did. If you want to share the recipe with some important top tips this will receive a values stamp for each entry.

If your child would like to enter the **deadline for the bake-off is Monday, the 20th of June** with photos being shared with teachers. Year teams will then decide a top winner for each year group and those pupils' will then be entered into the Shefford Fete bake-off.

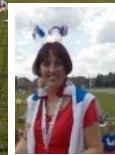


Good luck to all our Shefford Lower School bakers.



The children loved getting altogether for a whole school picnic to finish off our Red, White & Blue Jubilee celebration day. After two years of being separated everyone is so grateful for these days.

We have been learning about the Commonwealth countries this week and look forward to sharing the children's display boards that have been created from this.



Lunchbox tips



Switch the sweets

Swap cakes, chocolate, cereal bars and biscuits for malt loaf, fruited teacakes, fruit breads or fruit (fresh, dried or tinned – in juice not syrup).

[NHS Healthy Scanner App](#)



[Salmon and salad bagel](#)

For this recipe please follow this link

[Lunchbox](#)

[Recipe](#)

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.

<u>Reception</u>	Pear—Finn, Peach—Samantha, Plum—Noah
<u>Year 1</u>	Chestnut— Theo, Holly—Jake, Sycamore—Abigail
<u>Year 2</u>	Maple—Mathew, Oak—Serafina, Willow—Joshua
<u>Year 3</u>	Hawthorn—Dougie, Elm—Caiden, Cedar—Max
<u>Year 4</u>	Hazel—Khalladi, Ash—Ekam, Beech—Theo K



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



<u>Reception</u>	Millie, Libby, Harriet, Amelia, Fin, Elsie, Aiden, Ava, Theo, Marley, Callum, Olivia, Kovah & Jacob
<u>Year 1</u>	Jayda, Delilah, Hattie, Mya, Grace, Martha, Leila, Jackson, Jo, Elodie Lily & Morgan
<u>Year 2</u>	Elisa, Esme, Thea, Aleen, Zoe, Poppy, Bethany, Jemima & Aaron
<u>Year 4</u>	Jackson & Arianna



Shefford Sporting Successes

We celebrate children's sporting successes from home as well as those in school. Please send us photos of your child's certificates and/or medals which will be displayed on our PE celebration board and celebrated in assembly. Well done to these children who have shared their sporting success this week.

We took part in two sports festivals this week, which the children loved to taking part in.



Our cricket team came 3rd in their final on Wednesday, which was out of 52 teams altogether.

The finals were brilliant. Unfortunately we bowled a few no balls but we came third place in the end which was great!

Earth House Noah—Swimming

Water House Ava—Dance

Fire House Eleanor—Dance



We also took part in a non-competitive tennis festival on Thursday

It was really good. We learnt lots of tennis skills and played games. My favourite game was the fish and chips one.



PSA News

We are delighted to inform you that the Pre-Loved Uniform Sale held just before half-term raised £95.00. Thank you to the PSA members who prepared the clothing and to the Early Years Leaders who ran the event.

A BIG thank you to all the families who donated a bottle on Thursday 26th May for our stall at the STMA fete. We received a wonderful variety of bottles – thank you so much for your generosity.

The weather on Sunday 5th June wasn't as sunny as we had hoped but that didn't stop the people of Shefford attending the fete. Our stall proved very popular. We sold all 945 tickets in 2 hours and made an amazing profit of £327.90! Thank you to those who helped prepare and run the event and to everyone who supported us by having a go on the Bottle Tombola on the day!



Community News

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



Ivel Valley Parent Bulletin

Ivel Valley Local Bulletin

IT DOESN'T HURT TO ASK FOR HELP!

Safe Space

What is a Safe Space?

- a place for you to go if you need to access support
- a place where you can contact a domestic abuse support service who will be able to help you safely

For more information, speak to a member of staff or contact BDAP@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

[@bedsdv](https://www.bedsdv.org.uk)
[bedsdv.org.uk](https://www.bedsdv.org.uk)

Children's Community Health HUB

Your one stop contact point

0300 555 0606

ccs.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthhub@nhs.net

Open 9am-5pm every weekday (excluding BH)

New contact number and email address for the Beds and Luton 0-19 services, including:

- Health Visiting
- School Nursing

New contact number for:

- Luton Community Paediatric services (Edwin Lobo Centre)
- Beds and Luton Looked after Children's services

Health HUB - a single contact point, making it easier for you to get in touch with us.

Revs and Rhythms

CLASSIC VEHICLES & LIVE MUSIC
SATURDAY 24TH JULY 2021 3PM
At Robert Bloomfield Academy SHEFFORD, Beds

LIVE MUSIC
FROM 3PM to DUSK

THE RHYTHMS & BLUES BAND
CORRUPTION
SPACEGOAT

For more info contact:
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Revsandrhythms Shefford
VEHICLES OVER 20 YEARS OLD WELCOME
NEWER CLASSICS AT ORGANISER'S DISCRETION

Public Parking On Site

For all the family... Food stands & bar or bring a picnic

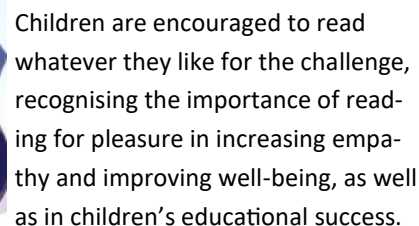
Entry £2 over 16's

The event is subject to cancellation dependant on Covid 19 restrictions

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

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





A collage of 18 children's book covers from the 'My First' series, arranged in three rows of six. The books include titles like 'My First Rainy Day', 'My First Snow Day', 'My First Halloween', 'My First Valentine's Day', 'My First Thanksgiving', 'My First Christmas', 'My First New Year's Day', 'My First Easter', 'My First Spring', 'My First Summer', 'My First Fall', and 'My First Winter'. Each cover features colorful illustrations of children and seasonal themes.

Further details of all activities from www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge

Shefford Lower School

Diary Dates

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

2022 Upcoming Dates

13th—14th June	Healthy Eating Week—find more information throughout the week on our Facebook page
14th June	Year 4 Faith Tour
20th June	Cherry Class Open Evening—Pre-booking required
20th—24th June	Road Safety Week
23rd June	Art Exhibition & Museum Open Evening
24th June	Year 1 Cake Sale—raising money for RSPCA
27th June	Reception Class Open Evening—Pre-booking required
30th June	Year 3 Sing Up Concert—Information sent out via Parentmail
1st July	Shuffle up day
5th July	Early Years Sports Afternoon—more information to follow
6th July	Year 1 and 2 Sports Afternoon—more information to follow
7th July	Year 3 and 4 Sports Afternoon—more information to follow
12th July	End of year music concert
13th July	Year 3 Cake Sale—raising money for Smiles
19th July	Year 4 leavers performance—Dress rehearsal
20th July	Year 4 leavers performance
22nd July	Last Day of Term
25th—29th July	Mr Tilbury's Holiday Club—Parentmail form will be available after May Half Term
5th September	2022/2023 School Year Begins

To find Shefford Lower's Academic Calendar for 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 please refer to our website

[Term Dates Link](#)

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

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.cbbeds.co.uk.