



# Weekly Update

## Friday 15h July 2022



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Dear Families and Friends,

Today you will receive your child's school report. With it this year is a data summary for your child. This will be new to you if your child started main school within the 'Covid years' as data has not been able to be provided in the same way since 2019. In that time, the DfE have introduced new baselines and multiplication tests. Therefore, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher about any part of the report information. Our classroom celebrations from 2:30pm are after reports go out, to allow time for you to chat and also to see the work on display in the classrooms.

We also attach the attendance sheet. This tells you how optimum your child's attendance has been throughout the year. Whilst we recognise the difficulties that have arisen since Covid, we also know that the correlation between achievement and attendance is significant. Our whole school results show a stark link with children who are attending at 97%+ and those achieving the 'greater depth' scores. This is in line with research findings also.

Reading and home learning with children daily, and ensuring strong attendance and punctuality, are the foremost ways to support children to have successful school outcomes. We have been very lucky with Mrs Carter's recent project to support adult learning. Coming up, you have been sent a flyer for the 'how to help your child learn' courses for parents. The parents who attended these courses this Summer have really benefited and stated that these should be available for more parents. So, if this is something you would like to attend, then please sign up.

Families are thinking about readying the uniform for next year. We have sent out the link to our uniform suppliers, and our uniform policy, please find the links below.

[Uniform Policy](#)

[Price & Buckland](#)

We remind you politely, that rucksacks should not be brought into school. Children should have a draw string bag for PE. Rucksacks are problematic in school so we do ask for your assistance in this matter.

This week's music event was an absolute delight. Miss Mansell has been working with our music specialist, Mrs Lawson, to bring about a range of groups for music since we have been able to implement this after Covid. Some children have begun to pick up music tuition through Inspiring Music also. It was wonderful to see them come together in front of a live audience. A big thank you to everyone who made this happen.

Next week, we have our leavers' events. These are always an emotional time for children and staff, but we are always so proud to see our children on to their next step. They make us proud here at Sheffield Lower, and we know they will always be Sheffield Lower children making us proud throughout their school journey.

We also have staff leavers. Mr Breacher is moving up to teacher training. We wish him lots of luck in this and hopefully we might have the pleasure of being one of his placements during this exciting time for him. Mr Bowen also moves on. Having moved house some time ago, the long commute is now going to be drastically shortened. We thank him for his immense loyalty, and his commitment to the projects he has led during this time. With a growing family, I know you will join me as we wish him lots of luck in his new school as curriculum leader.

This will be my last news page to you this year, so please do have a wonderful summer break, and stay safe!

Warm summer wishes from  
Mrs Finch

## Values

The values of July will be Happiness & 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.

### House Points

**Water—1416**

**Air—1309**

**Fire—1285**

**Earth—1005**

### House Points and Attendance

W/E 08/07/22

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** – all the children use TikTok, so they need it to socialise

**Buster** - The safety around TikTok is unguarded, and exposure to language and propaganda that is harmful to children remains highly dangerous. The school is obliged to report pupils of this age using TikTok, using CPOMs \*

\*Child Protection Online Management System

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



### A Banquet of Song and Dance

16<sup>th</sup> Century AD Painted by: Unknown Persian Painter

This painting was painted during the Safavid Dynasty in Persia. It was a high point in Persian art and combined ancient Persian artistic styles with some elements of Chinese paintings. This painting represents a banquet (lavish meal) where the guests are entertained with music and dancing. How many different musical instruments can you see? What do you think about the style of costumes the guests and entertainers are wearing?

Renaissance Art 1400AD - 1600AD

Painted at the same time as the European Renaissance



Painted in Persia (Modern day Iran)



#### Sheffield Jubilee Bake-off Winners:

Well done to all the children that participated in the bake-off at school.

#### The year group winners were:

Early Years – Harry Pear  
Year 1 – Jasmine in Sycamore  
Year 2 – Jennifer in Willow  
Year 3 – Izzy Hawthorn  
Year 4 – Beth in Hazel

Well done to everyone that participated. You all worked so very hard. Anyone that would like to participate in the Sheffield Fete bake-off it is on Saturday 16th July.



Please note from Year 3 the cost of a school lunch will be £2.15 from September.

Any outstanding lunch money needs to be cleared, this can be done through your Parentpay account, by cash in a named envelope or a cheque made payable to AIP Ltd.

Please speak to the school office if you would like to know your balance

### Weekly music update

Thank you to all the children that took part in the end of year music concert, it was an amazing evening filled with so much talent. A big shout out to the adults that came to watch and support the young musicians. We hope this yearly concert only gets bigger and better as we continue to watch pupils flourish musically. This week in music assembly, we looked at rap music and used key music terminology to describe the pieces. Each assembly we also learn to sing new songs, children now have an impressive number of songs under their belt to have fun and enjoy singing as a whole school. We have attached more information if you would like to look into music lessons (inside or outside of school), inspiring music offer a great deal as our central Bedfordshire music hub. Please do contact the school if you have any queries or if you would like your child to learn an instrument.

For more information on how to enrol your child for music lessons please follow this link

<https://www.inspiringmusic.co.uk/lessons-schools/overview>

#### 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  
Sheffield Lower.

**Plum—Georgia, Pear—Aidan,  
Peach—Cristina**

**Sycamore—Nancy, Holly—Ellie,  
Chestnut— Delilah**

**Oak—Lyra, Willow—Lauren, Maple—Keira**

**Hawthorn—Max, Cedar—Charlie,  
Elm—Imogen**

**Hazel—Tristan, Ash—Victoria,  
Beech— Cameron**

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

**Reception—Macie, Bobby, Louie, Beattie,  
Francesca, Noah & Oscar**

**Year 1—Ezmee, Josh, Niven, Connie, Lumen &  
Charlie**

**Year 2—Charlie, Lacey, Poppy, Felicity, Sarah,  
Emily, Annie & Amelia**

**Year 3—Mark, Jake, Lola, Jacey-Mae, Edie,  
Alfie & Taylor**

**Year 4—Sid, Honey, Abinaya, Leo, Matthew &  
Connie**



## 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.

**Earth House** Katie—Gymnastics, Sofya—Gymnastics, Felicity—Gymnastics, Poppy—Gymnastics, Daisy—Gymnastics, Lilly—Gymnastics, Olivia—Gymnastics, Poppy—Majorettes & Swimming, Emily—Gymnastics

**Fire House** Cara—Gymnastics, Amber—Gymnastics, Dougie—Football, Mia—Gymnastics, Thea—Gymnastics, Beth—Gymnastics, Oscar—Swimming

**Air House** Sienna—Gymnastics, Oscar—Gymnastics, Kayleigh—Gymnastics, Elisa—Swimming, Fabrizio—Football, Jacob—Swimming, Niamh—Gymnastics, Sophie—Gymnastics, Lilly—Gymnastics, Nancy—Gymnastics, Sienna—Gymnastics, Abhinaya—Gymnastics, Anuradha—Swimming

**Water House** Paige—Gymnastics, Effie—Gymnastics, immy—Gymnastics, Charlie—Swimming, Lexi—Majorettes, Joshua—Football



# Happy Little Yogi Breakfast Club

@ Shefford Lower / 8am-8.45am

Wednesday Sept 14th - Dec 14th (13 wks) -

Trial the first class for just £1

the rest of the term payment due after the first class

Yoga  
Meditation  
Mindfulness  
Breathing  
Memory  
Dance  
Movement  
Sound



Book via the QR Code or the link following link:

<https://www.happylittleyogi.com/classes/online-enrolment?type=a>

Any enquiries please email: [jane@happylittleyogi.com](mailto:jane@happylittleyogi.com)



## Shefford Lower School Summer Holiday Club

*For children who attend Shefford Lower in Years 1- 4*



**Monday 25th July—29th July**

**9.00am - 3.30pm**

**Individual days can be booked**

*Numbers are limited to 30 children per day on a first come first served basis.*

**£18.00 per day**

**£12.00 per sibling**

## **BOOK NOW !**

Booking forms are available on Parent Mail or paper copies can be collected from the School Office.



# Sheffield Lower School PSA



To get involved and find out more about what we do or how you could help, please get in touch. If you see us around school, come up and say hello!

Please contact the school office on 01462 629123 or email [schooloffice@sheffield.cbeds.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@sheffield.cbeds.co.uk)

The office will pass your details onto the Committee who will be in touch with you to discuss how you could help.



WHY NOT COME ALONG TO OUR NEXT MEETING?

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (7.30pm for a 7.45 start)  
At Sheffield Lower School (via the main entrance)





# Community News

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



**SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMPS**

Camp 1 Date: 26th - 28th July  
Camp 2 Date: 16th - 18th August  
Camp 3 Date: 30th Aug - 1st September  
Venue: Pendleton Sports Centre, Stotfold  
Days: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
Age: 4 - 16 Years  
Cost: £25 (E10)  
Extra 10% off if booked using the Early Bird Discount (can also be used with other codes)

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**SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS!**

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

SUMMER CAMP 1 - MONDAY 1ST - THURSDAY 4TH AUGUST 2022, 10.00-15.00  
SUMMER CAMP 2 - MONDAY 22ND - THURSDAY 25TH AUGUST, 10.00-15.00  
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or call 01480 467567



**Revs and Rhythms**

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For more info contact:  
Email: [revsandrhythmshefford@virginmedia.com](mailto:revsandrhythmshefford@virginmedia.com)  
Satnav: SG17 5BU

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Entry £2 over 16's



**SUMMER OF FUN!**

**PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS**

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or visit [premier-education.com/holiday-camps](http://premier-education.com/holiday-camps)

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**STOTFOLD WATERMILL & NATURE RESERVE**

**Children's Holiday Activities 2022**

We are offering 4 different activities both in the Mill and the Nature Reserve.  
Suitable for children from 5 to 11. Sessions must be pre-booked. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

We offer a morning and an afternoon session for each activity:

Activity	Time
Pond Dipping <td>10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon</td>	10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon
Skull Island Adventure <td>1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.</td>	1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.
Kitchen Science <td>10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon</td>	10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon
Printing Workshop <td>1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.</td>	1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.

For further details please go to: [www.stotfoldmill.com](http://www.stotfoldmill.com) What's on? - Children's Activities



**SHEFFORD GARAGE SALE TRAIL**

All fees donated to Shefford Christmas Lights

September 18th 11am-3pm

Registration forms available from Country Properties

Closing date Aug 24th

£5 PER STALL

ALL QUERIES TO LESLEY: 07799 642863  
[lesley@lesleywhitemansocialmedia.co.uk](mailto:lesley@lesleywhitemansocialmedia.co.uk)

SEPTEMBER 16TH - 25TH 2022  
[www.sheffordcommunityfestival.co.uk](http://www.sheffordcommunityfestival.co.uk)



**40th SHEFFORD CRAFT & PRODUCE SHOW**

Saturday 10th September 2022

Shefford Methodist Church Schoolroom  
Amphill Road

Schedules now available

Locations include Post Office, Library, Crafty Café, Newsagents and other locations.



**Book now for fun, free summer holiday activities!**

In Central Bedfordshire

This Summer, we are running a range of free activities for children and young people aged 5 upwards who are eligible for benefit related free school meals.

Our sessions are inclusive so are suitable for children with special education needs and disabilities (SEND), and we'll also be running a series of activities that are specifically for children with SEND.

The Holiday Activities and Food programme is for children eligible for benefit related free school meals. This is a requirement from the Department for Education who are funding the programme.

★ You will need to have registered before you can book an activity. Please complete a separate registration form for each eligible child. We will allocate each child a separate registration number, which we will send you by email. Register here: [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/school-hols-food](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/school-hols-food)

There is something to suit everyone including crafts, performing arts, sports and games. Get involved in a holiday club to make friends and have fun. All children taking part get a free lunch and snacks throughout the day.

For more information visit: [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/holiday-activities](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/holiday-activities)



## Family Learning

This half term we have been in a fortunate position to be able provide Family Learning courses, to help our families with building practical skills and confidence to support children with maths. The sessions have lasted for 4 weeks and have enabled the parents to explore activities and games that they can use at home to make maths fun, as well as develop their own subject knowledge.

As this course has proved to be a success, we will continue to run courses in September. Our next course aims to help parents and carers build the skills and knowledge to help children read, as well as improve their own confidence and understanding with reading and English. Please see the flyer attached for dates and times of the course – we really do hope to see you there!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents who took part in our maths course and for your extremely positive feedback.

"The course has helped me to identify different ways to encourage my children to learn at home, whilst also having fun."

"I've developed my own subject knowledge and know new ways to teach fractions."



Mrs. Carter



Bedfordshire Employment and Skills Service

## Helping Children with Reading

Do you want to build skills and knowledge to help your child with reading?  
Do you want to improve your own confidence and understanding with reading and English?

Sessions will cover:

- Building practical skills and the confidence to support children with reading and language development
- Ideas for practising reading skills in everyday activities with children
- Exploring activities and games to make reading fun in the everyday
- Building confidence working with spelling, grammar and communication



When: Tuesdays Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 04

Where: In school

How long: 4 sessions

Time: 9:30 – 11:30

Cost: FREE

To book a place: Complete the sign-up sheet in school  
Email [BESS.adultlearning@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:BESS.adultlearning@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)  
Call BESS Adult Learning on 0800 300 8110

BESS and our partnership of training providers deliver free workshops and courses for adult learners to build skills for life and work. We also have advisers that provide one-to-one help finding the right course or employment support including CV writing, job searching, redundancy support and interview skills. Find out more:

[www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/adult-learning-SFWL](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/adult-learning-SFWL)

[BESS.adultlearning@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:BESS.adultlearning@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

0300 300 8110



## Inspiring Music

offers high-quality, reliable music tuition to schools, parents and the wider community across Central Bedfordshire.

Give your child the opportunity to develop a lifelong talent and interest by taking up our music lessons in schools.

As well as being **GREAT FUN**, research shows that learning a musical instrument supports children in lots of ways.

To find out more, and view the full costs of music lessons, please scan here.



To watch video performances of Inspiring Music tutors showcasing instruments and singing, please scan here.



To view our terms and conditions for music lessons, please scan here.



Speech  
Social skills  
Numeracy  
Self-confidence  
Literacy  
Self-expression

### Key Information

#### Where and When do Lessons Take Place?

Most lessons take place during the school day, in school and typically last between 20 and 30 minutes.

#### Do I have to Provide an Instrument?

We can provide a number of instruments **FREE OF CHARGE** for the first year. If your child has their own suitable instrument, we are happy to teach them on this.

#### What Instruments can we Teach?

Brass	Guitar	Piano	Percussion	Woodwind	Strings	Vocal
Baritone Cornet Euphonium French Horn Tenor Horn Trombone Trumpet Tuba	Acoustic* Bass* Electric* Ukulele*	Keyboard* Piano*	Drum Kit* Orchestral Tuned*	Bassoon Clarinet Flute Oboe Saxophone	Cello Double Bass Viola Violin	Singing

\*Currently not available for hire

#### Financial Support for Music Lessons

Funding may be available for low income families or families who find themselves in financial difficulties through the Bedfordshire Educational Association (BEA). Please check out their website - <http://www.beacharity.co.uk/>

If you do not have facilities to enrol online please call the phone number below:

To find out more please look online

[www.inspiringmusic.co.uk](http://www.inspiringmusic.co.uk)

[CBC Inspiring Music](https://www.facebook.com/CBCInspiringMusic) [@InspiringMusic1](https://www.instagram.com/InspiringMusic1)

Contact us on 0300 300 6604

or [inspiring.music@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:inspiring.music@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

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## 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](mailto:BDAP@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)



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# Shefford Lower School

## Diary Dates

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

### 2022 Upcoming Dates

19th July	Year 4 leavers performance—Dress rehearsal
19th July	Year 4 leavers disco
20th July	Year 4 leavers performance
22nd July	Last Day of Term
25th—29th July	Mr Tilbury's Holiday Club—Parentmail form available to book
5th September	2022/2023 School Year Begins

### Year 3 Cake Sale

Year 3 had a cake sale this week to raise money for the Smile day centre that Miss Mansell's sister attends and the children voted for this independently. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for us to sell after school and to everyone who brought a delicious treat.



Money raised in total was  
an amazing  
**£298**



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

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

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