



## Weekly Update

Friday 17th March 2023



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Dear Families and Friends,

This was part of National Science Week, with a focus on connections. A lovely week of Science activities in school, which has included fair testing, scientific enquiry and even Science through Music. Sheffield has a connected curriculum, and we try to make the most of the links between subjects. Miss Mansell, our music leader gave us the recycling song for our Friday focus.



We had a few queries with regards to Red Noses. Usually we sell these each year. We don't tend to dress up, as it comes so quickly after World Book Day, so we consider the cost of living and pressure on busy families too. This year we could not sell the noses, because there was an age restriction which impacts 4 of our 6 year groups. We do still wish to support the charities, which comic relief raise funds for throughout the year.



We will support comic relief / red nose day by raising money at our next cake sale the next one is year 4 in May.



Our year 4 had their residential this week. We have to book this ahead by at least a year each time, in order to ensure a booking. It was impossible to know that this would coincide with a national strike of two days. Sheffield remained open, but the balance wasn't easy. I'm really pleased that the fabulous team got away and had an absolutely superb time on the trip.



Mrs Hall reported in regularly, and she ensured we had some news before they came home:

The children had a good journey, and all arrived safely. They settled down at night really well and staff report they slept brilliantly. Today they are enjoying a zip line, crate stack, orienteering, bushcraft and a night line.

The weather has so far been good, and all are happy and engaging with the activities. Behaviour has been excellent.



We have been continuing to plan our move towards primary this term. In the Summer term, we will be looking towards our uniform change to green. We will not be displaying the school name on our jumpers, just our logo, as this also supports safeguarding. This move was voted on some time ago by both staff and parents. We will aim for more than a two year lead in, so that siblings can continue to pass on uniform during a period of transition.

Have a wonderful weekend.  
From Mrs Finch

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.

## Values

The values of March will be Courage & Determination

“What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?” Vincent Van Gogh.

Courage when you least feel like trying. Not giving up. Knowing it is worth it, if not immediately, then in the long run. Courage when you are a lone voice in a crowd, when peer pressure is high.

### House Points

**Fire 981**

**Air 844**

**Water 827**

**Earth 714**

### House Points and Attendance

W/C 10/03/23

Well done to last week's house winners.



### House Attendance & Punctuality

Winner

**Earth!**

TRAVELLING BOOKS

# COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL

@ Shefford Lower School 23rd—24th March

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TRAVELLING BOOKS



Scan the QR code to pay for your books online  
or visit [travellingbooks.co.uk/pay](https://travellingbooks.co.uk/pay)

SHEFFORD LOWER SCHOOL

**BOOK FAIR WILL BE ON THE 23-24 MARCH 2023**

THIS YEAR WE ARE GOING CASHLESS – PARENTS CAN ORDER VIA QR CODE



## 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.

**Reception Peach**— James **Plum**— Alfie **Pear**— Charlie

**Year 1 Holly** – Maxwell **Sycamore**— xx **Chestnut**— Rory

**Year 2 Willow**— Sophie **Oak**— Sid **Maple**— Hattie C

**Year 3 Elm**— Lauren and William **Cedar**— Indianna **Hawthorn**—Edward

**Year 4 Beech**— George W and Max H **Hazel**—James and Eloise **Ash**—Emily and Arthur



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



- ◇ **Reception** Peach— Angel Pear— Charlie & Alice Plum—Joshua & Isaac
- ◇ **Year 1** Chestnut— Noah & Renae Holly— Albie & Rose Sycamore Jack & Francesca
- ◇ **Year 2** Maple—Hattie & Louis Oak—Ellie L & Frankie Willow—Morgan & Anuradha
- ◇ **Year 3** Cedar—Amelia & Quinn Elm—Lana & Max Hawthorn—Felicity & Ayaz
- ◇ **Year 4** Ash—Layla A & Leeia Beech—Laila H & Alexandra Hazel— Remy & Grace S

EXCUSE ME

THANK YOU



## Shefford Sporting Successes

Well done all on your achievements:



Jayda – Maple – Swimming  
Sienna – Maple – Gymnastics  
Howie – Maple – Swimming  
Blake – Hazel – Football



Noah – Ash – Football  
George – Beech – Rugby  
Thea – Cedar – Gymnastics  
Layton – Hawthorn – Swimming  
Miles – Maple – Football



Oscar – Hawthorn – Swimming  
Rose – Holly – Swimming  
Beattie – Holly – Swimming  
Jackson - Willow - Football  
Jasmine – Willow – Swimming  
Lilah – Pear – Gymnastics



# PSA News



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



## We are looking for prize donations, can you help?

Are you able or do you have connections to a local business that can donate any prizes for our **Family Games Night** on the 24 March? We are looking for child and adult donations. If you can, please drop this off to the school office.

If you would like to come along and support us, it's going to be a fun evening! More information can be found on our Facebook page.

Tickets are available via ParentMail.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 24 March - Family Games night. Tickets available via ParentMail.

### April

Tea towels are back! The children will be designing class tea towels for purchase.

Sponsored run/ walk/ scoot/ ride. More info available soon!

Easter Egg colouring competition



[www.sheffordlowerschool.co.uk/parents/psa](http://www.sheffordlowerschool.co.uk/parents/psa)



FB @sheffordlowerschoolpsa



Chloe Llewellyn & Louise Hollis  
Co-Chairs | [info.sls.psa@gmail.com](mailto:info.sls.psa@gmail.com)

## Do you work for a company that offers matched funding for charities?

Last year we received matched funding from Natwest Bank which was great.

If your company offer matched funding for charities, Please, get in touch and let us know how we can make extra funds for the school!

## 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!

## parentkind.org.uk

is brimming with articles for parents, to help you support your child's school life and learning, and it's open to everyone!

**Parentkind**  
Member Association



# Community News

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

**DYNAMOS CRICKET**



**For all 8-11 year-olds**

Southhill Park Cricket Club



SCAN ME

- 8 weeks of cricket sessions for 8-11 year olds
- Southhill Park Cricket Club, Southill, Bedfordshire, SG18 9J
- 1815 hours - 1915 hours, from Friday 12th May 2023 to Friday 30th June 2023
- £40.00 for all 8 weeks—booking fee includes personalised Dynamos Shirt

**It all starts with...**



at Southhill Park Cricket Club



SCAN ME

- 8 weeks of introductory cricket sessions for 5-8 year olds, all ability levels welcome
- Southhill Park Cricket Club, Southill, Bedfordshire, SG18 9J
- 1815 hours - 1900 hours, from Friday 12th May 2023 to Friday 30th June 2023
- £40.00 for all 8 weeks—booking fee includes Allstars kit and personalised T-Shirt

[https://southhillpark.play-cricket.com/web\\_pages/2023\\_allstars\\_dynamos](https://southhillpark.play-cricket.com/web_pages/2023_allstars_dynamos)

**BARRACUDAS Activity Day Camps**



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**Shefford**

Register your interest by visiting [www.girlguiding.org.uk/joining](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joining) or you can ring 0800 149 5901

**Country Days Easter Courses 2023**

We are back for our Easter Courses 2023!

When is it?  
You can sign up for either:  
Course 1: Wednesday 5th April  
Course 2: Thursday 6th April  
Activities begin at 9.30am and finish at 3.15pm

Where is it?  
The Leys Nature Reserve, Paveham Road, Paveham, Bedfordshire MK43 7EX

Who can attend?  
Primary school children in years 3-6 who live in Bedfordshire.

How much does it cost?  
Places are £10 or 'free' for those who are on Free School Meals or Pupil Premium.

How can you book?  
Download the booking form on our website: [www.countrydays.net](http://www.countrydays.net) Or contact the office: [info@countrydays.net](mailto:info@countrydays.net) for more information

Country Days is an educational charity providing outdoor learning in a beautiful 6-acre nature reserve for young people aged 7-11 in Bedfordshire.

Registered Charity Number: 118183

Activities: Pond dipping, Science, Bug hunting, Sport, Bushcraft, Geography, Field studies, Problem solving.



**JACK COLLISON**  
SOCCER SCHOOL

MLS PRO HEAD COACH AND FORMER WEST HAM AND WALES INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALLER

**EASTER HALF TERM CAMPS!**

GAMES, COMPETITIONS, FUN AND PRIZES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-15!

**ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY, SG175BU**

**WEEK 1 - MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> - THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023, 10.00-15.00**

**WEEK 2 - TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023, 10.00-15.00**

1, 2, 3 AND 4 DAY TICKETS AVAILABLE

**BOOK ONLINE NOW!**

## WARM SPACES

A Place to Stay Warm this Winter

Shefford House - Council Chamber  
(15 High St, Shefford, SG17 5DD)

Every Friday 3.15 - 5.30

Free hot chocolate, sweets and popcorn

• 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Angry Birds (1hr 37)  
• 10<sup>th</sup> March - Paddington (1hr 35)  
• 17<sup>th</sup> March - The BFG (1hr 57)

\*\*Free to all, limited spaces available\*\*

(Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult)

**30% OFF!**  
IF YOUR CHILD BRINGS A NEW FRIEND TO CAMP WHO HAS NOT BEEN BEFORE!

**35% OFF!**  
IF YOUR CHILD COMES TO CAMP BOTH WEEKS!

CONTACT US NOW TO RECEIVE YOUR CODE!

**GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL CHARITY**

**£500 GOAL!**

**CHARITY SKY DIVE**

This is a hospital close to our hearts and all patients, families and staff deserve all the support they can get!

FUNDS TO BE RAISED BY SEPTEMBER THE 2<sup>ND</sup> 2023!

EVERY PENNY WILL HELP

THANKYOU IN ADVANCE

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chloskydive?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=chloskydive&utm\\_campaign=info\\_email&utm\\_term=0b6a8f15491f48d293b69e4ccac2d8df](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chloskydive?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=chloskydive&utm_campaign=info_email&utm_term=0b6a8f15491f48d293b69e4ccac2d8df)

My name is Chloe, a Student Midwife and a mum to twin girls and a little boy at Shefford lower school.

**FUNDRAISING LINK!**



## 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** – “It’s none of the school’s business if I let my child play games with a 12 certificate.”

**Buster** – The school has an obligation to ensure children are not exposed to material rated beyond their age, and log all concerns on \*CPOMS. Rated material may be targeted at stress and tension levels that are developmentally inappropriate, may expose children to images or themes that are harmful and disturbing, or can be accompanied by targeted advertising for older age groups. Older users may contact your child with the intention of harming them.

\*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

Central  
Bedfordshire

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/500041336097>

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Please click on the links to open!

**AGES 3 - 17 YEARS**

**£25 PER DAY**

**09:30AM TILL 3PM**

**SUMMER ACTIVITY SCHEMES 2023**

**24TH JULY TO 28TH JULY**

**31ST JULY TO 4TH AUG**

**7TH JULY TO 11TH AUG**

Summer Activity Schemes are respite services that are based in Bedford and Luton. They provide a wide range of onsite activities and community-based experiences for autistic young people who live in Bedfordshire.

See our website with details on how to apply!  
[@autismbedfordshire.net](https://www.autismbedfordshire.net)

**Autism BEDFORDSHIRE**

**Parenting Insight**

Managing anxiety and strong emotions

Guidance on how to support young people with anxiety and strong emotions

Opportunity to ask questions, gain information, advice, and guidance from Early Help Emotional Health and Wellbeing Practitioners

Tuesday 21st March 2023  
4.30-5.30pm

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams

Register for your place via the Eventbrite link below  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/518753484637>

Resources will be sent out after each session

Organised by the CBC Early Help Teams. For more information, please contact: North Early Help: [north.earlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:north.earlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) South Early Help: [south.earlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:south.earlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

**Parent Insight**

Opportunity to ask questions, gain information, advice, and guidance on PDA

**PDA** Part of the Autism Spectrum

Guest Speaker  
Volunteers from PDA society

Professional session Monday 24th April 2023  
16.30-17.30pm

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams

Register for your place via the Eventbrite link below  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/500041336097>

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A huge thank you to Quantelle for their generous donation of stationary to Shefford Lower School. It was very much appreciated.



**BEDFORDSHIRE DOMESTIC ABUSE PARTNERSHIP**

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

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

The **Bedfordshire and Luton Children's Community Health HUB** is our one stop service for our Health Visiting, School Nursing 0-19 and our Looked after Children Teams for parents, carers and professionals. Our Luton Community Paediatric Service can also be contacted via this number, but for emails please continue to use their own dedicated email address.

To access the Health HUB call us on 0300 555 0606 or email: [ccs.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthhub@nhs.net](mailto:ccs.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthhub@nhs.net)

# Shefford Lower School

## Diary Dates

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

### 2023 Upcoming Dates

22nd March	Year 1 Woburn Trip
23rd March—24th March	Book Fair at Shefford Lower School
24th March	PSA Family Games Night —Tickets can be purchased via ParentMail
29th March	Year 1 Cake Sale—Raising money for Battersea Dogs and Cats Home
31st March	PSA Nearly New Uniform Sale
31st March	End of Term Easter Assembly
31st March	Last Day of Spring Term
3rd—5th April	Mr Tilbury's Holiday Club—See ParentMail to book a place
17th April	Inset Day
18th April	Children Return
26th April	Class Photos
1st May	Bank Holiday
8th May	Bank Holiday /King Charles III Coronation
24th May	Year 4 Cake Sale—Charity: Red Nose Day
29th May—2nd June	Half Term

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

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

**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