



Weekly Update

Friday 6th May 2022



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Dear Families & Friends,

We have had a very busy week, with lots happening in our classrooms, including preparations for upcoming assessments. I mentioned last week that the government have reinstated their statutory assessment testing, known as SATs, for year two children. These were paused due to Covid, and no longer are. Our children are used to the format, as we use end of unit testing to support our knowledge of the children's learning, and they are always very confident and prepared to give all activities a 'best try'. Our KS1 leader, Mr Wakefield, will be sharing information about these assessments with you shortly.

Our cake sales have resumed and have been successful, with £214.05 going to Gt Ormond Street Hospital last time. Each year group chooses their own charity, which the children help to decide. This is part of their British Values curriculum also, learning about democracy and choice. The upcoming dates of the sales are in our diary section of this newsletter.



Also in the dates, we see our jubilee celebrations, beginning with a dress up day in red/white/blue on 7th June, when we return. There is no school on the 6th, as a further day's leave was provided to commemorate the jubilee year. All schools in our cluster selected the same date. This makes life a little bit easier for families in more than one school.



On the 2nd week back, we will be having an ARTS week. Based on the 'Take One Picture' approach from the National Gallery, children will be immersed in poetry, story, drama, art, D&T, and music & sound. Following this, we will be having a grand opening of the school's new community Museum & Gallery, with lots to show and demonstrate. The aims of our Shefford Museum & Gallery is to ensure children ALL have access to high quality exhibits, and that their cultural learning equips them with a broad understanding as well as the aspiration and enjoyment that factors in. The enhancements to the humanities and arts curriculum are connected to our main curriculum offer, and children will be able to learn about curatorship too with our partners at Cambridge's Fitz William Museum. Mr Bowen has led a team of staff to bring this exciting venture to fruition. We can't wait to show you what it means to us, after all the hard work that has been invested in this project.

I have been asked if we are planning to have sports day with parents arriving again. This is absolutely our aim, and we will be updating our news and diary dates to show this. Some of our children have never experienced a sports day, so this will be quite a big event for them, and also a fun one.

[Schools for the Future](#) continues to be a theme we are looking at, when planning ahead. We are currently working behind the scenes to consider what our curriculum will look like into year 5 and year 6, as we transition to Shefford Primary School. It is absolutely our intention to remain a key focus within the community, and to retain our family feel within the school that is so pivotal to how we approach the learning experiences within. Reading will remain at the heart of our curriculum with daily reading at home as always. The views of parents are continually sought for all that we do, and we welcome suggestions and communications. Please do keep them coming.

A brief reminder from me about uniform as the weather changes. Children are not permitted to wear jewellery in school for safety, and shoes should have closed toes to ensure safety at play with the equipment available to the children. Sunhats should be worn, not glasses, and children should have suncream applied in warmer weather before coming to school to allow it to sink in. They can bring their own in a named container to apply to themselves for a top up as needed.

Please do take a look at our vacancies. The current TA positions we have will be shortlisted on Monday.

Have a great weekend.

From Mrs Finch



Values

The values of April will be Trust & Honesty

"When in doubt tell the truth." Mark Twain

Staying true to yourself and being trustworthy. Exploring what we look for in others & how we place our trust.
Understanding the difference between lying and holding back full truth as equally dishonest.

House Points

Air—1002

Water—982

Earth—791

Fire—764

House Points and Attendance

W/E 29/04/22

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

Mythbusters

Myth: "It's up to me if I let my child wear a t-shirt with Fortnite on it for Forest School."

Buster: The school has an obligation to prevent influences that may be harmful to children. At Shefford Lower School, we would record this on *CPOMS because the game 'Fortnite' is rated as a 12 certificate, and children should not have access to it.

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

SHEFFORD
Museum and Gallery



Roman Bronze Brooch

C. 2nd-3rd century AD



A beautiful silvered openwork brooch
composed of four conjoined axe motifs.

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>	Peach—Harriet, Plum—Marley & Belle, Pear—Jake
<u>Year 1</u>	Sycamore—Sam, Chestnut—Thomas, Holly—Niven
<u>Year 2</u>	Willow—Scarlett, Oak—Laila, Maple—Amelia
<u>Year 3</u>	Elm—Sen, Hawthorn—Marley, Cedar—Leeia-Mai
<u>Year 4</u>	Beech—Poppy, Hazel—Jackson, Ash—Fatih



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.

Air House	Lilly—Gymnastics, Emily—Football, Emmanuel—Football
Fire House	Owen—Rugby, Ashley—Rugby
Earth House	Lilly—Football, Bethan—Swimming, Ethan—Swimming
Water House	Dylan—Football, Faith—Dance



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

EXCUSE ME

THANK YOU

<u>Reception</u>	Aiden, Charlie & Reagan
<u>Year 1</u>	Cara, Chloe, Theo, Hayden & Arthur
<u>Year 2</u>	Michelle, Mathew Lyra, Eva, Bethany, Harry, Jemima & Max
<u>Year 3</u>	Lara, Joshua, Poppy, Isla, Giovanni & Taylor
<u>Year 4</u>	Alice, Jacob, Sisi, Zion, Freya & Frankie



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Community News

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



JACK CALLISON SOCCER SCHOOL
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MAY HALF TERM CAMP!

FOOTBALL, COMPETITIONS, FUN AND PRIZES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-15!
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MAY/JUNE HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMPS

Date: 30th, 31st May and 1st June
Venue: Pendleton Sports Centre, Stotfold
Days: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
Age: 4-16 Years
Cost: £25-£60
Extra 10% if booked before 17th May (can also be used with other codes)
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Shefford Summer fete @ the STMU #Bigswell
June 5th 2022

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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	Acoustic*	Keyboard*	Drum Kit*	Basoon	Cello	Singing
Coronet	Base*	Piano*	Orchestral Tuned*	Clarinet	Double Bass	
Euphonium	Electric*			Flute	Viola	
French Horn	Ukulele*			Oboe	Vicin	
Tenor Horn				Saxophone		
Trombone						
Trumpet						
Tuba						

*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 - <https://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
f [CBC Inspiring Music](https://www.facebook.com/InspiringMusic1) @InspiringMusic1
Contact us on 0300 300 6604
or inspiring.music@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Information is correct at the time of going to press.



Parentline

A confidential text messaging advice and support line for Bedfordshire parents and carers of children aged 0-19.

Text: 07507 331456

Parenting advice and support Sleep Continence
Immunisations Mental health Minor illness
Speech Behaviour Temper tantrums
Infant feeding Diet & exercise
Child development Parenting
and much, much more....

We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your message can be sent and can be seen by other health professionals who follow the same confidentiality rules. We can help you to see what you're thinking and you don't get in trouble. We can help you back home or contact your GP, contact with a nurse or call 111. Our text number does not require a valid email or NHS patient number. We support emergency cases, 24/7, 7 days a week, 11am-8pm. We do not include emergency services from hospital, international mobile numbers and some 'number' (including 111). To find out what we do with your information, please contact us on 07507 331456 or visit our website www.parentline.org.uk. Please do not send us any photos or videos. We will not share your information with anyone else without your permission. We will not share your information with anyone else without your permission. We will not share your information with anyone else without your permission.

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Shefford Lower School

Diary Dates

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

2022 Upcoming Dates

25th May	Year 4 Cake Sale—raising money for MacMillan
<u>30th May—6th June</u>	<u>Half Term</u>
<u>30th May—31st May</u>	<u>Mr Tilbury's Holiday Club—Please complete Parentmail form to book a place</u>
<u>7th June</u>	<u>Children Return</u>
<u>7th June</u>	<u>Red, White and Blue themed Mufti Day - Jubilee celebrations</u>
<u>10th June</u>	<u>Commonwealth Countries Day - no need to dress up</u>
14th June	Year 4 Faith Tour
24th June	Year 1 Cake Sale—raising money for RSPCA
30th June	Year 3 Sing Up Concert
13th July	Year 3 Cake Sale—raising money for Smiles
<u>19th July</u>	<u>Year 4 leavers performance—Dress rehearsal</u>
<u>20th July</u>	<u>Year 4 leavers performance</u>
22nd July	Last Day of Term
5th September	2022/2023 School Year Begins

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.

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