



## Weekly Update

### Friday 12th May 2023



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Dear Families and Friends,

We still have lots of rain, but PE is more frequently outside, and this is great to see. We know the importance of active school life and embrace it. With sports day on the way, the children are able to practise a variety of games using the field. We also see the children making use of the sensory trail in our school woods, as well as the lovely field equipment the PSA funded.

After a busy week last week, we are smiling. I know that our school leadership are working excellently to ensure that systems and processes in school support our vulnerable children and have the wider school impact to move on our expert learners. As you know, I promote the reading activities you do at home, and we do at school. Our TAs are highly trained to support those reading systems and take groups into the library and for phonics. This is a huge strength for us, and allows us to provide diverse teaching arrangements to suit all of the children. Miss Sharma and her team, Mrs Jenkins, Mrs Dale-Malloy and Mrs Metcalfe have supported all staff to deliver this quality learning, and we are again targeting for results that reflect this like last year.

Some of you will know that we have graduated from the national 'Behaviour Hub' with flying colours, and Mrs Ross has plans to further this work to support the playground zones that are up and running. We have been delighted by the conduct of our children in school, out on visits like the Fitzwilliam last week, and in the locality—our choir represent us this evening at the town council AGM. I look forward to seeing those of you that come to this. If our singing assemblies are anything to go by, you are in for a treat.

We have a parent focus group that meets periodically to consider the changes we make as we move towards primary. More recently, a change to the uniform policy is part of this and is on our website. They have also supported the alterations to the frequency of learning logs, and the increase in languages/cultural learning that you see happening in our school. Since the local authority "recalibrated" and delayed the primary focus for 2 or 3 years (2025, or 2026 yet to be officially confirmed), this focus group now needs new members. We bring along agenda items for focus, and also look at those items in school with staff. Please put your name forward if you can join us. Mrs Ross and I will be doing these last two of this school year together. Mrs Hudson in the office will send a parentmail out separately to ensure you have the opportunity.

Tidy Ted has been doing his job in school still. We have a very well kept school at the moment, and the respect the children are showing to their books, the corridors, the equipment has been vastly improved. Thank you children

The values garden has been replanted by the lovely Mrs Barnby, and the local wildflowers that are on our forest school plaques which the PSA paid for, are all growing. It's nice to have rain and sunshine. We will be planting sunflowers next.

Have a fun 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 May will be Cooperation & Sharing

“We are a team, one person struggles we all struggle. One person triumphs we all triumph”  
Barcelona FC. Team work, playing a part whether large or small, encouraging each other to be included and feel valued. Sharing games, sharing equipment, sharing feelings, sharing friends. Understanding what might make others reluctant to share or cooperate and helping each other overcome these barriers.”

Understanding the difference between lying and holding back full truth as equally dishonest.

## House Points:

**Air 1232**

**Fire 1076**

**Water 1041**

**Earth 1020**

## House Points and Attendance

W/C 05/05/23

Well done to last week's house winners.



## House Attendance

&

Punctuality

Winner

**Water!**

## Shefford Sporting Successes

Well done to all our achievers!

**Thomas** - Maple – Football

**Daniel** – Beech – Diving

**Amber** – Ash – Swimming - **Sonny** – Beech – Swimming

**Cara** – Maple – Swimming - **Barney** – Peach - Swimming

**Heidi** – Oak – Gymnastics - **Elisa** – Cedar – Swimming

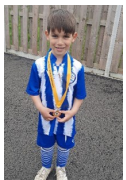
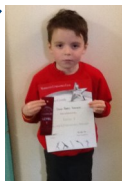
**Dylan** - Oak – Football - **Mia** – Willow – Dance

**Fabrizio** – Cedar – Swimming - **Jackson** – Willow – Football

**Chloe** – Maple – Swimming - **Max** – Beech – Swimming

**Freddie** – Maple – Swimming - **Imogen** – Holly – Gymnastics

**Jake** – Ash – Football - **Oscar** – Holly – Gymnastics



# PSA



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



## Co-Op Local Community Fund

Shefford Lower School PSA is part of the Co-op Local Community Fund.

So far you have raised over £300! Thank you.

Choose us by clicking here <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/66495> and you can help us make a positive impact in our community every time you swipe your membership card.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May

**Tea towels** - The children will be designing class tea towels over May. More details coming soon on how to purchase.

7<sup>th</sup> June – PSA meeting.

30<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Fayre. If you can help and support in any way, please get in touch.



[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)

## Sponsored 5K

You raised a HUGE total of £790 which is amazing! Well done to everyone who took part, we hope you liked your medals.

## Play Trolley

We are just purchasing some new equipment for the school Play Trolley's. Each child has been asked for their input – we can't wait to see what they have chosen!

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

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

## Weekly Good News Calls

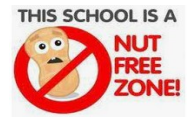
Here are the children whose parents and carers have received a phone call home this week to let them know how well their child has been working and showing their school values. Keep up the good work Shefford Lower.

- ◇ Reception **Peach:** Charlie **Pear:** Edie **Plum:** Tommy
- ◇ Year 1 **Chestnut:** Lawrence **Holly:** Calum & Olivia **Sycamore:** Theo
- ◇ Year 2 **Maple:** Mya **Oak:** Lizzie **Willow:** Annabelle
- ◇ Year 3 **Cedar:** Bradley **Elm:** Isla **Hawthorn:** Jack
- ◇ Year 4 **Ash:** Lilly & Charlie **Beech:** Louie & Amalie **Hazel:** Mylah



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:** x **Pear:** Albie & Orla **Plum:** Noah & Sienna
- ◇ Year 1 **Chestnut:** Elsie & Sebastian **Holly:** Ben **Sycamore:** Jean & Jacob
- ◇ Year 2 **Maple:** Eleanor & Freddie **Oak:** Heidi & Jake **Willow:** Abigail & Sam
- ◇ Year 3 **Cedar:** Bradley **Elm:** xxx **Hawthorn:** Freddie & Poppy
- ◇ Year 4 **Ash:** Lilly & Charlie **Beech:** Louie & Amalie **Hazel:** Poppy & Scarlet



**REMINDER:** If your child will be in school after 10am please let the office know what lunch choice they would like. After this time we may not be able to supply their choice. Thank you

## MUSIC NEWS!

This week's music assembly focused on the Eurovision song contest, that we are lucky enough to be hosting in Liverpool this year! We watched the entries from Switzerland and France, and the winning vote chosen by pupils was Switzerland's entry called Water gun advocating peace in the world. We continued to explore texture and began learning a new pop song. We wish the choir good luck today at the STMA performance, the first performance for our KS1s!



## Change of menu

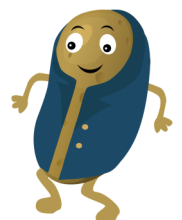
Census Day 18th May 2023

*Pizza and Wedges*

*Cheese and Bean Slice*

*Jacket Potato*

*Iced Chocolate Cake*



# Community News

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

**You can be active**

**You can be creative!**

## Come and join Rainbows

**Girls age 4-7**

Do you want to learn new skills?

Do you want to have lots of fun?

You can make friends and have adventures

Your nearest Rainbow unit is

### Shefford

Register your interest by visiting [www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus) or you can ring Girlguiding on 0800 169 5901

### Could you inspire the next generation of cyclist?

**We are searching for Cycle Instructors to join our expanding Bikeability team.**

We are looking for confident communicators to deliver fun and inspirational cycle training in schools. If you have loads of enthusiasm to share and are looking for rewarding work to deliver during school term time, we would love to hear from you.

Role: Employed - Variable Hours  
Hourly Rate: £12 plus holiday pay. We have an employee benefits scheme too!

Cycle Training Programme: Bikeability  
Training and Support: We provide full, free training and ongoing support including nationally recognised qualifications.

For more information, please contact Graham:  
[jobs@outspokentraining.co.uk](mailto:jobs@outspokentraining.co.uk)  
01223 473820

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

# 30% OFF!

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

**"MY DAUGHTER HAS DONE OTHER FOOTBALL CAMPS AND CLASSES BUT SHE SAYS YOURS IS THE BEST!"**

**"WHEN PEOPLE ASK HOW MY SON GOT ON, I TELL THEM AFTER GOING FOR ONE DAY HE WANTED TO GO FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK! HE LOVED IT!"**

**"THE COACHES ARE GREAT FUN, ROLE MODELS AND GIVE THE KIDS SO MUCH CONFIDENCE"**

JACK COLLISON SOCCER SCHOOL  
HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMPS

JACK COLLISON  
SOCCER SCHOOL

MLS PRO HEAD COACH / EX-WEST HAM AND WALES INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALLER

## MAY HALF TERM CAMP!

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

TUESDAY 30TH MAY - FRIDAY 2ND JUNE, 10:00-15:00

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## DYNAMOS CRICKET

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

Southill Park Cricket Club

- 8 weeks of cricket sessions for 8-11 year olds
- Southill Park Cricket Club, Southill, Bedfordshire, SG18 9LJ
- 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

SCAN ME

## 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:** "I haven't got time to help my child with homework."

**Buster:** OFSTED expect schools to set and monitor homework that is age appropriate. All schools keep a record of frequent instances that impact on a child's development alongside their peers.

\*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



**Please click on the links to open!**

Happy Little Yogi taster sessions

<https://www.happylittleyogi.com/classes/holiday-camps>

Parent Insight - 5th July @ 12.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parent-insight-haf-information-session-tickets-522595275537>

Professional and Parent Insight - 6th June @ 11am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parent-professional-insight-exploring-healthy-boundaries-tickets-522470392007>



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

8th May	Bank Holiday /King Charles III Coronation
TBC May/June	Author Visit to the School
12th May	School Choir Performance at the Shefford Town Memorial Hall
16th May	World Countries Day
18th May	CENSUS Day Menu (there is a menu change on this day)
24th May	Year 4 Cake Sale—Charity: Red Nose Day
9th June	Author Visit
13th June	KS2 Quadkids Athletics
21st June	Year 4 Faith Tour
22nd June	Samuel Whitbread School Summer Arts Festival
28th June	Year 3 Sing Up! At Shuttleworth
4th July	EYFS Sports Day 2pm
5th July	KS1 Sports Day 1.30pm
6th July	KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm
7th July	Move Up Day
21st July	Summer Term Ends
4th –5th September	Inset Days
6th September	Back to School

**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