



Weekly Update

Friday 24h March 2023



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Dear Families and Friends,

How delightful to have had the opportunity to watch year 3 play their P-Bones this week! They have been working hard at learning this tricky instrument, and of course we will be celebrating this in our music vote in assembly on Monday. For those of you that don't know, our children have several opportunities to vote about their learning,; not just to learn about democracy. Each week they vote for the music that is taught in the next week's assemblies, such as Melba Liston that you see here. Mrs Lawson and Miss Mansell take the children through such a range of genres, ages and always teach technical vocabulary to help the children articulate conceptual musical thinking.



We do a similar thing with art each week, with a token system to vote for a piece in our wonderful gallery. Our curators have also started selecting museum pieces to share with the whole school. This is all part of our FLOURISH approach, because we believe that a broad and enhanced curriculum offer enables the children to make connections as well as makes their learning more interesting. Yes we teach the academics, and yes we ensure a high outcome in those, but the richer the content, the better that aspect of learning is too. This is why our continually growing drama focus for writing is also important, and our wow events, which the PSA fundraise for and support. Tonight, we have the family fun event, and I want to thank you all for supporting this, and ultimately supporting the fun aspects of our children's learning journeys.



Year one had their zoo trip this week too and followed this by linking the activities of their animals with their English work on verbs and adjectives. The behaviour of the children during this trip was no less than expected, and as such, the feedback was superb.

Well done year one, our pride of lions!

We were reminded recently that children bring in sporting achievements to school which are celebrated in assembly, but that the arts aren't given so much of a focus. We do encourage these celebrations in school. Miss Mansell holds music assemblies on Thursdays, and is always thrilled to share any celebrations as it undoubtedly encourages others to take up music too. Our art vote and values assemblies happen on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We share celebrations in those too. This week, Lily C has brought in the four badges she earned for Thinking Day, Queens Remembrance, Innovate and the Emergency Services. Please don't be shy to share your child's achievements in school, we believe this helps our children to thrive.

Please ensure your child has appropriate kit in for PE. A recent check this week saw children without kits, or no trainers. The summer term brings lots of outside sports, so the appropriate kit is essential. We will send home kits for the break to ensure they are properly named ready for the events we have planned in summer.

The book fair is on today. All part of 'reading for pleasure' and every child had a token to bring home their £1 book, as well as a browsing day to consider other choice reads.

You may have read on our social media that we have been strongly recommended for graduation from the behaviour hub. This has been no small undertaking, and we intend to invest the funding we receive back into the work that has begun to continue to grow the zones and play leader activities, and maintain training.

In February, the government released updated guidance [here](#). Which regards forced marriages. This is to be updated in our RSE policy (Relationships Sex Education) I am enclosing our policy with this newsletter, and welcome your responses to this. Our policy was consulted on in 2020 with our parent focus group. This focus group has gradually become smaller and smaller, and we would like to encourage new volunteers to this group. The focus group has supported us with policy changes and project planning, with a particular view of when we move to change the age range towards primary. In our last meeting, we reviewed the anti-bullying policy and the policy for school uniform. Mrs Hudson will soon send out a parentmail to request responses. Your views and responses are always needed, as this helps us to get things as right as we possibly can.

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 1681

Earth 1569

Water 1408

Air 1300

House Points and Attendance

W/C 17/03/23

Well done to last week's house winners.



House Attendance & Punctuality

Winner

Water!



MUSIC

A huge well done to the year 3s this week, for their p bones performances to the rest of the school. This has been a whole term project provided by inspiring music. The pupils had a weekly lesson led by Chris, who is an experienced brass player from inspiring. The lessons ensured children could hold and play the p bone correctly, with time spent on basic notation, and then learning to play whole songs as an ensemble.

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— Abbie **Plum**— Daniel **Pear**— Mylee

Year 1 Holly— Lee & Ben **Sycamore**— Theo **Chestnut**— Noah

Year 2 Willow— Theo **Oak**— Evelyn **Maple**— Ethan

Year 3 Elm— Luca & Aaron **Cedar**— Idianna **Hawthorn**—Harry

Year 4 Beech— Molly **Hazel**—Joshua **Ash**—Izzy



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**— Harrison & Albie **Pear**— Buddy & Albie **Plum**—Nova & Alfie
- ◇ **Year 1 Chestnut**— Mia, Macie & Max **L Holly**— Rose & Ronnie **Sycamore** Emilia & Lucas
- ◇ **Year 2 Maple**—Araya & Josh **Oak**—Ben & Nivya **Willow**— Lumen & Aria
- ◇ **Year 3 Cedar**—Aleen & Lacey **Elm**— Jemima & Jessica **Hawthorn**— Jack R & Olivia
- ◇ **Year 4 Ash**—Arthur & Layla **Beech**— Max M & Jake **Hazel**— Immy L & Sidney



Shefford Sporting Successes

Well done all on your achievements:

Eva – Hawthorn – Swimming

Oliver – Ash - Rugby

Poppy – Hazel – Hockey

Sam – Willow – Football

Theo – Maple – Swimming

Ronnie – Holly – Swimming

Holly – Holly – Dancing

Eleanor – Holly – Swimming

Community News

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

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

EXCLUSIVE SOFT PLAY SESSION EASTER HOLIDAY

John Bunyan Sports & Fitness Centre
Mile Road, Bedford, MK42 9TS

Date: Tuesday 4th April 2023
Time: 11.30am - 1.00pm

Cost: £4.00 per child (AB members)
£5.00 per child (non AB members)
Under 1's go free, siblings welcome

For ages 0-12 years

Children must be supervised at all times by Parents/Carers

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Book Now
enquiries@autismbeds.org
01234 214871 (general enquiries)

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

EXCLUSIVE SWIM SESSIONS EASTER HOLIDAYS

Lea Manor Recreation Centre
Northwell Drive, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU3 3TL

Date: Wednesday 5th April 2023
Timeslots: 12:30pm - 1:30pm
2:00pm - 3:00pm

For ages 0-17 years

Cost: £3.00 per person
Under 3's go free.
Siblings welcome.

Additional Information

- Please arrive 15 minutes before your session to change;
- You will be responsible for your child/ren at all times;
- Parents/ carers must be in the pool supervising their child/ren.

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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 Lays Nature Reserve, Pavenham road, Farnham, 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
Or contact the office:
info@countrydays.net for more information

Country Days is an educational charity providing outdoor learning in a beautiful nature reserve for young people aged 7-11 in Bedfordshire.
Registered Charity Number: 1185553

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

You can be active!
You can be creative!

Come and join Rainbows

Girls age 4-7

Your nearest Rainbow unit is **Shefford**

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

Do you want to have lots of fun?

Do you want to learn lots of new things?

BARRACUDAS
Holiday Day Camps

Each holiday club has a special theme!

Give every child such an AMAZING experience they can't wait to come back!

#QUOTE CODE: SCHOOL10
FOR AN EXTRA £10 OFF YOUR BOOKING*

MEMBERSHIP OF 8 DAYS

Visit barrecudas.co.uk or call 01480 467 567

The UK's Favourite Holiday Activity Camp!

80+ ACTIVITIES
CHOICE FOR EVERY ACTIVITY

Recommend a Friend

Official Football Club

DYNAMOS CRICKET

For all 8-11 year-olds

Southhill Park Cricket Club

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

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 3RD - THURSDAY 6TH APRIL 2023, 10.00-15.00
WEEK 2 - TUESDAY 11TH - FRIDAY 14TH APRIL 2023, 10.00-15.00

1, 2, 3 AND 4 DAY TICKETS AVAILABLE

BOOK ONLINE NOW!

30% OFF! IF YOUR CHILD BRINGS A NEW FRIEND TO CAMP WHO HAS NOT BEEN BEFORE
35% OFF! IF YOUR CHILD COMES TO CAMP WITH A FRIEND

GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL CHARITY

CHARITY SKY DIVE

£500 GOAL!

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 2ND 2023! EVERY PENNY WILL HELP THANKYOU IN ADVANCE

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chloeskydive?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=chloeskydive&utm_campaign=pdf

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

FUNDRAISING LINK!

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Clothes swap

When - Saturday 1 April

Where - Shefford House (next to Lloyd's pharmacy)

How it works - drop off your clean, good quality ladies clothes between 10-11.30am in exchange for tokens.

Return anytime between 1.30-3pm to exchange your tokens for fabulous 'new to you' clothes.

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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

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

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Please click on the links to open!



SUMMER ACTIVITY SCHEMES 2023

AGES 3 - 17 YEARS

£25 PER DAY

09:30AM TILL 3PM

24TH JULY TO 28TH JULY

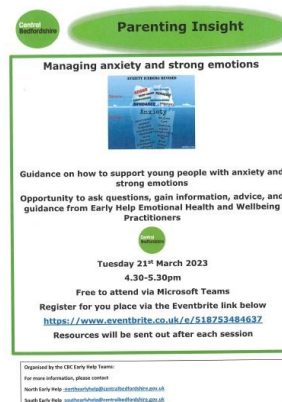
31ST JULY TO 4TH AUG

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://autismbedfordshire.net)

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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 you 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: northearlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk
South Early Help: southearlyhelp@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 you place via the Eventbrite link below
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/500041336097>

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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

• 3rd March – Angry Birds (1hr 37)
• 10th March – Paddington (1hr 35)
• 17th March – The BFG (1hr 57)

Free to all, limited spaces available

(Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult)



**Bedfordshire
Community
Health Services**

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



Safe Space

BEDFORDSHIRE DOMESTIC ABUSE PARTNERSHIP

IT DOESN'T HURT TO ASK FOR HELP!

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)

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.

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