



## Weekly Update

### Friday 16th June 2023



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Dear Families and Friends,

A hot week, but a busy one! The phonics screening is underway, and we thank you for your support in helping the children to complete this in year one and two. Year four soon have their MTC, which is the governments screening for multiplication knowledge.

Staff are busy preparing for SHUFFLE UP DAY. This is when our children visit their new classes to meet their teacher, be in the room they will be having in September and learn routines. This is things such as where coats are hung, where books are kept, how to find key information in the classroom, and what resources are available to their learning. Not withstanding the social aspects of playing and learning together with new teachers and support staff, the information given on Shuffle Up is for the children to feel at ease in the school year ahead.

For children in Year 3, they will be mixed into new class groups. This helps us to rebalance classes. The year 3 point was chosen as part of a consultative process with staff, parent forums & questionnaires, senior leaders and other stakeholders back in 2021 in the lead up to the age range change to primary. It is the half way point in a primary model. Whilst that was delayed by the local authority, we started doing the class changes in September, and this year it has been incredibly beneficial. Children going to their next school have now already experienced this in the safe environment of our setting, before embarking on somewhere new. Children do worry about change, and we can help allay their fears and worries if we know what they are. We are always happy to hear from you in order to better support the children. Please feel free to be in contact.

Some fantastic news - a rigorous internal process to appoint the new Deputy Head Teacher took place on Monday. This involved a panel of governors and head teacher from a different local authority. The decision was taken to promote both Mrs Freeman and Mr Wakefield and have two school deputies as we move into the primary model. Both have a range of skills and experiences relevant to the journey of this school. I am certain you will congratulate them with me.

Other congratulations go to our new teachers Emma Jesson, Sam Thurlow, Abigail Pates and Tara Sutton, who will be welcomed into our happy school family in September. We hope that they will all be able to join us in person for the Shuffle up.

Our wonderful PSA have been very busy organising the Summer Fayre. They have been raising money all year, and we end this term with some WOW days in the mix too. I would like to thank the committee and volunteers for all of their fantastic work, and how they have worked with me over the years. The school has many unique qualities thanks to the work you put in.

A reminder from me about slogan T-Shirts and gaming logos. These make children vulnerable when out in our community, and so we ask that Forest School clothing does not feature these items.

Thank you to everyone who is taking greater care in our car park areas. We are working with our neighbours and other settings to make the disabled spaces as accessible to genuine users as we can, and to ensure the lead up to school is as safe as possible.

Thank you

From Mrs Finch

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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.



## Celebrating Our Students



### House Points:

**Air: 1313**

**Fire: 1194**

**Earth: 1099**

**Water: 1068**

### House Points and Attendance

W/C 9/06/23

Well done to last week's house winners.



### House Attendance

&

Punctuality

Winner

**Water!**

### 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>	<b>Peach:</b> Sierra	<b>Pear:</b> Jack	<b>Plum:</b> Evie
◇ <u>Year 1</u>	<b>Chestnut:</b> Elsie M	<b>Holly:</b> Harry & Eleanor	<b>Sycamore:</b> Faelan
◇ <u>Year 2</u>	<b>Maple:</b> Leon	<b>Oak:</b> Leo	<b>Willow:</b> Elodie
◇ <u>Year 3</u>	<b>Cedar:</b> Keira	<b>Elm:</b> Eden, Maria & Orla	<b>Hawthorn:</b> Evie
◇ <u>Year 4</u>	<b>Ash:</b> Leeia-Mai	<b>Beech:</b> Jake	<b>Hazel:</b> Charlie



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



◇ <u>Reception</u>	<b>Peach:</b> Oscar & Eloise	<b>Pear:</b> Teddy & Kaiden	<b>Plum:</b> Joshua & Nova
◇ <u>Year 1</u>	<b>Chestnut:</b> Joshua & Elsie K	<b>Holly:</b> Samantha & Olivia	<b>Sycamore:</b> Tyler & Eliza
◇ <u>Year 2</u>	<b>Maple:</b> Isha & Howie	<b>Oak:</b> Blake & Ben	<b>Willow:</b> Elodie & Jackson
◇ <u>Year 3</u>	<b>Cedar:</b> Livvy & Fab	<b>Elm:</b> Sophie & Raith	<b>Hawthorn:</b> Jay-Ross & Alyssa
◇ <u>Year 4</u>	<b>Ash:</b> Ruben & Lilly	<b>Beech:</b> Immy H & Mia	<b>Hazel:</b> Poppy R & Sidney



## Shefford Sporting Successes

Well done to all our achievers!

Quinn – Cedar – Swimming

Jasmine – Willow – Swimming

Ben – Cedar – Swimming

Leon – Maple – Football

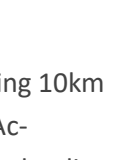
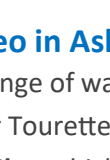
Dylan – Oak – Football

Ollie – Holly – Swimming

Sophie – Willow – Swimming

Bella – Holly – Gymnastics

Heidi – Oak – Swimming



### A huge well done to Theo in Ash!

Theo has completed a challenge of walking 10km every day to raise money for Tourettes Action. Theo alone walked **366km** which is the distance from Shefford to Carlisle (or just outside Paris). As a family, Theo, Daniel and their Mum walked 941km over the month which was the distance from here to Berlin, and just missing the Spanish boarder. Theo has raised **£465 for Tourettes action** doing this challenge which far exceeded the £200 he set as his target.

## Music News

We had a fun, interactive assembly this week with some student helpers categorising a range of instruments that were distinguishable by their timbre. We had a group for shakers, a group for metal instruments and a group for wooden instrument. Pupils from both KS1 and KS2 did well to put these into groups and played each instrument as they went. Music vote this week, explored two pieces that use timbre really well. The winning vote was by a band called 'timber timbre' and the song was called 'Do I have power'. We also began learning a new song in relation to this month's value – thoughtfulness.



Please remember, if you wish to come to the Sam Whit arts festival next Thursday from 6pm onwards, you will need to purchase tickets. This was sent out via parentmail and is also linked on our Facebook page. We will have an artwork exhibition there, alongside performances from both choirs and the dance club. We look forward to seeing you there!

## KS2 Quadkids Athletics

The Year 4 children showed fantastic team spirit in the athletics trip on Tuesday. Despite the heat they gave their all to their events—whether it was the 50m, 400m, jumping or throwing. Group 1 even won medals for the School. Well done everyone! What a great example of our school. We are very proud of you all!



## Values

The values of June will be **Thoughtfulness & Patience**

"Be a rainbow in somebody else's cloud" Maya Angelou.

Thinking of others and putting their thoughts before our own. Thinking of the needs of others and giving time and space to support them. Enduring hardships and difficulties to achieve your goals.



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

## Sports Day

We are looking for helpers to serve refreshments at all the sports days.

You will still be able to watch your children take part!

If you can help, please get in touch.

## Are you signed up to easyfundraising?

You can raise **FREE** donations for Shefford Lower School PSA EVERY time you shop online. Just use easyfundraising!

Over 7,000 brands will donate, including all the big names like John Lewis, ASOS, Argos and many more!

Please support us – more info on our FB page!

## UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

June – TEA TOWEL DESIGN in progress....

30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – SUMMER FAYRE

4-6<sup>TH</sup> JULY – SPORTS DAYS

18<sup>TH</sup> JULY – Y4 LEAVERS DISCO

PSA END OF TERM WOW DAYS...more info coming soon!

## SUMMER FAYRE | FRI 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Hopefully you have sent in your donations (sweeties, party bag gifts, filled jars, bottles) already for the Fayre, if not please drop them to the school office by Monday 19<sup>th</sup>.

We are lacking in helpers for this event, if you can help the PSA set up (from 1pm), help run one of our stalls (3pm) or help us pack away at the end please get in touch. The more helpers we have the less work there is for everyone.

We are hoping this event will be lots of fun and the sun will be shining! See you there.

## CONTACT US

FB @sheffordlowerschoolpsa  
info.sls.psa@gmail.com

Chloë Llewellyn & Louise Hollis  
Co-Chairs

## 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!



# Community News

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



**BEST**  
BEDFORDSHIRE  
SCHOOLS TRUST

## SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

**THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE  
6PM AT SWA**

TICKETS: £4 ADULTS £3 CONCESSIONS

Tickets available from  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/sweaconcert](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sweaconcert)  
or scan the QR code to the right.

**BBQ · ICE CREAM VAN · BAR**



**SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

## PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS

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

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**SHEFFORD LOWER SCHOOL PSA**

## Summer Fayre

**FRIDAY 30TH JUNE 2023**

**JOIN US FROM 3PM ON THE SCHOOL FIELD**

- STALLS
- TOMBOLOS
- GAMES
- REFRESHMENTS
- PERFORMANCES FROM THE SCHOOL CHILDREN
- FUN FOR EVERYONE!

**SHEFFORD LOWER SCHOOL PSA**



**STOTFOLD WATERMILL**  
— A NATURE RESERVE —

### Children's Holiday Activities 2023

We are offering 4 different activities both in the Mill and the Nature Reserve.

Suitable for children from school years Y1 – Y6. Sessions must be pre-booked. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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

Activity	Morning	Afternoon	Cost
Kitchen Science	10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon	1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.	£4.00
Pond Dipping			£3.50
Crafty Kids			£4.00
Skull Island Adventure			£3.50

For further details and booking go to: [www.stotfoldmill.com](http://www.stotfoldmill.com) Events – Children's Activities



**PREMIER CAMPS NEAR YOU...**

**HENLOW COFE ACADEMY, 5016 SAN**

Monday 24th July - Friday 1st September  
Ages 5 - 12

**FULL DAY**  
8:00am - 4:00pm  
£30.75 a day

Additional info: We accept childcare vouchers / tax-free childcare at this venue. Select this option when booking online and a colleague will follow with further info.

**PLEASE BRING**

- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!

Science into Summer with our multi-activity holiday camp!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities - from archery to fencing, dodgeball to cricket.

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

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**Girls in Current**  
Years 3, 4 or 5  
MONDAYS  
ROBERT BLOOMFIELD  
ACADEMY - 6PM - 7PM

**OPEN TRAINING**

More details Contact Tim - [t.mills150@btinternet.com](mailto:t.mills150@btinternet.com)



## AFC SHILLINGTON PLAYERS WANTED

We are recruiting for current U8s (school year 3) as we move to 7 a side next season

Please contact Mick Coates on 07840 538740 or [mickjohncoates@aol.com](mailto:mickjohncoates@aol.com) for more details

### Country Days Summer Courses 2023 Myths and Legends

Join us in a magical adventure as we explore the myths and legends of the ancient world in a wonderful outdoor setting.

Course 1 - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August

Course 2 - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> & Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August

Activities begin at 9.30am and finish at 3.15pm and take place at the Lays Nature Reserve, Pootonham road, Pootonham, Bedfordshire MK43 7EX.

The courses are open to all primary school children in years 3-6 who live in Bedfordshire. Places are £15 for each 2-day course or "free" for those who are on Free School Meals or Pupil Premium.

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: 1181833





## 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. 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 0808 800 5000.

### Mythbusters

**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

## Central Bedfordshire Upcoming Events

**Parent Insight—HAF Information Session: 4th July @ 4:30pm**

Central Bedfordshire

[Parent Insight - HAF Information Session Tickets, Tue 4 Jul 2023 at 16:30 | Eventbrite](#)



### Healthy Lunchbox Tip

If your child really likes crisps try reducing the number of times you include them in their lunchbox. Try swapping them for homemade plain popcorn or plain rice cakes instead.

Central Bedfordshire Council  
www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

SNAP PARENT CARER FORUM  
CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE

Central Bedfordshire

We are pleased to introduce:

Summer of SEND: [The Autism Education Trust](#)

Provided by the [Shared Learning Trust](#)

June 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 2023

SNAP PCF told us in their SEND 2022 survey report that improved training for all professionals was needed to better understand neurodiversity. We listened and are now offering all schools in Central Bedfordshire the opportunity to attend [Autism Education Trust \(AET\)](#) training that is funded by Central Bedfordshire Council.

We are also pleased to offer parent/carers in Central Bedfordshire the opportunity to attend exclusive sessions that include a range of the modules offered to schools during our Summer of SEND week from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

All the online workshops are free to attend and there will be a time for discussion. So if you have any questions please try to join us!

To book your place, click the link next to each session which will take you to Eventbrite. A link to the online session will be emailed to you on the day before the event.

AET week is brought to you in partnership with SNAP Parent Carer Forum, Central Bedfordshire Council and The Shared Learning Trust. AET is a not-for-profit partnership organisation founded by two national autism charities – the National Autistic Society and Ambitious about Autism. Supported by the Department for Education, AET promotes and supports partnerships throughout the education system to improve educational access, experience and outcomes for autistic children and young people.

If you have any questions about these events, please contact [local.offer@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:local.offer@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

Topic	Team	Day	Time	Link
Making Sense of Autism	Shared Learning Trust (AET)	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	10 – 10:15 am	<a href="https://bit.ly/3WwvYQD">https://bit.ly/3WwvYQD</a>
Good Autism Practice	Shared Learning Trust (AET)	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	1 – 2:15pm	<a href="https://bit.ly/3WwvYQD">https://bit.ly/3WwvYQD</a>
Autism & Anxiety	Shared Learning Trust (AET)	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	6pm – 7:15pm	<a href="https://bit.ly/3WwvYQD">https://bit.ly/3WwvYQD</a>
Good Autism Practice	Shared Learning Trust (AET)	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	10 – 10:15 am	<a href="https://bit.ly/3WwvYQD">https://bit.ly/3WwvYQD</a>
Making Sense of Autism	Shared Learning Trust (AET)	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	1 – 2:15pm	<a href="https://bit.ly/3WwvYQD">https://bit.ly/3WwvYQD</a>
Inclusions / Exclusions & Autism	Shared Learning Trust (AET)	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	6pm – 7:15pm	<a href="https://bit.ly/3WwvYQD">https://bit.ly/3WwvYQD</a>
Making Sense of Autism	Shared Learning Trust (AET)	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	6pm – 7:15pm	<a href="https://bit.ly/3WwvYQD">https://bit.ly/3WwvYQD</a>
Inclusions / Exclusions & Autism	Shared Learning Trust (AET)	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	10 – 10:15 am	<a href="https://bit.ly/3WwvYQD">https://bit.ly/3WwvYQD</a>
Anxiety & Autism	Shared Learning Trust (AET)	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	1pm – 2:15pm	<a href="https://bit.ly/3WwvYQD">https://bit.ly/3WwvYQD</a>

We are currently unable to record these workshops, but we hope to do so for future events.

THE SHARED LEARNING TRUST

Autism Education Trust

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# Shefford Lower School

## Diary Dates

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

### 2023 Upcoming Dates

21st June	Year 4 Faith Tour
22nd June	Samuel Whitbread School Summer Arts Festival
22nd June	Year 4 RBA visit to see Frozen performance
26th June	Deadline for Yr R to respond to Health Needs Assessment Questionnaire
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
18th July TBC	Year 4 Disco
19th July	Year 4 Leavers Picnic and Leavers Performance. Doors open at 2pm for the performance.
21st July	Summer Term Ends
4th –5th September	Inset Days
6th September	Back to School

### Information from the School Office

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).

#### Be Careful in the Car Park

We have had children and parents walking slowly, around the car park, as well as people scooting and cycling across the car park. We don't want any accidents so please cross quickly and safely. Remember to dismount at the school gates!

To find Shefford Lower's Academic Calendar for 2022/2023 please refer to our website

[Term Dates Link](#)

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

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