



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"The best Christmas gift is to realise what you already have."

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Christmas Market last Friday night. It was a fabulous turn out and one that will really help and support the children in our school. Thank you to all those who came and joined in the festivities and for adhering to the COVID procedures we put in place beforehand. The PFA are delighted to announce that the final amount raised was **£818.11!** With just three fundraisers having gone ahead this academic year, that's already just over £1500 raised to help fund the new trim trails we have planned for the children. A massive well done to everyone who organised, helped and supported – huge thanks again!



On Wednesday 8 December, you will be aware that the Prime Minister announced the implementation of [Plan B of the COVID-19 Response: Autumn and Winter Plan](#), to reduce pressure on the NHS. Plan B sets out a number of additional measures across society to control transmission of COVID-19. The Government is clear on the critical importance of not disrupting the education of children and young people and the Government will prioritise keeping all education and childcare settings open. The measures set out below will support this:

- School attendance remains mandatory and all the usual rules continue to apply.
- Face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in communal areas, unless exempt. This is a temporary measure.
- Schools and early years settings should continue to offer their usual before and after-school activities, including wraparound childcare.
- All those involved in education and childcare settings should continue with regular testing (LFD not PCR).
- Settings are strongly encouraged to ask parents, guardians and other visitors to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test before entering the setting.
- All individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will continue to be required to self-isolate and asked to book a PCR test.

We would again like to encourage the use of face coverings when in and around the school premises and for all to ensure that anyone with COVID-19 [symptoms](#) or a positive test result should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. **This still applies even if you have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine.** If you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, you should stay at home and self-isolate. If you are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months [you are not required to self-isolate if you are a contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.](#)



Thank you once again for coming and supporting the Market last week and we hope that everyone has a great weekend! As always, look after yourselves, each other and stay safe!

EYFS Nativity

We were very, very proud of our Nursery and Reception children this week for their fantastic nativity performance of 'We're Going on a Baby Hunt'. It was a beautiful reminder of the Christmas story, and I know that parents, as well as the school, were very proud of their achievements! Thank you to all of our parents who came along and supported and with help getting children into costumes before each



performance and the learning of lines at home. I must re-iterate my thanks once again to our wonderful EYFS staff and volunteers who helped make the performances really special and unique.

Year 3 Cosy Christmas

Year 3 entertained us today with their cosy Christmas celebrations! It was magnificent to hear not only a festive joke or two but also some fantastic singing and great poetry! A sprinkle of 'cosiness' was added by the children performing in their pyjamas! Thanks must go to all the staff in Year 3 for helping to put together and prepare such a festive treat for us and to all the parents who came along to support the children!



Christmas Homework

As a school, we believe that holidays are a time to relax and spend with family and friends. Teachers will not be setting any formal homework over the Christmas break (Year 6 have agreed on some slightly different arrangements with Miss Barnard), although we would like to encourage the children to utilise any free time to indulge in a good book! We would love to be able to swap and share some recommended reads with each other in the New Year! Many thanks for the support that you give on a weekly basis with homework – it is very much appreciated by all the staff!

The Week Before Christmas...

As you are all aware, next week is incredibly busy! We start the week with the Year 1 & 2 performance, Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday and we have our trip to see the pantomime at Lichfield Garrick on Thursday. I thought it would be useful to provide you with a few reminders regarding the arrangements:

- 🎄 Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance – the first performance starts at 9.15am, the second performance starts at 2.00pm. If you are attending the second performance, you are more than welcome to take your children home earlier if you so wish afterwards – the teaching staff are aware of this. Please be aware that photographs must not appear on the internet or social websites and should be used as a personal memento only. Parents wishing to take videos/photographs are asked to stand in a position which does not detract from the children's performances, and does not restrict the view of other audience members.

- Please could we also ask you to:
 - Wear a face covering.
 - Use hand sanitiser before entering and leaving the hall.
 - Complete a LFD test prior to attending on the day of the event.
 - Not attend if you or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms or currently has tested positive for COVID.

▲ As we are attending the pantomime performance during the afternoon on Thursday, we anticipate arriving back at school at around 4.45pm, traffic permitting. If there are any delays or changes, we will inform you via text. Please could you wait for your children at their usual gate. The teachers will dismiss the children in line with usual procedures after they have collected their coats and bags from their classrooms.

▲ Shobnall Stars will be closed on Thursday 16 December 2021 (After School Club only).



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'My School Fund' Initiative

We announced some time ago that Shobnall Primary & Nursery School has joined the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school's budget with your help.

How does it work?

Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend, you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend.

Add that all up across our school's network of families and together we can all make a big difference!

How to get involved

Visit myschoolfund.org to register for free and link to Shobnall Primary & Nursery School. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!

Sign up today at myschoolfund.org.

Wellbeing Award for Schools

Shobnall Primary & Nursery School achieved the WAS Award (Wellbeing Award for Schools) in 2018! Since then, we have taken part in *Happy Healthy Children Week* with other schools in JTMAT. We also celebrated *NHS Week* last academic year and *Hello Yellow Day* this year to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing.

Shobnall Primary & Nursery School work with the Mental Health Support Team to help pupils who are suffering from mental health problems. This year, we have trained staff as ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants), who are in school to help pupils.



Our next WAS Award inspection will take place on Friday 4 February 2022. Please complete the Parent Evaluation Form by clicking on the link below to give your invaluable views about the work we do as a school to support wellbeing.

Evaluation submissions are valid between: 16/11/2021 - 09/01/2022. Your submission will not be accepted outside of these dates.

Click [here](https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/619382f398c66) or copy and paste the following <https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/619382f398c66> into your browser to access the survey. Many thanks for your support with this.



Online Safety Tips

We are reminded this week of how to connect in some way over Christmas via the National Online Safety Christmas song. Please find the lyrics and a link to the song at the end of the newsletter!

We hope that you enjoy!

School Uniform Exchange

Please don't forget the *school uniform exchange*, which continues! There is a box situated by the gate on the school car park for any parents who have items they wish to donate. Please could we ask that these are cleaned and in good condition before placing in the box! Amy Roobottom continues sorting and collating this. As previously stated, if you wish to contact Amy to ask what is available that you might be in need of, please contact the school office via shb-office@shb.itmat.co.uk and we will ensure this is forwarded to her.



Hot Lunch Options – 13 December to 16 December 2021

Please note that due to food shortages and issues with deliveries, the kitchen may have to change the menu at the last minute. Mrs Inger will try her best to keep everyone updated. Many thanks for your understanding. *Remember, Wednesday is Christmas Lunch and Friday is an INSET so the lunch options for the forthcoming week are:*

NUTRITIONIST APPROVED		5				
WEEK 1	4th Oct, 1st Nov 22nd Nov, 13th Dec	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH		Ham panini pizza	Sweet and sour chicken	Roast chicken and stuffing	Pork sausages	Battered fish
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH		Cheese and tomato panini pizza	Vegetable curry	Quorn fillet and stuffing	Quorn sausages	Cheese pin wheel
ACCOMPANIMENTS	5	Herby diced potatoes Garden peas Baked beans Salad bar	Fluffy rice Carrot batons Broccoli Salad bar	Roast potatoes Green cabbage Sliced carrots Salad bar	Mashed potatoes Garlic bread Sweetcorn Cauliflower Salad bar	Chunky chips Baked beans Mushy peas Salad bar
DESSERTS		Marble sponge and custard	Ginger cookie	Rice pudding with fruit compote	Flapjack	Fruit and ice cream
FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT	5	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt
JACKET POTATOES & SANDWICHES		Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings	Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings	Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings	Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings	Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings

SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

Let's have a sneaky peek as to what has been going on in our classrooms this week...

Nursery

It was 'Lights, camera, action!' this week, as our youngest children performed their nativity 'We're Going on a Baby Hunt'. Although several children got a little star struck on Tuesday, by Wednesday they were well and truly into the swing of things and gave a flawless show! The staff were so proud of them all! So now that costumes are away, children are loving the Christmassy vibes...music playing and a range of new Christmas activities to explore and make!

Reception

The children have enjoyed another fantastic Christmas themed week!

They have had fun completing lots of different activities including making some exciting Christmas cards, decorations and using their phonics knowledge to label Christmas gifts.

The children have also been focussing on the importance of oral hygiene and have joined in with various activities to support their understanding of tooth brushing. They thoroughly enjoyed using the toothpaste and brushes to clean some decayed teeth!



The children behaved fantastically during our Christingle celebration at St Aidan's Church. They listened carefully to Father Robin and the Year 6 children as they read the Christmas story and joined in with some wonderful songs.

We were all extremely proud of the children earlier this week when they performed their Christmas performance 'We're Going on a Baby Hunt' they all did very well to remember their lines, songs and actions- fantastic Reception you are all Christmas superstars!

Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic week and are very much in the Christmas spirit. This week in English we have been continuing our exploration of 'The Nightmare Before Christmas' by joining in a very immersive exploration of Christmas Town. This involved lots of sparkles, lights and the smell of gingerbread to get those creative adjectives flowing. In maths this week we have been exploring tens and ones within twenty. This again has been a very practical exploration as they have used lots of concrete resources to help with their understanding. We have continued our Religious Education topic this week by further exploring gifts and giving and comparing the celebration of Christmas and the celebration of Eid al-Fitr. Our Nativity is now performance ready and we look forward to welcoming you in on Monday to watch the big production. The children have tried extremely hard when practicing and we hope you enjoy it as much as we have creating it!

Year 2

Year 2 have had a higgledy piggedly week this week, ensuring that all loose ends are tied up in preparation for a week full of Christmas activities next week! Each morning the children have been working on completing their stories inspired by Julia Donaldson's 'Room on The Broom'. Year 2 have been so creative in their writing and it has wonderful to see how creative they have been! The children have also completed a unit of learning in R.E. this week, all about the importance of light to different religions. Year 2 learnt about Rama and Sita and acted out the story, created their own advent wreaths and designed a Menorah. The children also finished their unit of learning in Geography by learning about the different continents, their human and physical features and how to identify landmarks using aerial

images. But, most importantly, the whole of KS1 have been practicing their Nativity - they are all SO excited to perform it to their families on Monday....we think it's the best Nativity yet, full of sparkle and razzmatazz!

Year 3

We have had a fantastic, festive week in Year 3! We thoroughly enjoyed sharing our Cosy Christmas Celebration with our parents and carers. Year 3 have been working extremely hard over the last few weeks learning Christmas songs, poems, jokes and information. We hope the audience enjoyed our performance as much as we did. It has been wonderful to see the children's confidence develop on the stage.



As well as practicing and performing our Cosy Christmas Celebration, the children have been exploring 'The Polar Express' in English. The book was kindly delivered by our mischievous class elf. The children have been looking closely at the brilliant illustrations and identifying the key features of an effective setting description to inform their writing. We are looking forward to getting involved with all the festive activities that are planned over the next week.



Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have continued our multiplication and division unit in maths looking at timetables, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed! In English, the children have written the next chapter of Mr Stink and I have loved reading these! It has been wonderful to see the creativity used by the children to create an engaging chapter. The children have also spent their final afternoon at Forest School. The children cleaned the pond and even found a toad along the way! A brilliant week Year 4. Well done!

Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed this week as they have finished their final piece of writing, which was inspired by the video clip 'Sometimes by the Stars'. The pupils have started their geography unit where they have been learning about longitude and latitude.

This week the pupils have made their Christmas cards ready to bring home at the end of next week. Just a reminder that swimming will not take place until after Christmas and their first week back is Tuesday 11th January.

Year 6

We had a lovely start to the week with a Christingle service at St. Aidan's Church, where some of the children brought in their own Christingles. In English, Year 6 have been exploring Roald Dahl's story, Lamb to the Slaughter, using our inference to gain a deeper insight into the personality of the main character and using our drama skills to retell the story. The pupils have been continuing with fractions in maths, continuing to stay resilient with the various steps involved! Our afternoons have consisted of Christmas activities, D&T and PSHE.



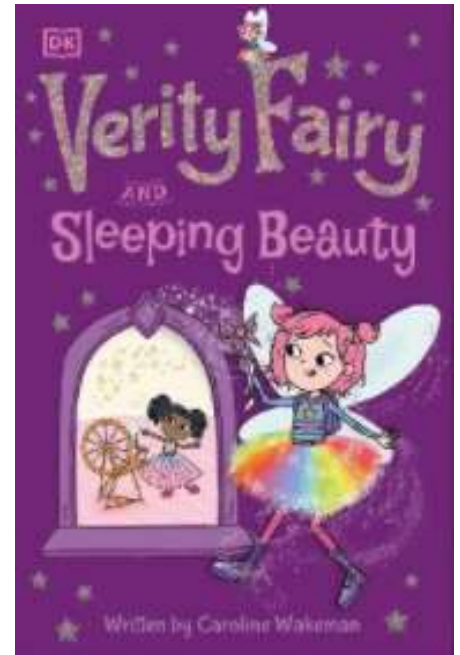
Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 5+...

Verity Fairy: Sleeping Beauty

Written by Caroline Wakerman

Fairies Verity and her best friend Celeste live in Fairy Tale Kingdom, where all your favourite fairytale adventures take place. In this story, Tatiana, the Queen of the Fairies, puts Verity in charge of the party the human king and queen are throwing for their new baby daughter. When Verity accidentally on purpose leaves out Nissa, the grumpy fairy places that curse on the baby. Fortunately, with Celeste's help, Verity can put things right, not just for the royal family, but with Nissa too. As with other titles in this series, this puts a sweet new twist on a much-loved story and little children will be very taken by Verity and Celeste. With lots of illustrations and short chapters, it's good for newly independent readers and a useful glossary will help them understand and remember new vocabulary.



Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Obeydullah H	Angel M
Year 1	Layla N	Gordon Z
Year 2	Dylan S	Fatiha N-M
Year 3	ALL!	
Year 4	Sophie A	Beatrix M-B
Year 5	Ben B	Amy R
Year 6	Freya P	Louie S

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Ava O-R
Year 1	Aiza L
Year 2	Eisa L
Year 3	Erin S
Year 4	Oscar T
Year 5	Ashton M
Year 6	Safi S

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (<i>Week Ending 10.12.21</i>)	218	144	300	206
Position	2 nd – 3 Points	4 th – 1 Point	1 st – 4 Points	3 rd – 2 Points
Running Total	48	18	34	30

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
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KS1 Nativity	Monday 13 th December 2021, 9.15am AND 2.00pm
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 15 th December 2021
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Lichfield Garrick, Peter Pan	Thursday 16 th December 2021, 1.30pm
School Closes for Christmas	Thursday 16 th December 2021
INSET Day	Friday 17 th December 2021

Spring Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Young Voices	Thursday 27 th January 2022
Year 6 Laches Wood	Monday 31 st January 2022 to Friday 4 th February 2022 Inclusive
NSPCC Number Day	Friday 4 th February 2022
Parent Consultations	Monday 7 th February 2022 Wednesday 9 th February 2022
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 8 th February 2022
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 18 th February 2022
INSET Day	Monday 28 th February 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 1 st March 2022
World Book Day	Thursday 3 rd March 2022
Red Nose Day	Friday 18 th March 2022
Year 1 Class Assembly	Thursday 24 th March 2022
Year 3 Class Assembly	Thursday 31 st March 2022
School Closes for Easter	Friday 8 th April 2022

Diary Dates 2021-2022

Event	Date/Time
School Closes for Christmas	Thursday 16 th December 2021
INSET Day	Friday 17 th December 2021
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Young Voices	Thursday 27 th January 2022
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 18 th February 2022
INSET Day	Monday 28 th February 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 1 st March 2022
School Closes for Easter	Friday 8 th April 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 25 th April 2022
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May 2022
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 9 th May 2022 – Friday 13 th May 2022
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 27 th May 2022
INSET Day	Monday 6 th June 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 7 th June 2022
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 8 th July 2022
School Closes for Summer	Wednesday 20 th July 2022



Let's connect this CHRISTMAS (SOME WAY)

By now you'll have seen our collaboration with Musical Alternative for this year's National Online Safety Christmas song. If you feel like joining in – perhaps with your family or with your class – we've reproduced the lyrics here for you!

1
We don't want a lot for Christmas,
There's nothing we really need
And we don't care about the presents
Underneath the Christmas tree
We just want a screen-free day
Unless we're calling family far away
What more can we say?
Let's connect this Christmas, some way

2
I don't want a lot for Christmas
But here's some other things I'd like (I'd like)
Offline school from now till summer
Time outside to ride my bike

3
And I don't want to spend this Christmas
Surrounded by a million screens
Unless they're showing happy faces
The fam on Zoom or my friends on Teams

4
The iPad's great to stay in touch
With people we don't see that much
So what more can we say?
Let's catch up this Christmas, some way

5
And I won't ask for much this Christmas
Not even a PS5 (or a)
iPhone ProMax, Switch OLED,
A million-terabyte hard drive

6
It's time for some fun with mates
But TikTok, Insta they can wait
As for family, what do ya say?
Let's hang out for the Christmas holiday

7
All the screens are shining so brightly
everywhere (oh it's Christmas)
And the sound of high-pitched ringtones
fills the air (and mince pies)
And everyone's distracted (stockings)
My mental health's impacted (presents)
Can't we use devices so we're ALL connected?
Sharing memories that we've all collected?

8
Oh, I don't want a lot for Christmas
This is all I'm asking for (and I)
Just wanna spread some smiles
Show some kindness, let's make sure
Nobody feels on their own
Share so everybody knows
Through a screen, or face to face
Let's connect this Christmas, some way

9
Connected this Christmas some way,
please let's be
Connected this Christmas some way
Connected this Christmas some way
Connected this Christmas some way

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