



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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"The joy of life is becoming a person you are proud of."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Even though it has been a shorter week in school, due to the bank holiday, we have still managed to squeeze in so many different activities! I hope that you enjoy reading about what each class has been up to in the 'Shobnall Showcase' further on in the newsletter!

We have finally seen some signs of summer this week and with much warmer weather now approaching, please don't forget to send your child to school with suncream on and sunhats when we are due to have a particularly hot day. There is more information on this below.



Next week promises to be very busy, especially for our Year 6 children, who will be completing their SATs. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the children the very best for next week as they sit these tests. Not only have the children been working very hard to get themselves prepared so that they are equipped to try their hardest, but the teaching team have also worked exceptionally hard to get them ready. As we build up to next week, I am positive that the children will shine as they always do, and I hope that they use this weekend to relax so that they are fresh and energised to give them their absolute best on Monday.



Whatever it is that you are doing this weekend, whether it be going away or settling down to watch the Eurovision Song Contest, we hope that you have a great and relaxing one and look forward to seeing you again on Monday! Enjoy!



Nursery Places Available for September!

We do still have a few places left in our Nursery setting for September, so please enquire if you or someone else you know within the community, would like a place in our outstanding school.

Further information can be found on our school website [Admissions](#) page on how to apply for a place.

Suncream and Sunhats

As the warmer weather now approaches, please don't forget to send your child to school with suncream on and sunhats when we are due to have a particularly hot day. Many thanks for your support with this and let's keep our fingers crossed that warmer weather is very much on its way!



Mrs Ellerton



It is with mixed emotions that we announce the forthcoming retirement of Mrs Ellerton, our esteemed Business Manager, at the end of this academic year. After nearly 14 years of dedicated service to our school, Mrs. Ellerton has become an integral part of our community. Throughout her tenure, she has exhibited unwavering commitment, professionalism, and a genuine passion for supporting the school's mission. Her expertise and tireless efforts behind the scenes have greatly contributed to the smooth running of our school. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs Ellerton for her invaluable contributions over the years and wish her a well-deserved retirement! We know she is looking forward to spending more time with her eight grandchildren! She will be sorely missed, but her legacy will undoubtedly endure within our school for years to come.

You may already have seen the advert, so will know that we are currently recruiting for this varied and challenging role. It requires a professional who has the confidence and capability to work independently and take responsibility and accountability for day-to-day business operations within our school. Joining the senior leadership team, the successful candidate will manage finance, HR, Health and Safety, facilities, and administration, exercising skill and judgment to ensure efficiency and effectiveness at all times.

For more information, if you or someone you know with the relevant expertise is thinking of applying, please visit our school website or click [here](#).

Mental Health Awareness Week – 13 to 19 May 2024

On the theme of '**movement**', this year's Mental Health Awareness Week is from 13 to 19 May.

Movement is important for our mental health, but so many of us struggle to move enough. We know there are many different reasons for this, so this Mental Health Awareness Week is focused on helping people to find moments for movement in



**MENTAL
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their daily routines. Going for a walk in your neighbourhood, putting on your favourite music and dancing around the living room, chair exercises when you're watching television – it all counts!

The [Mental Health Foundation](#) have provided a series of resources to promote this theme if you are interested in exploring further.

To raise awareness of this ourselves in school, on Friday 17 May we are holding a **Wear it Green Day**. Children are allowed

to come into school in non-uniform, preferably green, for a donation of between 50p and £1, which will go towards vital research and delivering community programmes. Thank you for your support with this!

Term Dates and INSET Days 2024-2025

As we begin to put together the calendar for the next academic year, we wanted to give you advance notice of our scheduled INSET days for 2024-2025:

- Monday 2 September 2024
- Monday 4 November 2024
- Monday 24 February 2025
- Friday 4 July 2025
- Monday 21 July 2025



As always, please keep an eye out at the end of the newsletter for key dates, as those for the autumn term will start appearing imminently.

To view the school holidays and term dates for 2024-2025, please click [here](#).



Online Safety Tips

Within the last few months, Helldivers 2 has propelled to immense popularity in the gaming community, with players of all ages enjoying its frenetic combat, humorous presentation, and challenging gameplay.

Whether they're cooperating with friends or competing with strangers, the game has attracted many young players despite its higher age rating.

As can be expected from an online game – especially one rated 18+ – there are several inherent online safety risks posed to children and young people who play Helldivers 2; from the content of the game itself to the dangers of interacting with strangers online.

Our guide highlights the most prominent hazards of Helldivers 2 and provides you with top tips for keeping its younger players safe.



FREE Uniform!

We have FREE uniform that is available for anyone who needs it, via our donation service. There is a box situated outside the school office for any parents who have old items that 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, collating and distributing this. If you wish to contact Amy to ask what is available that you might be in need of, please contact her via amyroobottom@outlook.com.

Green Libraries Month

Staffordshire Libraries are going green in May with various activities promoting environmental care.

Events include a Science Fair, short film showings, Nature Trail opening, recycled craft workshop, poetry session, mini exhibitions, and story-time workshops.



Partnering with local organizations, they offer activities like pebble painting, sunflower planting, treasure hunts, bug hunts, and litter picks.

They are also giving out plantable bookmarks and pilot biodegradable library cards.

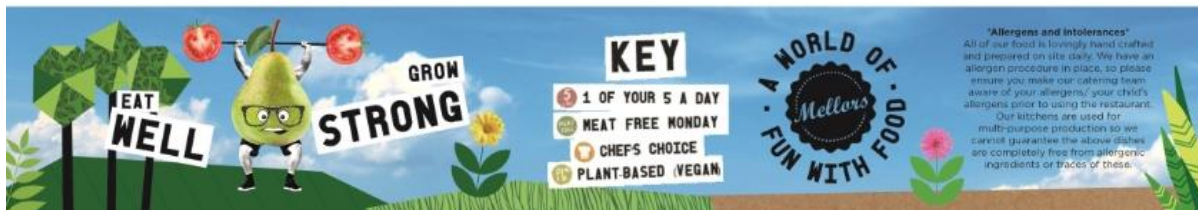
There will also be an opportunity to talk to the Sustrans partners about your neighbourhood and have your say on how we can improve local walking routes.

[Find an activity near you.](#)

Hot Lunch Options – 13 May to 17 May 2024

w/c 13/05/2024

WEEK 1	MEAT FREE MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Pork sausage with creamy mash potato & gravy	Roast beef, with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Beef burger in a bun with chunky chips	Crispy fish fingers with chunky chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Roasted vegetable pizza	Vegan sausage & mash potato with gravy	Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Vegetarian burger in bun with chunky chips	Crispy vegetable fingers with chunky chips
Accompaniments	Peas & baked beans Salad bar	Peas & carrots Salad bar	Carrots & cauliflower Salad bar	Green beans & sweetcorn Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
Desserts	Apple & cinnamon muffin	Shortbread	Flapjack	Ice Cream Sundae station or Chocolate cake	Ice cream
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	CENSUS DAY	Jacket potato and sandwich selection



SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

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

Nursery

Nursery adventures this week...

We have had a busy week in Nursery continuing to learn all about different types of vegetables and foods that are healthy and not healthy.

We have been having wonderful adventures in our 'Come and Tell a Story' area. The children have had lots of fun working together in groups to retell the story of our class focus book, 'The Enormous Turnip.' Mrs Lukman has been very impressed with our use of story language.

On Thursday, we had a wonderful visit from the dentist. The children enjoyed learning about how to look after their teeth and explored a variety of activities whilst learning about the importance of oral health. They also had fun working in pairs to count each other's teeth!

Another really productive week Nursery, well done!

Reception

Reception Adventures this week...

The week started off with the exciting story of Spinderella by Julian Donaldson. We then acted out parts of the story by taking on the role of spiders to have a football match! It was also a great chance to use our knowledge of numbers to sort out team groups and make sure they were fair.

Our exploration of spiders continued as we wrote some fantastic sentences all about them and carried out a variety of activities including making creative spiders using playdough.

On Wednesday we happily made our way to the forest, along with the sunshine, to continue our adventures. You can find out more and see pictures of us on our forest school adventures by visiting our forest school blog on the school website. You don't want to miss the giant web we made using wool and lots of patience!

On Thursday we had a visit from Hamza the dentist who shared details of his important job and the importance of taking care of our teeth. We used a large model to practice our brushing skills and asked some great questions, I wonder if you know the answer to some of them?

"How long do we have to brush our teeth?" (Abia)

"What if I eat my tooth when its wobbly and it falls into my food?" (Thomas)

"How many teeth do I have?" (Muhammad-Yusuf)

"What is the string called that goes in and out of your teeth?" (Ava T)

On Friday we were treated to a visit to Mrs Taylor's garden to explore her beautiful flowers. We were extremely excited to see the irises in bloom and we thought they looked just as beautiful as Van Gogh's fabulous painting.

Year 1

Year 1 have had a lovely week! In maths, we have been learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. The children have really impressed Miss Barker and Mrs Sadya with their determination and dedication as they have completed sewing their puppets. We are all looking forward to decorating them next week. In English, the children have finished drafting and editing their report on a big cat and have begun writing up their final piece today.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a week full of learning. Miss Murphy has been teaching the children this week and they have enjoyed learning about lots of interesting things. In English, they have been drafting their own versions of



instructions on how to make bread. We can't wait to see the final piece next week! In maths they have been continuing their learning on fractions. The children are becoming more confident with working with different shapes and amounts. In History they have been researching Marie Curie and why she is so significant. The children have placed her on a timeline and have also been exploring what other inventions were going on at the same time! Well done year 2 on a great week!

Year 3

Year 3 have said a very sad goodbye to Mrs Morris this week, who has been working with them since Mrs Sandhu went on Maternity Leave in February. We welcome back Mrs Frend from her Maternity Leave next week, but Mrs Morris wanted to thank the children for their kindness and hard work. She has really enjoyed her time with Year 3! We know that this is merely an 'au revoir' to Mrs Morris as she will definitely be back in school in some capacity very soon!

Year 4

It has been another incredibly busy week in Year 4, albeit with only being in four days! In maths, we have completed our decimal units for this year, and we have started our new unit of money! The children have found it very useful using the plastic coins to represent different amounts of money. The children have started to write a fantastic piece of writing! They have created a story to detail the dangers of electricity! We have also been exploring the mystery surrounding Tutankhamun and we have been debating whether he died of natural causes or that he was murdered! We finished off the week by creating a bar chart to represent languages spoken worldwide! The children were amazed to learn that English is the second most spoken language in the world! Another brilliant week Year 4, keep it up!

Year 5

In Maths, Year 5 have been learning about drawing angles, as well as calculating missing angles around a point. This has been a tricky concept and has needed lots of careful calculation and accurate measuring. In English, the children have completed their explanation texts about their chosen animal life cycle. All of the children have produced informative and engaging double page spreads that they should be very proud of. On Friday, Year 5 enjoyed learning about Early Islamic Civilisation and the Round City of Baghdad in History. They learnt about the imports and exports through the Silk Road, as well as about the scholars of the House of Wisdom.

Year 6

This week, we have been very busy revising for our SATs next week. We are fully prepared and ready to show off what we can do. We have enjoyed correcting our imaginary student Joe's mistakes that he has made in his test this week. This has helped us to find silly mistakes and correct them. It has also helped us to revise anything that we were unsure of. Due to our hard work, Miss



Lord has brought in some cookies for us to share, as she says we are all 'one smart cookie'. We really enjoyed cricket yesterday where we perfected our bowling skills. We have had an exciting, but busy week.

Reading Corner

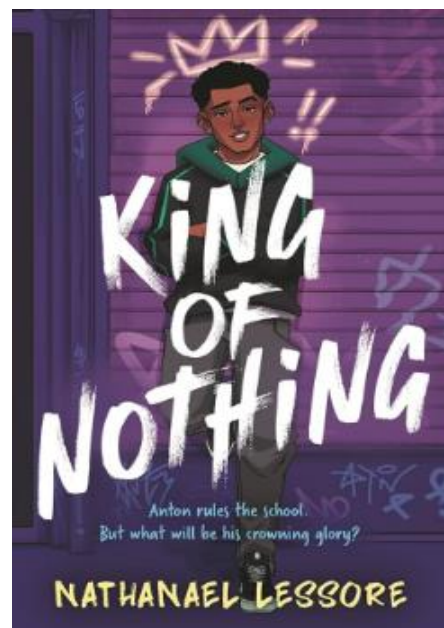
This week's recommended read is for children aged 11+...

King of Nothing

Written by Nathanael Lessore

Anton and his friends rule the school, they go where they like and say what they like. They consider everybody else beneath them, including the teachers. But when Anton keeps getting into trouble, his mum is less impressed by his fierce reputation and more concerned for his future. Hoping he'll see the error of his ways and make new friends, she removes his internet privileges and signs him up to volunteer for a wholesome community. If he doesn't join in, he doesn't get back online.

Surrounded by guitar-led sing-a-longs, secret handshakes and unbridled enthusiasm, Anton is less than impressed, but when mega geek Matthew saves his life, Anton has a debt to repay. Can he turn Matthew cool? Or will Matthew be the one changing Anton?



Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Abia L	Muhammad-Y
Year 1	Umar Q	Jack P
Year 2	Kaleb G	Saifullah M
Year 3	EVERYONE!	
Year 4	Kristers K	Momina R
Year 5	Euan W	Dexter K
Year 6	Beatrix M-B	Jenson S

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Elliott T
Year 1	Astrid R
Year 2	Fynn M
Year 3	Aiza L
Year 4	Oliver M
Year 5	Evalyn W
Year 6	Florence W

Attendance

Please read the [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#) which has further information if you are unsure whether to send your child to school or not.

We are always happy to advise in line with this guidance, so if you are still in doubt, please contact the school office if your child develops any symptoms and we can discuss this further with you.

Please note that children can come to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This includes general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose, or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above.

Let's keep working together to ensure attendance is as good as it can be! Remember, **every pupil, every day!** Thank you for your support.

This week's Attendance Champions are **Year 4!** Well done! Here are the latest figures...

Reception	96.8%	Target
Year 1	97.3%	97%
Year 2	90.3%	
Year 3	94.4%	
Year 4	100%	Overall (to date)
Year 5	97.5%	94.9%
Year 6	97.8%	
Overall	96.3%	

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 10.05.24)	111	107	80	90
Position	1 st – 4 points	2 nd – 3 points	4 th – 1 point	3 rd – 2 points
Running Total	12	14	12	12

Diary Dates 2023-2024

Event	Date/Time
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 13 th May 2024 to Friday 17 th May 2024
Wear Something Green – Mental Health Foundation	Friday 17 th May 2024
School Closes for Half-Term	Thursday 23 rd May 2024
INSET Day	Friday 24 th May 2024
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 3 rd June 2024
Year 5 Class Assembly	Thursday 6 th June 2024, 9.00am
Year 3 Class Assembly	Thursday 20 th June 2024, 9.00am
Year 4 Class Assembly	Thursday 27 th June 2024, 9.00am
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 5 th July 2024
School Closes for Summer	Friday 19 th July 2024, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 22 nd July 2024

Summer Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 13 th May 2024 to Friday 17 th May 2024
School Closes for Half-Term	Thursday 23 rd May 2024
INSET Day	Friday 24 th May 2024
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 3 rd June 2024
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	Monday 3 rd June 2024 – Friday 14 th June 2024
Year 5 Class Assembly	Thursday 6 th June 2024, 9.00am
New Parents Meeting for Nursery & Reception Parents	Thursday 6 th June 2024
Father's Day Lunches – Reception	Thursday 6 th June 2024
Father's Day Lunches – Year 1	Friday 7 th June 2024
Sports Day – EYFS/KS1 AM & KS2 PM	Monday 10 th June 2024
Year 1 Phonics Screening	Monday 10 th June 2024 – Friday 14 th June 2024
Father's Day Lunches – Year 2	Monday 10 th June 2024
Father's Day Lunches – Year 3	Tuesday 11 th June 2024
Reserve Sports Day – EYFS/KS1 AM & KS2 PM	Wednesday 12 th June 2024
Father's Day Lunches – Year 4	Wednesday 12 th June 2024
Father's Day Lunches – Year 5	Thursday 13 th June 2024
Father's Day Lunches – Year 6	Friday 14 th June 2024
Year 3 Class Assembly	Thursday 20 th June 2024, 9.00am
Year 4 Class Assembly	Thursday 27 th June 2024, 9.00am
Year 4, 5 & 6 Brewhouse Performance – Peter Pan	Thursday 4 th July 2024
JTMAT INSET Day – School Closed	Friday 5 th July 2024
Nursery Graduation	Wednesday 17 th July 2024, 9.00am
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Thursday 18 th July 2024, 9.00am
School Closes for Summer	Friday 19 th July 2024, 2.00pm

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