



# SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*"The best way to lose yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."*

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, this week has been Anti-Bullying Week and the theme has been 'One Kind Word', emphasising the positive impact a small gesture or comment can have on someone else's day. It is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at leading children's charity the National Children's Bureau and their aim was for this year's anti-bullying week to be about hope and the positive and kind things we can do to combat bullying and spread more kindness.

Our school has been promoting this message in abundance this week through our curriculum and the children have been involved in a series of reflective and essential activities. You can read more about what has been going on in classes in this week's 'Shobnall Showcase'. On Monday we had Odd Socks Day and were delighted that Andy Day, CBeebies star and front man of Andy and the Odd Socks, replied to our tweets!

You may also remember that our school was 1 of 20 winning schools from last year's Odd Socks Day competition for Anti Bullying Week. As a result of this, our Year 6 class have been involved in the Odd Socks Day video for Anti-Bullying Week 2021. The song is called "All You Need (Is One Kind Word)" and can be viewed now via our Twitter feed!

Thank you to all of the children and staff for supporting this event!

Today is Children in Need and we have had a 'spotty' non-uniform day to support this event! Thank you to everyone who has made a donation! Once we have totalled up the final amount, we will let you know how much we have raised!

As always, we would like to re-iterate 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.](#)

Have a great weekend everyone – look after yourselves, each other, stay safe and ENJOY! We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday!



## 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.



### The Snowman & The Snowdog Trail, Swadlincote

Swadlincote is hosting Raymond Briggs' 'The Snowman™' and 'Snowdog™' characters, in the form of a stunning sculpture trail around the town centre.

Wild in Art's collection of twelve beautifully painted Snowmen, each inspired by the classic song The Twelve Days of Christmas and eight uniquely decorated Snowdogs are waiting to be discovered from 20 November 2021.

The trail is inspired by The Snowman™ and The Snowdog™ short, animated film released in 2012 and the sequel to Raymond Briggs' worldwide and much-loved hit The Snowman™. In it, a young boy builds a snowman and creates a snowdog with the remaining snow. At midnight both of his creations magically come to life.

There is no charge to take part in the sculpture trail or the associated events and activities. Donations are invited to the NSPCC and Rainbows Hospice.

Please find the attached guide and follow the links below for further information:

[www.visitsouthderbyshire.co.uk/snowman](http://www.visitsouthderbyshire.co.uk/snowman)

<https://walkingwiththesnowman.co.uk/event/swadlincote-2021/>

Christmas programme:

<https://www.visitsouthderbyshire.co.uk/event/swadlincote/christmas-celebrations-in-swadlincote/>



### Year 6 Class Assembly – Thursday 25 November 2021

After a fantastic start to our class assembly season from Year 2 this week, Year 6 are very excited about welcoming visitors to their class assembly on Thursday, which will begin just after 9.15am. In light of the ongoing situation with COVID, please could we ask parents to:

- Wear a face covering.
- Use hand sanitiser before entering and leaving the hall.



Unfortunately, as was the case this week, the other children in the school won't be in attendance as there just isn't the room for parents and children to distance effectively, so this will be for parents only. In addition, we would also encourage you to:

- 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.

Many thanks in advance for your cooperation and diligence and we look forward to welcoming you on 25 November.

### Online Safety Tips – Share Kindness Online!

Last year, around one in five children aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To a child who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens someone's day and resets their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021.

National Online Safety are supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

In the guide, you'll find tips such as reaching out, thinking before commenting and recommending fun things. We hope you find this useful!



### Shobnall PFA Christmas Market – Friday 3 December 2021, 3.30 – 6.00pm

Please look out for a letter, which has been emailed to you, outlining in more detail the plans and COVID procedures for the forthcoming PFA Christmas Market on Friday 3 December 2021! The PFA are working tirelessly to make this a safe, yet unique and enjoyable event for our community. We hope that you are able to come along and support.

There will be plenty of festive fun to be had by all, including mince pies, hot chocolate, street food, stalls, games, Santa's Grotto and a performance around the Christmas tree from the school choir!

More information will be published in the first PFA newsletter, which will be emailed to you, telling you more about the PFA's fundraising this academic year and how you can get involved.

### PFA Christmas Movie Night – Thursday 9 December 2021, 3.30 – 5.15pm

The PFA are intending to host a Christmas movie night on Thursday 9 December 2021 for children in Reception to Year 6. Each class will select their own film to watch in their classroom. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 29 November 2021 at the beginning and end of the school day on the key stage 1 playground. They will be priced at £2, or £3 if children wish to have a drink and popcorn with the film. Pick up will be from your child's usual gate at 5.15pm.



## 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](mailto:shb-office@shb.itmat.co.uk) and we will ensure this is forwarded to her.



## Hot Lunch Options – 22 November to 26 November 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.

Lunch options for the forthcoming week are:

						
<b>WEEK 1</b> 4th Oct, 1st Nov, 22nd Nov, 13th Dec		<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>MAIN DISH</b>		Ham panini pizza	Sweet and sour chicken	Roast chicken and stuffing	Pork sausages	Battered fish
<b>VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH</b>		Cheese and tomato panini pizza	Vegetable curry	Quorn fillet and stuffing	Quorn sausages	Cheese pin wheel
<b>ACCOMPANIMENTS</b>	5 star	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
<b>DESSERTS</b>		Marble sponge and custard	Ginger cookie	Rice pudding with fruit compote	Flapjack	Fruit and ice cream
<b>FRESH FRUIT &amp; YOGHURT</b>	5 star	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt
<b>JACKET POTATOES &amp; SANDWICHES</b>		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

Kindness is something that we promote in Nursery, from the first day children start with us. So, it is wonderful that this year's theme for Anti-Bullying Week is 'One kind word'. Our week began with the usual odd sock day activities, followed by lots of stories that promote kindness and for being thankful that we are all unique. We created our own 'Kindness Contract' and thought about the different ways we can show kindness to others, through having kind hands and feet, a smile for everyone and using kind words. We often hear the phrase 'Sharing is Caring' echoed around the Nursery Classroom!



## Reception

It has been another fun filled week of learning in Reception this week.

The children have developed their understanding of shape further this week by exploring 2D shapes and discussing the similarities and differences between them. They have also identified links to 3D shapes and had lots of fun as they went on a 2D shape hunt around school.

They have enjoyed joining in with lots of activities for anti-bullying week including acting out some scenarios in which they were able to show their understanding of being kind to others. They thought carefully about kind words and used these to create a kindness contract which will be displayed in the classroom.



Friday turned out to be very spotty indeed as the children arrived with the addition of a variety of spots to their clothing to celebrate Children in Need. They listened carefully to learn more about this important event and had a great time completing a variety of Pudsey Bear themed activities.

## Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been continuing to explore the story 'Beegu' in English. We have been focusing on speech within writing and stories and how this can be presented in a speech bubble. In Maths this week we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes. The children have learnt a lovely poem about 3D shapes that supports them with their learning and understanding. In Geography, we went on a local walk around the Shobnall area and used a map to support us. We pointed out some key locations both on the map and where we were. This week we have also started our Design and Technology topic where we will explore Christmas bunting.

## Year 2

Wowie, what a week! As many of the Year 2 parents know, the Year 2 children had their class assembly this week, and what a triumph it was! All the children put in 100% effort and delivered a fun (and informative) assembly to their parents about The Great Fire of London. Mr Adams and Miss Martin-Mills could not believe how professional the children were, especially as this was their first ever time performing in the hall due to COVID! This week has also been Anti-Bullying Week. The children have been learning all about kindness and how we can support others to ensure everyone in class is happy. In PSHE, the children were very thoughtful when discussing the importance of not making assumptions about people, and were experts at roll-playing what to do if they ever saw someone being unkind or upset.





### Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic week! This week was Anti-Bullying Week and the theme was 'One Kind Word'. On Monday we wore our odd socks to celebrate uniqueness and individuality. As a class we created a 'Kindness Contract' which was signed by each individual child and is now displayed in our classroom. In PSHE we have been learning all about families and how differences and conflicts can occur between family members. The children worked together and discussed how they could solve possible conflicts using the 'solve it together techniques'.

In English we have been learning about performance poetry. On Monday we went on a lovely autumn nature walk around school. Whilst on our walk, we wrote some fantastic expanded noun phrases and similes to describe what we saw. Later in the week, we wrote our autumn poems and performed them to our peers. Year 3 have worked very hard this week. Well done Year 3!

### Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we have been celebrating Anti-Bullying Week! As a class, we have created a kindness contract identifying what it means to be kind and examples of how to be kind to people. In English we have also been following a similar theme with the children writing a newspaper article on everything that the school has done to raise awareness of Anti-Bullying Week! Also, the children have started their new Maths unit looking at perimeter. The children have been able to identify different measurement and convert measurements when needed to answer problem solving questions. In Forest School this week, the children have learnt how to cut wood with a bow saw and made colourful leaf inspired mosaics! Another wonderfully positive week Year 4. Well done!

### Year 5

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed this week. We have been designing and creating our marble runs for DT. There have been many different marble runs and the children have definitely been inspired by this unit of work. In English, the children have created their own Anti bullying poetry and they have discussed how unkind words can make us feel bad. Children have been using kind words every day and we have talked about how it makes us feel when people are kind to us.



### Year 6

As always, we have had another busy week in Year 6! We started our week wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes us different during Anti-Bullying Week - we recognise that everyone should be encouraged to truly be themselves and celebrate their uniqueness and individuality. We started looking at information texts in English and in a few weeks, we will be creating our own based on South America and making links with our Geography work. In maths, we have been continuing to revise fractions: comparing

and ordering, adding and subtracting. Today, we have worn non-uniform to support Children in Need Day 2021!



## Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 9+...

### Tinsel

*Written by Sibeal Pounder*

Everything that is wonderful about Christmas (and some things that aren't!) is thrillingly spun about in this deliciously magical and madcap adventure. Homeless Blanche has never had any real Christmas but when the mysterious Rinki gives her a magical bauble and some mince pies on Christmas Day everything changes. Rinki and Blanche are firm friends forever and together they are about to rewrite the Santa story. Santa Claus, elf magic, delicious Christmas food and drink, and a wonderful sleigh ride are all thrown into the mix as a very merry Christmas for all – except the sinister Mr Krampus.



### Head Teacher's Awards

<b>Reception</b>	Ava O-R	Arham A
<b>Year 1</b>	Nancy M	Mason E
<b>Year 2</b>	Eisa L	Momina R
<b>Year 3</b>	Lily J	Evalyn W
<b>Year 4</b>	Millie C	Freddy C
<b>Year 5</b>	Zoya H	Josh M
<b>Year 6</b>	Hasan A	Amina K

### Lunchtime Star Awards

<b>Reception</b>	Jacob S
<b>Year 1</b>	Toby N
<b>Year 2</b>	Afra M
<b>Year 3</b>	Esmee G
<b>Year 4</b>	Joseph W
<b>Year 5</b>	Zoya H
<b>Year 6</b>	Alfie L

### Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 19.11.21)	235	111	196	143
Position	1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 Points	4 <sup>th</sup> – 1 Point	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 Points	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 3 Points
Running Total	37	14	25	24

### Autumn Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
Year 6 Class Assembly	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2021, 09.15am
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2021 to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2021 Inclusive
Shobnall PFA Christmas Market	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2021
Christingle	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
EYFS Nativity	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 9.15am
EYFS Nativity	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 9.15am
PFA Christmas Movie Night	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 3.30pm
Year 3 Cosy Celebration	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 9.15am
KS1 Nativity	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 9.15am AND 2.00pm
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Lichfield Garrick, Peter Pan	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 1.30pm
School Closes for Christmas	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
INSET Day	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021

## Diary Dates 2021-2022

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



# 10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–16 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

## 1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

## 2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

## 3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

## 4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

## 5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

## 6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

## 7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

## 8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

## 9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

## 10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

## Meet Our Expert

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## Shobnall Primary & Nursery School PFA Christmas Market

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

3.30 – 6.00pm

For a £2 entry fee for adults (children are FREE),  
you will receive:

- a Christmas themed treasure hunt!

Please come and support, there is plenty of  
festive fun to be had by all! There will be mince  
pies, Asian food, stalls, games, Santa's Grotto and  
a performance from the school choir around the  
Christmas tree!



**20 November 2021 – 16 January 2022**

Take a wintry walk around Swadlincote and enjoy The Snowman™ and The Snowdog sculpture trail inspired by the animated sequel to Raymond Briggs' timeless picture book The Snowman™

Discover giant The Snowman™ and Snowdog sculptures waiting to be found around the town this Christmas. With themes of friendship, imagination and adventure – it is the ultimate festive story to explore with friends and family.

So grab your snow boots, wrap up warm, and get ready to go on a magical adventure.



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## Holiday Activities and Food



If your child is eligible for a free place on our winter Holiday Activities and Food programme, they will receive a letter via their school. This letter will contain a unique code which you will need to register your child. You can register from 7pm on 29th November 2021, giving you access to the timetable of activities.

### How to register

To register, you will need your child's registration code, which is at the top of the letter given out by your child's school. Registration will open at 7pm on 29th November 2021, when a button will appear on this site for you to access the booking system.

### Background

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is a central government initiative that requires all Local Authorities to deliver a programme of inclusive activities including a hot meal over the school holidays for children aged 5 – 16 years. It is free to those who receive benefit related school meals.

We have teamed up with local organisations to develop a timetable of enriching activities where children will get the opportunity to try new things, work on arts and crafts, cookery and sport as well as receive a hot meal wherever possible.

The Department for Education has provided funding for this initiative.

There are no results that match your search criteria