



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"A mother is your first friend, your best friend, your forever friend."

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has proved to be incredibly busy in so many ways for the children and adults of our school. The weather has certainly helped and the sporting fixtures and Forest School opportunities have been plentiful. We have really enjoyed seeing many parents in school this week with of course our Mother's Day lunches and the wonderfully themed Year 1 class assembly on Thursday. By the time you read this newsletter, our Year 5 and 6 hockey teams will be competing in the tournament at Shobnall Leisure Complex after a fabulous third place finish for our Year 3 and 4 team last week. Keep your fingers crossed for another great result!

Thank you to everyone who supported our red non-uniform day last week in support of **Comic Relief**. You will be pleased to know that we managed to raise a total of **£453.42!** The PFA would also like to extend their thanks to everyone who was able to donate cakes and attend the Spring Coffee Morning today. Treasurer, Ian Pullen, is still counting the total raised which we will let you know in due course. Our humblest thanks once again for all your support.

As we draw nearer to the Easter break, we continue to be very busy and would love to see as many of you as possible at our Easter Bingo to win chocolate eggs and other Easter themed prizes! This will be run by the PFA and will be held on **Wednesday 6 April** in the school hall. Doors open from **5.30pm** with 'eyes-down' at **6.00pm**. Mr Adams has been nominated as bingo caller and tea, coffee, cold drinks, hotdogs, burgers and other snacks will be on sale. During the 'break', there are Easter themed games planned. The bingo books will be available to purchase on arrival. The PFA do need chocolate prizes to award on the night and would like your help! **On Friday 1 April**, the children (and staff) are allowed to come to school in **non-uniform!** The charge for this is for all pupils to bring in a chocolate item to be given as a prize at the bingo – an Easter egg would be great. We do hope that you are able to come and support this event, which is always tremendous fun!

It is because Covid-19 restrictions have eased that we are able to proceed with these events again, but please keep checking the [Covid-19 Info](#) page for any updates related to schools and the pandemic. Covid-19 has not gone away and cases seem to be on the rise again nationally. Even though we now have guidelines rather than legal requirements, our hope is that everyone in our community does choose to adhere to them. Remember, the advice is for people who have Covid to remain at home for at least 5 full days and then follow the guidance until they have received two negative lateral flows, 24 hours apart. We thank you, as always, for your support with this.

Next week, we look forward to seeing some of our Year 5 and 6 mums for their Mother's Day lunch at the start of the week and our Year 3 parents for the children's class assembly on Thursday 31 March. We would of course like to wish all of our families a very relaxing and enjoyable weekend, but a special mention must go to all of the mums who we are expecting to be spoilt rotten by their children on Sunday!



Mother's Day

The children have been preparing some lovely surprises this week in preparation for Mothering Sunday on 27 March. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our mums a very, *"Happy Mother's Day!"* Father Robin from St. Aidan's Church joined us for assembly on Monday and shared with us some interesting information and facts about this very special day:

- ❖ Although Laetare Sunday – the fourth Sunday of Lent – had been associated with mothers and family since medieval times, it wasn't until the beginning of the 20th century that a push towards an official day celebrating mothers in England was started. **Constance Smith**, a vicar's daughter from Nottinghamshire, was inspired to start the Mothering Day Movement after reading an article on Anna Jarvis and her campaign for an official day to honour mothers in the US. Constance Smith was a High Anglican and believed that the liturgy of the Church of England for the fourth Sunday of Lent truly captured the idea of a day honouring mothers. So, when choosing the date for Mothering Sunday in England, she went back to the Laetare Sunday, which was when children who worked away from home received a day off to visit their mothers and the mother church or cathedral.
- ❖ In the 18th century, in addition to picking flowers to hand to their mothers at home, young girls working as domestic servants also brought products from their masters' larders to bake a special Mothering cake or Simnel cake – a fruit dessert topped with marzipan and decorated with flowers, either fresh or crystallised.
- ❖ Mother's Day is the biggest flower buying day of the year in **Britain**.
- ❖ More phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year!
- ❖ One of the earliest Mother's Day celebrations was in Ancient Greece. The Greeks would have spring celebrations in honour of Rhea, the goddess of fertility, motherhood, and generation.
- ❖ In the USA, Mother's Day was founded in 1908, and is held in May. An American woman named Anna Jarvis wanted to remember her mother, who had died. She asked her friends to wear white carnations to church.



School Uniform

We would like to take this opportunity to provide all children and families with a gentle reminder about the importance of school uniform. We are very proud of our uniform at Shobnall Primary & Nursery School and predominantly, our children look exceptionally smart, especially when we are representing the school at events outside of our school setting. However, it has become noticeable that a growing number of pupils are wearing trainers to school. The uniform policy states that black shoes are expected as

opposed to black or navy trainers. Please refer to our website page for a reminder of school uniform expectations at <https://shobnallprimaryschool.co.uk/school-uniform/> and don't forget the 'School Uniform Exchange', details of which can be found at the end of the newsletter. Thank you for your support with this and please contact us if you need any further assistance or guidance.

Reminders!

Please don't forget to look at the diary dates at the end of the newsletter each week, as these are updated on a regular basis.



Year 3 will be leading their **class assembly** on **Thursday 31 March** for parents. We do hope that you are able to join us! It will start at 9.15am and will be held in the school hall. We look forward to seeing as many parents there as possible!



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ITV Central News Visit

ITV Central News visited the school on Thursday 24 March 2022, along with handball Olympian Bobby White, to find out more about handball and how much we enjoy playing it. At the 2012 Summer Olympics, Bobby captained the Great Britain men's handball team in the men's tournament. The children were remarkable as always and if you would like to see the report, it is due to be aired on the programme tonight at 6.00pm!



Shobnall Primary & Nursery School Vs William Shrewsbury

Monday night brought a fantastic result for our football team who drew against William Shrewsbury Primary School – the final score was 3 – 3. William Shrewsbury are a notoriously difficult team to win against so we are exceptionally proud of our footballers for the way in which they played. Aside from an own goal, our main scorer was Cruz. The football quality was excellent, as always, and our team did an amazing job. Thank you to everyone who came along to support!

Good News for Mrs Rashid!

You will be very pleased to hear that on Tuesday, 22 March, one of our lunchtime supervisors Mrs Rashid gave birth to a very healthy baby boy! He was a little early but weighed in at a nice healthy weight! We send our warmest wishes and congratulations to Mrs Rashid and her partner and we can't wait to meet the baby very soon!



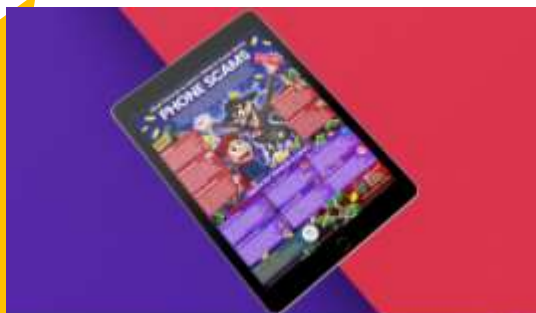
Nursery Places Still Available for September!

Please note that there are still a few places left in our nursery for September, so 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.



Online Safety Tips

In a three-month period during 2021, no fewer than 45 million people in the UK experienced a suspicious attempt at being contacted via their mobile. Phone scams are a common form of cyber-attack where fraudsters engage directly with their intended victim through their smartphone. As our phones carry so many sensitive (and therefore potentially valuable) details about us, it's vital that trusted adults are alert to the tactics that scammers use to get access to user accounts, personal data and private information for financial gain. In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as sim hacking, smishing and impersonation.



Hot Lunch Options – 28 March – 1 April 2022

Please don't forget that Mrs Inger is running a competition at Shobnall Primary & Nursery School! Pupils have been invited to design a menu for Mrs Inger to cook one day for their lunch! She cannot wait to see the entries! The competition will be running until Easter. Please hand entries directly to Mrs Inger! Watch this space for the winner and the winning menu. Good luck everyone!

We have thoroughly enjoyed throwing our doors open this week to our mums and other family members who have enjoyed the school lunches provided by our wonderful kitchen team. The turnout at all of the events so far has been fabulous and we look forward to welcoming our Year 5 and Year 6 parents next week too. Thank you to all those family members who have visited the school so far this week and we hope that you have enjoyed both the meal and the experience of sharing your lunch with your child or children. Have a fabulous Mother's Day this weekend!



WEEK 1 28.3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Sausage & Gravy	Pasta Bolognese Bake	Roast chicken and stuffing	Beef Burger in a Bun	Fish Cakes
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Quorn Sausage & Gravy	Vegetarian Bolognese	Quorn fillet and stuffing	Quorn Burger in a Bun	Quorn Nuggets
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Mashed Potato Sweetcorn Baked Beans Salad Bar	Garlic Bread Peas Carrots Salad Bar	Roast potatoes Green cabbage Sliced carrots Salad bar	Hash Browns Baked Beans Sweetcorn	Chunky chips Baked beans Mushy peas Salad bar
DESSERTS	Pudding of the Day	Pudding of the Day	Rice pudding with fruit compote	Flapjack	Fruit and ice cream
FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT	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 Baked beans No packed lunches	Jacket potato and Baked beans No packed lunches	Jacket potato and Cheese or butter Sandwiches Cheese or Ham	Jacket potato and Cheese & Beans Sandwiches Cheese or Ham	Jacket potato and Cheese & Beans Sandwiches Cheese or Ham

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.



SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

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

Nursery

This week in Nursery the children have been learning about the importance of sleep. They listened to the story 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy and enjoyed accompanying the story with the sounds that kept Daddy Bear awake all night! They have learnt how to operate Beebot, a programmable toy, and used the vocabulary of direction when making him move forwards, backwards and across. We all have green fingers in Nursery as our sunflower plants are growing taller day by day! We read another story about growing plants called 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and talked about the similarities in this story compared with Jack and the beanstalk! We created our own beanstalk at Forest School on Wednesday, by learning how to do a bark rubbing, then pegged our textured leaves onto some wool wrapped around a tree, it looked really effective! We talked about finding a giant at the top of our beanstalk and made giant's faces using clay and natural materials found lying around on the ground. We also did some leaf threading, searched for minibeasts and had our regular weekly check-in with the frogspawn, some of which is now changing shape, and as one pupil noticed, "It looks like a kidney bean!". Another great Forest School session and week at Nursery!



Reception

The children were very excited to take part in another investigation earlier in the week. This time the focus was on floating and sinking as the children explored the question, what makes a good boat? There were lots of fantastic predictions, some wonderful vocabulary used and surprising results. The children are going to think carefully about the different materials we tested as they plan their own boat design which will be brought to life during our boat building afternoon next week!

When Wednesday arrived the children were extremely excited as we headed to Birmingham's Sealife Centre to discover more about life under the sea. They had an amazing time spotting numerous sea creatures and learning more about

them! They very bravely walked through the tunnel full of beautiful fish, a huge sea turtle, stingray and some sharks- thankfully they were not that scary at all! Nemo and Dory were a huge hit as the children recognised these well-loved characters and were mesmerised by their magical colours. Ozzy and Ola

the Otters also proved popular as they dived deep into the water somersaulting as they swam closely over to the children from behind the glass. Lots of the children gently stroked some starfish in the rockpool whilst others enjoyed watching the penguins slide down their slopes! The children had a truly marvellous and memorable day!

We were also so proud of the whole class as they listened carefully, used their manners and were incredibly sensible throughout our visit.



Year 1

First of all, I would like to congratulate Year 1 and their fantastic performance in their class assembly. The children have worked extremely hard on it and hopefully you enjoyed them showcasing the work that they have achieved so far in Year 1. This week the children have been on a very special visit to the moon! We converted the classroom into the moon itself and they used their 5 senses to describe the setting. They will then be applying this into the coming weeks to make a diary entry. In art this week we have been exploring light and dark through many different techniques. The children have been very creative with their exploration and I cannot wait to see the final pieces of work.

Year 2

Year 2 have shown great resilience this week within their learning. In Maths, the children have continued their learning on Fractions. They have learnt the equivalence of $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$, how to identify $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$, as well as fractions of amounts. Year 2 have been very successful in this and it is great to see how they have been applying other areas of Maths knowledge into this unit.

It has also been assessment week this week throughout the school, and the children have demonstrated how much they have learnt this year. It has been wonderful to see how far the children have come with their reading and comprehension and how they have been able to apply their new skills.

In the afternoons, the children have enjoyed sharing their Dreams and Goals in PSHE. They created a garden of their dreams and crafted birds, that are now in the classroom, to remind them to always reach for their goals! Year 2 have also started their new unit of work in RE on the Easter Story. As always, there were some great discussions about their beliefs and how Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns relate to Easter and what they represent.

Year 3

A very mysterious, wooden door was discovered down at Forest School at the beginning of the week. Year 3 were extremely curious to find out where it would lead them. On Monday, they used their imagination to draw the world behind the door and they created an adjective word bank to describe it. On Wednesday, they wrote a setting description of their world, including expanded noun phrases and similes to create an image for the reader.

On Wednesday afternoon, Year 3 enjoyed a warm and sunny Forest School session! The children continued with their Bronze Age activities before having lots of free time to explore our lovely Forest School area. You have worked so hard this week, well done Year 3!



Year 4

Year 4 have had another great week. In both Maths and English, the children have undertaken their Spring assessment, but I have been so impressed with how resilient and determined the children have been to complete these to the best of their ability! Across the curriculum, we had two celebrity guests in our classroom! Miss Barnard and Mrs Farrington joined our class on Tuesday afternoon to help with our art lesson. The children were looking at different techniques of collaging and we learnt all about tessellation, coiling, mosaic and overlapping! Furthermore, we also started our French topic for this half term looking at the world. A great week Year 4!

Year 5

What a week for Year 5! The children have completed our assessment week in school and they have done very well. The children have continued their science unit - Living Things - where the children have found out all about Jane Goodall and her life's work, looking after animals. The children created adverts to raise awareness of the charity who take care of chimpanzees.



Year 6

Another busy week for Year 6! We have been finalising our stories and beginning to look at formal, persuasive letters in English. As part of our maths unit, we have been reviewing area, perimeter and volume as well as revising our arithmetic skills. During the afternoons, not only have we been revising for SATs, we have also been learning about telling the time in French.

Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 7+...

The Last Firefox

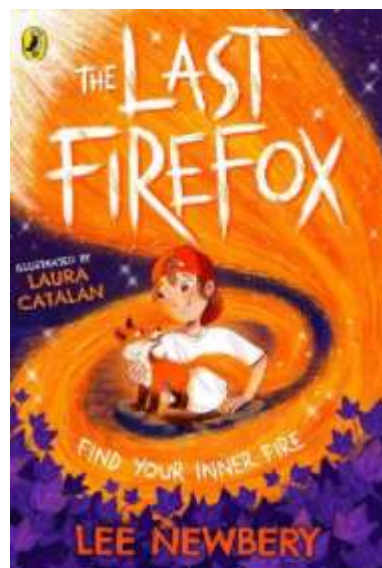
Written by Lee Newbery

A cute fox cub, a thrilling sense of adventure, a tender message about bravery and overcoming bullies, and a gorgeous sense of friendship and families — what a winning, heart-warming combo. Lee Newbery's *The Last Firefox* is also impeccably paced, plotted and pitched for its readership, with a few fantastic funnies to enjoy, too.

While Charlie has a pair of fabulous friends in Lippy and Roo, he's having a troubling time of it. First there's the bullies at school and his worries about moving to secondary school after the summer holiday. Then his dads announce they want to adopt a little sibling for Charlie, and he fears he's not brave enough to be a big brother.

If that wasn't enough, Charlie encounters a boy from the kingdom of Fargone. A boy with a fox called Firetail that has shimmering, flaming fur. The boy tells Charlie that the shapeshifting Grendilock is hot on his trail, desperate to catch this last firefox, and he entrusts Charlie with keeping Firetail safe for a few days: "What have I got myself into?" Charlie laments.

After renaming Firetail Cadno, the Welsh word for fox, Charlie has to look after the magical cutie for longer than anticipated. And, with the Grendilock creeping ever closer, he must also find his inner fire to protect Cadno, and those he loves most in the world. This is sweet as a nut, and exciting with it.



Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	EVERYONE!	
Year 1	EVERYONE!	
Year 2	Zain A	Lewis L
Year 3	Inayah A	Flora P
Year 4	Hafsa U	Isabelle K
Year 5	Amira H	Kaden P
Year 6	EVERYONE!	

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Zayn C
Year 1	Toby N
Year 2	Dylan S
Year 3	Anaya A
Year 4	Lilly L
Year 5	Lucy W
Year 6	Anaya A

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (<i>Week Ending 25.03.22</i>)	129	120	96	137
Position	2 nd – 3 Points	3 rd – 2 Points	4 th – 1 Point	1 st – 4 Points
Running Total	37	15	25	33

Spring Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
Mother's Day Lunches – Year 5	Monday 28 th March 2022
Mother's Day Lunches – Year 6	Tuesday 29 th March 2022
Year 3 Class Assembly	Thursday 31 st March 2022 @ 09:15
Non-Uniform Day	Friday 1 st April 2022
PFA Easter Bingo	Wednesday 6 th April 2022
Reception Class Assembly	Thursday 7 th April 2022 @ 09:15
School Closes for Easter	Friday 8 th April 2022

Diary Dates 2021-2022

Event	Date/Time
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
Young Voices	Thursday 19 th May 2022
The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations!	Friday 27 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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about PHONE SCAMS

In a three-month period during 2021, no fewer than 48 million people in the UK experienced a suspicious attempt at being contacted via their mobile. Phone scams are a common form of cyber-attack where fraudsters engage directly with their intended victim through their smartphone. As our phones carry so many sensitive (and therefore potentially valuable) details about us, it's vital that trusted adults are alert to the tactics that scammers use to get access to user accounts, personal data and private information for financial gain.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SMISHING

SMishing, or 'smishing' is one of the most common forms of mobile-based cyber-attack. Smishing is when a scammer texts their target, pretending to be a reputable person or organisation. They aim to trick the victim into supplying sensitive data such as bank details and personal information, so that they can then access the target's bank accounts and remove money.

IMPERSONATION

Fraudsters often impersonate someone else to trick the victim into actually transferring money directly. They might claim, for example, to be a friend or relative online or someone who urgently needs funds. Other common cases include sending fake texts informing the target that they have a package which requires a fee to be delivered, or that they have an unpaid bill to settle.

NUMBER SPOOFING

Here, the scammer takes impersonation one step further by cloning the phone number of a genuine company. So when the target receives a call or text, their phone recognises the sender's number as legitimately belonging to Amazon, NHS, the NHS or the DVLA (who have all been impersonated in these ways). This makes the scam far harder to spot and the victim much more inclined to comply.

FAKE TECH SUPPORT

Attackers contact a target, pretending to work for their employer's IT support team. They then advise them to download some software to fix a technical issue with their device. In reality, however, the software grants the scammers access to the victim's private data and sensitive information. This can be more common on desktop and laptop devices, but is still possible to accomplish on mobiles.

SIM HIJACKING

SIM hijacking switches control of a phone account from the victim's SIM card to one in the scammer's possession. Criminals use personal details placed together from social media (birthday, address, pet's name and so on) to pose as you, then instruct your phone network to transfer your number to their SIM - giving them access to all calls and texts meant for you, including one-time login passcodes.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO SOME DIGGING

If you've received a call or text asking for specific information, research the caller's number. There are several websites that allow you to enter a phone number and will then display any relevant information about it - this usually includes feedback and comments from other people, so you can easily see if that particular number has been implicated in potential scams.

TRY A CALL BLOCKER

If a suspicious call comes through on your mobile, you can manually block the number. If you believe it to be dubious or a nuisance caller. Alternatively, you could consider installing a call blocker service on your phone. They automatically stop calls getting through from numbers which have been reported as suspicious, helping potential scammers in their tracks before they can reach you.

VERIFY THE SOURCE

Never disclose confidential details to an individual or organisation you're unfamiliar with. If the caller claims to represent a company you trust but is still asking for personal information or payment on an outstanding charge, end the conversation. Then find the company's genuine number on a bill or on their website and call them directly to confirm if there really is an issue you need to address.

BREAK OUT THE TECH

Lots of anti-virus software now also protects mobiles. Some anti-virus apps can detect phishing links in text messages and alert you to the risk. When you're out and about, try not to use public WiFi for sensitive transactions. It's far less secure than your home WiFi network. Instead, you could consider installing a VPN (virtual private network), which encrypts all data travelling to and from your phone.

REPORT INCIDENTS

If you or a family member does give out confidential information to a caller you aren't sure about, contact the actual company mentioned to check if the call was genuine. If they confirm that the call was not made by their organisation, you should report it as a potential scam via the Action Fraud website and (depending on exactly what information was divulged) consider involving the police.

BE WARY OF LINKS

If you get a message from an unknown number asking you to click on a link, report it as spam and do not open the link. One recent example 'warned' victims they'd been exposed to the Omicron variant and needed to click a link to buy a special test - only to find they had paid their money to scammers. Links can also install malware onto your device, so always treat them with extreme caution.

Meet Our Expert

Formed in 2016, KryptaCloud provides cyber security and resilience solutions to its customers. With offices in the UK, the company offers managed service operational packages including cyber security monitoring and testing, risk audit, threat intelligence and incident response.



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Source: <https://www.actionfraud.org.uk> and <https://www.actionfraud.org.uk> - million people targeted by scammers in three months; <https://www.actionfraud.org.uk> - how many scammers in three months; <https://www.actionfraud.org.uk> - how many scammers in three months; <https://www.actionfraud.org.uk> - how many scammers in three months



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