



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very happy Easter! I have seen and spoken to many of you this week, either on the gates or at the many different events that have taken place in school, but if I haven't, I hope that you all have a great holiday and I look forward to catching up with you when the children return on **Monday 25 April** for the start of the summer term!

Despite it being the last week of the spring term, the pace has certainly not slowed down in any way, shape or form! As well as the usual range of fun and engaging learning activities taking place in classrooms, we have continued to celebrate the fabulous achievements of all our children outside of the classroom too, with a fabulous class assembly from Reception on Thursday, a great football match with Yoxall St. Peters and a very special Easter Service at St. Aidan's Church on Tuesday.

We must give a special mention to our Reception children, who were amazing in their class assembly on Thursday. We were taken on a journey *"On the High Seas"* where we found out about their boat making, pirates and their trip to the Sealife Centre in Birmingham, which ensured the term finished on a real high! You can find out more in this week's 'Shobnall Showcase'. The children performed so confidently to a full audience and parents, visitors and staff were extremely proud of them! Well done!

Huge thanks to our PFA and to everyone who was able to come and support our first Easter bingo for three years! What a fabulous evening we had! A total of **£351.62** was raised, so thank you once again for your kindness and generosity both prior to, and during the event. Although much of the chocolate left over was given to all the children and families in attendance, we have donated what remained to our local food bank. Thank you once again for supporting the school.

We have started to compile the school calendar for next term, so please look to the end of the newsletter in order to make a note of the relevant dates in your own diaries at home.

So, however you choose to enjoy your Easter break and whatever it is you decide to do, please make sure you look after yourselves and we will welcome you back to school on **Monday 25 April**. Happy Easter, everyone!





Update NHS COVID-19 Symptoms Lists

The NHS [COVID-19 symptoms in adults](#) and [symptoms in children](#) have been updated.

Adults and children who have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19, should follow the [UKHSA guidance](#). Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with

other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. Please note that, free COVID-19 tests are only available for specific groups due to the universal testing offer ending on 1 April.

Easter

Easter, also called **Resurrection Day**, is a holiday that is celebrated every spring. Among Christians, it is a celebration of Jesus Christ being raised from the dead. Christians believe that it is the most important day of the year. Some people who are not Christians celebrate Easter as the beginning of spring. Many people attend a church service on Easter, even if they do not regularly attend church. We thought it would be interesting to share some facts with you about this very special day:



- Easter is not held on the same date every year. This is called a *moveable feast*. Currently, all Christian churches agree on how the date is calculated. Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon which occurs on or after March 21st. This means it is celebrated in March or April. It can occur as early as March 22 and as late as April 25.
- The English word "Easter" is derived from *Eostre*, the name of the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring. Her festival occurred at the vernal equinox. The French word for Easter, *Pâques*, comes from the Greek word for Passover, which is the Jewish holiday that is celebrated at about the same time of the year.
- Though many used to eat lamb on Easter because it was celebrated near Passover, Americans began eating ham because it would cure over the winter and be ready to eat by spring.
- The tradition of wearing new clothes on Easter came from a superstition that said that if someone wore new clothes, they would have good luck for the rest of the year.
- The first chocolate egg was produced in Bristol, England, in 1873. Cadbury began making chocolate eggs in 1875; currently, Cadbury produces 1.5 million creme eggs per day.

Mr Attwood's Easter Sports Camp

As you will be aware from Twitter, Mr Attwood is offering places at his sports camp for all pupils over the Easter holiday. The Club will be held here at Shobnall Primary and Nursery School and if you are interested in booking a place, please contact Mr Attwood via <https://activelearningsports.com/contact/>. Places are still available but filling up fast!



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. This is especially important in the current climate, as schools are encouraged to work outside and in as much fresh air as is possible. Many thanks for your support with this.



Online Safety Tips

Ofcom's annual 'Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes' report offers a detailed rundown of how young people used and experienced the internet during the previous year. Like its immediate predecessor, the 2022 edition will be particularly revealing because its findings again reflect the continuing impact of the pandemic on young people's online activities. This special guide presents

some of the report's most relevant points in an accessible infographic format. In the guide, you'll find stats including the percentage of young people who own a mobile phone (and at which ages), the most-used platforms by children in 2021, and the main online safety concerns of parents and carers.

Hot Lunch Options – 25 April – 29 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!

25th April 2022					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Beef burger in a soft bun	Chicken and vegetable pie	Roast Chicken and Yorkshire pudding	Chilli beef	Fish cake
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Quorn burger in a soft bun	Vegetarian Bolognese	Vegetarian toad in the hole	Cheese and vegetable frittata	Cheese and bean wraps
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Herby diced potatoes Baked beans Garden peas Salad bar	Mashed potatoes fluffy rice Carrot batons Broccoli Salad Bar	Roast potatoes Green cabbage Sliced carrots Salad bar	Potato wedges Cauliflower Garden peas Salad bar	Chips Sweetcorn Mushy peas Salad bar
DESSERTS	Chocolate crunch	Jam sponge and custard	Orange muffin	Fruit meringues	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 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

School Uniform Exchange

Please don't forget the *school uniform exchange*, which continues! There is a box situated just by the main school office 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

The Nursery children had a fantastic final session at Forest School on Wednesday. They helped the Easter Bunny find some chocolate that had been dropped, spotted Easter eggs hiding in different places and used their subitising skills to say how many they could see, as well as decorating wood cookies and making nests for some birds. I am sure we will return to Forest School another day, so don't put those wellies away just yet! In true Little Bo Peep style, we also had a sheep hunt, using 10 frames to help the children identify how many sheep were missing.

To conclude this week, we listened to a story about Sophie Self-Awareness, one of our RESPECT characters from Commando Joe's and learnt how our actions can affect others and to show an understanding of other people's feelings and emotions. Well done Nursery children, another brilliant week! When we return after the holiday we will begin our new topic on 'All Creatures Great and Small'.



Reception



It has been a super busy week in Reception!

We started off the week learning about Easter and completed some role play scenarios linked to the Easter story. Our learning continued as we visited our local church for an Easter service.

The children have also enjoyed baking this week and made some biscuits in the shape of different sea creatures. They carefully measured and mixed the ingredients before rolling out the dough and using a cookie cutter. There was some fantastic discussion as the children commented on the changing texture of the ingredients. They then had a great time decorating their cookies with some icing. They all thought it was magic as the white icing turned to different colours!

On Tuesday afternoon the children were joined by parents and family members to carry out some boat making! It was fabulous that so many of you were able to support this- thank you! There was lots of fun and

team work as the children got busy being creative and the results were fantastic!

On Thursday the children took part in the class assembly based on our topic 'On the High Seas!' We were all so proud of the children as they shared their learning, dancing and singing to a packed audience. They truly were amazing and have grown (not only in height) so much since the last time they were on stage at Christmas! I can hardly believe the children only have one term left in Reception- they really are all superstars!

Year 1

What a fantastic end to a fun filled term! Year 1 have had a great week of learning. In English they have been continuing to write their diary entry about their adventure to the Moon. All of the children have worked extremely hard on this piece of writing and they have all come a long way since the beginning of the year. In maths we have been exploring multiplication, the children have had a great attitude and a high level of resilience when approaching this topic. We used lots of manipulatives and concrete

resources to support our learning. In topic this week we have been focusing on History. We have been learning about the Apollo 11 mission to the moon and the great space race. The children have all engaged with this learning and have very much enjoyed the topic! I hope you all have a great Easter holiday and a well-deserved rest ready for next term.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a jam-packed week this week! They started off the week with some history lessons around the theme of 'I have a dream'. Year 2 learnt about Emily Davison and the suffragette movement, Rosa Parks and her fight for equality and Martin Luther King Jr and his civil rights leadership role. The children were enthralled by this topic and could not believe that the world used to be so segregated. Year 2 found the idea of protests very interesting and couldn't believe that Emily Davison went on hunger strike!

After completing their learning in History, Year 2 enjoyed engaging with their DT topic 'Textiles; Fabric Faces'. The children learnt about different types of fabric and a range of joining techniques. They created some fantastic mixed-media self-portraits (you can see a sample of these on Twitter!). The most challenging joining technique was definitely sewing...the children were very patient whilst threading a needle and doing a running stitch! Year 2 were very proud of their finished product, as they should be!

Year 3

Year 3 have had a wonderful final week of term! Wednesday was our last Forest School session. The children worked as a team to complete a scavenger hunt by finding a range of hidden objects. As this was our final session, we all helped to clean the environment ready for the next class of children to enjoy their Forest School sessions next term. Over this half term, it has been wonderful to see how the children have grown in confidence and developed a range of skills at Forest School.

The children attended the Easter Service earlier in the week and we have been learning all about the Easter story in our RE lessons. On Thursday, we learnt all about Ramadan. The children shared their experiences whilst enjoying a Ramadan cookie kindly baked by one of our class mates. A fantastic final week Year 3. Enjoy your well-deserved break!

Year 4

We have had a wonderful last week of term in Year 4! The children have completed their history unit of study on the Anglo Saxons and the Vikings! This involved a variety of different research methods of using both books and iPads to gather information on topics such as famous leaders, culture, religion, and the significance of the Vikings on history! Furthermore, the children have also been learning about the role of forgiveness in the Easter story and this fitted in perfectly to our trip to the church on Tuesday for our Easter Service. As always, the children have worked incredibly hard on their times tables this week and I would just like to take the opportunity to say a colossal well done to all the children for their work on these. As we approach the summer term, the progress the children have made with their times tables has been phenomenal and I couldn't be more proud! Well done for all of your hard work this term Year 4! Have a wonderful Easter break!

Year 5

The children have absolutely loved this week in school because they have been working on their design and technology unit of Seasonal Foods. The pupils were asked to design and make their own healthy pizzas. The children have been working with Miss Allen to learn all about health and hygiene when preparing food. The children then evaluated the final products against their designs.



The children have been given an extended piece of homework which links into their history unit for next term of Early Islamic Civilisations. I hope this gives the children the opportunity to be creative over the Easter holidays.



Year 6

This week, Year 6 have shown a great deal of resilience and determination throughout our mock SATs week. All pupils are aware of how SATs week will run and have built up their confidence and knowledge accordingly. We have been beginning to look at ratio and proportion in maths, using the ratio symbol and language and linking this with fractions. In science, we have completed our investigation, considering which environment is the best to keep bread in and which environment produces the most mould growth.

Reading Corner

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

Hedgewitch

Written by Skye McKenna

Cassie Morgan has three wishes — to have more books, to go on an adventure, and to see her mother again. So begins the intriguing opening of Skye McKenna's magical five-book series that's pitch-perfect for readers who loved *The Worst Witch* and are ready for something a dash edgier.

Seven years have passed since Cassie's mother left. At her austere boarding school, she tries to make herself invisible while wondering about the key her mother left. It was "a treasure chest, a secret vault, the door to the home she and her mother would someday return to". On the verge of being sent to an orphanage, Cassie seizes an opportunity to escape, determined to find her mother.



Hedgely is conjured with chocolate-box English quaintness - think cooked breakfasts, sweet treats, village shops, opulent orchards, fragrant honeysuckle and roses. It's a place lovers of timeless fairy tale worlds will be utterly entranced by, not least when Cassie is confronted by shapeshifters and the threat of the Erl King who wants her mother's key. With a thrillingly twisting climax, this first book in a quest quintet will leave readers hungry for lashings more magic.

Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	EVERYONE!	
Year 1	Kailen S	Millicent M-B
Year 2	Zaef R	Finlay B
Year 3	Innayah K	Nell T
Year 4	Jessica M	Darcey G
Year 5	EVERYONE!	
Year 6	Florence T	Joshua L

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Esme E
Year 1	Nancy M
Year 2	Elliot M
Year 3	Dexter K
Year 4	Freya B
Year 5	Musa L
Year 6	Freya P

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (<i>Week Ending 01.04.22</i>)	117	160	139	80
Position	3 rd – 2 points	1 st – 4 points	2 nd – 3 points	4 th – 1 point
Running Total	41	20	31	38

Team Point Champions

Congratulations to **Claymills**, who have successfully won the team point challenge for this half term! As a reward, they can wear non-school uniform (ideally something red) on Friday 29 April 2022.

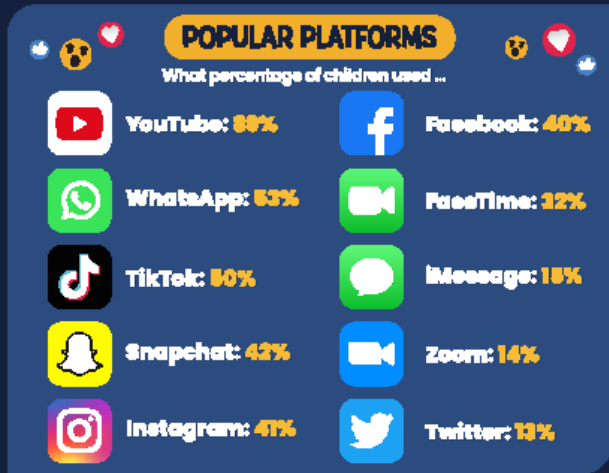
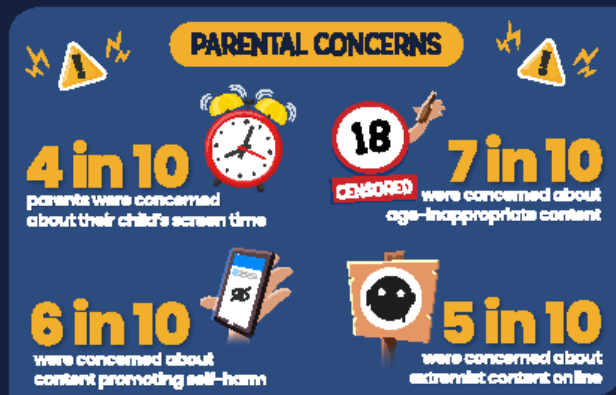
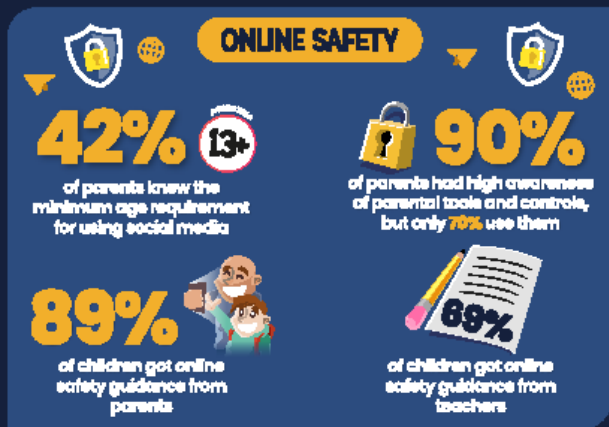
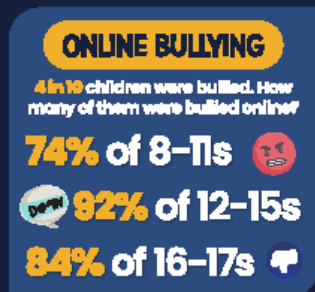
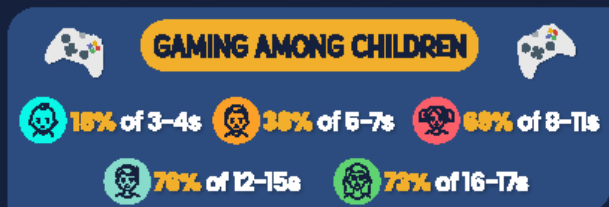
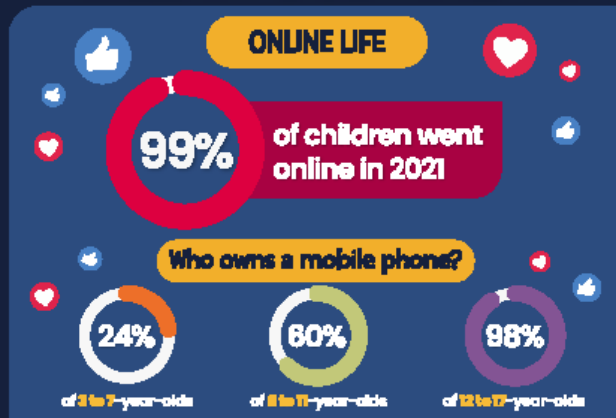
Summer Term Diary Dates

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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 Celebration	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
New Parents Meeting for Nursery & Reception Parents	Wednesday 8 th June 2022
Father's Day Lunches – Reception	Monday 13 th June 2022
Father's Day Lunches – Year 1	Tuesday 14 th June 2022
Father's Day Lunches – Year 2	Wednesday 15 th June 2022
Father's Day Lunches – Year 3 & Year 4	Thursday 16 th June 2022
Father's Day Lunches – Year 5 & Year 6	Friday 17 th June 2022
Sports Day	Monday 20 th June 2022
Reserve Sports Day	Wednesday 22 nd June 2022
Year 4, 5 & 6 Brewhouse Performance – Robin Hood	Thursday 30 th June 2022
JTMAT INSET Day – School Closed	Friday 8 th July 2022
Nursery Graduation	Tuesday 19 th July 2022
School Closes for Summer	Wednesday 20 th July 2022

Diary Dates 2021-2022

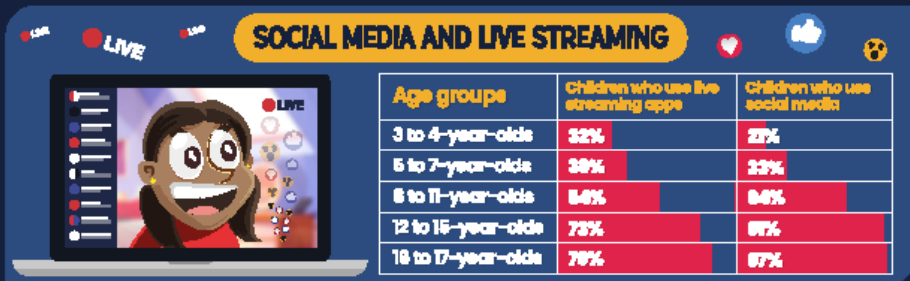
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School Closes for Easter	Friday 8 th April 2022
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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about THE OFCOM CHILDREN AND PARENTS: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES REPORT 2022



NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Reported from 2020/01/01 to 2021/12/31. Data collected from 100,000+ children and young people. See www.nationalonlinesafety.com for more information.



Breathing Space Therapeutic Services CIC



Come along for free **Holiday**
Activities and **Food** this
Easter!

Monday 11th -
Thursday 14th
of April &
Tuesday 19th -
Friday 22nd of
April 2022

Free activities for
children in
Staffordshire aged
8-12 years who are
eligible for free
school meals

10am -
2pm

Activities include:
Arts & Crafts
Sport & Recreation
Animal Assisted
Activities
Woodland
adventure
Easter Egg Hunt



HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES
AND FOOD

Breathing Space Hub
Baggeridge Country Park
Gospel End Road
DY3 4TB

HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES
AND FOOD

Contact Bic to book your place on 07752 859432

Or email: bic@breathingspacetherapeuticservices.co.uk

SRB Artist



Childrens art sessions with Sheena

Tuesday 12th April - Sunflowers
Thursday 14th April - Secret Path to the Sea
Tuesday 19th April - A Whale's Tail
Thursday 21st April - Secret Garden

Children aged 7-11 years

Time per session: 9.30am - 1pm (inc refreshments)

Costs:

£25.00 per session (book early only 6 per session max.)

Payment on booking is required.

Bring your own painting shirt or smock. All other materials will be provided.

Location and booking*:

THE COACH HOUSE, SOUTH HILL, ROLLESTON - ON - DOVE, DE13 9AT

book by email: sheenabarry@hotmail.com **book by call/text:** 07813 189 908

*Bookings on a first come first serve basis - payment is on booking by card/late cancellation fee £4.00.

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