



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you."

Dear Parents/Carers,



Can you believe we are at the end of another academic year? Time certainly does fly, and as we close our doors for the summer today, I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my upmost and sincerest thanks to each and every one of you for all your hard work, commitment, and support in what has been a brilliant year. We should be so exceptionally proud of ourselves for all we have managed to accomplish and achieve together. On behalf of all the staff and governors here at Shobnall Primary & Nursery School, THANK YOU!

The children are really deserving of a restful and relaxing summer holiday as they have continued to work their socks off this week, as you will see from the 'Shobnall Showcase' at the end of newsletter! The week itself has been jam-packed with end of year events and celebrations, and it has been wonderful to have seen so many of you in attendance at these!

The week began with a trip to Neverland as our year 4, 5 and 6 children performed their own version of Peter Pan, which did not disappoint! For those of you who managed to purchase a ticket for either the matinee or the evening performance, you definitely witnessed a great show. We were so proud of all the children, as not only was their performance in line with 'Broadway' expectations, their conduct, attitude and behaviour were outstanding on what was a very long day. The singing, acting and choreography were amazing, and it was a real treat



to see all the hard work the children and staff had put in come together. Thank you to all of you who came along and supported, it was a fabulous show made great by two incredible audiences! Our thanks

must also go to the staff who worked so hard in putting it all together, in particular Miss Lord who led the production with her own unique sprinkle of sparkle and razzamatazz!

Next year promises to be just as full and we are really excited to get going with some of our plans. Please ensure you keep checking the diary dates at the end of the newsletter in order to add these events to your own calendars. From everyone here at Shobnall Primary & Nursery School, have a great summer and we look forward to seeing all our pupils at the start of the new term on **Tuesday 5 September 2023**.

THANK YOU!

Goodbye...

We had such a lovely morning on Wednesday celebrating our Nursery Graduation. All the children performed phenomenally well and we wish them all the very best as they start their full time education in September. Some of the children, of course, will remain with us in our reception class, but we hope that those who are moving on to a new school will



take away some fantastic memories of their time in our nursery. Thank you to Mrs Farrington, Mrs Lukman and Miss Walton for giving these children such a great start to their journey!

As is always the case, the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly on Thursday was a very emotional occasion! We heard about the many memories, dreams and wishes of the children and how they are going to spend their summer preparing for secondary school. The assembly ended in their own very unique way with a rendition of Rick Astley's 'Never Gonna Give You Up', one of their favourite songs! Each child was also presented with a hoodie and a box of goodies. I am sure that you will all join us in wishing our fabulous Year 6 class the very best of luck and warmest wishes as they transfer to their secondary schools in



September. This poem, 'Dreams' by Langston Hughes, is a very fitting way to sum up the next phase of their journey for these children...

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.



Hold fast to your dreams.

Good luck, everyone. We shall miss you all!

Attendance

The first days back in September really matter. Evidence from a [recent Children's Commissioner report](#) showed that children who miss days 2, 3 and 4 of the new term for unauthorised reasons had a predicted overall absence of almost 45%, or 31 days across the term, compared to children who missed days near the end of term, with a predicted overall absence of 20-30%.

We are very keen as a school to work together to ensure parents have all the best possible information. There are resources here that we think you will find useful. This includes a reminder that the [NHS advises](#) that it is fine to send children to school with a minor cough or cold provided they don't have a temperature and [what parents can do](#) if their child is facing attendance challenges.

[DfE external document template \(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\)](#)

We look forward to increasing good patterns of attendance next academic year and enhancing the school's already strong and supportive ethos and culture around this. We look forward to celebrating 100% on the first day back on **Tuesday 5 September 2023!** Thank you!



School Uniform

As you know, school uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging. These factors contribute to students' wellbeing, removing the additional pressures of deciding what to wear and added stress of meeting the expectations of their peers. Many of you I know are keen to get organised with uniform for September, so please see our dedicated school website page [here](#), which lists our requirements inclusive of our PE kit, which can be worn on PE days. Some clarification has been provided since our most recent communication to you. The children are very keen to ensure



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- Paget High School
- Paullet High School and Sixth Form College
- The de Ferrers Academy
- The Pingle Academy
- The William Allit School

that they are as smart as possible and that uniform standards remain high, and we are launching a new rewards system in September to acknowledge this. Many thanks for your support.

Remember, we do 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. We are very grateful to her for her continued support in organising this on behalf of the school.

Shobnall Stars – Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast Club will resume from 7:30am on **Tuesday 5 September 2023** and **After School Club** from 3.30pm – 6.00pm on the same day. Prices (to be paid via ParentPay) and further information can be found via the leaflet on the [Shobnall Stars](#) page on our website. Bookings can now be taken via email shb-wraparound@shb.itmat.co.uk. Please note that if your child requires breakfast, we ask that this is paid in cash on the day. Mrs Marston is aiming to return in September too now that her health is stabilising once again, which is great news!



In line with many other wraparound care providers, we have recently undertaken a review of our current pricing structure. Given that this is an essential service to provide for our parents, the cost of living crisis and that we are able to cover our costs currently, I can confirm that **the current pricing structure will remain the same** for next academic year. There will be no increases or changes to what is in place currently.



Ready, Set, Read! The Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Don't forget, the Summer Reading Challenge 2023 has started in Staffordshire Libraries. Please pop into your local library to sign up for free and remember, the challenge runs until 11 September.

If children are not a member of the library, then joining is free and parents / carers can also join their child online through Staffordshire Libraries website or in person at any Staffordshire Library.

Remember, our school is also eligible to take part in the Burton & Uttoxeter Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge Cup. The school that has the highest percentage of children on roll taking part in the

Summer Reading Challenge will receive a trophy to keep in school and £150 to spend on books for school with H & H Spaldings of Barton under Needwood! We would love as many children as possible to get involved with this! Happy reading!

Year 2 Parents

When your children moves into Year 3 in September, they will no longer be eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals. If you would like your child to continue having school dinners, please ensure you pay for meals via ParentPay. Our catering provider is launching a new menu in September and a school meal will be priced at £2.60.

If you meet the [entitlement criteria](#), you may be eligible for free school meals. If you do, further information on how to apply can be found [here](#).





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 and we look forward to receiving your application!

Collect Rain Water

This week's sustainability tip is all about using the wet weather to your advantage. Instead of letting the rainwater go to waste, why not collect it and give your indoor plants a drink?

Here's what you can do:

- Collect rainwater in buckets or containers when it rains.
- Filter out any debris and store the water in covered containers.
- Use this rainwater to water your indoor plants when they need it.

By collecting rainwater, you reduce your water consumption and give your plants a natural and chemical-free source of hydration!



Summer Online Safety Guidance



Now, more than ever, children are accessing a greater amount of content online than we were ever exposed to in our childhood. They may be more inclined to spend more time online during the summer break. Remember that services like WhatsApp have a minimum age limit of 16. They do this for a reason as children can accidentally or deliberately be exposed to unwanted or unpleasant content or comments online. If you choose to allow your children to have these accounts, then you will want to discuss with them the boundaries you expect.

What can parents/carers do?

Ground Rules

Discuss as a family how the internet will be used in your house. Consider what should be kept private online (personal information, photos etc.) and decide rules for making and meeting online friends. Make sure you know what your child is doing online, much like you would offline.

Online Safety

Install antivirus software, secure your internet connection and use Parental Control functions for computers, mobile phones and games consoles to block unsuitable content or contacts.

Remember that parental control tools are not always 100% effective and sometimes, unsuitable content can get past them, so don't rely on them alone to protect your child.



Think about locating your computer in a supervised family area. Always supervise the use of webcams in an application, which allows voice or video chat. Consider your child's use of other devices that allow internet access such as Mobile Phones and Games Consoles.

Dialogue

Talk to your child and ask them to show or even teach you how they use the internet, learn which websites or tools they like to use and why. Learning together can often open opportunities to discuss safe behaviour with your child.

Always ensure your child knows how to block or report people online who send nasty or inappropriate messages or content. Encourage your child not to retaliate or reply.

Make sure your child knows to tell an adult they trust if they see something online that makes them feel scared, worried or uncomfortable.

It's essential to be realistic - banning the internet or technology will not work and it often makes a child less likely to report a problem. Education around safe and responsible use is essential. Links to further information and support can be found on our school website



[Online Safety – Shobnall Primary & Nursery School](#)



Online Safety Tips

This online safety guide takes a look at W App, a social networking app aimed at teens which encourages them to take part in anonymous popularity polls.

The brainchild of three Berlin-based developers, W App (initially known as 'Slay') was an instant hit – claiming the number one spot on the App Store in its home country just four days after launching in early 2023. Its central concept – to “promote positive online interactions” – is certainly praiseworthy but can actually introduce additional risks if not delivered carefully.

W App's comparative lack of verification processes at the sign-up stage, for instance, leaves the door open for misuse by impersonators and potential predators: far from ideal on a platform that's explicitly geared towards a school-aged teen audience. This guide tells parents and carers what they need to know about the possible pitfalls on W App.

Hot Lunch Options

A new menu has been launched for the first week back (5 to 8 September 2023).

Please note that from September 2023, the price of a school meal will increase to £2.60.

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Beef Lasagne & garlic bread	Roast chicken with mash potato & gravy	Pork Meatballs with Pasta	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Vegetable Quiche with baked potato wedges	Quorn Lasagne & garlic bread	Quorn fillet, with mash potato & gravy	Vegetarian Meatballs with Pasta	Cheese & bean bake with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Corn on the cob & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & cauliflower Salad bar	Carrots & parsnips Salad bar	Roasted Vegetables Salad Bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	5 Bananas & custard	pb Ginger biscuit	Chocolate & orange muffins	Fruit Sponge & custard	Chocolate Brownie
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	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	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

What a wonderful week the children have had in Nursery. We have enjoyed listening to our favourite stories and have enjoyed retelling them to our friends. On Wednesday, we had our Nursery Graduation, and the children were phenomenal and sang their hearts out! It was truly a wonderful morning celebrating their achievements. We will thoroughly miss our nursery children and wish them the very best as they start their full-time education! It has been an absolute pleasure to teach them all!



Reception

It has been an exciting final week in Reception. We have enjoyed reflecting on all our wonderful learning over the past year. We had great fun sharing our favourite memories and the goals we have achieved. We are now looking forward for our journey to continue in year 1...

Well done on a fabulous year - you are all amazing!

Year 1

Year 1 have had a lovely week! They have been completing transition activities in Year 2 and have met their new teacher. I am so pleased with their progress this year and they are so ready for Year 2! I want to say a huge well done to them all and I will miss having them in my class! Once again, thank you to all parents for your continued support this year! I hope you all enjoy the summer holidays!

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fabulous week this week and have shown all the staff how ready they are for Year 3. On Monday, the children had a science day where they learnt about the life cycle of a plant, as well as how plants adapt to their environment. The rest of the week has been full of a variety of activities, as well as 'The Big Clean'. Miss Martin-Mills is so lucky to have such mature Year 2s who have helped, sort, organise and clean every part of the classroom - she couldn't have done it without them! Thank you, Year 2, for being absolute superstars and for working so hard this year, the Year 2 staff couldn't be any prouder!



Year 3

What a final week in Year 3, the children have had a fabulous time! We started off the week looking at French and learning about French classroom items. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning the different pronunciations and playing lots of interactive games. We have also been learning all about seasonal fruits and vegetables. The children had a lovely time tasting the different seasonal fruit from summer. In the afternoon, we then created our

own seasonal tarts, which I must say tasted absolutely amazing. The children loved being able to chop all their own vegetables and design their own tarts. I must say a special well done to all Year 3 for an outstanding year and all the staff will miss them next year. Have a great summer!

Year 4

Wow! What a final week that we have had. Our primary focus this week, especially at the start of the week, was our Brewhouse performance and wow, what a performance! I am so incredibly proud of all the children for the incredible work that they have put in throughout the build-up to the performance. Also, the children had their transition afternoon and enjoyed a great afternoon with Miss Martin-Mills on Wednesday, as they prepare for next year in year 5. Finally, to end the week, the children enjoyed a wonderful day of DT where they built torches. The children have worked so incredibly hard this year and I am really proud of the progress that they have made. Have a wonderful summer, and I'll see you in September!

Year 5

What a fantastic last week with rehearsals and then an amazing performance at the Brewhouse on Tuesday!

The children have showcased their English writing skills from all of year 5 in a final 'big write' using different images for inspiration. It was great to see how much they have learnt and how well their handwriting has improved too.

On Thursday, Mrs Taylor joined the class for an Art and DT focused day. The classroom was a hive of activity as the children created their symmetrical designs, used a range of wax materials on fabric to create their batik designs and considered how to produce a creative double page in their sketch books to showcase their fabulous work!

We (Mrs Barlow, Mrs Knight and Mrs Johnston) are all so proud of how the children have matured during year 5 and developed their confidence. They are all ready for their new adventures in year 6 and beyond...



Year 6



It brings me both great joy and sadness as I write the last newsletter for our Year 6 Team. I am so proud of each and every one of them and I am going to miss them all very much. What a week we have had! The Peter Pan performance was amazing on Tuesday at the Brewhouse. To top it off we had a lovely and relaxed leavers' assembly yesterday. I wish you all the best as you embark on your next educational journey. Good luck everyone. I will never forget the class of 2023.



Reading Corner

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

The Boy Who Dreamed Dragons

Written by Caryl Lewis

A very special picture book debut celebrating the imagination, with an emotional and reassuring message.

Albie dreams dragons... Some jewel-bright and fierce, some softly-scaled and whispery, but whichever kind they are, they stay with him throughout the night and the next day too. But the only trouble is that no one else can see Albie's dragons. Or can they?



Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	EVERYONE!	
Year 1	Peta O	Evie J
Year 2	Kailen S	Harry K
Year 3	Finlay B	Eisa L
Year 4	Bonnie H	Erin S
Year 5	Charlotte K	Keeghan B
Year 6	EVERYONE!	

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Jakub K
Year 1	Kaleb G
Year 2	Amara I
Year 3	Jonah M-Y
Year 4	Kian S
Year 5	Jessica M
Year 6	Kaden P

Attendance

This week's Attendance Champions are **Year 2!** Well done! Here are the latest figures...

Year	Attendance %	Target
Reception	95.6%	96%
Year 1	92.0%	
Year 2	99.7%	
Year 3	91.7%	
Year 4	93.2%	
Year 5	93.1%	
Year 6	94.7%	Overall (to date) 95.6%
Overall	95.1%	

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 21.07.23)	123	131	117	90
Position	2 nd – 3 points	1 st – 4 points	3 rd – 2 points	4 th – 1 point
Running Total	19	12	18	10

Congratulations to Sinai!

Sinai have claimed the Team Points Shield and will have their name engraved on the shield over the summer break, ready for the return in the autumn term.

Diary Dates 2023-2024

Event	Date/Time
INSET Day	Monday 4 th September 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 5 th September 2023
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 27 th October 2023
INSET Day	Monday 6 th November 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 7 th November 2023
Open Evening	Wednesday 15 th November 2023
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 29 th November to Friday 1 st December 2023
PFA Christmas Market	Friday 1 st December 2023
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Beauty and the Beast, Lichfield Garrick	Thursday 21 st December 2023, 10.00am
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 22 nd December 2023, 2.00pm
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 8 th January 2024
Young Voices 2023	Thursday 11 th January 2024
Year 6 Laches Wood	Monday 29 th January to Friday 2 nd February 2024
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 9 th February 2024
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 19 th February 2024
Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court	Thursday 21 st March 2024
School Closes for Easter	Friday 22 nd March 2024, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 8 th April 2024
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 9 th April 2024
May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed	Monday 6 th May 2024
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
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





UNITY PARK SHOBNALL

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Refreshments



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

W/APP

Developed in Germany, this social networking app is called 'W App' in the Apple Store and Google Play but is also branded as 'Slay' in some territories. Aimed primarily at teens and marketed as a 'zero-negativity' zone, it asks users to connect with others from their school. They are then asked a positive question (such as "Who is the nicest person?") and shown four people from their school to choose from. All users from a school can appear in the poll; not just those a child is friends with. The app is mainly anonymous – but does offer clues to reveal who selected you for each question.

WHAT ARE
THE RISKS?

FAKE ACCOUNTS

 Advice for Parents & Carers

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



#WakeUpWednesday

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