



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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"The darkest night brings the brightest stars."

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been an incredible week at Shobnall Primary & Nursery School! As I write, I'm wishing time would slow down just a little as with just four weeks left, we are hurtling towards the end of the school year at a rate of knots! The term seems to be going so fast! There is so much going on in school (as you will see from the 'Shobnall Showcase') and so much still left to do! I hope we can fit it all in...



From looking at the weather forecast for the weekend and next week, dare we say summer is finally here?! Please could we ask that children are sent to school with sunhats, water bottles and suncream on when it's a particularly hot day. Thank you for supporting the school with this. The NHS have provided some good sunscreen and sun safety advice which you may find useful [here](#).

This week marked National Thank a Teacher Day, so I would like to say a personal "thank you" to all the teachers and support staff in school, who work so tirelessly to ensure that our children receive such an amazing, unique, exciting, and engaging learning experience each and every day. They are an amazing team and they really do go above and beyond.



We would like to wish you all a very relaxing and restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday! Enjoy!

The Wizard of Oz – Thursday 4 July 2024

Parents will have received a letter this week informing them of how to obtain tickets for the Year 4, 5 and 6 performances of **The Wizard of Oz**. The children and staff are working tirelessly in rehearsals, and their collective effort is a testament to their passion for creating such a magical experience for the audience. We can't wait to see this beloved classic come to life in a truly unforgettable way!

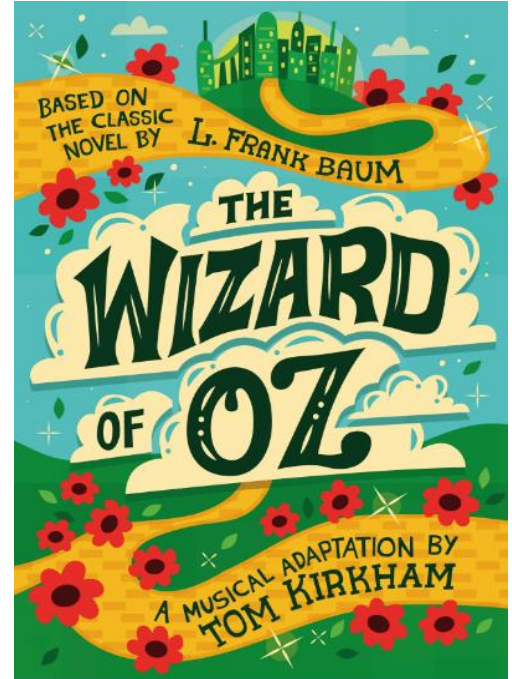
In case you are unsure of the plot...

"Dorothy is awoken by a sudden jolt as her house lands on the ground. Stepping out, she finds herself in a beautiful country filled with lush green grass, blooming flowers, and fruit-laden trees. Meeting the Munchkins, she learns she is in the Land of Oz and is thanked for vanquishing the Wicked Witch of the East. To return home to her aunt and uncle, she must journey to the Emerald City and seek the Great Wizard. Along the way, she gains companions seeking what they lack: a brain, heart, and courage. The Wicked Witch of the West,

observing from afar, plots revenge. Through trials and teamwork, including a daring escape from a deadly poppy field, they reach the Emerald City but must defeat the Wicked Witch of the West first. With courage and cleverness, they defeat the Witch and return to Oz, only to discover the Wizard is an ordinary man. With guidance from Glinda, they realize their potential and Dorothy finds her way back home to Kansas with a simple wish.”

Parents also know that the school will be closed for Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 due to the premises being in use for voting on Thursday 4 July 2024 in the General Election. Year 4, 5 and 6 will be at the Brewhouse Theatre and have been informed of the arrangements for the day and evening via letter.

It is important to note that schools are required to comply with requests for use from the returning officer of an election as set out in paragraph 22 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 and in planning and organisation guidance from the Electoral Commission. The decision to close is because of pupil safety.



Nursery Places Available for September!

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

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

Casting Call

Little Theatre Company are looking to audition children aged between 8 and 14 who SPARKLE and SHINE for their 2024 production of 'Nativity! The Musical' at the Brewhouse Theatre in Burton. The show dates are Tuesday 26th to Saturday 30th November 2024. Please register your interest by contacting LittleTheatreCompanyYouth@gmail.com and send them the following information:

- ★ CHILD'S NAME
- ★ CHILD'S AGE
- ★ PARENT / GUARDIAN
- ★ CONTACT NUMBER
- ★ CONTACT EMAIL
- ★ AVAILABILITY FIRST 2 WEEKS IN JULY
- ★ ATTACH SELF TAPE VIDEO (see below)

ATTACH a video of your child singing their favourite Christmas Song (no longer than 1 minute, file size less than 50MB). Successful applications will be invited to attend an audition in early July (exact date to be confirmed).

Rehearsals will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Closing Date for Applications: 1st July 2024

#NativityTheMusical #CastingCall #Auditions #Sparkle #Shine #Christmas #Burton

PLEASE NOTE: Video clips will be used for casting purposes only and will not be shared without prior consent.

CASTING CALL

Nativity!

The Musical

CHILDREN AGED 8 - 14

Closing Date 1st July

Mrs Cox

After 30 years of dedicated service, one of our beloved school cleaners, Mrs Cox is retiring at the end of the academic year. She has been an integral part of our school community, ensuring a clean and welcoming environment for the children and staff alike. Her tireless work ethic, friendly demeanour, cheeky sense of humour and unwavering commitment have made her a very cherished member of our school! While we will miss her daily presence, we wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement. Thank you, Mrs Cox, for your three decades of outstanding service and for making our school a better place!



Online Safety Tips



Released in January 2024, Palworld took the gaming scene by storm, selling over five million copies in just three days.

A new take on the survival genre – blending mechanics similar to games like Minecraft with the ability to catch and fight alongside creatures reminiscent of Pokémon – it saw plenty of coverage from games journalists and influencers alike.

However, despite its lower age rating and popularity with young gamers, Palworld has been criticised for its reliance on shock humour – touching on topics including animal abuse and sweatshop labour – and as a game featuring online multiplayer, one can expect certain safety concerns to arise.

This guide dives into the risks of Palworld, offering expert tips on how to safeguard children who simply want to enjoy the game.

FREE Uniform!

We have FREE uniform that is available for anyone who needs it, via our donation service. There is a box situated outside the school office for any parents who have old items that they wish to donate. Please could we ask that these are cleaned and in good condition before placing in the box! Amy Roobottom continues sorting, collating and distributing this. If you wish to contact Amy to ask what is available that you might be in need of, please contact her via amyroobottom@outlook.com.



Eco Tips to Beat the Heat!

As the temperature rises, let's ensure we stay cool while being kind to the planet. Here are some quick sustainability tips for the scorching summer days:

- Harness the power of the sun by drying your clothes outside instead of using a dryer.
- Conserve water by taking shorter showers and watering plants during cooler hours. You can even reuse water from paddling pools for your garden plants.
- Save energy by switching off fans or cooling devices when not in use or when going to sleep. Close curtains to keep the house cooler.
- Keep hydrated with a reusable water bottle, minimizing single-use plastic waste.



Together, we can enjoy the summer while making sustainable choices.

Hot Lunch Options – 24 to 28 June 2024

W/c 24 June & 15 July 2024

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Pork sausage with creamy mash potato & gravy	Roast beef, with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Chicken burger with crispy diced potato	Crispy fish fingers with chunky chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Roasted vegetable pizza	Vegan sausage & mash potato with gravy	Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Vegetarian burger with crispy diced potato	Crispy vegetable fingers with chunky chips
Accompaniments	Peas & baked beans Salad bar	Peas & carrots Salad bar	Carrots & cauliflower Salad bar	Green beans & sweetcorn Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
Desserts	Apple & cinnamon muffin	Shortbread	Flapjack	Jam & coconut sponge	Ice cream
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	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

Nursery adventures this week...

We have had a wonderful week talking about real life superheroes who work in the Emergency Services! The children have enjoyed learning all about the police and the fire service. They have loved taking part in a range of adventures, being fire and police officers.

Later in the week, the children continued to take on the role of police officers and used their imaginations to create wanted posters for the bad guys who were stealing sweets, people's wallets and not following the law! There were some super discussions by the children, using wonderful vocabulary.

On Wednesday, we had a glorious time at Forest School with the welcome addition of some sunshine! The children had great fun dancing to some Bhangra and enjoyed making spider sandwiches, slug soup and snail pies in the mud kitchen! The children also got creative during the session and made their own Eid bracelets using buttercups and flowers they could find around them.

An enjoyable week for Nursery, well done.



Reception

Reception Adventures this week...

It has been another fabulous week in Reception with more holiday themed adventures and exciting Eid celebrations.

At the beginning of the week, we had a wonderful time learning about the Islamic festival Eid Al Adha. Some of our friends shared the wonderful experiences they had during Eid with their families. We joined in with lots of activities and particularly enjoyed designing mehndi patterns.

On Wednesday we arrived in clothes of our choice, and it was fantastic to see some of our friends in their fantastic Eid outfits. We took part in some bhangra dancing and had our hands decorated with henna to create some beautiful mehndi patterns!

We have explored different ways we can travel to holiday destinations. We then created collages of ourselves and friends travelling in various ways, including aeroplanes, boats and trains.

We enjoyed sharing the story, 'What the Ladybird Heard on Holiday,' by Julia Donaldson. Lots of us were excited to spot different London landmarks like Big Ben and the London Eye. We thought it would be fun for the ladybird to go on some more adventures and used story maps to create our own stories featuring the ladybird travelling to some famous landmarks including The Statue of Liberty, Pyramids in Egypt, Snowdonia and the Taj Mahal!

The fun continued at the travel agents with a new addition of a passport station. We had fun adding our photographs and writing some facts before getting our passport stamped ready for our travels. We have also loved looking through holiday snaps and comparing our holiday experiences.

Year 1

Year 1 have had a very productive week and have really applied themselves with regards to their learning. In Maths, the children have been learning to partition numbers to 100 looking at how many tens and ones there are as well as learning to count in 10s up to 100. In English, the children have written their own diary entry as if they are a pirate and even created their own treasure map. In Science, the children have been learning about plants and are able to label the different parts. The children have also planted two different seeds and are looking forward to watching them grow as part of our science experiment. Well done Year 1!

Year 2

We have had a thrilling week in Year 2, filled with exciting learning and memorable moments. We are continuing our exploration of our model text, 'Amazing Animals.' The children have been thoroughly engaged in learning about different animals, grammar, and vocabulary techniques to use in their writing. In maths, we are delving deeper into problem solving techniques. The children are developing their critical thinking skills by tackling a variety of questions. Year 2 have become young historians and have been busy discovering significant milestones in history. This week, we learned about the invention of the World Wide Web and the first flight. We had a fascinating time learning about these groundbreaking events that have shaped our world today. They have enjoyed comparing life before and after these inventions and seeing how they help us today. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to Miss Murphy this week. She has been with us for the past eight weeks and is so proud of how the children in Year 2 have developed since December, when she was last with us. We threw a goodbye party for her on Friday afternoon to celebrate our time together! Well done, Year 2.

Year 3

Another fab week for Year 3 with our highlight being the class assembly on Thursday. All pupils read their lines confidently and sang beautifully and I am extremely proud of them. We have been persevering with our time unit in maths and have started a new unit in English focusing on diary entries. Well done Year 3!



Year 4

Wow! Where has the week gone? In maths the children have started their penultimate unit for the year. We have been looking at statistics this week, in particular, interpreting line graphs to answer a range of different questions. In English, the children have been writing their own letters as though they are visiting a different country and writing a letter back home! In Geography, we have been using maps to identify map symbols and we have been identifying different locations using grid coordinates. I have been so impressed with the children's enthusiasm and creativity with this. We also enjoyed taking part in the Eid celebrations on Wednesday! The children loved taking part in the bhangra dancing and having the opportunity to have henna on their hands! We have once again continued with learning our Brewhouse songs and I know how excited the children are to have the chance to perform at the Brewhouse in just over a week's time. Another fantastic week Year 4. Well done!

Year 5

Year 5 have worked exceptionally hard this week. In maths the children have been ploughing ahead with their learning about decimals. This has included multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1000, as well as

sequencing decimals. Year 5 are thoroughly enjoying their learning on Hamlet and this week have written their own soliloquys from the perspective of Claudius. It is wonderful to see how emotive language and careful word choices are being included in the children's writing with greater ease. On Tuesday afternoon, Year 5 enjoyed an afternoon full of French, where the children learnt how to talk about their family members and family trees! Keep up the great work Year 5!

Year 6

This week in Year 6 we have been working very hard with our Brewhouse rehearsals and trying on our costumes. Also, in maths, we have been completing some projects and one included learning about futures and about tax, gross pay and hourly rates. We also learnt about mortgages. Finally, after all our hard work, we have finished all of our writing and our stories. We really enjoyed writing our own stories. We were also lucky to have Mrs Barnes from the high school come and teach us a maths transition lesson where we learnt about the mean, mode and median averages. We then used this to help us find the average height, foot length, head circumference and hand span of our year 6 pupils. To celebrate Eid, we finished the week doing some bhangra dancing and got to have some henna.

Reading Corner

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

Astrochimp

Written by David Walliams

From million-copy bestselling author David Walliams comes a laugh-out-loud animal space adventure.

Chump the chimpanzee was always being silly. He would:

- make rude noises from BOTH ENDS...
- pick his nose with his little toe...
- eat the skins of bananas, hurling out the tasty part inside.

NASA's scientists thought he'd be the PERFECT chimp to send into space. Little did Chump know that he had been selected for a deadly-dangerous mission. If a chimp could orbit Earth, then chances were a human could too.



With Chump the chimp at the controls of a spacecraft, what could possibly go wrong? As it turned out, EVERYTHING.

Blast off with Chump, and encounter dog space pirates, evil insects, and the silliest chimpanzee who ever lived in this wildly funny space opera, fully illustrated in fantastic colour.

Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Aman T	Millie G
Year 1	Sabiha N	Riley T-F
Year 2	EVERYONE!	
Year 3	EVERYONE!	
Year 4	Lewis L	Kristers K
Year 5	Daisy S	Flora P
Year 6	Alexis H	Oliver O

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Fatima A
Year 1	Haseeb M
Year 2	Noah H
Year 3	Toby N
Year 4	Safa Q
Year 5	Jibreel Q
Year 6	Sophie A

Attendance

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

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

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

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

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

Reception	98.4%	Target
Year 1	98.0%	
Year 2	99.3%	97%
Year 3	96.9%	
Year 4	94.7%	
Year 5	96.2%	Overall (to date)
Year 6	92.8%	
Overall	96.3%	95.0%

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 21.06.24)	35	74	70	82
Position	4 th – 1 point	2 nd – 3 points	3 rd – 2 points	1 st – 4 points
Running Total	6	7	7	11

Diary Dates 2023-2024

Event	Date/Time
School Closed – Polling General Election	Thursday 4 th July 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

Summer Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
Year 4, 5 & 6 Brewhouse Performance The Wizard of Oz	Thursday 4 th July 2024
School Closed – Polling General Election	Thursday 4 th July 2024
JTMAT INSET Day – School Closed	Friday 5 th July 2024
Nursery Graduation	Wednesday 17 th July 2024, 9.00am
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Thursday 18 th July 2024, 9.00am
School Closes for Summer	Friday 19 th July 2024, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 22 nd July 2024

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about PALWORLD

In Palworld, players head out into an environment where they must craft items and survive alongside creatures called 'Pals'. In this sense, it's similar to Minecraft: fight monsters while maintaining a base. Palworld has sold more than six million copies and often has over two million people playing online simultaneously.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MATURE CONTENT



While Palworld may look cute and cuddly, the game does have its more mature moments. For example, if you try to catch a Pal and don't succeed, the game displays a mild swear word. There are also minor references to inhumane acts like slavery when getting your Pals to perform certain tasks for you. While the presentation is intended to be humorous, this could still be seen as being in poor taste.

VIOLENCE

Palworld has been referred to as "Pokémon with guns" and with good reason. As the game progresses, Pals can be given firearms, explosives and other weapons, allowing them to fight by the player's side. There are several moments where cute animals use these guns to kill other Pals or fight against bosses. The violence is cartoonish and bloodless, but it's present.

SUGGESTIVE WRITING

Some of the Pals' descriptions – found in the game menu – can be very suggestive and adult in nature. The game makes a joke of balancing on the line between age-appropriate and mature content: playing on the contrast between the two while never being outright explicit. While it's possible that younger players won't notice this content, it's just as conceivable that they will.

ONLINE PLAY

Palworld can be played with other people online. On Xbox, players can only play with people on their friends list. On PC, however, up to 32 players can share in the same game, playing in a large online world, and these players may not necessarily be known to the host beforehand. It can be quite complicated to set up these servers. However, it can be quite complicated to set up these servers (online worlds) and they cost money to keep active.

DIFFICULTY

Despite its endearing visuals, Palworld is actually an extremely difficult game in places: defeating bosses, catching Pals and exploring the environment can all be very tricky. It takes a lot of skill – or working together with a friend – to be successful, which could be off-putting or even aggravating to a player expecting something more like Minecraft or Pokémon.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH GAMEPLAY

Watching gameplay and reviews for Palworld on sites like YouTube is the best available means of gathering information on it, second only to playing it for yourself. Currently, there are plenty of videos showing this game off to the internet at large, along with detailed breakdowns of what can be found or done within it.

LEND A HAND

By learning the basics of the game – Pal catching, battling, crafting items and building up a base – you can help to lower the difficulty for younger players. This, in turn, decreases the likelihood that such players will need to look online for tips and tricks, where they could quite easily stumble across more violent and mature content associated with the game.

SET CONTENT LIMITS

As Palworld is available on Xbox Game Pass, it's easy for players to access it. Any player subscribed to this service can simply find the title on Game Pass and hit the download button. If a child or young person isn't allowed to play Palworld, the best way to prevent them downloading it regardless is to enable age limits on their account. Setting the limit below 12 will not allow users to install Palworld.

PLAY TOGETHER

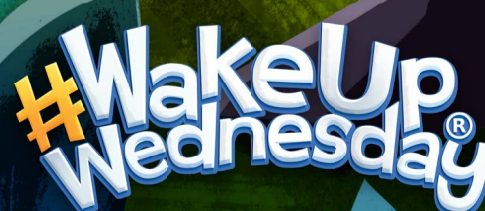
By playing Palworld yourself, you'll have the best chance of catching any content that you don't think is suitable for children, as well as getting an idea of how violence is presented in the game. The conflict is cartoonish in nature – until players and Pals unlock the ability to use guns, at which point it can become more intense. It's likely best for you to give it a look and form your own opinion.

PLACE BOUNDARIES

Limit options when it comes to online play. For players on PC, they'll still be able to cooperate with friends through the game's multiplayer option, much like Xbox users. Just because they have the option to run a dedicated server that's open to anyone doesn't mean they need to take it. The risks of interacting with strangers can be significantly lowered or even eliminated entirely by playing on servers which are restricted to friends only.

Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tekken title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



Lets Plant and Grow Tomatoes at Home

1. Slice a tomato and plant the slices in soil
2. Cover the soil with moist soil.
3. Place a lid over the container to create a humid environment .
4. Once the seeds germinate, remove the lid
5. Let the plants grow until they are ready to transplant .

