



# Shepton Mallet Community Infants' School & Nursery

## FEBRUARY & MARCH NEWSLETTER



### Cake Sale Money Update

Look what Hummingbird class have bought with some of the money raised at the cake sales.

Your support is vital for us to buy the little extras that our school budget does not cover.



### **The Parent & Friends Association Needs YOU!**

#### **Vacancies Chairperson and/or Vice Chair**

The events that we have on the PFA agenda for this year are Bingo/Quiz Nights, Easter Raffle, and Summer Fayre.

If we can fill the above roles, these events can take place.

There is plenty of support for anyone who would like to be nominated for these roles, they will work closely with the Treasurer and Secretary who are both experienced committee members.

If you are interested.. please pop into the school office for more information.



#### **Update - NSPCC Number was on Friday 2nd February**

**We raised £87.37 thank you for your all your support.**



Paper copies are available on request, please contact the office.

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# Attendance

22nd - 26th January 2024

**Congratulations Starling Class with 99.2%**

They had the highest attendance for the week and had the Attendance Owl to stay in their classroom all week.

**Whole School Attendance**

**for this week was 93.2%**

**29th—2th February 2024**

**Congratulations Woodpecker Class with 99.1%**

They had the highest attendance for the week and had the Attendance Owl to stay in their classroom all week.

**Whole School Attendance**

**for this week was 93.6%**

**5th - 9th February 2024**

**Congratulations Kingfisher Class with 95.6%**

They had the highest attendance for the week and had the Attendance Owl to stay in their classroom all week.

**Whole School Attendance**

**for this week was 91.3%**

**19th - 23rd February 2024**

**Congratulations Kingfisher Class with 95.2%**

They had the highest attendance for the week and had the Attendance Owl to stay in their classroom all week.

**Whole School Attendance**

**for this week was 91.3%**

**4th September to 23rd February 2024**

Thank you for supporting your child's school attendance.

**Attendance target is**

**96% for each class per week.**

Kingfisher Class	93.6%	
Robin Class	94.8%	★
Woodpecker Class	94.3%	
Goldfinch Class	91.6%	
Starling Class	94.0%	
Hummingbird Class	93.0%	
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>93.5%</b>	



Reminder if you are bringing in something from your child's birthday to give to other pupils in their class, **please note that we can only do this if they are individually wrapped.**

Thank you



Reminder that if your contact details have changed, please let the office know as soon as possible as this enables us to have the correct information in case of an emergency.

## Safeguarding Statement

We recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all pupils. We endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment where children are respected and valued. We are alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure that children receive effective support, protection and justice. The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is the Headteacher, Mrs Thompson. For a copy of the School's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy please click on the policies link at the bottom of the page. The procedures contained in this policy apply to all staff and governors and are consistent with those of the Somerset Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB).

### Report a concern

If you are worried about a vulnerable child and would like help, please don't stay silent.

Contact: **Children's Social Care** on: **0300 123 2224**

or

E: [childrens@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk)



## Parent & Family Support

### Beating the Winter Blues!

I hope everyone was able to enjoy their February half term. February can be a difficult month for many, with cold temperatures and rainy days. It's not uncommon to experience fatigue, sadness, difficulty concentrating, and a disruption in your sleep schedule during the winter season. With March around the corner we can hope for sunnier days. In the mean time here are some tips for beating those winter blues and to focus on the production of our 'Happy Hormones'.

#### Dopamine

The rewarding chemical, to release this:

- Complete a task the best you can
- Do a mindful self-care activity
- Eating delicious food
- Celebrate an achievement

Examples: help a friend, do something you really enjoy, listen to music, dance to a song.

#### Oxytocin

The Cuddle Hormone decreases stress and anxiety through:

- Exercise
- Kind hands/Touch
- Music

Examples: giving (and receiving) a smile, hugging your friends, cuddling, singing, holding hands with a friend.

#### Endorphins

They relieve pain and create a feeling of well-being through:

- Exercise
- Laughing
- Essential oils
- Meditation

Examples are: mindful breathing, read a funny book, watch something that makes you laugh, exercise, stretching.

#### Serotonin

The mood stabiliser and booster through:

- Exposure to the sun/light
- Being in nature
- Mindfulness

Examples: have a snack, sit quietly and read a book or do some colouring, listen to a story, go for a walk outside, do some yoga or Tai Chi.

**Reminder that the PFSA Toddler group is on Thursday's at 9.15am-10.30am in the hall.**



Remember we are also here to help.

Pick up a leaflet from the school office for more details.

Take care, Ellie.

07707 471251 ( Term time 8.30 - 2.30 pm)



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



To:

Jacob A, Antonia, Joshua, Bonnie, Talia, Thomas, Lena, Thomas S.,  
Maja and Oscar TS

*Who all have birthdays in February*

*From everyone at Shepton Mallet Community  
Infants' School & Nursery*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



To:

Ivan, Oscar A, Ella B, Alfie C, Mia C, Hunter F, Edie, Lilly, Aubree-  
Rose, Alfie H, Otis, Dastan, Andon, Delilah, Millie, Dylan, Apollo,  
Hunter P, Marleigh, Diego, Amelia S, Riley, Leon, Lillyanne, River  
& Maddie

*Who all have birthdays in March*

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# TLE Active



## Wrap-Around Care



**Breakfast Clubs  
After School Clubs - Science, Art,  
Sport**

**Wrap Around Care**

**Full Year Provision**

Find out more  
below



**TLE Contact Number:  
07951 291471**



[TLESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK](http://TLESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK)



### BIG BATTERY HUNT - NEW 2024 CAMPAIGN

The BIG BATTERY HUNT is a nationwide recycling challenge, inspiring pupils to power change across their schools and wider communities.

Now in its fifth year, the BIG BATTERY HUNT is bigger and better than ever!

So please ask family, friends and neighbours for their used batteries. A collection box is in the school office lobby.

The more we collect the more chance of winning some amazing prizes.

The highest average collection per participating pupil could win £3,500 towards outdoor equipment, Nintendo Switches, and more!



### Booking your holiday, swapping insurance.. ?

**Why not use this website to raise funds for our School & Nursery.**

**Please check it out and join using the link below or scan the QR code.**

This is an easy way to help support the school by using this website/app to do your online shopping. If you need any help please contact the office.



[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fosmi](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fosmi)

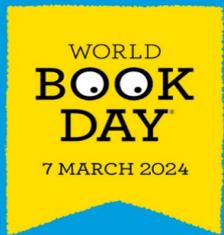


## What we have been doing in class this month

This term in Reception our topic is Shepton Mallet. We have been thinking about the places we know in Shepton Mallet and what our favourite place is. We have also started thinking about key landmarks in Shepton Mallet. We visited the viaduct and were amazed by how tall the arches are.

Year 1 have enjoyed starting their geography topic about Shepton Mallet by looking at a map of the town, thinking about the type of house they live in and discussing their favourite places. We have also been looking at different traditional tales and discussed some similarities in each of the stories, i.e. magic, talking animals, the number 3 and good and bad characters.

Year 2 have had a brilliant week. We have started thinking about our new topic Shepton Mallet. We have been learning about where Shepton Mallet is on a map. In English, we have been looking at the features of a traditional tale and we are planning to write one next week. In maths we have been focusing on 2D shapes and their properties.



Save the date!  
World Book Day  
7 March 2024



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**WANTED**  
**USED STAMPS/FOREIGN COINS &**  
**OLD MOBILE PHONES.**

Please bring any to the school office as we have a collection box and we then send them to Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

Thank you





## Dates for your Diaries

All dates subject to change/cancellation depending on any restrictions



March		
Thurs	7th	World Book day
Fri	15th	Red Nose Day - Come to School Wearing something red
Wed	27th	Goldfinch Sports Club LAST ONE
Thurs	28th	Easter Bonnet Parade
Thurs	28th	Break up for Easter Holidays
Fri	29th	Bank Holiday
April		
Mon	15th	Back to School
Wed	17th	Robin Class Sports Club Starts
Thurs	25th	Reception Class heights & Weights School Nurses



**FUN-filled, Action-packed  
Activities**

During the



## Easter Half Term



Nine Days of activities!

9:00—3:00pm

£16.00  
per day

Shepton Mallet Infants School,  
Waterloo Road, Shepton Mallet BA4 5HE

Monday 2nd to Friday 5th April/Monday 8th to Friday 12th April

Extra time available: 8am-9am, 3pm-4pm

For more information visit: [www.tlesportscoaching.co.uk](http://www.tlesportscoaching.co.uk) or call 07951 291471