



Shepton Mallet Community Infants' School & Nursery

JANUARY NEWSLETTER



Parent Governor **Vacancies** 2024

We currently have vacancies for two parent governors. Being a Governor is an important role in the life of the school, as Governors work with the Headteacher in setting the overall direction of travel of the school. They are involved in important decisions about such matters as staff appointments, the budget of the school, and expenditure on the premises of the school.

Your Commitment

Share the responsibilities of the Governing Body, Attend and participate in meetings on a regular basis, (usually 8 per year), undergo appropriate training, you may also be invited to sit on appointment or other panels and you will be required to sign the Governing Body's code of practice, and to apply for a DBS enhanced disclosure.

Are you interested?

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor but feel a little daunted by the responsibility you may be taking on, remember that full training will be available, and you will always act as part of a team. No particular experience or qualifications are required.

If you would like to know more about the role of a Parent Governor or the appointment process you are welcome to contact the Clerk to the Governors at CBamford@sheptoninfants.co.uk

What do you need to do next?

For application pack please look on the school website or contact the school office for a pack. The nomination period will open on Monday 15th January and close at 12 noon on Monday 29th January 2024.



Date for your Diary

NSPCC Number day is on Friday 2nd February 2024

We will be taking part in activities, games and Dress up for Digits whilst raising money to support NSPCC services such as Speak Out Stay Safe and Childline.

Please bring in any donations in a sealed bag/envelope

Midday Supervisor - 7 ½ Hours Per Week (1 ½ hrs per day) – Term Time Only

Grade 16 SCP 2, £11.59 per hour

The school wishes to appoint an enthusiastic lunchtime supervisor. This is a great opportunity to work with a team who enjoy making the school day as enjoyable as possible.

For an application for please contact the office or see our website for more information.

www.sheptonmalletinfants.co.uk



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

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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 92.7%

8th—12th January 2024

Congratulations Robin Class with 96.9%

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Whole School Attendance

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15th—19th January 2024

Congratulations Robin Class with 98.5%

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 95.2%

4th September to 22nd January 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%	
Whole School	93.5%	



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.**



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



Parent & Family Support

Eating healthy and moving more!

Firstly, Happy New Year and I hope everyone is settling in to the new term. January is always the best time to be more conscious on healthy food choices for our families and ways to keep moving on these cold and dark days! The 'NHS healthier families' have loads of ideas for free/low cost activities to do with your children in the home, healthy recipe ideas and food facts! Follow the link below for more information.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/>



PFSA Toddler and Baby Play Group (0-4yrs)

We have our first PFSA toddler and baby play group coming up this month. This is a chance to meet Ellie your school PFSA and ask any questions you may have regarding the support on offer. This is a great opportunity to meet and talk with other parents and to socialise little ones. This will be run with Derryn and Teresa from Nursery on **Thursday 25th January in the hall from 9.15am-11am.**

WISE UP workshops upcoming dates:

In Person:

February 2024: *Fri 23rd 12.30pm-14.30pm*

Managing behaviour that challenges

April 2024: *Wed 24th Apr 7.00pm-9.00pm*

Helping your child manage their anxiety

Location: The Thatch Cottage, 63-67 Charlton Road, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5QF

Online workshops for parent carers of neurodiverse children & young people:

Understanding Behaviour

Wednesday 24th January 7.00pm-9.00pm

Autism vs ADHD

Tuesday 20th February 6.00pm-8.00pm

WISE UP Parent and Carer Workshops in Somerset:

- **WISE UP workshops are designed to empower parents and carers through information, support and education.**
- **The workshops are made up of 2 parts:**
 - 1) information of ideas on strategies you can try.**
 - 2) discussion of own circumstance and forming a plan of action.**
- **Both face to face and online workshops.**
- **These sessions are free.**

Visit the website to book your FREE place or contact your PFSA for more information:

<https://www.flipbookpdf.net/web/site/ac144d75863d8b2212bb76b42264f96bf191750eF-BP21961522.pdf.html>



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)

Dates for your Diaries

All dates subject to change/cancellation depending on any restrictions

January 2024		
Wednesday	31st	Maths Parents workshop 5 - 6.15pm
February 2024		
Thursday	1st	Reception Vision Screening
Friday	2nd	Dress for Digits - NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday	6th	Year 2 Class Assembly 2.30pm
Tuesday	6th	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday	7th	Woodpeckers LAST Sports Club
Friday	9th	Break up for Half Term Holidays
Monday	19th	Back to School
Wednesday	21st	Goldfinch Sports Club STARTS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



To:

Theo, Lennox, Luciana, Ryan, Ira, Freddie, Rowan, Jacob, Arlo, Lyla-May, Ellie, Austin, Matei, Ardi, Adea, Malakai, Alex, Stefania, Ryan S., Ellie-May, Marnie, Antoni, Tiff and Iris

Who all have birthdays in January.

From everyone at Shepton Mallet Community Infants' School & Nursery



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 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.

Interested.. please contact the office for more information.

E: office@sheptoninfants.co.uk or 01749 342322.

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





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





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and Nursery**

**PFSA Toddler & Baby Group
(0-4yrs)**

**Term time Thursdays in the school hall
9.15am-11am**



**Join us for play, fun and
a catch up!**

From Derryn & Teresa in nursery
and Ellie (PFSA)


**Everyone
welcome!**

**Free
admission!**

**Meet other
parents!**

**Cold drinks
& snacks**

You are responsible for your own child's supervision & safety



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FREE ADHD Awareness Courses
Online | January - March

Expand your knowledge and understanding of ADHD and neurodiversity. Learn about differences in the ADHD brain, challenges with mental health and executive functioning skills. Discover how to manage the challenges of ADHD whilst embracing the strengths. Come and learn for yourself and those you care for or work with. Everyone is welcome.

What do I need to know?

- ✓ For beginners and more experienced learners alike.
- ✓ Zoom access required.
- ✓ *Please see our website for eligibility information.

Understanding ADHD - Starter: Wednesday 10th – 24th January 2024
5:00pm – 7:30pm | 3 Sessions

Managing ADHD - Developer: Wednesday 21st February – 6th March
5:00pm – 7:30pm | 3 Sessions

Call Somerset Skills & Learning for more information / book online

0330 332 7997 [sslcourses.co.uk](https://www.sslcourses.co.uk)

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FREE Autism Awareness Courses
Online | January - March

Expand your knowledge and awareness of autism and neurodiversity. In each session you will learn about a different aspect of autism, including the key differences between the brains of neurotypical and autistic individuals, how autism affects executive functioning skills and how autism and anxiety are linked.

What do I need to know?

- ✓ For beginners and more experienced learners alike.
- ✓ Zoom access required.
- ✓ *Please see our website for eligibility information.

Understanding Autism - Starter: Wednesday 10th – 24th January 2024
10:00am – 1:00pm | 3 Sessions

Understanding Autism: Sensory Sensitivity, Stimming and Masking:
Wednesday 21st February – 6th March | 10:00am – 1:00pm | 3 Sessions

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Thank you for your support

Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community.

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit [rbl.org.uk](https://www.rbl.org.uk)

To: Walsley Road School

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Together we raised £28,512.96



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!



BRAND NEW FOR SALE

5/6 Reversible coat

RRP £19.99

Sale price £ 10.00

Only one first come first served



BRAND NEW FOR SALE

7/8 Cardigan

RRP £12.99

Sale price £6.50

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Only one first come first served



Here is a photo from

Robin Class Nativity Photo



Some photos from some of the Christmas Events we had in December 2023



Reception's topic this term is dinosaurs and we have started looking at how the dinosaurs look the same and different, focusing in on their different features.

In Phonics we are recapping on previously learnt phonemes, working on our blending (reading) and segmenting (spelling) skills.

In Maths we have been using 5's frames to quickly work out how many more/less we need to add/take away to make numbers 0-5.



Year 1 have had a busy week continuing discovering facts about different dinosaurs, including sorting dinosaurs in science, writing captions to go with a picture of a dinosaur in English and investigating the properties of 3d and 2d shapes in maths.



Year 2 have had a brilliant week! In maths this week we have been thinking about the relationship between the 5 and 10 times table. In English, we have been writing about the life of Mary Anning. In history, we have been learning about Mary Anning and why she is so famous and in art we have been sketching some pictures of fossils.



WANTED USED STAMPS/FOREIGN COINS OLD MOBILE PHONES.

Please bring to the school office as we collect them and send them to Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance

Thank you