



Shepton Mallet Community Infants' School & Nursery MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER



Whole School Trip

Chew Valley Animal Park

Thursday 13th and Friday 14th June 2024

The children will have 3 workshops over the course of the day, one around animal handling, one show of exotic animals and a guided tour of the park. This will support and enhance lots of the topics covered in school over the course of the year and be tremendous fun for all the children.

Please remember to return your consent form along with your payment.

Thank you

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is to let you know that Mrs Maddaford will be leaving us temporarily on 24th May to go on Maternity leave.

We are very lucky to have been able to appoint Mrs Amor to teach Robin class until the summer holidays. Mrs Amor undertakes regular supply teaching in our school and is a valued member of the team here. She has already spent time with Robin class getting to know them and has been working very closely with Mrs Maddaford to ensure a smooth transition for the children.

I am sure that you would like to join us in sending our best wishes to Mrs Maddaford and hopefully she will be able to bring the baby into school before the end of term.

Yours sincerely,
Honorina Thompson
Headteacher



BIG BATTERY HUNT - CAMPAIGN 2024

Please join in with the campaign to recycle as many batteries as we can.

Our Total to date is 1458

Please bring in your used batteries into school and put in the Battery Collection Tub in the Lobby by the school office.

Pupils are challenged to collect as many batteries as they can, encouraging their communities to do the same.

The more Batteries we collect the more, chance the school has of winning some amazing prizes including £3,500 towards outdoor equipment, Nintendo Switches, and more!

End date: Wednesday 12th June 2024

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

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School success starts with attendance

Attendance



15th - 19th April 2024

Congratulations Robin Class with 95.4%

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 89.3%

22nd - 26th April 2024

Congratulations Starling Class with 100%

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%

29th Apr - 3rd May 2024

Congratulations Robin Class with 97.3%

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 93.0%

6th - 10th May 2024

Congratulations Kingfisher Class with 94.8%

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 95.1%

13th - 17th May 2024

Congratulations Starling Class with 98.0%

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 94.0%

4th September to 17th May 2024
Thank you for supporting your child's school attendance.
Attendance target is 96% for each class per week.

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| Kingfisher Class | 94.2% | |
| Robin Class | 94.8% | ★ |
| Woodpecker Class | 94.5% | |
| Goldfinch Class | 90.0% | |
| Starling Class | 93.5% | |
| Hummingbird Class | 91.6% | |
| Whole School | 93.1% | |



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 Safe guarding 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

Keeping children safe in warmer weather

We have finally started seeing some sunshine, meaning more of us are outside and enjoying the warmer weather. It can be daunting for parents and carers looking after little ones in hotter weather. Read below the NHS guidance on keeping children safe in the sunshine and near water.

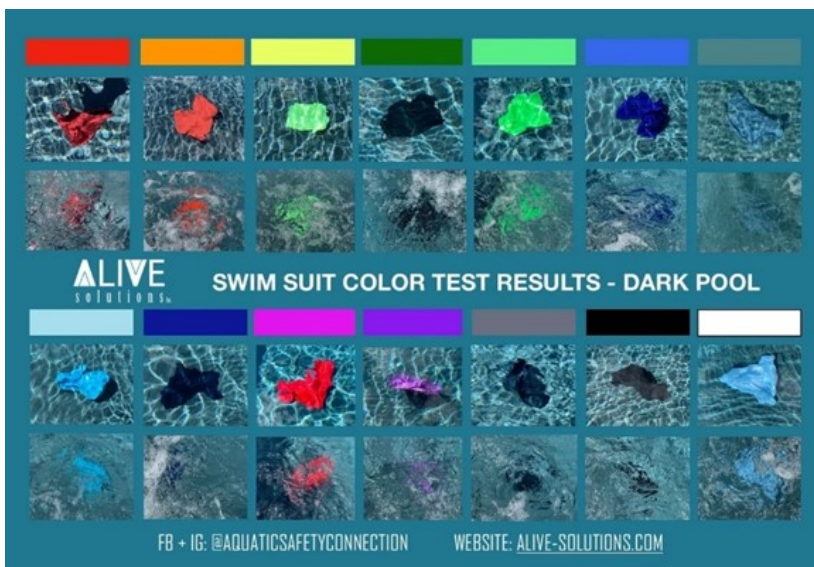
Sun safety tips:

- Spend time in the shade between 11am-3pm.
- Use a sunscreen that is **at least** SPF 30.
- Sunscreen should be applied twice: 30 minutes before going out followed by just before leaving your home.
- Recommended to reapply sunscreen every 2 hours.
- Children under 6 months old should be kept out of direct sunlight.
- Wear clothes that provide protection: wide brimmed hat that shades the face, neck & ears, long-sleeved tops, long skirts & trousers.



Water safety tips:

- Babies, toddlers & children need constant supervision around water.
- Look out for lifeguards.
- Swim between red and yellow flags at the beach.
- Always swim parallel to the shore and never swim too far away.
- Make sure to empty paddling pools or cover up bigger pools/tubs/ponds with a childproof, lockable cover.
- Do not use inflatables at the beach if the orange windsock is flying.
- Neon swimwear (orange, green, pink & yellow) are the most visible.

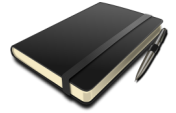


From Ellie (PFSA),

I am sad to say I will be leaving my role as PFSA with my last day being the 07/06/24. I have enjoyed my time as PFSA at Shepton Infants and have had the pleasure in meeting and supporting many parents and children. Thank you to all for having trust in my support and to those who attended any toddler group sessions.



Dates for your Diaries



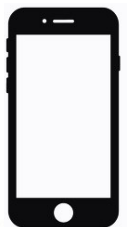
2023/2024

All dates subject to change/cancellation

| June | | |
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| Wednesday | 5th | Kingfishers Afterschool Sports Club Starts |
| Wednesday | 5th | Online Safety Workshop 5.30 - 7.30 pm |
| Thursday | 13th | School trip |
| Friday | 14th | School Trip |
| Thursday | 20th | New Parents 2.00pm & 5.30pm |
| Friday | 28th | INSET DAY School & Nursery Closed |
| July | | |
| Mon - Fri | 1 - 5th | Nursery Cake Sale ALL WEEK |
| Friday | 5th | Sports Day |
| Wednesday | 3rd | All Change Day |
| Wednesday | 3rd | KS1 Parents Open Evening |
| Wednesday | 10th | Kingfishers LAST Afterschool Sports Club |
| Friday | 12th | Reception Class Cake Sale (Cake donations and volunteers needed) |
| Tuesday | 16th | Leavers' Assembly - more information to follow |
| Wednesday | 17th | Leavers' Assembly - more information to follow |
| Monday | 22nd | Last Day of School - Break up at 2.15pm |
| Tuesday | 23rd | INSET DAY |
| Wednesday | 24th | INSET DAY |
| Have a great summer holiday! | | |
| September 2024 | | |
| Tuesday | 3rd | INSET DAY - School and Nursery closed |
| Wednesday | 4th | New School Year Starts |



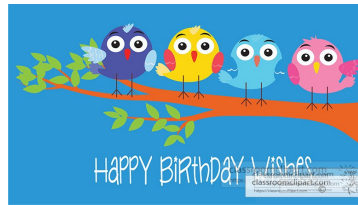
**Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance
WANT
USED STAMPS/FOREIGN COINS &
OLD MOBILE PHONES**



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





To:

**Lexie, Aria, Maisie, Darius, Madison, Theo, Hunter, Rebecca,
Elfie, Charles, Ivy, Freya, Alfie, Bailey, Oliver & Remy**

Who all have birthdays in May

From everyone at Shepton Mallet Community

Infants' School & Nursery

What the classes have been up to this term!



Robin and Kingfishers, what a fantastic way to end our term and Minibeast topic with a fabulous assembly yesterday. The children were so excited and did a brilliant job of sharing their learning with you. A big well done to them all!

Next term our topic will be Castles and we will be finding out about the parts of a castle, the people who lived in castles in the past, royals and servants and all about their lives.

We will be moving on to our next set of phonemes in phonics and working on reading and writing sentences fluently.

In maths we will be firming up our number understanding and getting our addition and subtraction skills firmly in place.

After half term we will be having extra PE on Mondays again, this time learning ball skills, so please send your child into school on Monday and Wednesday wearing PE kit.



Goldfinch and Woodpeckers have been learning about the Hindu festival of Holi, looking at number bonds up to 20 in maths and ordering and writing the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

We also met lots of interesting minibeasts when the Bug Man visited our school today. We saw an African snail, a millipede, stick insects, a cockroach, scorpions and a Tarantula!

This week Goldfinch class have been busy ordering and acting out the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar, adding one- and two-digit numbers, learning songs about minibeasts and thinking about how we keep ourselves safe inside and out-and-about.



It has been a very exciting week in Starling & Hummingbird class. Yesterday, the bug man came to visit us and he showed us some fantastic minibeasts! In English, we have been learning about alliteration and writing some tongue twisters! In maths, we have been learning how to find three quarters of a quantity and how two quarters and a half are the same.

Starling & Hummingbirds have worked so hard this week. In English we have been thinking about writing rhyming poems and why words rhyme. In maths, we have started looking at telling the time.





Author Visit to School

In April author Gareth Jones came into school to work with the children. Everyone had a great time as Gareth played the piano, played the guitar and brought a puppet into school.

All the children were given a free book to take home.



Home Challenge

Was for all the pupils to make up a brand new minibeast that no one has ever seen before

They all had 2 weeks to complete the challenge and on Thursday 26th May all the pupils showed the whole school their creations. Look at some of their creations.



TLE Active Wrap-Around Care



Breakfast Clubs
After School Clubs - Science, Art,
Sport

Wrap Around Care

Full Year Provision

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