



Shepton Mallet Community Infants' School & Nursery



OCTOBER

NEWSLETTER

Parents & Friends Association of Shepton Mallet Community Infants' School & Nursery

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.

Stay informed and get involved.

The PFA plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, as members of the PFA, are invited to support the AGM. Come along, we'll have tea and biscuits!

Venue - Shepton Mallet Infant's School Hall
Monday 30th October 2023
at 2.00pm



Parentkind
Member Association



Preloved Uniform is Available

Every Wednesday

From 3.20 - 3.30pm

Bring and Swap for a larger size or make a small donation.

Parking

Could we please remind parents to be mindful of where you park your cars when dropping off and collecting your children.

Please make sure you do not block neighbours driveways or park on the roads with double yellow lines or on the zigzags lines. By doing so it is making it unsafe for pedestrians and motorists.



Parent and Friends Association

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Monday 30th October - 2.00 pm in the School Hall (all are welcome)



The Parent and Friends Association of Shepton Mallet Community Infants' School & Nursery plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, as automatic members of the PFA, are invited to support the Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children/students at our school.

The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the PFA Committee, who represent the association throughout the forthcoming year. Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM for anyone wishing to stand as an Officer or Ordinary Committee Member, for the first time. Existing committee members wishing to stand for re-election do not have to be nominated again but should inform the PFA of their intention to stay in their role.

We are always looking for help, support and ideas, you can be involved as much or as little as you wish. We really hope you can join us at the AGM and be part of the committee. Please email Parents and Friends Association to find out more by email: sminfants.pfa@gmail.com Thank you Sarah McNairn Chairperson

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

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Thinking of buying your Christmas presents.. ?

Why not buy them through the Easyfundraising website as a search engine. This is an easy way to help support the school by using this website/app to do your online shopping. Please check it out and join using the link below. If you need any help please contact the office.



www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fosmi



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To, Misha, Edward, Maia, Archie, Freddie, Bella, Charlie, Finn, Sebastian, Avni, Vinnie, Isla-Rae, Portia, Lev, Joshua, Guy, Oscar and Zachary

Who all have had birthdays in October

From everyone at Shepton Mallet Community Infants' School & Nursery



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.



School Day

Monday - Friday

- **8.25am** Gates open for children to start entering the school site.
- **8.40am** Doors open
- **8.50am Official start of the school day.** All children to arrive by this time and enter their class ready for the school register to be taken.
- **8.50am** Gates close
- 12:00 – 1:00pm Lunchtime
- **3.20pm** End of School day.

Total Time in school 32.5 hours a week (6.5 hours a day)

Please ensure your child is dropped off promptly in the morning so no missed learning takes place, and is collected promptly at the end of the day.



School success starts with attendance

4th September to 13th October 2023

Thank you for supporting your child's school attendance.

Attendance target is

96% for each class per week.

Kingfisher Class 94.8%

Robin Class 95.0% 

Woodpecker Class 94.1%

Goldfinch Class 93.3%

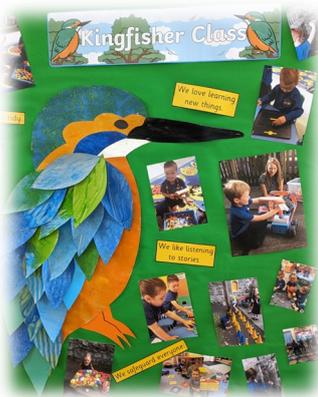
Starling Class 95.0% 

Hummingbird Class 93.4%

Whole School 94.2%

Class Pages

What have we been doing..



Kingfisher and Robin Class have been learning all our body parts and facial features. We drew around ourselves on the playground in chalk and have painted self-portraits.

In Phonics we have been learning the phoneme (sound) and grapheme (how to write) for the letters 'm' and 'd'. We have been working hard with our blending (reading) and segmenting (spelling/writing) skills.

In Maths we have been focusing on our subitising skills. This means we can recognise how many objects or spots we can see without needing to count by focusing on the shape and patterns they make. We have also been working on our 'fast fingers' - showing amounts on our fingers quickly, without needing to count them up.

In our Friday assembly we were visited by a musician with his electric guitar, drum kit and keyboard. He played us lots of music and we all enjoyed dancing and singing along!

Some Fridays we do 'Stretch & Shine' with Mrs Bubble, focusing on our feelings and emotions.

Reminders:

- Tuesdays - Return School Library Book
- Wednesdays - PE/Sport. Send your child to school wearing their PE kit. They do not need to bring a change of clothes or shoes as they can stay in their PE kit all day.

Everyday:

- * Please make sure all long hair is tied up.
- * Please make sure your child brings their water bottle to school
- * Remember to sign the home reading book each day to show you have shared the book with your child at home and we can give you a new book.

Thank you



Goldfinch and Woodpecker class have been really busy with sequencing numbers in maths, looking at our similarities and differences in RHE (relationships health education) and in history we have been using a timeline to order events in our lives.

In science we have enjoyed planning and doing a science experiment about what happens to our hearts when we exercise. We have also been thinking about our emotions, what makes us feel happy or calm.

We have also been thinking about Harvest time and made a harvest basket full of delicious fruits and vegetables.



Class Pages cont.

What have we been doing..



It has been a fantastic week, we have been learning about David Attenborough and how he helps the rainforests. In English we have been learning to use an apostrophe for possession and in maths we have been learning to add and subtract by making 10 first.



Rock Steady Assembly

The whole school rocked it, in an assembly! Jamie from "Rock Steady" came to visit and showed us the different instruments that you would find in a band. The children loved hearing him play all the instruments and clapped and moved along with the music. They even voted on their favourite instrument. The winner was the electric guitar!



Dove Class

Thank you to the families that sent in family photos; we have enjoyed sharing them as part of learning about Ourselves.

We have lots of budding gardeners in the Pre-school who have been having fun collecting the leaves and weeds from around the garden and putting them in our new compost bin. We will be looking in there later in the year to see the changes.

We have now started using the New EY Log to record your children's learning and development. If you have not yet signed up and need help, please let us know. Thank you to all those parents who are acknowledging our posts and a big WELL DONE to all those who have added their own posts.

After half term the Pre-school will be learning about Night and Darkness. If you have any photos that you think might be useful, please send them in.





Please Support Poppy Appeal 2023



The Poppy Box is now available in the school office.

If you would like your child to buy any of the items, please send any donations in with your child in a named sealed envelope.

Thank you in advance for your support



Christmas Card - reminder to return your art work.

Please return your child's art work to school no later than Monday 30th October as the courier is collecting them the following day.



Shepton Mallet Corps

Major Sheila Westlake
Corps Officer
Tel: 01749 347130
Email: Sheila.westlake@salvationarmy.org.uk
Date: 10/10/2023
Ref: harvest donations

Old Magistrates Court
21 Commercial Road
Shepton Mallet
BA4 5BU

Dear all at Shepton Mallet Community Infant School

On behalf of The Salvation Army community foodbank can I thank you for the kind donations of food for the foodbank here in Shepton Mallet.

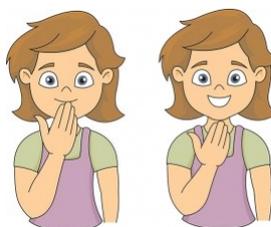
It was incredibly kind to support us in this way and the harvest donations will make a massive difference to those in need at this time of financial crisis. Please thank the pupils & parents for their generosity.

Thank you once more

God bless

Sheila

Major Sheila Westlake
Church minister / Officer



Thank you to everyone who brought donations for our Harvest week. We delivered them to the Salvation Army who were amazed at how much everyone donated.





Dates for your Diaries

All dates subject to change/cancellation depending on any restrictions



October

Friday	20th	Breakup for Half Term
Monday	30th	Christmas Card art work to be returned to school
Monday	30th	Back to School
Monday	30th	Starling Class Sports club STARTS

November

Friday	10th	Year 2 Cake Sale
Wednesday	15th	Shepton Mallet Carnival
Thursday	16th	School Photographer - Pupil Portraits/Family
Friday	17th	Children in Need

December

Monday	4th	Starling Class LAST Sports Club
Friday	8th	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday	12th	Reception/Nursery Nativity Play
Wednesday	13th	Year 1/year 2 Nativity Play
Thursday	14th	Year 1/year 2 Nativity Play
Friday	15th	Christmas Lunch
Friday	15th	Christmas Party
Friday	15th	Break up for Christmas Holidays 2.15pm

January 2024

Tuesday	2nd	INSET Day - School & Nursery Closed
Wednesday	3rd	Back to School
Wednesday	3rd	Woodpecker Class Sports Club STARTS

Children in Need

Friday 17th November 2023

Merchandise will be available from the school office from Friday 1st November 2023

Limited stock available



Following last year's hugely successful Christmas Card competition, Shepton Mallet Town Council are delighted to be running the competition again this year!

We would like to get all as many children of Shepton Mallet involved, whether this is an activity done in school or sent home as an additional activity.

The winner will not only have their design made into this year's Town Council Christmas card, but they will also get to turn on this years Christmas Tree lights, at the annual light switch on.

Paper template will be sent home in book bags.

Please send your entries to:
Shepton Mallet Town Council
1 Park Road, Shepton Mallet. BA4 5BS
Or E: info@sheptonmallet-tc.gov.uk

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 Senior Designated Officer (SDO) 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



School Photographer

Portrait, Siblings and

Portrait photos

Thursday 16th November

More information to follow.



Winter is on its way..

The weather is getting colder so please ensure that your child comes to school with a coat and a hat. Please label everything.





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

[TLESPOORTSCOUCHING.CO.UK](https://www.tlesportscouching.co.uk)



Year 2 CAKE SALE

Friday 10th

November

School Hall - 3.20pm

All donations to the school office.

Thank you





Parent & Family Support Advisor (PFSA)

Happy half term from your PFSAs

We hope you have all settled well into the new school year and are now preparing for the Autumnal changes. It could be time for cosy blankets and hot chocolate!



We hope you are all enjoying your half term break. Keep warm and stay safe!

Welcome, Ellie

Ellie, our new PFSA has been with us for a couple of weeks and has already met with some of you to provide support. If you'd like to find out more about Ellie and Heather, and the support on offer, then please check out the PFSA web page on the school's website which will be updated shortly. Please do contact your child's teacher or the school office if you would like to meet with us, to discuss any concerns you may have.

What's on at Shepton Library?



Current events include:

- Rhyme Time- Tuesdays 10:30-11:00
- Kid's Board Games- Thursdays 3:15-4pm
- Lego Club- Saturday 10-12pm

If you would benefit from any additional support during the holidays please refer to the list of signposts below.

- Somerset Direct 0300 123 2224 (family advice in a crisis and concerns for the welfare of a child)
- Mind 0300 123 3393 (mental health support)
- Shout UK - Text 85258 24/7 in a crisis (mental health support)
- Somerset Domestic Abuse Helpline 0800 69 49 999 (domestic abuse support)
- Citizens Advice Bureau - 0808 223 1133 (for advice around benefits, work, debt, money, and much more)

**Take care,
Heather and Ellie**



Shepton Mallet Community Infants' School & Nursery

calls out for votes to get a share of
Tesco's Stronger Starts fund

Please support us!

Running from 2nd October - January 2024

We are one of the three in for a Tesco Stronger Starts Grant!

Project Name: Happy Gardeners

About our Project: Our project will enable the children to benefit from planting, growing and eating their own fruit and vegetables. They will also grow flowers and study the wildlife in the pond.

Shepton Mallet Community Infants' School & Nursery are bidding for a cash boost from the Tesco Stronger Starts initiative. Tesco works with community charity Groundwork to run its community funding scheme, which sees grants of up to £1,500, £1,000 and £500 awarded to local community projects, with a particular focus on children and young people.

Three groups in every community have been shortlisted to receive the cash award and shoppers are being invited to head along to Tesco stores to vote for who they think should take away the top grant.

Tesco's Stronger Starts – previously Tesco Bags of Help and Tesco Community Grants - has already provided over £100 million to more than 50,000 projects across Britain.

Thank you

For more information please visit: tesco.com/strongerstarts

