

# Shepton Mallet Community Infants' School & Nursery

SEPTEMBER

## NEWSLETTER

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### A Message from the Headteacher

A warm welcome to all the new families who have joined us this year and a welcome back to those of you who already know us well.

We have had a really good start with all our children settling quickly into their new classes and a lovely calm atmosphere in School. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this term, please make sure you check the dates on the newsletter and our website as these are updated regularly.

We are looking forward to working with you to ensure that your children enjoy a positive learning experience and achieve their best.

**Mrs Thompson**  
Headteacher

In the Baby Room we have had lots of new children settling in, they have been getting to know the other children in the room and the grownups looking after them. Over the last few weeks, we have been exploring the room and the toys we must play with as well as having lots of sensory and messy play.

In the House the children have settled in well and are beginning to make new friends, we have been focusing on getting to know each other's names. To get us used to routines we have been playing stop and start games. We are having lots of time to build our skills with sharing and taking turns. We have been learning number songs to help with our counting and understanding of Number.

In the Big Room it has been wonderful to welcome all the families we got to know last term and meet all our new families'. we have been learning all about ourselves and talking about our families, A big part of our time has been learning about rules and routines, this helps us all to get along together. We have been counting and learning to recognise numbers as well as hunting for shapes around the Nursery. We have also had great fun using the equipment in the hall to climb balance and jump.

In the coming weeks we will be learning about Autumn and all the changes. If you are out and about, we would like you to collect conkers, leaves, and pinecones to make an Autumn display. We are supporting your children to develop their independence and we would like you to encourage them to put their own coats on and fasten them.

### From the Nursery Team



Following the glorious summer this year, the weather is now becoming more Autumnal. Please ensure that your child has a coat in school every day. They play out in all weathers, including light rain.



### New School Hours September 2023

School starts at: 8.40am

Doors/gates shut at: 8.50am

Registration is at: 8.50am

School Gates open at approx.: 3.00pm

School ends at: 3.20pm

Please ensure your child is dropped off promptly in the morning so no missed learning takes place, and collected promptly, as staff are very busy after school setting up and preparing for the next day.





### WANTED:

- Used postage stamps from anywhere in the world
  - Coins/Notes from anywhere in the world
  - Old mobile phones

Please bring to the school office where there is a collection box,  
In aid of Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

**Thank you in advance for your support of Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.**



### School success starts with attendance

The whole school attendance for each class is 96% per week, which is set out by the DFE. So lets all work together to achieve this figure for each class by supporting your child to be in school every day.

Each newsletter for this year will have each classes running attendance % total to date.

#### 4th September - 29th September 2023

Kingfisher Class	97.7%	
Robin Class	94.4%	
Goldfinch Class	93.8%	
Woodpecker Class	94.4%	
Starling Class	94.0%	
Hummingbird Class	92.6%	
Whole School	94.4%	

### Parking

Could we please, once again 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
- park on pavements
- park on the roads with double or zigzag yellow lines.

By doing so, makes it **unsafe** for children and other pedestrians and motorists.

Please can we ask you to be mindful when walking/driving to and from School.



**There is FREE parking in Great Ostry Car Park behind the High Street until 9.00 am.**

### Scooters and bikes

Some of our pupils ride a bike or a scooter to school each day and it provides good exercise, but could I ask that parents ensure that their children do not ride them on the school path or in the playground.

Accidents are quite likely to happen if bikes or scooters are ridden in a crowded space and obviously we want to avoid mishaps if we can.



### 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 Safeguarding page on our website. 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.



## Parent and Friends Association

### Annual General Meeting

Monday 23th 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](mailto:sminfants.pfa@gmail.com) Thank you

Sarah McNairn - Chairperson



**Thinking of buying your Christmas presents.. ?** Why not buy them

through the Easy fundraising 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](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fosmi)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



*To, Hanna, Summer-Rae, Sebastian, Penny, Isabella, Teddy, Sylvia, Mohammed, Caitlyn, Kayla, Penelope, Willow, Matei, Eric, Arya, Emily S, Hunter T, and Esmay*

*Who all have had birthdays in September*

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



## HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

To celebrate Harvest this year we have a week (2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October) of various activities to do with Harvest. On Tuesday we will hold a school assembly.

We will be accepting donations from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of dry goods, tins, jars, cartons, packets, etc. Please bring donations either into class or the school office.

All donations will be given to:

**SHEPTON MALLET SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK.**

**(Please do not send in Fresh Produce)**



# Stronger Starts.



## Shepton Mallet Community Infants' School & Nursery

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

Please support us!

Voting Starts from 2nd October - January 2024

**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.

**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.**

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.co.uk/strongerstarts](https://tesco.co.uk/strongerstarts)



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



# Shepton Mallet Infants' School & Nursery Open Evening

**Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Are you looking for a 'Good' school for your child for  
September 2024, or for an Ofsted 'Outstanding'  
Nursery provision at any time?

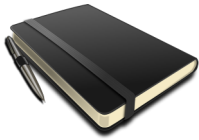


School and Nursery will be open for you to look round  
between 3.30pm and 5.30pm and our staff team will be  
available to answer any questions you may have.

**Appointments available for other dates.**

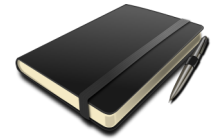
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## Dates for your Diaries

All dates subject to change/cancellation depending on any restrictions



### October

<b>Monday - Friday</b>	2nd - 6th	Harvest Festival - All donations to the office or classroom
Wednesday	4th	World Animal Day
Wednesday	11th	Open Day 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Monday	16th	Hummingbird Class LAST Sports Club
Tuesday	17th	Parents Evening
Wednesday	18th	Parents Evening
Friday	20th	Christmas Card Pictures to be back in School
Friday	20th	Breakup for Half Term
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

<b>Monday</b>	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	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



Reminder for **KS1 parents** to update and return their data collection forms.

**Reception parents**, if any of your contact details have changed, please can you inform Ms Hayne in the school office as a matter of urgency, to ensure we have correct contact details in case we need to contact you in an emergency.




# 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**



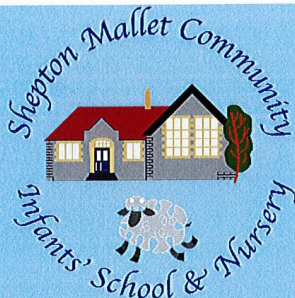


[TLESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK](http://TLESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK)

# Parent Family Support Advisor (PFSA)

Parent and Family Support Advisors

[PFSA@sheptoninfants.co.uk](mailto:PFSA@sheptoninfants.co.uk)



**Shepton Mallet Community  
Infants' School & Nursery**

**Parent & Family Support  
Advisor (PFSA)**

All parents know that being a Mum or Dad is the hardest job in the world! Sometimes we could all do with a little help - and our Parent & Family Support Advisors are here to help you. We offer a completely free, confidential service, for families attending Shepton Mallet Community Infants School & Nursery. You can get help from our Parent & Family Support Advisors by contacting the school office.

## **We can help with:**

- Managing your child's behaviour
- Communicating with the staff at school/nursery
- Using routines, rules and boundaries at home
- Parenting skills
- Improved attendance
- Signposting to other agencies
- Budgeting advice
- Healthy lifestyle choices
- Positive parenting programmes
- Supporting parents to prepare for the move to junior school

And many other things too!

## **Our PFSAs are:**



Heather Pearce

And we are excited to welcome Ellie to the team next week.



## Bath & West Railway Santa Run

He's making a list, checking it twice and gearing up to roll into Bath and West Showground again - Santa Claus will be visiting the miniature railway for two special days in December, creating festive cheer for families.

The "Santa Specials" event will be held on Saturday 2 December and Saturday 9 December.

Organisers are urging the public to book their tickets in advance to avoid missing out on the holiday magic.

For just £13, a child can bring along two adults, and the package includes a train ride, a gift for the child, and seasonal refreshments. Additional adults can join in the festivities for an extra £5 each. Each train journey will have 15 spaces available.

For those interested in booking, dates and time slots can be selected on the [East Somerset Society of Model and Experimental Engineers](http://www.essmee.org.uk) website under the "Santa Specials" heading.

The railway also features a wheelchair-accessible carriage. If you or a family member would like to use this facility, you're encouraged to notify organisers ahead of time by emailing [santaspecials@essmee.org.uk](mailto:santaspecials@essmee.org.uk).

In the case of inclement weather, a reserve date has been set for 16 December. However, it should be noted that the event will not be running during weekdays.

As an added bonus, parking at the event is free.

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