

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to all our children who have been undertaking end of year assessments for the past two weeks. This is a time when children can shine by sharing their learning and also a time when teachers can assess which learning hasn't stuck yet, knowledge that will inform their next teacher.

Year 1 children have been undertaking the government assessment, The Phonic Screening Check, this week which is when they work 1:1 with Miss Smith using their phonic knowledge to decode unknown words. Year 4 are about to start their government multiplication check next week and use that knowledge to answer online questions at speed.

Assessments can be tricky and challenging but we are very proud of everyone for trying their best!

3A have led assembly this week, sharing their learning about the Stone Age. 3A have also been busy making healthy snacks. It was very quiet in Y6 on Friday as they undertook a sponsored silence as they raise funds for their special end of year celebration which is fast approaching.

On Monday we start our annual Transition Weeks. This is when our children move into their September learning room with their new teacher in the mornings for two weeks. This can be an unsettling time, especially for children who don't like change but we are all here to support our children and hopefully it will help reassure them so they can relax over the summer and be ready for a smart start in September.

Next week is Father's Day Bring and Buy Sale, please do have a sort out at home so gifts can be donated, along with a £1.00 and your child can choose their special dad figures a gift.

If you are a football fan then your weekend's entertainment is all sorted!

Mrs Newton

Healthy Eating Workshop for 3A

It was the turn of 3A this week, to invite an adult into school to make a healthy snack with them. The children enjoyed making strawberry cheesecake with a twist...

The children used crushed biscuits, natural yogurt (with an optional dash of honey) and a fruit topping of strawberries - although the children had lots of ideas to use different fruits if they made it again.

They must have been delicious because by the time I popped in most of the dishes were empty! I hope our children are inspired to create more healthy snacks at home that the whole family can enjoy.





Our Phunky Food Ambassadors have been reminding us that we need to: Drain Our Drinks!

Pippa, Amelia and Jenson led assembly on Wednesday with our half termly theme which is very fitting for this time of year. They reminded us how important fluid is for us all and how we need to keep hydrated, particularly when the temperatures rise.



The Ambassadors asked everyone to think about which fluids are best to keep us hydrated: fizzy drinks, milkshake or pure orange juice? (Be aware of sugars and additives)

They also shared how many glasses of water we should drink every day - can your child remember how many glasses they need to drink? (6-8 glasses)

The Ambassadors did a brilliant job, now we all need to drain our drinks!

Keeping safe in the water!

As everyone will have noticed the pop-up-pool is back on site and Year 6 are enjoying their daily swimming lesson with Brian and Sarah, our swim coach and life guard.

Following the tragic events over half term, Year 6 started their swimming lessons with a focus on water safety which we continued into assemblies with all our children from Y1 to Y6.



We reminded children that they shouldn't get into the water to help a struggling friend or a pet dog, but instead 'Throw, don't go'. Which means throw something to help them float, such as an inflatable ball and then get help by shouting or ringing 999.

We also discussed the potential dangers of open water and helped them understand what 'cold water shock' does to a person. Causing a person to struggle to breathe and affecting their muscles so they cannot swim.

We then taught children 'Float to Live' in case children ever found themselves struggling in water.

We hope our children never need this knowledge but is always best to be safe. Please do discuss this learning with your children so they remember what to do if they ever found themselves in a difficult situation regarding water.



If you're struggling in the water ...

**Relax and move your hands
to help you stay afloat**

**Tilt your head back
with ears submerged**

Remember it. Share it.

FLOAT TO LIVE

#RESPECTTHEWATER

3A Stone Age Historians



3A were fabulous lead learners on Tuesday when they taught us all about the Stone Age. They explained all about the lives of the Stone Age people, the tools that they used and the art that they created in the shape of cave paintings.

My favourite part was their Stone Age version of the song 'We Will Rock you.'

The photograph above caught them singing in mid-rock star action!

Fantastic work 3A!

Mrs Macpherson



Woodlands
Academy of Learning

Father's Day Bring & Buy



Friday 19th June

Children can buy a gift for their Dad, or anyone else they would like to get a present for only
£1

(Children will need to bring in a gift and a £1 to participate)

Donations Needed!

We are asking for donations that would be suitable for a child to buy as a Father's day present. Gift sets, chocolates, etc... (No alcohol please!!)



As Children's Commissioner, I'm writing to ask for your support in helping children at your school take part in my national survey,

The Big Future

Your students can take part here:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

As schools and colleges return for the final weeks of the academic year, this is a valuable opportunity for children and young people to reflect on their experiences, share what matters most to them, and tell us about their hopes and ambitions for the future in their own words.

I would be hugely grateful if you could share the survey directly with parents and carers across your wider school community. Direct student participation is essential to ensuring that young people's voices are heard and represented.

I want to hear from children and young people aged 0–18 from every background, in every part of the country. The survey asks about the things they enjoy, the challenges they face, the changes they would like to see in their communities, and what they believe a good childhood should look like today.

Participation in The Big Future also provides children with an opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to civic engagement. The findings will help inform national conversations and decision-making about children's lives and futures at the highest levels.

To support you, I have created a pack of resources, including an introductory video, lesson materials and FAQs, all available on [my website](#).

I will publish the findings next year, and they will help shape the conversations and decisions being made about children's lives and futures for years to come.

As ever, thank you so much for your support.

Dame Rachel de Souza

Children's Commissioner for England

WINNING CLASSES WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE!

Well done to our children who arrive on time, before 8:50, and so are ready for the important first lesson of the day.

Best classes during the last week who earn extra play time are:

2CP 98.3% and 3A and 5D 97.7%

Absolutely Fantastic!

Miss School - Miss What?

If you miss school next week then you will miss meeting your new teacher and spending time in your new learning room



Question of the week that we have been discussing in school and you can discuss at home too:

How can we protect the oceans?

Our linking Woodland's value is:

Accountable

This week's British Value to focus on is:

Rule of Law

The UK and other countries have laws against rubbish being dumped into rivers, seas and oceans. These laws work to protect our environment, wildlife and people from harm.

What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

8th - 14th June 2026

The Protected Characteristic for this week is: **Age**

The learning highlights that anyone can make a big difference, no matter how old they are.

Who are our SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Treehouse	Macaire - Andre	For growing in confidence and having a positive attitude towards all learning challenges when he is in the Treehouse. Well done! ☐
NAM	Ethan	Writing a quote that Baby Bear said, from the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears
NPM	Arnav	Working hard in beginning to write your name independently.
RG	Madison	For progressing well in RWI. Madison is reading books and has made so much progress. Well done :)
RJ	Willow	For an amazing rewrite of our class text The Gingerbread Man. You remembered the story and you used your phonic knowledge to write tricky words. You have worked so hard well done! ☐
1W	Lucie-Mae	For fantastic science work. Lucie-Mae can recognise deciduous and evergreen trees and sort them into groups. Well done, Lucie-Mae!
1E	Emily	For coming into school every day last week happy, confident and ready to learn. She has been resilient in tackling challenging learning tasks too. Well done! :)
2CP	Hannah	For trying new foods at snack time and wider range of main meals. We are so proud!
2D	Rosie	For designing and creating a beautiful print inspired by nature. Well done Rosie.
3A	Tiana-Leigh & Natalia	For settling into 3A so well and showing confidence when meeting new friends and trying new activities. You have been brave and enthusiastic as you settled into a new class. We are delighted to have you with us. Well done!
3E	Simeon	For impressing Mrs Ward with his learning. Simeon has worked really hard. Well done.
4R	Reuben	Super work in Science. Reuben made reasonable predictions and wrote a good conclusion. Well done.
4N	Josie	always trying her best and wanting to do well. She used some of her lunch to finish her sewing.
5D	Logan S	For continuing to work hard and complete assessments with an injured arm. Logan has also used the laptop to complete his writes and maintained a good standard. Well done, Logan! ☐
5H	Jasleen	For your amazing write on Ancient Egypt. It was full of fact which you have transferred from all your learning in History. Well done.
6P	Jenson M	For making us smile throughout rehearsals for our end of year production. His enthusiasm, positive attitude and wonderful sense of humour have kept us laughing. Keep it up Jenson.
6H	Jacob S and Callum S	For successfully completing Bikeability training and demonstrating excellent cycling skills, road awareness, and safe riding practices.

Dates on the horizon



Week Beg Monday 15th June Transition Begins for two weeks - children working with their new teachers in their new classes for the mornings.

Monday 15th June	Y6 Transition workshops led by PC Lally in school
Wednesday 17th June	School Nurse talk for Y6
Thursday 18th June	Uniform stall (11 - 12)
Friday 19th June	Father's Day Bring & Buy Sale Loudmouth Production for Y6 in School
Monday 22nd June	Swimming starts for Y5, continues everyday for three weeks Uniform stall Year 6 photos
Week Beg Monday 29th June	Health & Fitness Week - children can wear sports wear or PE kit to school all week Bracelet Sale to raise funds for Y6 celebration
Monday 29th June	1:45 Y5 and 6 Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 30th June	1:45 Nursery and Reception Sports Afternoon
Wednesday 1st July	1:45 Y3 and 4 Sports Afternoon
Thursday 2nd July	1:45 Y1 and 2 Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 7th July	Y4 and Y5 to visit Pool Hayes for their Theatre Production - morning visit
Thursday 9th July	Summer Sizzler (Uniform stall on site)
Saturday 11th July	Y6 Prom celebrations
Monday 13th July	Parent Drop In - come and see your teacher and look through your child's books
Tuesday 14th July	Year 1 trip to the farm
Tuesday 14th July	2:30 Forest School end of year presentations for chosen children and families
Wednesday 15th July	Saplings trip to the theatre
Thursday 16th July	9:15 Year 6 Production and presentations
Monday 20th July	Last Day of term - Break up at normal time
Monday 31st August	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September	Teacher Training Days
Thursday 3rd September	All children welcomed back into school for the new academic year

Out of school achievers...

Millie gained her certificate for stage 1 in Geokicks for being so good at her skills.

Sreeya has gained her stage 4 swimming certificate. She can now swim 5 metres on her front and back, she can also recover items from under the water.

Ettie took part in a football tournament and her team came second overall.

Oliver, Reuben, Ollie, play for Wyrley Juniors who were the winners in a recent football tournament.

Lucas was awarded the Player's Player Award at his football presentation.

Fantastic out of school Achievements!



Community Matters!



SHORT HEATH FC

U8 PLAYERS WANTED!

2026/27 SEASON

Are you looking for a fun, friendly football team for your child?
We're recruiting new players aged **under 8** to join our growing squad!

LOCATION:
Bentley West Park, WS2 0NN

DAY:
Fridays

TIME:
18:00 - 19:30

★ ALL ABILITIES WELCOME! ★
Whether your child is new to football or already loves the game!



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SKILL DEVELOPMENT



TEAMWORK & CONFIDENCE

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Short Heath FC

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**PLEASE SEND US A MESSAGE
⇒ TO GET INVOLVED! ⇐**

COME AND BE PART OF THE TEAM!





New Invention by the Sea

FUN DAY

Event Filled With
Free Activities and Entertainment
for all the family

Sunday 26th July 2026

12pm - 5pm

THE MILESTONE PUB
130 Essington Road

Community Matters

