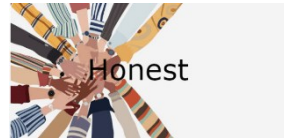




SBPS News



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Happy Easter from SBPS



HAPPY EASTER

As we hop into the Easter season, we'd like to take a moment to wish all our families a joyful and restful break. We're so proud of everything our students have achieved this term, and we look forward to more exciting learning and fun after the holidays. Have a safe and happy Easter!

Goodbye Mr Henderson

After the Easter holidays, we will be saying a fond farewell to Mr. Henderson as he retires. Mr. Henderson has been a dedicated and hardworking site manager at SBPS for an incredible 15 years. We thank him for everything he has done to keep our school safe, tidy, and running smoothly. We're also delighted to welcome Mr. Stephenson to the team, who will be taking on the role - we look forward to working with him and know he'll be a great addition to our school community.

OPAL Update



A big thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our OPAL play afternoon today. It was wonderful to see so many of you getting involved and enjoying an afternoon of fun and creativity alongside the children. We hope you enjoyed experiencing firsthand what OPAL has to offer and seeing how it helps support play, imagination, and wellbeing across our school.

A Well-Deserved Treat Day

Today, the children enjoyed the first of their exciting rewards for raising over £10,000 during our sponsored walk - an incredible achievement! As a thank you for their amazing efforts, they came to school in their own clothes, brought in toys from home, had extra playtime, joined in a fun-filled dance party, enjoyed some free time in their classrooms, and even had a delicious ice cream treat. It was a fantastic day of fun and celebration - well done to all our fundraising superstars!



Easter Egg Competition

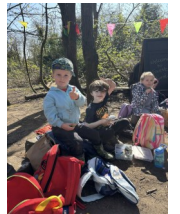
Well done to all the children who took part in our Easter competitions! It was fantastic to see so many wonderfully creative entries in the decorated egg competition - a big thank you to everyone who took the time at home to get involved. Our Easter bonnet competition was also a huge success, and it was a real treat to see the children proudly showing off their creations in the Easter parade. With so many brilliant designs, it certainly wasn't easy to choose the winners!



Reception Trip to Forest Adventurers



Last week, our Reception children had a fantastic time visiting the Forest Adventurers, spending a sunny day out in nature. They explored the woodland area, tackled climbing obstacles, relaxed in hammocks, roasted s'mores over the campfire, created delightful concoctions in the mud kitchen, and even climbed trees like true explorers! Their behaviour was outstanding, and the Forest Adventurers staff were full of praise, commenting on what a credit the children were to our school. Well done, Reception - we're so proud of you!



Year 1 Visit Beamish

This week, Year 1 took a fascinating trip to Beamish Museum as part of their history learning. The children discovered what life was like in the past and explored how homes and daily life have changed over time. They had a fantastic time exploring the town, playing in the park and retelling traditional tales in their workshop. We were incredibly proud of all of the children; their behaviour was excellent and they represented our school brilliantly.



Safeguarding Leads



Mrs Atkinson
Head Teacher



Miss Reid
Deputy Head Teacher



Mrs Dryden
Deputy Head Teacher and SENDCo



Mrs Lee
Pupil Wellbeing Lead



Mr Wood
Early Years Lead

If you have a concern about the safety of a child in our school, please contact one of our trained Designated Safeguarding Leads.

If you have a concern out of school hours, please contact First Contact on 0300026797 or the police.



Walk to School Week

As part of our Eco Project with OASES, we will be taking part in the National Walk to School Week beginning on the 19th

May. We would like to encourage all families to explore more environmentally friendly ways to travel to school. This could include parking a little further away or coming by bike or scooter. We will be collecting class data to compare how a little effort from each of us, can make a big difference.

Year 6 Visit Helix

Year 6 had a brilliant time this week on their trip to Helix in Newcastle! They learnt all about renewable energy and really enjoyed discovering how we can help look after our planet in the future. Afterwards, the children visited the Discovery Museum, where they explored lots of exciting exhibits and had fun learning even more about science and inventions. A big thank you to Mrs Dixon for organising such a fantastic day out - it was a great experience for everyone!



Rock Steady Performances

A big well done to our amazing Rock Steady rockstars! We are so proud of all the children who took to the stage to perform with their bands in front of parents and their fellow classmates. It takes real courage to step into the spotlight, and every performer showed fantastic confidence, teamwork, and musical talent.



Clubs

Here is a reminder of our clubs on offer throughout the summer term.

KS1:

Monday	YR/KS1 Dance (AE Coaching)
Tuesday	YR/KS1 Music and Singing (Mr Wood), YR/KS1 Creative Kitchen, YR/KS1 Street Games (AE Coaching)
Wednesday	YR/Y1 Little Ballers Basketball Skills (Little Ballers)
Thursday	YR/KS1 Art Club (Mrs Dipper), YR/KS1 Mini Tennis (AE Coaches) Y5/6 Netball (Mrs Donnelly)

KS2:

Monday	Musical Theatre for children already cast in Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat (Mrs Orrick and Miss Simm),
Tuesday	Y3/4 girls' football (Consett FC), KS2 Gardening Club (Miss Wilson-White)
Wednesday	Y3/4 Boys' Football (Consett FC), KS2 Street Games (AE Coaches)
Thursday	YR/Y1 Little Ballers Basketball Skills (Little Ballers)

Booking will go live on Arbor today!

A Glass Half Full

Another action for our Eco Project is to reduce our water waste. Our Eco Committee decided to encourage our children to only half fill their water bottle each time. As the weather becomes warmer, this will avoid water becoming warm and being tipped out. The children will present an assembly to explain how this will work and the benefits of this. Drinking plenty of fresh, cool water will be promoted and children will be encouraged to re(half)fill regularly.



Early Years, Y1 and Y2 Update

In December, we applied for the Government Early Year's Capital Grant to enable us to expand our preschool provision. We are thrilled to let you know that last week we were informed that we will receive the full £150,000. This funding will all be spent on changes to our buildings to enable us to expand our preschool provision. From September, we will have a purposefully designed 2 year old preschool room. This will be located in our current preschool room.



Our 3-4 year old preschool room will move to our current C3 classroom. Our two Reception classes will move to our current C4 and C5 classrooms. This means that preschoolers and reception aged children will form one early years unit with shared indoor and outdoor provision. We are extremely excited about this as there are so many benefits for both age groups which we will tell you more about in the summer term. Both preschool and reception children will still have their own protected time everyday so that they can work towards and achieve individual end of stage objectives.

From September, Y2 children will be educated in our junior building (we now need a new name for this building). Work begins this weekend to make this possible. Our single Y2 class will have a large classroom and an additional smaller room, giving them plenty of space for all their amazing learning opportunities.

Transition will take place over the summer term with our current Y1 children (September's Y2s) and our current Y2 children (September's Y3s) spending much more time in our junior building. We did this last year and parents commented on the positive impact this had upon children being ready for changes in September. More information will be shared in the summer term.

You can apply for a 2-3 year old place using this QR code...



You can apply for a 3-4 year old place using this QR code...



Fundraising in Shotley Bridge Primary School

Throughout the year, we have a number of different fundraising events that take place in school (such as the summer fair, bingo night and the Christmas market) that set out to raise money for 'school fund'. Recently some very generous local businesses have approached us to offer support to school by purchasing items for us. During last month's PTA meeting, we agreed it would be a fantastic idea to share with parents and carers what our fundraising efforts are in aid of. Here is some of our most recent fundraising wishlist...



What? Small sofas
Why? KS2 entrance
How much? £300 each



What?: Bean Bags
Why? Classrooms
How much? £100 each



What?: Bell tent
Why? OPAL
How much? £700



What?: Small World Figures
Why? OPAL
How much? £300



What?: Outdoor Tuft Tray
Why? Pre-School
How much? £150



What?: Outdoor sandpit
Why? OPAL
How much? £500



What?: Den building equipment
Why? OPAL
How much? £300



What?: Outdoor speakers
Why? OPAL
How much? £500

As we reach our fundraising goals, we will share with you the items that have been purchased through your donations.



What?: Waterproof Clothing
Why? OPAL
How much? £1000



What?: Helmets
Why? Scooter and bike safety
How much? £300

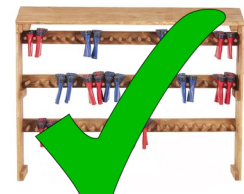
Purchased
Using funds from sponsor walk—
Thank you!



What?: Sand
Why? Refill sandpits
How much? £2,300



What?: Scooters
Why? OPAL
How much? £500



What?: Welly Storage
Why? OPAL
How much? £15,000

The fundraising wish list may grow or change as we respond to the needs of the children in school. If you have any items at home which you would like to donate, we would welcome loved second hand items too!



PRESCHOOL VISITS

WE WARMLY WELCOME THOSE LOOKING TO APPLY FOR NURSERY PLACES FOR 3-4 YEAR OLDS FROM SEPTEMBER 2025 TO VISIT OUR SCHOOL AND PRESCHOOL.

- THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY - 4PM
- MONDAY 27TH JANUARY - 4PM
- THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY - 4PM
- THURSDAY 13TH MARCH - 4PM
- MONDAY 31ST MARCH - 4PM
- THURSDAY 1ST MAY - 4PM
- MONDAY 19TH MAY - 4PM



THIS IS AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO COME SEE OUR PRESCHOOL (WITH OR WITHOUT YOUR CHILD) AND MEET SOME OF THE SCHOOL STAFF.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK YOUR SPACE ON ONE OF THESE VISITS, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR [CLICK HERE](#).



GET IN TOUCH

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April

Friday 11th	Break up for Easter Holidays	
Monday 28th	Back to school	
	Seven Stories workshops in school	
Tuesday 29th	Seven Stories workshops in school	
Wednesday 30th	KS1 Bike Day	Info to follow
	Class 7 mini tennis skills festival	Children to come to school in PE kit

May

Friday 2nd	Pre-school and Reception trip to Hall Hill Farm	
Monday 5th	Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 6th	INSET—School closed to all children	
Wednesday 7th	Scholastic Book Fair in school for 1 week	
Monday 12th	Y6 SATs—SPAG papers 1 and 2	
Tuesday 13th	Y6 SATs—Reading paper	
Wednesday 14th	Y6 SATs—Maths papers 1 and 2	
	Y2 Trip to Alnwick Garden	
Thursday 15th	Y6 SATs—Maths paper 3	
	Y4 Residential to The Sill and Hadrian's Wall	1 night—details to follow
Friday 16th	Year 1 Disney Themed Sports Festival	
	Family Bingo Night	5:00-7:00pm in KS2 Hall
Monday 19th	Year 6 Bikeability Workshops	Monday-Thursday
Wednesday 21st	Class 5 striking and fielding festival	Children to come to school in PE kit
Thursday 22nd	KS1 Hoopstarz	
Friday 23rd	KS2 Hoopstarz workshops	

June

Monday 2nd	Back to school	
	Street Games Day 1 with AE Coaching	
	Y4 Multiplication check week begins	
Tuesday 3rd	Street Games Day 2 with AE Coaching	
	Y5/6 Athletics Competition	Riverside Sports Complex
Wednesday 4th	KS2 Orienteering Day	
	SEND Review meetings	
Thursday 5th	Y5/6 Mixed cricket tournament	Consett Cricket Club

June

Friday 6th	Y5/6 Girls cricket tournament	Consett Cricket Club
Monday 9th	Y1 Phonics screening check Y6 Leavers' photos	To be administered this week
Tuesday 10th	Y3 Residential to Moor House Activity Centre	1 night
Wednesday 11th	Y6 Residential to London Y5 Trip to Beamish	2 nights
Friday 13th	KS2 Stinger netball competition Special Gentleman's afternoon	North Durham Academy KS2 - 1:30-2:15pm Preschool/YR/KS1 - 2:30-3:15pm
Tuesday 17th	Y1 trip to Sunderland Winter Gardens	
Friday 20th	Summer Fair	From 2:00pm—KS2 building/ field
Wednesday 25th	Move-up day—children spend the day in their new class	
Monday 30th	Sports Day	

July

Tuesday 1st	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 3rd	Y6 Camp Out
Tuesday 15th	Shotley Fest
Friday 18th	Break up for Summer holidays!