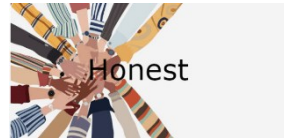




# SBPS News



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## Schools Out for Summer

As we come to the end of another amazing year at Shotley Bridge Primary School, we want to say a heartfelt thank you to all our pupils, families and staff for your continued support, enthusiasm and positivity throughout the year. It's been a year full of learning, laughter and growth; we couldn't have done it without you!

We wish everyone a wonderful summer holiday—enjoy the break, make special memories and most importantly, stay safe. We look forward to welcoming you back in September for another exciting year ahead!

## Farewell, Year 6!

We can't believe it's time to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children. It feels like just yesterday you were starting out in Reception—and now you're ready to head off on your next big adventure! It's been such a joy to watch you grow over the years and we're so proud of the amazing young people you've become.

We'll miss you lots, but we know you're going to do brilliant things in secondary school and beyond. Keep being kind, working hard and dreaming big.

Good luck—and don't forget to come back and visit!



## Shotley Fest

This week, we hosted another fantastic Shotley Fest here at school—and what a day it was! The sun was shining and the children enjoyed a whole range of fun activities, including bouncing on the bouncy castle; glitter face painting; bracelet and headband making; and playing with all our brilliant OPAL equipment.

To top it all off, the ice cream van paid us a visit, which made for an extra special treat!

It was a day full of fun, laughter and smiles. It was wonderful to see everyone come together to celebrate the end of the school year in true Shotley Bridge style.

A huge thank you to Miss Hunter for organising such a brilliant event—we loved every minute!



## Goodbyes

Today, we say goodbye to some much-loved members of our Shotley Bridge team.

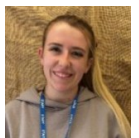
A special farewell to Mr Wood, our wonderful Early Years Lead, who is heading off on an exciting new adventure. Thank you for all the care, creativity and dedication you've brought to our school—you will be greatly missed!



We also say goodbye to Mrs Ryczel, who has now qualified as a teacher and will be starting her teaching career in September. We're so proud of her and wish her all the very best as she begins this exciting new chapter.

And finally, we send our best wishes to Miss Emery who leaves us to begin her teacher training. We know she'll be brilliant!

Thank you all for everything you've contributed to our school community. Good luck in your next steps—you'll always be part of the Shotley Bridge family!



## Silver EDI Award

We are incredibly proud to announce that Shotley Bridge Primary School has been awarded the Silver Award for our ongoing commitment to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion!

This is a fantastic achievement that recognises the hard work, dedication, and inclusive spirit shown by our whole school community.

A huge thank you to our brilliant TEDI group for leading the way and to the children who represented our school so confidently at the recent EDI Conference at Durham Johnston Secondary School—you were amazing!



## Uniform Reminder

A polite reminder that earrings, including plastic spacers, are not part of our school uniform policy. If you choose to have your child's ears pierced over the summer holidays, please ensure that earrings are removed before returning to school in September, even if the piercings have not fully healed.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe and consistent approach to our uniform policy.





### Year 6 Camp Out

This month, our Year 6 children had an unforgettable time at their camp-out on the school field! They pitched their tents, shared laughs with friends and enjoyed an evening packed with fun—including pizza, games and an epic game of hide and seek in the dark! The excitement of sleeping in tents with their friends made for a truly special experience (and some very sleepy children and teachers the next day!). It was a fantastic way to celebrate their time at Shotley Bridge and make lasting memories together.



### Music Performances



Over the past few weeks, we've enjoyed some truly outstanding musical performances here at Shotley Bridge!

Our Rock Steady bands wowed us with their talent and confidence during the Rock Steady concert. It was fantastic to see our young rockstars dressed in their stage outfits, performing the songs they've been working so hard on—it was a brilliant show! Our brass players also put on a superb performance for their families, treating us to group pieces, duets and impressive solos. It was a real celebration of their hard work and a fitting farewell to Mrs Carr, who will be leaving us at the end of this year. We thank her for the incredible music she has brought to our school.

Mr Hartley led a wonderful concert showcasing our violin players, and it was amazing to see just how much progress the children have made over the past few years. A huge well done to everyone involved!

And finally, our talented Year 5 pupils rounded things off with a fantastic ukulele performance for the rest of upper school. After a year of learning, they showed just how far they've come with some toe-tapping tunes!

A big thank you to all the children, staff and music tutors for helping to keep music alive and thriving at Shotley Bridge!



### Piano Lessons

The Tapiola Piano School is currently offering 1-1 tuition at Shotley Bridge Primary School! Our lessons are 30 minutes in duration and take place during the school day. In addition, students are encouraged to participate in concerts, music examinations and festivals, whilst benefiting from creative tutorials on our exciting YouTube channel. The Tapiola Piano School also hosts a prestigious annual Christmas concert at The Bowes Museum, where every student is invited to perform. For further information, please visit [www.tapiolapianoschool.com](http://www.tapiolapianoschool.com) or contact Rudi Eastwood on Tel: 07972 15134 or Email: [rudi.tapiola@gmail.com](mailto:rudi.tapiola@gmail.com) We look forward to welcoming new students



**The Tapiola Piano School**  
[www.tapiolapianoschool.com](http://www.tapiolapianoschool.com)

### Back to School

A quick reminder that school reopens for children on Wednesday 3rd September for the start of the new school year!

### 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.



# Shotley Bridge Primary School

# LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS

At Shotley Bridge Primary School, we are committed to offering a wide range of exciting and enriching after-school clubs as part of our extra-curricular programme.

Please see below for information about the clubs available in lower school during the first half of the Autumn term.

When?	What?	Who?	How much?
Monday 3:20-4:20pm	<b>Creative Kitchen</b> Children will enjoy fun, hands-on cooking activities while learning basic food skills and recipes- ran by Creative Kitchen.	Reception and Year 1	£6 per session payable on Arbor
Monday 3:20-4:20pm	<b>Multi-Skills</b> A fun, energetic club focusing on developing a variety of physical and sporting skills through games and activities—ran by AE Coaches.	Reception and Year 1	£3 per session payable on Arbor
Tuesday 3:20-4:20pm	<b>Little Ballers</b> A high-energy club focused on developing basketball skills through games and drills—ran by Little Ballers.	Reception and Year 1	£3 per session payable on Arbor
Wednesday 3:20-4:20pm	<b>Circus Skills*</b> Children will learn exciting tricks such as plate spinning, juggling, and balancing in this playful, skill-based club—ran by London Ballet Company.	Reception and Year 1	£6 per session payable by following the link below
Thursday 3:20-4:20pm	<b>Construction</b> A creative club where children can explore building and design using a variety of construction materials.—ran by Mrs Storey.	Reception and Year 1	£3 per session payable on Arbor

Clubs will go live for booking on Arbor at 6:00pm on Friday 18th July. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Payment must be made at the time of booking—unpaid bookings will be automatically cancelled. We look forward to another great half-term of fun and learning beyond the classroom!

\*Please note: Circus skills is bookable for the whole term (until Christmas) and must be booked directly through London Ballet Company.

# Shotley Bridge Primary School

# UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS

At Shotley Bridge Primary School, we are committed to offering a wide range of exciting and enriching after-school clubs as part of our extra-curricular programme. Please see below for information about the clubs available in Upper School during the first half of the Autumn term.

When?	What?	Who?	How much?
Monday 3:25-4:25pm	<b>Robotics</b> Children will design, build and programme robots using fun, hands-on technology - led by Miss Simm.	Y5-Y6	£3 per session payable on Arbor
Monday 3:25-4:25pm	<b>Hip Hop</b> A high-energy dance club where children can learn fun routines and express themselves through movement - led by London Ballet Company.	Y2-Y6	£6 per session payable by following the link below
Tuesday 3:25-4:25pm	<b>Netball</b> A team sport club focusing on developing netball skills, tactics, and match play - led by Mrs Donnelly and Miss Williams.	Y3-Y6	£3 per session payable on Arbor
Tuesday 3:25-4:25pm	<b>Boys' Football</b> A fun and active club where children can improve their football skills and enjoy team games - led by Consett AFC.	Y4-Y6	£3 per session payable on Arbor
Tuesday 3:25-4:25pm	<b>Multi-Skills</b> A mix of exciting and fun physical games and activities designed to develop coordination, agility, and teamwork - led by AE Coaches.	Y2-Y3	£3 per session payable on Arbor
Wednesday 3:25-4:25pm	<b>Girls' Football</b> A fun and active club where children can improve their football skills and enjoy team games - led by Consett AFC.	Y4-Y6	£3 per session payable on Arbor
Wednesday 3:25-4:25pm	<b>The Chill Zone</b> A relaxed club offering Lego, Top Trumps, iPad games and more for winding down after school - led by Mrs Mulligan.	Y2-Y6	£3 per session payable on Arbor
Wednesday 3:25-4:25pm	<b>Japanese Club</b> An exciting introduction to Japanese language and culture through games, crafts and activities - led by Noriko Matsubaru.	Y2-Y6	£3 per session payable on Arbor
Thursday 3:25-4:25pm	<b>Little Ballers (Basketball)</b> A high-energy club focused on developing basketball skills through games and drills - led by Little Ballers.	Y2-Y3	£3 per session payable on Arbor
Thursday 3:25-4:25pm	<b>Creative Kitchen</b> Children will enjoy preparing simple recipes while learning basic cooking and food safety skills - led by Creative Kitchen.	Y2-Y6	£6 per session payable on Arbor

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\*Please note: Hip Hop Club is bookable for the whole term (until Christmas) and must be booked directly through London Ballet Company.

## 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?: Bike racks  
Why? Transport to school  
How much? £500

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



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



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

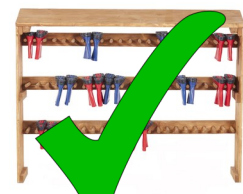
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Using funds from sponsor walk—  
Thank you!



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!

### September

Wednesday 3rd Back to school  
Tuesday 9th Colour Run  
Monday 15th Whole school photographs

Info to follow

### October

Thursday 16th Y5 Residential to York  
Monday 20th Parents' Evening -- Night 1  
Wednesday 22nd Parents' Evening—Night 2  
Friday 24th Break up for half-term holidays

### November

Monday 3rd Back to School  
Halloween Discos  
Wednesday 5th SEN Review Meetings  
Friday 21st Robin Hood Pantomime  
Friday 19th Break up for Christmas Holidays

In School

### December

Friday 19th Break up for Christmas Holidays