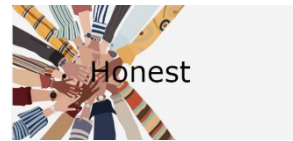




# SBPS News



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## Summer is Here

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break. Welcome back to the final half-term of the summer!



It's set to be a very busy and exciting few weeks ahead, with lots of activities, events and learning opportunities planned. Let's make the most of this final stretch of the school year together!

## Well Done, Year 6!

A huge well done to our Year 6 children who sat their SATs tests last month. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them for their resilience, determination and positive attitude throughout. They approached the challenge with maturity and gave it their very best—well done!



## A Day at Hall Hill Farm



Last half-term, our Preschool and Reception children enjoyed a wonderful trip to Hall Hill Farm on a sunny day. They had an amazing time meeting all the animals, feeding baby lambs and petting some of the smaller creatures. One of the highlights was a fun tractor ride around the farm! The children also had a great time playing in the park with their friends. The Early Years staff were very impressed with the children's excellent behaviour throughout the day - well done, everyone!

## Thank You for Supporting the Scholastic Book Fair

A big thank you to everyone who visited and supported the Scholastic Book Fair when it came to school last month. Thanks to your generous purchases, we raised over £300 in reward credit—money that will go directly towards new books for our school libraries. Your support helps to keep our reading spaces fresh, exciting, and full of fantastic stories for all our children to enjoy!



## Staffing Updates

As we approach the end of the academic year, we have some important staffing updates to share.

- We will be saying a fond farewell to our wonderful Early Years Lead, Mr Wood, in July who is moving on to a new chapter. We thank him for his dedication and leadership, and he will be greatly missed.



- We are delighted to announce that Miss Jackson, our current preschool teacher, has been appointed as our new Early Years Lead. With her wealth of experience in Early Years education, we are excited for her to step into this new role and lead the team forward.



- A big well done to Miss Williams, who, after completing her teacher training with us, has secured a teaching position at Shotley Bridge Primary School. We are thrilled she will be staying with us and taking on her own class next year.



- Congratulations also to Miss Beveridge, who has secured a permanent teaching role at a local primary school. After many years as a valued teaching assistant here and successfully completing her teacher training, we are incredibly proud of her achievements. While we'll be very sad to see her go, her new school is lucky to have her.



- Lastly, best of luck to Mrs Farthing and Miss E Milburn, who will be leaving their roles as teaching assistants to begin their teacher training with us at SBPS. We wish them every success on their journey into teaching.



## Year 4 Residential at The Sill

Year 4 had a fantastic time on their residential trip to The Sill this year. As part of their adventure, they visited the Roman Army Museum and Vindolanda, where they learned all about the Romans in Northumberland—perfectly linking to their history topic. The children also enjoyed a walk along Hadrian's Wall, taking in the sights and history of the area. It was a busy, fun-filled day, and there were definitely some very tired children (and teachers!) by the end of it!



## 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.

## Well Done, Year 5 – Bikeability Success!

Well done to our Year 5 children who successfully completed their Bikeability course during the final week of last half-term. As part of the programme, the children practised their cycling skills and demonstrated a strong understanding of road safety. They took part in practical workshops that included cycling beyond the school grounds, showing great confidence and responsibility. A fantastic achievement—well done, Year 5!



## Hoopstarz Fun Across the School

In May, children from Reception to Year 6 had a fantastic time taking part in the Hoopstarz workshops. Building on the skills they learned last year, they impressed us with their enthusiasm and energy, and were proud to show off the new techniques they had mastered. It was a fun and active day that everyone thoroughly enjoyed!



## Street Games with AE Coaches

This week, AE Coaches have been in school delivering exciting Street Games workshops to all our children across the school. The sessions were energetic and engaging, as the children learned a variety of fun games they can enjoy playing outside at home with their friends. It was a great way to encourage active play and teamwork while having lots of fun!



## Special Gentleman's Day – Friday 13th June

We are excited to invite parents and carers to join us for Special Gentleman's Day on Friday 13th June. Adults are warmly welcome to come along and take part in some fun activities with their children during the afternoon.

Key Stage 2 (Junior Building): 1:30 – 2:15pm

Pre-school, Reception & Key Stage 1 (Infant Building): 2:30 – 3:15pm

If you have children on both sites, you are welcome to attend the KS2 event first and then take your older child over to the infant site to join the second session.

Please note: due to limited space, we kindly ask that only one adult attends per child.

We look forward to seeing you there!



## 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) Y5/6 Netball (Mrs Donnelly)

Please contact the school office if you would like to book your child onto any of these clubs.

## Accessible Aerial Collective

We have loved working with Rachael from the Accessible Aerial Collective, who visited our school to share information about accessible aerial courses for both adults and children with disabilities and additional needs. Rachael, who became blind at 15, amazed and inspired us with a performance showcasing her incredible aerial skills. Children and staff were even given the chance to try out some of the moves themselves!

The visit was not only exciting but also thought-provoking, as we had the opportunity to ask Rachael questions and learn more about her journey and why accessibility matters. It was a powerful and unforgettable experience for everyone involved.



## Donations Wanted for Our Early Years Unit

Having a clear-out? We are kindly asking for donations of pre-loved furniture to help furnish and enhance our new Early Years unit.

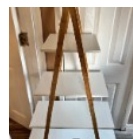
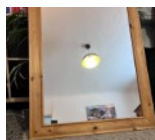
We're particularly looking for items such as coffee tables, mirrors, cabinets, shelving units, rugs, cushions and room dividers.

Below are some examples of fantastic pieces we've already picked up from Facebook Marketplace and other sources.

If you have any suitable items you'd like to donate, please email a photograph and brief description to:

shotleybridgeprimary@durhamlearning.net

Your support is greatly appreciated and will help us create a warm, welcoming space for our youngest learners!





### Fairy Tale Workshops with Seven Stories

Last month, we were delighted to welcome Seven Stories into school to deliver engaging workshops based on some of our favourite fairy tales. Our younger children enjoyed listening to Jack and the Beanstalk and enthusiastically joined in with interactive activities. Meanwhile, our older children showed wonderful creativity as they explored The Elves and the Shoemaker in imaginative ways. It was a fun and enriching experience for all involved, sparking a love of storytelling across the school!



### Year 2 Visit to Alnwick Garden

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Alnwick Garden, where they learned all about plants in a fun and engaging way. The children explored the beautiful gardens, played in the fountains and even took part in an exciting workshop in the Poison Garden. It was a lovely, educational day filled with discovery, laughter, and lots of learning!



### Summer Fair—Friday 20th June

We're excited to announce that our Summer Fair will take place on Friday 20th June on the KS2 site (Snows Green Road) starting from 2:00pm! All KS2 children will be walked up to the infant building after lunchtime and should be collected from there at 1:45pm.



There will be plenty of fun for everyone, including: Bouncy castles, face painting, tombolas, raffle, games, refreshments and much more! Please note: The Summer Fair will be a cash-only event - small change and coins are encouraged to help things run smoothly.

To help us prepare and collect donations, we will be holding a Non-Uniform Day on Monday 16th June. Children are invited to wear their own clothes in exchange for bringing in a specific donation.

Please see the table below for each year group's donation request:

Donations for Non-Uniform Day	
Preschool	Bottles
Reception	Chocolate/sweets
Year 1	Food for hampers
Year 2	Toiletries
Year 3	Bottles
Year 4	Chocolate/sweets
Year 5	Toiletries
Year 6	Any of the above!

Please check the sell-by date of food items before donating to school. Thank you. Anything left over will be donated to the foodbank at Glenroyd House.

Do you have lots of once-loved toys at home? Having a clear out? Please send in any unwanted toys to be sold at the Summer Fair!

Do you have a small business or know someone who has a local business? We are welcoming local businesses to come along to have their own stall at summer fair to sell their products. If you are interested, please get in touch with the school office!

Are you a keen baker? We will be having a cake sale at the fair and are kindly asking for donations of homemade/store-bought cakes to sell during the fair! Please send any cakes to school on Friday 20th June along with a note listing ingredients (if they are homemade) so we can accommodate allergies. Thank you!

We would gratefully ask for any donations from families or local businesses for the raffle. Large or small, all donations are welcome! Alcohol, gift sets, flower bouquets, tickets to events/tourist attractions, gift vouchers etc. are all examples of fantastic prizes. If parents and carers could reach out to any local businesses they are connected to who may be willing to donate any goods or services, this would be greatly appreciated! All funds raised from the Summer Fair will be added to SBPS private school fund and will be spent on the children to enhance their experience in SBPS. If you have any donations, please email school on [shotleybridgeprimary@durhamlearning.net](mailto:shotleybridgeprimary@durhamlearning.net)

We are looking for support from any parents or carers who would be willing to give a little of their time to help with our Summer Fair fundraising efforts. Could you help run a stall? Sell raffle tickets? Help with the tombola? Or maybe you're a talented face painter?

## 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

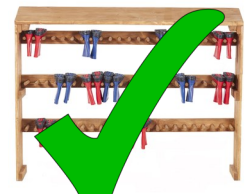
**Purchased**  
Using funds from sponsor walk—  
Thank you!



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!

## 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
Monday 16th	Non-Uniform Day	Donations for the Summer Fair collected in
Tuesday 17th	Y1 trip to Sunderland Winter Gardens	
Friday 20th	Summer Fair	From 2:00pm—KS2 building/ field
Thursday 26th	KS2 Musical Theatre Club's performance of Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat—Show 1 KS2 Musical Theatre Club's performance of Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat—Show 2	9:15am -KS2 Hall 5:00pm -KS2 Hall
Friday 27th	Teddy Bear's Picnic for new preschool and Reception children	2:00pm—infant school field
Monday 30th	Sports Day	

## July

Tuesday 1st	Reserve Sports Day Y6 St Bede's Transition Day 1	
Wednesday 2nd	<i>*New Date* - Move up date. Children spend the day with their teacher and class for next year</i> Y6 St Bede's Transition Day 2 Y6 Consett Academy Transition Day 1	
Thursday 3rd	Y6 Consett Academy Transition Day 2 Y6 Camp Out	6pm, KS2 field
Tuesday 8th	Y6 Wolsingham Transition Day 1	
Wednesday 9th	Y6 Wolsingham Transition Day 2	
Friday 11th	Rocksteady Performance for parents in bands	9:00am, KS2 Hall
Tuesday 15th	Shotley Fest	
Friday 18th	Y6 Leavers' Assembly Break up for Summer holidays!	2:00pm, KS2 Hall