



News from Shottery St Andrew's CofE Primary School

Week 17— Friday 17th January 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic second week of term it has been! The children have settled beautifully into their routines and have been buzzing with excitement and enthusiasm across all areas of school life.

Celebration Assembly Highlights

Today's Celebration Assembly was a true highlight of the week, as we came together to acknowledge the amazing achievements of the children. It's always a pleasure to see so many smiling faces, proud of their hard work and accomplishments.

This week, we were thrilled to introduce our brand-new **Showcase Writer award** which we implemented following our recent Ofsted inspection. This award celebrates children who have shown incredible effort in their writing, including beautifully legible handwriting, accuracy, and stamina for writing. Chosen children will have their work displayed on our new **Showcase Writer board** in the hall—what an exciting way to inspire others and celebrate success!

Times Tables Progress and AR

A big focus this week has been on times tables for Years 2-6. Our Maths Lead, Helen Howlett, has been working with Times Tables Rock Stars Heatmaps to track the children's progress with their multiplication facts up to 12×12 . A huge congratulations to **Charlie D, Neriyaal, Teddy, Isabella, Archie, Keith, Owyn, and Thomas**, who earned their Green Heatmap this week—an incredible achievement that shows excellent mastery of their multiplication facts! Well done, everyone!

This week, we also awarded Alfie for reading and incredible 250,000 words and Tilly for reading a staggering 750,000 words!

Exciting Learning Across the School

Our classrooms have been buzzing with excitement as the children dive into their learning this week:

- **Year 3 and 4** have been busy scientists, using thermometers to measure water temperatures over time.
- **Year 5 and 6** have been exploring forces by creating windmills and testing how they work.
- **Year 2** has been immersed in their new class text, *The Bear Under the Stairs*. They've written creative and heartfelt letters from the perspective of the main character—an exercise that has truly impressed me with the children's thoughtful ideas and their beautiful joined handwriting.
- **Hedgehogs Class** have been a hive of activity! They've been painting ice with watercolours, threading, building structures with 3D shapes, and designing shelters for the bear from their story, *The Dark, Dark Wood*.

It's been such a joy to see the children's creativity, curiosity, and determination shining through in all their activities this week.

Next week promises to be just as exciting! We have more hands-on learning, new challenges, and opportunities for the children to shine. As always, thank you for your continued support in helping make our school such a wonderful place to learn and grow.

Wishing you all a restful and happy weekend.

Mrs L Withers

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:16

SCIENCE



Year 5 and 6 have been getting hands on in their Science lessons this week.

They have been looking at forces, with a focus on levers, pulleys and gears - the children made windmills to investigate pulleys.

We definitely have some budding engineers in the making!

Candyland

DISCO

CANDY CANE LANE

SWEET STREET

TUCK SHOP
HOT DOGS
GLITTER TATTOOS
FACE PAINT
PHOTO BOOTH
SWEET MERCH

FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
6:00PM - 7:30PM
ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH



Spring term dates – 2025

***FSSA dates to follow!**

Monday 6th January - Teacher Training Day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 7th January – Children return

Friday 17th January - Charity Committee Film Night

Friday 24th January – FSSA Dress Down Day (please see poster for further details)

Monday 3rd February – Children’s Mental Health Week

Tuesday 4th February – SEND Coffee morning

Friday 7th February – NSPCC Number Day – Dress up for digits (Charity Committee event)

Friday 7th February – FSSA Disco (more information to follow)

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day

Thursday 13th February - NSPCC Assembly and workshops: Year 2 – Year 6

Friday 14th February – Parent Coffee morning (in the school hall from 9:00am)

Break up for half term

Half term – Monday 17th February 2024 – Friday 21st February 2024

Saturday 1st March – Rock and Roll Bingo (FSSA – more information to follow)

Tuesday 4th March – Pancake races in the playground

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day – Dress as a Word!

Friday 7th March – World Day of Prayer (more details to follow)

Monday 10-14th March – British Science Week – Change and Adapt!

Friday 14th March – Parents and children Science exploration afternoon, from 2:00pm

Friday 14th March – Holi festival of Spring and Love (Hindu festival of colour)

Friday 21st March – Comic Relief

Monday 24th March – Shakespeare Week

Tuesday 25th March – KS2 trip to Tudor World



Wednesday 26th March – Scholastic Book Fair in school

Friday 28th March – Shakespeare Topic Sharing event for families

Monday 31st March – Parent Consultations

Tuesday 1st April – Parent Consultations

Wednesday 2nd April – Easter Service at St Andrew’s Church (9:00am start)

Friday 4th April – Rock Steady Concert

Monday 7th – 9th April – Year 5 and 6 Residential Trip (Boundless Outdoors)

Thursday 10th April - FSSA Easter Raffle/Easter Egg Hunt around Shottery (more information to follow)

Thursday 10th April – **Break up for the Easter holidays**

Friday 11th April – Teaching Training Day (school closed to pupils)

Break up for Easter holidays

Easter holidays – Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April 2025

Saturday 26th April – Shakespeare Birthday Celebrations (in Stratford town centre)

Monday 28th April – Children return for the start of the Summer term

Friday 16th May – Family Prosecco, puddings and games night (FSSA – more information to follow)





SEND Coffee Morning

Tuesday 4th February 2025 at 9.00am

Come and join us for a coffee and a chat in the school hall as we talk about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities with a focus of neurodiversity.



**To book your place, please contact the School Office –
admin3057@welearn365.com or 01789 551508**

CAR BOOT COLLECTION DRESS DOWN DAY



FRIDAY JANUARY 24TH

Please donate any unwanted Christmas presents or declutter your home. We will accept items in good condition suitable for resale. FSSA will sell these goods at a local car boot sale to raise money for the school. In exchange for these donations please wear non-school uniform.

All profits go to Friends of Shottery
St. Andrew's





FEBRUARY HALF TERM MULTI SPORTS CAMP



MONDAY 17TH - FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2025

9:00AM-16:00PM - Early booking available from 8:00am

WHATS ON?

Head to our website for more information

MARVEL MULTI SPORTS

SUPERMAN SMOOTHIE BIKES

DARK KNIGHT DODGEBALL

SUPERHERO MOVIE DAY

(FANCY DRESS)

THOR TEAM CHALLENGE



WHERE?

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AGE

4-11

YEARS

CHILDCARE
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Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



Bouncing Back

Bouncing back is all about 'having another go' after we are faced with challenges, this is also called **resilience**! There are times when things will not go how we planned, so being resilient will help us keep going and try again. We can all develop our ability to bounce back, so it is important to maintain a growth mindset and practise this skill by trying the following tips:

Our tips for bouncing back:

1. Watch this **short video** introducing resilience and 'bouncebackability'. Scan the QR code to load the video and other lesson resources:



Young Minds resources

2. Practise **problem solving** as a strategy to overcome practical difficulties and help you bounce back! Follow the steps below, you may want to write the answers down to help you:
 1. What is the problem?
 2. How does it make you feel?
 3. What are the possible solutions?
 4. What are the positives and negatives of each solution?
 5. Select the best solution and make a plan to try out!
3. Think about a time when you have faced a challenge in the past...how did you overcome it? Would you do anything differently if you came across the same challenge again? You could discuss this with a friend to share ideas.
4. Build your **support network**. Having people that you trust around you through difficult times can help you to bounce back! Try to share how you are feeling with friends, family, teachers and other trusted adults in your life. You can also contact the services below if you struggle talking to people you know:



Young Minds



Samaritans

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.

Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.

WORRIED? WE'RE HERE TO LISTEN

Call Childline on 0800 1111



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ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME
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Whatever your worry, call us
and a friendly person will be there
to listen. **It's free, you don't have
to tell us your name, and we're
here all day and night.**