



# SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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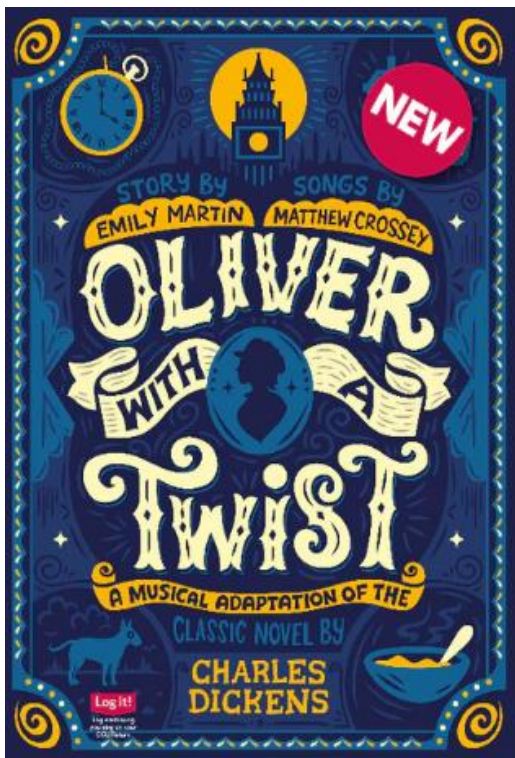
3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

*"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart."*



Dear Parents/Carers,

With just over two weeks to go until the end of the academic year, the school remains as busy as ever! Despite the children only being in school for four days this week, they've certainly managed to cram a lot in!



A huge thank you to all the parents who joined us for the OPAL Parent Build Day! Your time, creativity, and hard work have made a real difference – our children now have a car, a chill-out chair, an outdoor library, and so many other exciting new additions to enjoy during lunch and playtimes. The smiles on their faces say it all! Be sure to check out our Instagram page @shobnallprimary for some fantastic pictures of the build in action.

Rehearsals have been in full swing for our production (Years 4 - 6 inclusive) of 'Oliver with a Twist'. Tickets for the production are on sale now via the box office at the Brewhouse. **Tickets are not available from school.** Please call 01283 508100 or click the link [Oliver with a Twist | Brewhouse Arts Centre](#) to book your seats. There are two productions – 1.30pm and 6.00pm. Tickets for the **1.30pm performance** will cost **£7.00 each** and tickets for the **6pm performance** will cost **£8.00 each**.

Please note that the school will be closed tomorrow, **Friday 4 July** for the JT MAT INSET Day, so school will be closed for *all* pupils. Wishing you all a very relaxing and restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday! Enjoy!

## We're Hiring!

We are currently recruiting for three exciting roles at our school: **Admin Officer**, **Teaching Assistant**, and **Extended School Support Educarer** (for our After School Club). If you are enthusiastic, committed, and passionate about supporting children's learning and development, we would love to hear from you! For more details and to apply, please visit the [JT MAT Vacancies](#) page. We look forward to welcoming new members to our dedicated team!





### Ice Lolly Sale

Don't forget about our ice lolly sale to raise money for OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)! Delicious ice lollies will be on sale for £1 or 50p each on the KS1 playground from 3.20pm on 11 July. This is a fantastic way to support our school's outdoor play initiatives while treating the children to a refreshing snack. Cash only, please. We hope to see you there, thank you for your support!

### Story Garden – Summer Reading Challenge 2025

It's that time of year again when we are approaching the start of the **Summer Reading Challenge**. This year's Summer Reading Challenge produced by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with libraries is **Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors**. This exciting new theme will inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through reading, exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature.



The aim of the Challenge is to help encourage children to read during the summer holidays so that they maintain and improve their reading levels and interest in reading for pleasure. The Summer Reading Challenge can:

- Help to prevent the summer reading 'dip' for pupils.
- Ensure pupils are ready for their return to school in the autumn.
- Support the transition between year groups and key stages.
- Improve language skills, especially for those for whom English is a second language.

The Challenge starts on **Saturday 5 July** and ends on **Monday 15 September**.

Children can visit the library to sign up to the Challenge and receive their starter pack. Taking part in the Challenge is completely free. If children cannot visit the library, they can also take part online here [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) and collect virtual badges and prizes. There is a Mini Challenge for 0-4s and the main Challenge for children aged 5-12. Older children are welcome to take part too!

The aim of the Challenge is that children borrow and read 6 books (or as many as they are comfortable to read even if this is less than 6) during the summer holidays. Children will receive stickers and other incentives when they visit the library and, when they complete the Challenge, they will receive a medal and a certificate. Children can borrow any fiction and non-fiction as books or audio books and can also make use of the e-library to borrow ebooks, e-audio books and e-comics . . .all of which count! Here is the link to the e-library [eLibrary - Staffordshire County Council](#)



Activities will be running in libraries linked to the Challenge during the summer holidays. The majority of these will be free to attend although booking through the library may be required. If children do not have a library card, joining the library is free and they can do it by visiting a library with a parent or carer or their parent / carer can join online [here](#).





# FREE SUMMER KIDS CLUB

AGES  
5-12

\*FOR CHILDREN FROM FAMILIES IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS

IF YOUR CHILD IS ELIGIBLE, YOU'LL RECEIVE A HAF CODE TO ENROL. JUST  
SCAN THE QR CODE FOR YOUR PREFERRED LOCATION BELOW AND  
COMPLETE A QUICK REGISTRATION FORM.

EACH CHILD WILL  
RECEIVE A HALAL HOT  
LUNCH, ALONG WITH  
NUTRITIOUS SNACKS  
& BEVERAGES

22ND JULY - 14TH AUGUST  
MONDAY - THURSDAY  
10.AM TILL 2.PM

## ACTIVITIES

FUN SPORTS  
ADVENTURES  
OUTDOOR GAMES  
AND MORE



ETON PARK JUNIOR  
SCHOOL

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CALL OR EMAIL:  
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INFO@BURTONUNITY.ORG.UK



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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES  
STUDS PROGRAMME

## Eco Tips to Beat the Heat!

As the temperature rises, let's ensure we stay cool while being kind to the planet. Here are some quick sustainability tips for the scorching summer days:

- Harness the power of the sun by drying your clothes outside instead of using a dryer.
- Conserve water by taking shorter showers and watering plants during cooler hours. You can even reuse water from paddling pools for your garden plants.
- Save energy by switching off fans or cooling devices when not in use or when going to sleep. Close curtains to keep the house cooler.
- Keep hydrated with a reusable water bottle, minimizing single-use plastic waste.



Together, we can enjoy the summer while making sustainable choices.



## Online Safety Tips

Tablets have transformed the way children learn and play, but are they always a safe choice?

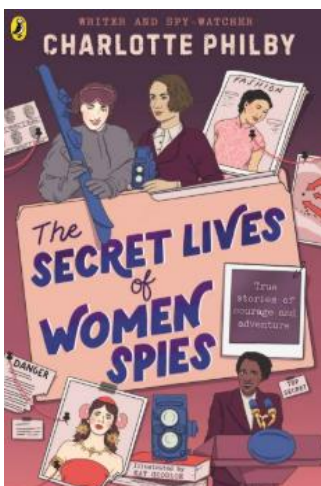
This guide focuses on the ever-popular iPad and how to use it responsibly with younger users. We explore key concerns such as exposure to harmful content, data collection by apps and the possibility of screen addiction.

This guide also offers practical advice on using Apple's own tools to limit screen time, filter content and prevent unwanted purchases.

With expert insights and clear recommendations, it's essential reading for parents and educators keen to make iPad use safer and smarter.

## FREE Uniform!

We continue to accept donations of old uniform via the box situated outside the school office for any parents who wish to donate. Please could we ask that these are cleaned and in good condition before placing in the box outside the school office. If you need any uniform, you will need to pop down to the **Family Hub** on Waterloo Street, DE14 2NJ. The Family Hub do not have the capacity to reply to emails but do have uniform on site all year round and are open Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.00pm.



## Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 11+...

### The Secret Lies of Women Spies

*Written by Charlotte Philby*

In *The Secret Lives of Women Spies*, Charlotte Philby – granddaughter of notorious double agent Kim Philby – shines a long-overdue spotlight on the hidden heroines of espionage. The book tells the detailed stories of 11 remarkable women who made espionage their profession, often at great personal risk, and with little or no recognition. Figures like Harriet Tubman and Mata Hari appear alongside lesser-known but equally courageous women, whose bravery and cunning shaped history from the shadows.



## Attendance

Please read the [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#) which has further information if you are unsure whether to send your child to school or not. We are always happy to advise in line with this guidance, so if you are still in doubt, please contact the school office if your child develops any symptoms and we can discuss this further with you.



**Children can come to school with mild respiratory illnesses.** This includes general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose, or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above.

Please note, we can only accept and administer **prescribed medicines** that are in-date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include instructions for administration and dosage.

**If your child arrives late, it is the responsibility of the adult to report to the school office and sign the "Late Book", giving a reason for lateness. This is important so that the school office knows your child is in school and can mark your child in in the class register. The class registers in the classrooms close at 8.55am when lessons start.**

**When reporting an absence, please could we ask that parents contact the school office before 9.30am and state clearly reasons for absence. Let's keep working together to ensure attendance is as good as it can be! Remember, every pupil, every day! Thank you for your support. This week's Attendance Champions are **Year 6**! Here are the latest figures...**

Reception	97.0%	Target
Year 1	93.3%	97%
Year 2	97.7%	
Year 3	96.2%	
Year 4	95.0%	
Year 5	98.1%	Overall (to date)
Year 6	98.4%	95.7%
Overall	96.3%	

## Bikeability

If you are interested in your child taking part in FREE cycle sessions over the summer holiday, please click on the link [here](#) to book your place! Alternatively, you may wish to try this link [here](#). Hurry, places are going fast!



**Train to Teach**  
in Local Schools




Primary (3-7) • Primary (5-11) • Secondary (11-16)

Funding for Selected Routes  
Full or Part-Time Routes  
Gain School Experience

The John Taylor SCITT  
jtscitt.co.uk

## Hot Lunch Options 07.07.25 – 11.07.25

WEEK 3	MEAT FREE MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Chicken tikka masala served with rice	Roast beef, with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	5 Chicken & tomato pasta bake	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Roasted vegetable pizza	5 Vegetable tikka masala with 50/50 rice	Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Macaroni cheese	Quorn™ nuggets with chunky chips
Accompaniments	Peas & baked beans Salad bar	Sweetcorn & carrots Salad bar	Carrots & cauliflower Salad bar	Broccoli & green beans Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
Desserts	Fruit flapjack	Marble sponge & custard	Lemon cake	Shortbread	Ice cream
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection

**"Allergens and Intolerances"**  
All of our food is lovingly hand-crafted and prepared on site daily. We have an allergen procedure in place, so please ensure you make our catering team aware of your allergens/ your child's allergens prior to using the restaurant. Our kitchens are used for multi-purpose production so we cannot guarantee the above dishes are completely free from allergenic ingredients or traces of these.

The **SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!** will return next week, as will **Headteacher's Awards, Team Points** and **Play Awards** due to there being no Celebration Assembly because of the **JTMAT INSET Day**...

### Diary Dates 2024-2025

Event	Date/Time
<b>JTMAT INSET Day</b>	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
School Closes for Summer	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025, 2.00pm
<b>INSET Day</b>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025

### Diary Dates 2025-2026

Event	Date/Time
<b>INSET Day</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025
<b>INSET Day</b>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025
School Reopens for Pupils	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Cinderella, Lichfield Garrick	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2025, 10.00am
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025, 2.00pm
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026

Young Voices 2026	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Year 6 Laches Wood	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026
School Closes for Easter	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026, 2.00pm
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 to Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026
<b>INSET Day</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026
Year 4 Multiplication Check	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026 to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
<b>JTMAT INSET Day</b>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026
School Closes for Summer	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026, 2.00pm
<b>INSET Day</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

### Summer Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
<b>JTMAT INSET Day – School Closed</b>	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
Year 6 Leavers' Disco	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025, 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Year 4, 5 & 6 Brewhouse Performance – Oliver with a Twist	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2025, 1.30pm and 6.00pm
Nursery Graduation	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2025, 9.00am
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2025, 9.00am
School Closes for Summer	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025, 2.00pm
<b>INSET Day</b>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025





# ATTENDANCE

## WHY IT MATTERS



**Persistent absence** means pupils who miss more than **10% of school** every year.

**-£750**

For each additional day of absence between years 7 to 11, the typical pupil could miss out on an average of **£750** in future lifetime earnings

**-£10,000**

**Persistently absent** pupils in year 10 and 11 could earn **£10,000 less** on average at age 28, compared to pupils with near perfect attendance

This **rises to almost £20k less** on average at age 28 for those who are **severely absent**

**-£20k**

For **employability over a sustained period**, people age 28 were around:



Less likely to be employed when **persistently absent**\*



Less likely to be employed when **severely absent**\*

\*Compared to their peers with near perfect attendance