



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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17th July 2026

"Live in the sunshine. Swim in the sea. Drink in the wild air."



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of another incredible school year, it is hard to believe just how quickly the time has flown by. It only seems like yesterday that we were welcoming everyone back through the gates in September, and now we find ourselves reflecting on another year filled with learning, laughter, achievements and unforgettable memories. This final week has been a wonderful celebration of everything that makes Shobnall such a special place, and I could not be prouder of our children, staff and wider school community.

The week began with a trip to the Brewhouse Arts Centre for our Year 4, 5 and 6 performance of A-la-la-la-ladin, which did not disappoint! For those of you who managed to purchase a ticket for either the matinee or the evening performance, you definitely witnessed a great show. We were so proud of all the children, as not only was their performance in line with 'Broadway' expectations, their conduct, attitude and behaviour were outstanding on what was a very long day. The singing, acting and choreography were amazing, and it was a real treat to see all the hard work the children and staff had put in come together. Thank you to all of you who came along and supported, it was a fabulous show made great by two incredible audiences! Our thanks must also go to the staff who worked so hard in putting it all together, in particular Mr Bishop, who led and coordinated the production.



On Wednesday morning, we celebrated our 'To reception and beyond' Nursery Graduation! We wish the children all the very best as they start their full-time education in September. Some of the children, of course,



will remain with us in our reception class, but we hope that those who are moving on to a new school will take away some fantastic memories of their time in our nursery. Thank you to all the staff for giving these children such a great start to their journey!

As is always the case, the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly on Thursday was a very emotional occasion! We heard about the many memories the children have of their time at primary school. Each child was also presented with a hoodie. I am sure that you will all join us in wishing our fabulous Year 6 class the very best of luck and warmest wishes as they transfer to their secondary schools in September. Good luck, everyone. We shall miss you all!



This week has also been one of mixed emotions as we say a very fond farewell to Fozzie, who retires after an incredible 29 years at Shobnall. Her warmth, kindness, dedication and unwavering commitment have touched the lives of countless children, families and colleagues over the years. She leaves behind an incredible legacy and will be greatly missed by us all. We wish her every happiness in her retirement and know she will enjoy spending more time doing the things she loves with her family.

As another successful year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of our staff team for the care, commitment and passion they show each and every day. Their dedication to providing the very best for our children is truly remarkable, and I feel incredibly privileged to work alongside such talented, hardworking and caring professionals. I would also like to thank our parents, carers, governors and the wider Shobnall community for your continued support throughout the year. Together, we have achieved so much, and I am excited to see what the next academic year has in store.



On behalf of everyone at Shobnall Primary & Nursery School, I wish you all a wonderful, restful and well-deserved summer holiday. Thank you for another fantastic year, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Thursday 3 September 2026**.

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FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank You, PFA!

A huge THANK YOU to our fantastic Parents and Friends Association (PFA), who have raised an incredible **£3000** this year through a range of events and fundraising activities. This is a phenomenal achievement and would not have been possible without the dedication, enthusiasm and countless hours given by our amazing PFA volunteers, along with the generosity and support of our families.

The money raised this year will make a real difference to our children's outdoor facilities, helping us to continue enhancing the opportunities available through our outdoor learning and play provision.

Looking ahead, we are excited to share that next year's fundraising focus will be a revamp of our school library. We can't wait to get started on transforming this important space that will encourage a lifelong love of reading for all of our children. Thank you, once again, for your continued support – together, we really do make a difference!

JTMAT Exceptional Achievement Award

Congratulations to Elliot and Toby, who were both recognised at the John Taylor Multi Academy Trust Exceptional Achievement Awards last Friday. This prestigious award celebrates pupils who have demonstrated exceptional talent, dedication and achievement, and we are incredibly proud that both boys were recognised for their outstanding accomplishments in achieving County, National or International Status in a given activity in the last 18 months.

Their success is a testament to the hard work, perseverance and commitment they have shown, both in and beyond school. They are wonderful ambassadors for Shobnall Primary & Nursery School, and it was a privilege to see them celebrated alongside other exceptional young people from across the Trust. Well done, Elliot and Toby – we are all incredibly proud of you!



Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including

visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Shobnall Primary & Nursery School



Nursery Bookings Are Now Open



- Nursery sessions run every morning Mon-Fri 8.45-11.45am, term time only.
- Each Nursery place is for 15hrs over 5 days, to use your universal funding (childcare vouchers are accepted).
- Pick up from Nursery by other local providers if needed.
- Nursery is led by a qualified teacher, following the Early Years curriculum. All children access Forest School.
- Attending a school based Nursery provides a great opportunity to be "school ready" for Reception.



To register your child or book a Nursery tour,
call **01283 247410** or email **shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk**

The first days back in September really matter. Evidence shows that children who miss days 2, 3 and 4 of the new term for unauthorised reasons had a predicted overall absence of almost 45%, or 31 days across the term, compared to children who missed days near the end of term, with a predicted overall absence of 20-30%.

Attendance Matters			
Attendance during one school year	Equals approximate days absence	Which is approximately weeks absence	Which is approximately lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	270 lessons

Punctuality Matters		
Minutes per day during the school year	=	Approximate number of days teaching lost in a year
5 mins		3 days
10 mins		6 days
15 mins		9 days
20 mins		12 days
30 mins		18 days

Dame Rachael de Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England, has published her [final survey](#). The survey is open to all children in England and asks about childhood today – about the things that worry them, the things they love, the ways they have fun, and the changes they want for a better future. The survey closes on 23 October.



As schools and colleges return for the final weeks of the academic year, this is a valuable opportunity for children and young people to reflect on their experiences, state what matters most to them, and share about their hopes and ambitions for the future in their own words.

The findings will be published next year, and they will help shape the conversations and decisions being made about children's lives and futures for years to come.

Book now



HAF fun this summer

Activities from Monday 20 July to Monday 31 August

staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities

Holiday Activities and Food funded for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals*. Paid places also available.

Read to the Beat – Summer Reading Challenge 2026

This year's Summer Reading Challenge produced by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with libraries is **Read to the Beat**. This theme is to inspire children to explore the connection between stories and songs, discovering how reading and music both ignite imagination and creativity.



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 4 July** and ends on **Monday 14 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 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 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.



Shobnall Stars Booking Forms

Please don't forget to book your places a week in advance for **Shobnall Stars Early Birds**, or **Shobnall Stars Night Owls** which is our after-school club. You will need to complete one form per child, on a weekly basis. Forms will need to be submitted by 12noon the Friday before you wish to book. Please also select your breakfast options in advance to assist with catering, specifying dietary requirements if necessary. You can book your place by accessing the information booklets [here](#) or by scanning the QR codes below.



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. **Children can come to school with mild respiratory illnesses.** 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 2 AND Year 6!** Well done! Here are the latest figures...

Nursery	87.2%	Target
Reception	93.3%	Whole School – 97%
Year 1	95.0%	
Year 2	97.8%	
Year 3	92.9%	
Year 4	91.7%	Overall (to date)
Year 5	97.4%	95.9%
Year 6	97.8%	
Overall	94.6%	

Our attendance champions for the year are...**Year 2** with **97.2%**!

Head Teacher's Awards

Nursery	EVERYONE!	
Reception	EVERYONE!	
Year 1	Aidan B	Freddie B
Year 2	Ava C	Ava T
Year 3	Rupert C	Jack P
Year 4	EVERYONE!	
Year 5	EVERYONE!	
Year 6	EVERYONE!	

OPAL Play Awards

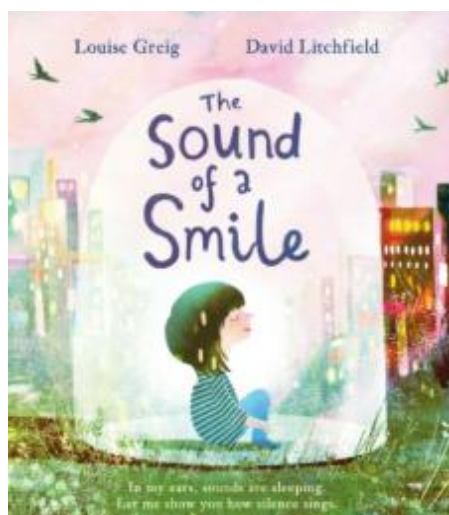
Nursery	
Reception	Sophie L
Year 1	Azaan K
Year 2	Abia L
Year 3	Miley M
Year 4	Noah H
Year 5	Alina P
Year 6	Lewis L

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 17.07.26)	86	56	86	86
Position	1 st – 4 points	2 nd – 3 points	1 st – 4 points	1 st – 4 points
Running Total	8	9	11	10

Congratulations to Sinai!

Sinai have claimed the Team Points Shield and will have their name engraved on the shield over the summer break, ready for the return in the autumn term.



Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 5+...

The Sound of a Smile Written by Louise Greig

One girl can't hear the noisy world around her. In her ears, those sounds are sleeping. But she has found sounds that are hiding . . . *Between the notes of a song. Between the beats of a wing. Between those sounds are my sounds. And I listen.*

What if someone in the noisy world listened to the beauty and magic of the silent things, too? Perhaps they might discover the sound of a smile; or even better, the sound of a friend.

Diary Dates 2026-2027

Event	Date/Time
INSET Day	Tuesday 1 st September 2026
INSET Day	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026
School Reopens for Pupils	Thursday 3 rd September 2026
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 23 rd October 2026
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 2 nd November 2026
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 25 th November to Friday 27 th November 2026
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Robin Hood, Lichfield Garrick	Thursday 3 rd December 2026, 10.00am
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 18 th December 2026, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 4 th January 2027
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 5 th January 2027
Year 6 Laches Wood	Monday 25 th January to Friday 29 th January 2027
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 12 th February 2027
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 22 nd February 2027
School Closes for Easter	Thursday 25 th March 2027, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 12 th April 2027
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 13 th April 2027
May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed	Monday 3 rd May 2027
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 10 th May 2027 to Friday 14 th May 2027
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 28 th May 2027
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 7 th June 2027
Year 4 Multiplication Check	Monday 7 th June 2027 to Friday 11 th June 2027
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	Monday 14 th June 2027 to Friday 18 th June 2027
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 2 nd July 2027
School Closes for Summer	Wednesday 21 st July 2027, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Thursday 2 nd September 2027
INSET Day	Friday 3 rd September 2027
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 6 th September 2027

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
INSET Day	Tuesday 1 st September 2026
INSET Day	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026
School Reopens for Pupils	Thursday 3 rd September 2026
Welcome to Nursery – Workshop for Parents	Tuesday 15 th September 2026, 11.00am
Welcome to Reception – Workshop for Parents	Tuesday 15 th September 2026, 2.30pm
School Photographs	Wednesday 16 th September 2026
Harvest	Tuesday 29 th September 2026
Shobnall Stars Night Owls (After School Club) CLOSED for staff training	Wednesday 7 th October 2026
PFA Halloween Discos	Friday 16 th October 2026 - Reception, Y1, Y2 – 3.45pm – 5.00pm - Y3, 4, 5 & 6 – 5.15pm – 6.30pm
Parents' Evening	Monday 19 th October 2026 Wednesday 21 st October 2026
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 23 rd October 2026
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 2 nd November 2026
Shobnall Stars Night Owls (After School Club) CLOSED for staff training	Wednesday 4 th November 2026
Open Evening	Thursday 12 th November 2026, 4.30-6.00pm
Odd Socks Day	Monday 16 th November 2026
Children in Need	Friday 20 th November 2026

Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 25 th November 2026 to Friday 27 th November 2026 inclusive
Christingle	Tuesday 1 st December 2026
A Nursery Noel	Wednesday 2 nd December 2026, 9.15am
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Cinderella, Lichfield Garrick	Thursday 3 rd December 2026, 10.00am
PFA Christmas Market	Friday 4 th December 2026, 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Reception / Year 1 Nativity	Tuesday 8 th December 2026, 9.15am AND 2.15pm
Year 2 / Year 3 Nativity	Thursday 10 th December 2025, 9.15am AND 2.15pm
Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper / Christmas OPAL Day	Wednesday 16 th December 2026
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 18 th December 2026, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 4 th January 2027
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 5 th January 2027



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Our debt collection procedure



Log onto your Parent pay account at the end of each week.

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1

Office staff will check Parentpay balances on a Monday. If your account is in debt, then the office staff will send you a text reminder to pay by the end of the day.

2

If your account still remains in debt, on the Tuesday, then office staff will make a phone call. If no contact is made, then a voicemail will be left.

3

On Wednesday, if the debt still remains unpaid, then a reminder letter will be issued.

4

If the debt is still unpaid by Thursday morning, then the school can restrict access to chargeable services such as Shobnall Stars - before and after school club, break sales. The office will call/text you if your child has been affected by this.

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