



Shardlow Primary School

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Summer 1

Newsletter

2025- 2026

As we move further into the summer term, there has been a wonderful sense of purpose and achievement across the school.

I would like to begin by congratulating our Year 6 pupils, who completed their SATs last week with maturity and resilience. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitude they showed throughout the tests even when they may have been nervous to start with. Thank you to our staff and families for the encouragement and care you have given the children during this important time.

We have also been delighted to welcome the families of our new Reception starters this week. We look forward to getting to know all of our new families over the coming months.

School life continues to be enriched by the support and enthusiasm of our wider community. Our sponsored Brody's fun run was a tremendous success and it was especially exciting to see it televised, showing a wider audience how important the event was to us all. Thank you to everyone who sponsored the event, raising an incredible amount of money towards our Forest School. The children participated with such determination, we couldn't have been prouder!

We also enjoyed a hugely successful DIY Day, where parents, village volunteers, governors, ex-pupils and staff came together to improve our school environment. Thank you also for your donations of plants and cakes towards the event. The teamwork and generosity shown were greatly appreciated and it has made a real difference to our school grounds. An extra special shout out to Mr. Wilks and the William's family who have given up a lot of their time of late!

This week has also brought devastating news to our school community as Mrs. Gillard is very unwell and unable to return to work. Mrs. Gillard has been important part of our school family for many years and our thoughts and best wishes are very much with her and her family during this difficult time.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Next half term is always one of the busiest in the school calendar so please enjoy your half term break before we go again for summer 2026!

*Mrs.
Berry*





We are so lucky to have been able to continue enjoying time outside and over the field. The children love the freedom of exploring the field and always come up with some amazing games, and even find time to enjoy the occasional ice lolly too.

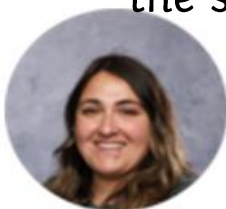
This term also saw the start of a firm favourite for breakfast club - Waffle Wednesday - introduced at the children's request!



We recently designed a poster to display at the new starters' evening. Everyone wrote down words they would use to describe Kids Den, and one phrase that stood out was "the best place to be." I completely agree, and I hope all the children who attend feel the same way!



Mr. Waith



Miss. Mitchell



Mrs. Spibey



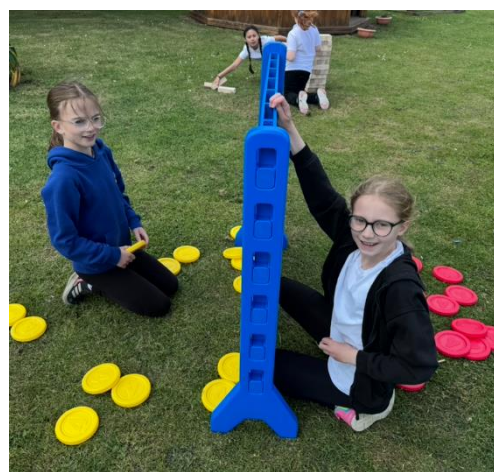
Friends of Shardlow Primary School

Another term, another thousand messages asking you for what must feel like a thousand different things! But this term alone has shown just how worthwhile it all is.

Thanks to your continued support, the PTA has been able to provide a brand-new shed, contribute towards the leavers' hoodies, and purchase the tools needed to give the school some much-needed TLC during DIY Day. None of this would be possible without you.

We're always looking for new faces to join our lovely PTA team, and we know some of you would make fantastic additions. If you'd like to find out more, please feel free to drop any of us a message - we're a really friendly bunch!

We'd also like to give a huge shoutout to the Inland Port Committee, who kindly supplied the new games for Games Night. They went down a treat, and the children absolutely loved playing with them. The night was a huge success, and a special thank you to Alan and Rob from Shardlow St James for running the football.





Office Updates and Reminders



Arbor

As we approach the end of the school year, please ensure that all outstanding balances on your child's account are cleared by **23rd July**. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact the school office.

From September, there will be a change to the way payments are made for school dinners and Kid's Den. All bookings will need to be paid for in advance through your Arbor account. You will need to top up your account before the system will allow you to make any bookings. If you pay for Kid's Den using Childcare Tax Credits, please inform the school office so that we can enable your account to allow bookings.

Brody Run

A huge thank you to all parents for sponsoring their child for the Brody Run and for sending in their sponsor money. We have currently raised just over £100, with more donations still coming in.

If you haven't yet sent in your donation, please bring it to the office as soon as you can. Thank you for your continued support!



Office Updates and Reminders



Medication

There will also be a change to our procedures for administering medication after half term. Prescription medication may still be brought into school, and a medicine consent form must be completed before we can administer it to your child.

Please note that we will no longer be able to contact parents to offer Calpol from school supplies. If your child may require Calpol or similar medication during the school day, parents must bring it to the school and collect it once it is no longer needed.

All medication brought into school must:

- Be clearly labelled with your child's name
- Include the expiry date on the packaging

We will only be able to keep prescribed medication in school for the period of time it is required.



Attendance!

Thank you for your support maintaining your child's attendance and getting to school on time. Everyday matters!

YR2	93.73%
Trent	94.83%
YR5	94.94%
YR3	96.27%
YR1	96.44%
YR4	96.49%
YR6	97.24%

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Good attendance is the very **first step** in giving each child **the best possible chance** of understanding the learning in class and achieving their potential.

Our curriculum is **progressive** this means that each lesson and unit of work builds on from the next- if a child misses lessons **they may struggle** to understand the next lesson when they return.



**EVERY LESSON
COUNTS!**

HOW DOES IT MEASURE UP?

ATTENDANCE %	DAYS MISSED	LESSONS MISSED
100%	0 days missed	0 lessons missed
98%	4 days missed	20 lessons missed
96%	7 Days missed	35 lessons Missed
95%	10 days missed <i>2 Weeks!</i>	50 lessons missed
94%	11 days missed	55 Lessons missed
90%	20 Days missed <i>4 weeks!</i>	100 lessons missed
85%	29 days missed <i>5 weeks!</i>	145 lessons missed



Achievements and Celebrations

We are incredibly proud of all our Year 6 pupils for the hard work, determination and positive attitude they have shown throughout their SATs week. The children approached each test with maturity and resilience, and we would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support and encouragement at home.

On Thursday, after their final SATS paper, they went to Florentines with Mr. Dale to enjoy a very well-deserved treat!

Now that SATs are complete, we look forward to celebrating and enjoying the final half term of primary school with them.

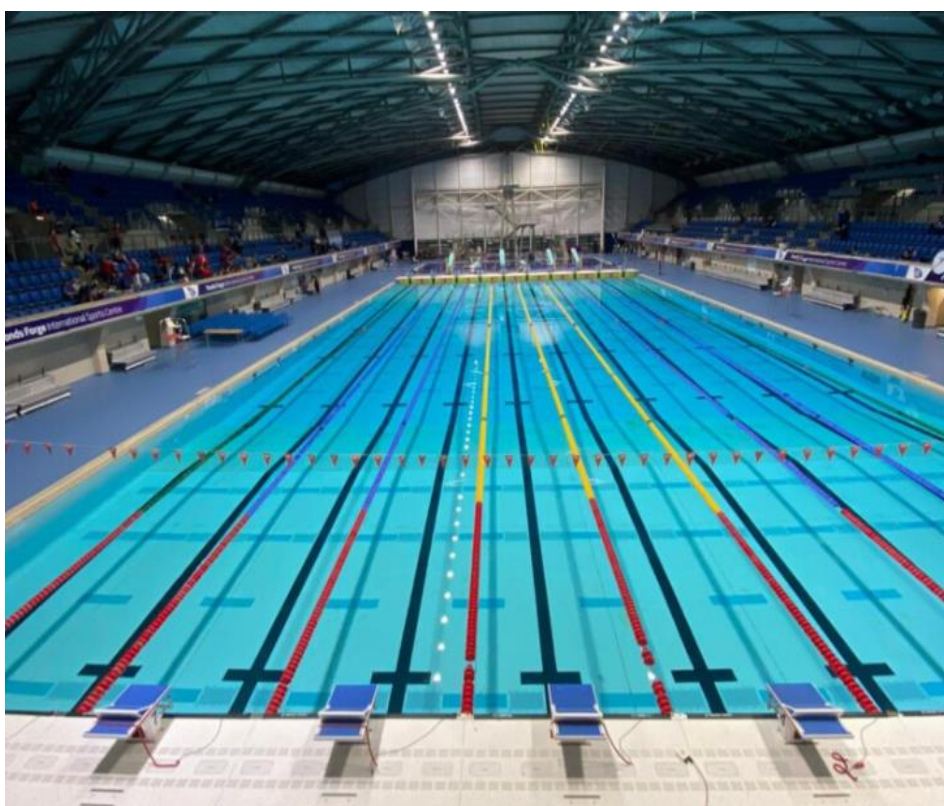




Shardlow Sport: Small School- Big Spirit!

Our school swimming team recently took part in the annual swimming gala, competing against a number of local schools. Although we finished 6th out of 7 overall, every member of the boys' and girls' squads represented the school brilliantly and showed excellent determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the event.

We competed across all four swimming strokes — front scrawl, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly — as well as in a range of exciting relay races. The team gave their very best effort in every race, cheering each other on from the poolside and demonstrating fantastic team spirit from start to finish. Well done to all swimmers for their hard work, commitment and positive attitude — we are very proud of you all!





Supporting our Communities

This half term, the children took part in a very special sponsored run in memory of Brody- our Shardlow Superstar!

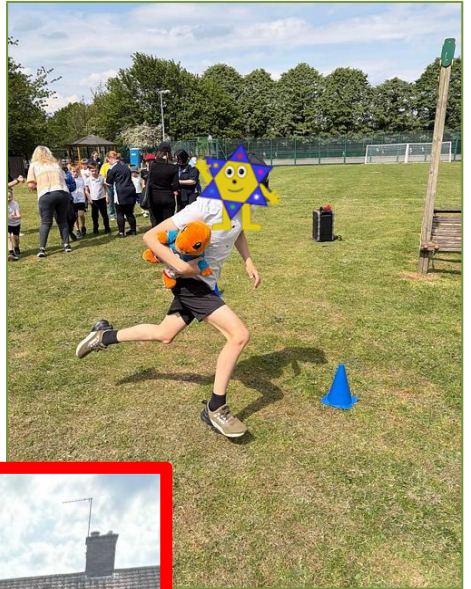
The children showed fantastic enthusiasm and determination as they ran around the running track created in his honour. It was a lovely way for everyone to come together, remember him, and celebrate the positive impact he had on our school community.

Pupils encouraged one another throughout the event and showed great kindness, teamwork, and motivation. We are so proud of all the children for taking part and for helping to raise money through their sponsorships.

Orien, an ex-pupil of Shardlow, consulted with Brody's friends and designed tops to personalise the posts around the field. We were pleased to welcome the BBC into school to interview some of our Year 6 pupils, helping to share their memories and explain the importance of the event.

Thank you to all families and friends for your continued support and generosity.







Supporting our Communities

A huge thank you to all the parents, governors, staff and ex-pupils who gave up their time to support our recent Saturday DIY Day.



It was wonderful to see so many members of our school community working together to help improve the school environment through gardening, painting and a variety of maintenance jobs.



Thanks to everyone's hard work and enthusiasm, the school looks fantastic, and we are incredibly grateful for the continued support shown to our children and school community.





Supporting our Communities





Safeguarding

This term we have been learning about;

Sun Safety

We have been teaching the children about the importance of keeping safe in the sun- which will be especially important this weekend looking at the forecast!



SLIP - Slip on clothes that will protect your skin from the sun.



SLOP - Slop some sunscreen over your body before heading outdoors.



SLAP - Slap on a hat to protect your head from the UV rays.



SEEK - Seek shade to stay cool and stay away from direct sunlight.



SLIDE - Slide on sunglasses to protect your eyes from the sun's glare.



Walk to School week has been a brilliant success. Even on the wetter mornings it was great to see so many of you motivated to try and win that extra playtime!

The results are in:

1st place with 63%	Derwent Class
2nd place with 62.5%	Trent Class
3rd place with 58%	Ockbrook Class
4th place with 50%	Erewash Class.

A big well done to all our walkers, scooterers, cyclist, bus travellers and park and striders!

Derwent Class enjoyed an extra playtime this afternoon as their reward.



Curriculum Steering Group

In our meeting this half-term, we took a look at the feedback from our pupil survey. Across the school, children rated Geography as a subject they did not always enjoy or feel confident in. As a result, the Curriculum Steering Group decided to set themselves a challenge: to raise the profile of Geography in a fun, engaging and meaningful way across the school.

To launch this challenge, the children have created a World Cup Geography Quiz linked to the 2026 World Cup. Pupils are invited to identify the countries taking part by matching each flag to its country name. For an extra challenge, children can also try to locate and label each country on a world map!

We hope this challenge encourages children to become more curious about the world around them whilst developing their geographical knowledge and map skills in an exciting way.

Curriculum Steering Group Summer Challenge

WORLD CUP 2026 FLAG QUIZ

Write the name of each country under its flag.

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F
 1. _____	 1. _____	 1. _____	 1. _____	 1. _____	 1. _____
 2. _____	 2. _____	 2. _____	 2. _____	 2. _____	 2. _____
 3. _____	 3. _____	 3. _____	 3. _____	 3. _____	 3. _____
 4. _____	 4. _____	 4. _____	 4. _____	 4. _____	 4. _____
Group G	Group H	Group I	Group J	Group K	Group L
 1. _____	 1. _____	 1. _____	 1. _____	 1. _____	 1. _____
 2. _____	 2. _____	 2. _____	 2. _____	 2. (Democratic Republic) _____	 2. _____
 3. _____	 3. _____	 3. _____	 3. _____	 3. _____	 3. _____
 4. _____ (Antarctica)	 4. _____	 4. _____	 4. _____	 4. _____	 4. _____



Mental Health and Wellbeing

In addition to all the improvements to our outdoor areas. Our steering group has chosen a selection of breathing exercises to support each other to regulate our emotions should we need to when we are outside.



We are introducing mindful moment of the month. Keep an eye out for these positive affirmations as chosen by the steering group.

**LOOK AFTER YOURSELF -
YOU ARE AS IMPORTANT
AND DESERVING OF CARE
AS EVERYONE ELSE.**



Sustainability Spotlight

The Sustainability Eco Steering Group has been busy promoting environmentally friendly initiatives across the school community this half term.

To celebrate Earth Day, pupils took part in “Waste Free Wednesday,” encouraging everyone to reduce single-use plastics and bring waste-free lunches to school. It was fantastic to see so many students making sustainable choices and helping to raise awareness about protecting our planet.

During Walk to School Week, pupils and families were encouraged to travel to school in a more environmentally friendly way. Walking, cycling, scooting and park and stride not only help reduce emissions but also promote healthy lifestyles and wellbeing.

The Eco Steering Group has also been working closely with the Gardening Club on projects around the school grounds. Together, students have been helping to maintain planting areas, support biodiversity, and create greener outdoor spaces for everyone to enjoy. We have also been starting work on a sensory garden on our school field.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and commitment shown by our pupils in supporting sustainability initiatives throughout the school.



The children have been so busy this past half term! Here is just a glimpse at some of the amazing learning and wonderful work they have produced!

Trent



Trent Class have been exploring different places around the world. They loved creating their 'dream village' and understanding what animals live on different continents.

They have also continued loving the magic of Forest School every week. We are very excited to see the seasonal changes the summer brings.



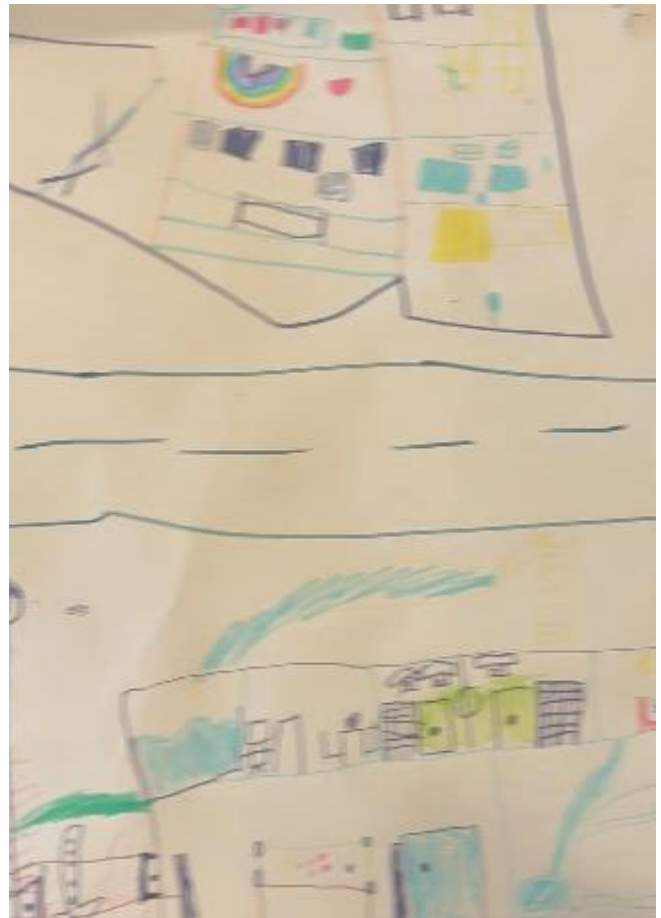
Trent Class have enjoyed programming BeeBots and creating their own algorithms.

Derwent



In Art, we have been learning about Andy Goldsworthy and his land sculptures made from nature.

We enjoyed exploring some of Mrs Peach's favourite children's books recently and learnt to unlock our creative brains. We invented our own dream houses inspired by "If I built a house..."



In PSHE, we have learnt the value of money and that money has to be earned. Look at our shops that we created in our classroom.

Erewash



In PE, we have been developing our skills in Ultimate Frisbee. Catching and throwing frisbees has prove to be a challenge but we have been so resilient in Erewash Class!

We have been working so hard with our handwriting in every lesson this half term. There has been some beautiful handwriting across our curriculum!



We have been loving our adventure story in Guided Reading this half term. It has been full of twists and turns and so much character development! We have really developed our inference skills this half term!



Ockbrook



In PE, Year 5 have been learning to play ultimate frisbee, whilst in our other PE lesson, everyone has been enjoying cricket!

In DT we have been planning, designing, making and evaluating forest furniture as part of our structures unit. We learnt how to join the wooden pallets together and sand the wood to ensure there are no splinters!



In guided reading we have been looking at the exciting tale, Kensuke's Kingdom!

