

# SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope you have already all found time to wind down and are ready for a fun and relaxing half term. It was lovely to finish with a well-attended Stay and Play yesterday and I know that lots of you have kept up the hard work today building our bonfire ready for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November. The nights are certainly drawing in now, and with the clocks turning back tonight, it suddenly feels like the busy Christmas season is fast approaching!

The first term of the school year has been a busy one with so many successes already to be celebrated. A particular shout out goes to our new Reception children, their families and the Tinley staff team. They have all had a fabulous first term at Shipbourne School, ably supported by their very capable and caring Year 6 buddies. I have increased my teaching commitment in both Fairlawne and Hampton classes this term and have really enjoyed working even more closely with such a committed team of staff and pupils, and I am looking forward to continuing this after the half term break. During the term, I will be introducing Language Angels to the children, our new scheme for learning French. Look out for the progress we are making on Class Dojo over the coming weeks.

Next term, we will welcome back Hayley Sanderson from Nameste Kids. Hayley will be delivering yoga sessions every Monday with Tinley taking part every week and Hampton and Fairlawne Class alternating on their 'non swimming' week. We have already received applications from pupils to run fundraising events as part of our Social Impact Award. Information about this was posted on Class Dojo last week, and we will continue to work on this in school assemblies, supporting the children to come up with further ideas.

All events and information will continue to be available on Class Dojo, and I am also excited to announce that we are currently working on a brand new website! This website should be live by January 2025 and will provide us with a more modern, user friendly website with increased functionality and the ability to share more of the fabulous things going on in school.

As always, we welcome support from parents in a variety of ways. Please get in touch if you would like to be more involved in:

- Listening to children read
- Talking about your job, hobbies, special interests or achievements to classes or in an assembly
- Helping out for swimming
- Working with a small group to develop play-based skills using board games
- Helping to plan and deliver outdoor activity days as we work towards our Roots and Shoots award  
<https://www.rootsnshoots.org.uk/resources>
- Helping to organise social action projects as we work towards our Superkind Social Impact award  
<https://superkind.org/school/shipbourne-cp-school>
- Helping at after school clubs
- Running small parent coffee sessions to support each other in an informal forum independently of staff run sessions
- Clearing and managing areas of the outdoor school site
- Or any ideas you might have

Please see confirmation of dates below, including a form to sign up for parent teacher meetings if you are not already booked in separately as part of our SEN review meetings already confirmed directly by email.

Best wishes,

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## Term 2 dates:

<b>Swimming</b>	<b>Hampton (A):</b> 8.11.25, 22.11.25, 6.12.25	<b>Fairlawne (B):</b> 15.11.25, 29.11.25, 13.12.25
<b>Yoga (Term 2)</b>	<b>Tinley every Monday</b>	
	<b>Fairlawne:</b> 4.11.24, 18.11.24, 2.12.24, 16.2.24	<b>Hampton:</b> 11.11.24, 25.11.24, 9.2.24
<b>After school enrichment clubs (free of charge) – email office for a place unless stated ‘no spaces left’</b>	<b>End Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 3.15pm to 4.15pm</b> <b>Monday Young Voices Choir (no spaces left)</b> <b>Tuesday – Cookery (no spaces left)</b> <b>Wednesday – Pure Sports</b> <b>Thursday – Board games</b> <b>Friday – Art or Tag Rugby</b>	
Breakfast Club	Open from 7.45am Back Lane Gate Closes at 8am £2.50 a session	Book and pay via Parent Mail
After School Childcare	Collection from Stumble Hill Gate by 5.30pm £10 a session Currently not available on a Monday but please email if this day is required as we will reinstate for 3+ pupils	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Start of term 2 Prospective parents open event 1.30pm	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Fairlawne to Churchill War Rooms – drop off at Tonbridge Station at 9.20am; school uniform; water proofs; back pack with lunch, snack and drinks	
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Fireworks 4.15pm to 6pm in Back Lane field	
Wb Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent consultation meetings - SEN reviews	
<b>Wb Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Parent consultation meetings – complete MS Form <a href="#">here</a></b>	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Forum – please sign up on Class Dojo	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu vaccinations Children in Need own clothes day; parent coffee morning to 9.30am and pupil events run by PDT; donations on <a href="#">Superkind school page</a>	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Prospective parents open event 11.00am	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Tinley and Hampton Nativity afternoon performance	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Tinley and Hampton Nativity morning performance	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Fairlawne Carols at Farmers’ Market 9.45am; Christmas Jumper Day – donations on <a href="#">Superkind school page</a> ; school Christmas Lunch	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Church service @ 9.30am (rehearsal 16.12.24 9.15am) Party and PTA craft afternoon	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term 2 Panto Snow White EM Forster 10am with parent drop off at Tonbridge School Athletics Centre car park at 9.30am and pick up at 12.30pm approx. – pay £15 and consent on Parent Mail Breakfast club pupils by minibus if required – please email in good time to confirm End of term 2	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	INSET day – school closed to pupils for staff training	

**Advance dates:**

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of term 3
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Open classrooms 2.30pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Choir to Young Voices @ O2
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA stay and play and parent social from 2.30pm to 4.15pm Clubs will still run End of term 3
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of term 4
Wb Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent meetings including SEN reviews
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Service in Church at 2pm with parent pick up from Church at 3pm (clubs will still run)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	PTA Easter Egg Hunt and Disco
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of term 4 Pupils finish at 1.30pm No clubs
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Start of term 5 EHCP annual review meetings
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 / 4 Grosvenor Hall overnight stay: new pupils can be added – please ask
Wb 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Open Classrooms 9.30am
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	End of term 5 PTA stay and play and parent social from 2.30pm to 4.15pm
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	INSET day – staff closed to pupils for staff training
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Start of term 6
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 MTP check Year 1 phonics screening
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June to Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5/6 to Grosvenor Hall
Wb Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	SEN parent review meetings
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July (or Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July)	Sports morning (back up date)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Open classrooms 2.30pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 bus trip to Tonbridge
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school trip to Knockhatch
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' service @ 11.30am followed by picnic Term 6 ends at 1.30pm
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July and Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET day - school closed to pupils