



SHILLINGSTONE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 11th September 2026

Dates for diaries:

Autumn 1

Monday 14th September 3.20 – 3.40pm DESERT Class – Start of the Year Welcome Meeting with Mrs Vail

Tuesday 15th September 3.20 – 3.40pm OCEAN Class – Start of the Year Welcome Meeting with Mrs McCall

Followed by **Year 5 Leeson House meeting 3.40 – 4pm** with Mrs Vail

Thursday 17th September 3.20 – 3.40pm WOODLAND Class – Start of the Year Welcome Meeting with Mr Harris

Monday 21st September – Breakfast club special breakfast, waffles and Pancakes (please book on Arbor)

Monday 21st September PTA meeting 8pm @ The Ox

Wednesday 23rd September 3.20 – 3.40pm JUNGLE Class – Start of the Year Welcome Meeting with Mrs Bray and Mrs Panther

Wednesday 23rd September 3.20 – 4pm New Parent Tea Party – meet staff and say hello! (Reception parents to join this after Jungle Class meeting)

Friday 9th October Mental Health Awareness Day – Wear yellow.

Tuesday 13th October 3.30 – 5.30pm Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings. Booking details to follow.

Wednesday 14th October 3.30 – 7pm Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings. Booking details to follow.

Friday 16th October Flu Vaccinations in school. Sign up links to be emailed out soon!

Tuesday 20th October School Photos – individual & siblings

Friday 23rd October INSET Day (no children in school)

Autumn 2

Thursday 3rd September All children start back for Autumn 2

Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th December Year 5 Residential Trip to Leeson House

Welcome Meetings

Each teacher will lead a meeting for the parents of the children in their class to discuss class routines and expectations. It would be great if all parents can attend. A creche will be available for children and younger siblings.

New Parent Tea Party

Please come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee and meet our staff team.

Three Peaks

Huge thanks for the donations towards Mr Wright's 3 peaks challenge! Proof of completion can be found here:

<https://fb.watch/Jp9Otrud8L/>

So far we have raised an amazing £1,300 for our school!

The link for donations will be open until the end of September if you would still like to donate:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/andrew-wright-238?utm_medium=CF&utm_source=CL

Further facts about this epic challenge are shared on the separate attachment!





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Outdoor Learning for All

We are delighted to be able to inform you that from next week, Mrs Higgs will be leading regular Outdoor Learning for all classes across the school on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. She has carried out the training as a Forest School Leader during the Summer holidays and over the next few months so that we have a fully trained person working in our school to provide focussed learning in the wooded areas of our school grounds. A huge thank you to Mrs Higgs for this commitment during the holidays!

The children in Jungle class will have their session on Mondays for the first half term and Woodland on Tuesday afternoons. After half term, it will be the turn of Ocean and Desert classes.

Children will need to come into school on their 'Outdoor Learning' days in suitable clothing with long sleeves and trousers, sturdy shoes/ trainers/ wellies and have a set of waterproofs as we will go outside no matter what the weather. If anyone has any wellies/ outdoor gear that your child has outgrown and you are happy to donate to school, then please leave with the office and we will organise a box in the entrance for anyone who might need additional support with any kit. Please speak to Mrs Higgs / Mrs Adams or Mr Wright if you need support with providing your child with the correct clothing for this activity.

In addition, Mrs Higgs will be running an after school club on Tuesdays for 10 children each half term from 3.15pm-4.15pm. There will be a small cost of £3 each week for the club to cover the cost of consumables.

We are hugely grateful to our PTA for their incredibly generous donation to enable our school to provide this 'Outdoor Learning for All' and to Mr Wright for his fundraising to support it too. Thank you for your continued support with all our PTA fundraising activities. These additionally funded learning opportunities truly enrich our children's learning.

PE Days and Clothing

When the children have PE, they may come to school wearing their PE kits.

JUNGLE – Mondays Outdoor Learning – own clothes & Thursdays PE kit
WOODLAND – Tuesdays Outdoor Learning – own clothes & Thursdays PE kit
OCEAN – Tuesdays & Wednesdays PE kit
DESERT – Mondays & Wednesdays PE kit





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Flu Vaccinations

Flu is an unpredictable virus that can kill thousands of people during a flu season. The flu vaccine is the best defence we have against it. Vaccination of children is based on the recommendation of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), the independent, expert, scientific advisory group that advises the government on vaccination and immunisation. Flu can be a very nasty illness in children and complications include acute bronchitis, painful ear infections, and pneumonia. Some children may need to go to hospital for treatment, including intensive care.

The benefits of vaccination also include reduced transmission of flu in the community. This is because children play a key role in the transmission of flu, including to those who may be at higher risk from the complications of flu such as babies, pregnant women and the elderly.

Since the start of the children's nasal spray vaccine programme, research has shown that vaccinating large numbers of children has reduced the circulation of flu in the community. This has reduced the number of GP consultations for flu-like illness for both the vaccinated children and the wider community and has also reduced hospital admissions from flu.

Benefits to everyone in schools:

For schools the benefits include reduced pupil absence and the reduced likelihood of teachers catching flu from their pupils. In addition, vaccination:

- helps protect children against flu which in turn reduces pupil and staff absenteeism rates
- promotes a healthy environment in schools and the wider community, including amongst the children's immediate and extended family
- reduces the likelihood of flu outbreaks in schools

Autumn Term Music lessons

1:1 music lessons in Piano / Keyboard, Guitar and Recorder with Mrs Cooper BA. PGCE. LTCL. MISM.

Practical music lessons are offered developing skills in playing technique, reading music notation, improvisation, composing, music theory and aural skills.

When teaching, Mrs Cooper is able to demonstrate and accompany a pupil to maintain an enjoyable, creative and enriching musical experience during each half hour lesson.

Please contact the office or email Mrs Cooper for more information. music.teacher@keebo.co.uk





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OPEN DAYS

Wednesday 23rd September 9.30am - 6pm

Tuesday 20th October 9.30am - 6pm

Come and have a look around our wonderful school,
meet our teachers, and experience school life at
Shillingstone Primary!



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No need to book an appointment



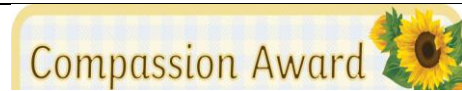


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Weekly Celebrations

Each week on our newsletter, we will share with you our awards linked to our new school values. Look out to see who achieves our first awards next week!

This week's celebrations		
 Courage Award	 Curiosity Award!	 Compassion Award
Arthur Harrison Hannah B Robin Reggie (yr 2) Grace Grayson Darcy M	Oakleigh Piper Q Caspian Eden D Isaac Francesca Winston Monty Brooke	Harvey M Orla Faith Eden L Ruby KM Tilly Belle Isabella S



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After School Clubs

Clubs start next week. You should have had an email confirming places. We have lots of clubs on offer this half term. Thank you to staff for giving up their time to provide these for our children.



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Shillingstone Primary After School Clubs 2026-27

AUTUMN 1

TUESDAYS	3.15 – 4.15pm Years 5 & 6 Girls' Football Led by Mr Harris No charge	15 th September 22 nd September 29 th September 6 th October 13 th October 20 th October	Email the school office to book a place. Places will be confirmed by Friday 11 th September. Maximum 14 places.
TUESDAYS	3.15 – 4.15pm Years 1 - 6 Outdoor Learning* Led by Mrs Higgs £3 per session	15 th September 22 nd September 29 th September 6 th October 13 th October 20 th October	Email the school office to request a place. We will confirm via email whether your child has a place and then share payment details with you. Places will be confirmed by Friday 11 th September. Maximum 10 places.
WEDNESDAYS	3.15 – 4.15pm Years 2 - 6 Football Club Run by TCW Sports £4.50 per session	9 th September 16 th September 23 rd September 30 th September 7 th October 14 th October 21 st October	All 7 sessions booking = £31.50 Shillingstone Y2-6 Football ALL TERM TCW Sports Per session booking: Shillingstone Y2-6 Football per session Maximum 18 spaces. Book now to save your place!
THURSDAYS	3.15 – 4.15pm Years 1 - 6 Yoga Led by Mrs McCall No charge	17 th September 24 th September 1 st October 8 th October 15 th October 22 nd October	Email the school office to book a place. Places will be confirmed by Friday 11 th September.
THURSDAYS	3.15 – 4.15pm Years 1 - 6 Construction* Led by Mrs Panther No charge	17 th September 24 th September 1 st October 8 th October 15 th October 22 nd October	Email the school office to book a place. Places will be confirmed by Friday 11 th September. <i>*This will be a mixture of activities – indoor and outdoor activities, big and small construction tasks.</i> Maximum 12 places.

Outdoor Learning* - Mrs Higgs has been working very hard over the summer holidays and has completed a training course for leading Forest School which is very exciting!



Sunbeams offer after school childcare from 3.15 – 5.15pm £11 for 2 hours.

[Sunbeams Nursery | Shillingstone CE Primary School](#)

Phone 01258 863523 to book your child a place.

Football booking ALL TERM: [Shillingstone Y2-6 Football ALL TERM | TCW Sports](#)

Football booking PER SESSION: Shillingstone Y2-6 Football PER SESSION - TCW Sport

Kindest regards

Mr Wright - Head of School (Monday-Thursday)

Mrs Vail - Head of School (Friday).

