



# Shanklea Primary School

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Friday 16th February 2024

Dear parents/ carers,

We had a fantastic week for mental health and wellbeing - thank you for your ongoing support!

Just a reminder that half term starts today and we come back to school on Monday 26th February 2024. To keep you fully informed we also sent out an information sheet about what we've achieved over the last year. Thank you to everyone who completed the parental questionnaire as we really value your views and want to continue to work together closely to ensure all children at Shanklea have access to the best education and care possible.

Included in this newsletter are the dates for next half term, please get in touch if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,  
Team Shanklea

## Dates for your Diaries

Year Group	Activity	When	Further Information
Nursery	Parents meetings	There will be various dates in the last two weeks of Spring Term 2	Appointments will be outside nursery w/c 26.2.24
Reception to Y6	Parents meetings	25th and 26th March	These two evenings will be after school, booking information will be sent out shortly.
Whole school World Book Day	World Book Day!	Thursday 7th March	Optional character dress up! We've got an exciting day planned.
Online Safety Day	Online safety activities during class time	Tuesday 27th February	We moved this day from this half term as it was so busy with Mental Health Week.
Reception	Easter Craft	Thursday 28th March 9.15-10.15am	This will take place in the school hall.



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Nursery	Easter Crafts	Tuesday 26th March 2024 9.15-10.15am	This will take place in the school hall.
Nursery	New Nursery intake meeting	11th March 2024 3.30-4.15pm	Letters will be sent out to new starters w/c 26/2/24
Squirrels	New Squirrel Intake meeting	13th March 3.30-4.15pm	Letters will be sent out to new starters w/c 26/2/24
Key Stage 1 (Y1/2)	Easter Crafts	Monday 25th March 2:30 - 3:30pm	Miss Spence's class and Mr Rutherford's class will be in the hall and Mrs Downes' class will be in their classroom.
Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3/4)	Share our learning afternoon	Thursday 28th 2.30pm-3.30pm	Further details to follow.
Coffee afternoon for any parents/carers of children with additional needs	Join Mrs Crowther in the school hall for an informal discussion about any concerns you have or any advice you would like	Tuesday 5th March 2024 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Refreshments will be provided.
To allow the children to celebrate the end of term and to avoid any confusion, from now on, the last day of every half term will be a non-uniform day			

\*Due to the short half term and Y5 being on a residential. Y5/6 will do a shared learning afternoon after the Easter holidays.



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## Residentials

Year Group	Location	When?
Y5	Robinwood - Alston 18th - 20th March	Meeting for parents & carers 28th Feb 3.30pm. If you can't attend, don't worry we will send packs out.
Y6	Ford Castle	17th - 19th June Meeting date TBC.

## School trips this year

Year Group	Location	When	Further Information
Reception	Whitehouse Farm	Tuesday 26th March 2024	Please pay via the School Gateway
Y1/2	Fieldwork trip of our local area	Spring term 2 - date to be confirmed	Children will be walking around our local area looking at the human and physical features of our local area for our new Geography topic.
Y1/2	Northumberland Zoo	Summer term	Further information will follow
Y3/4	George Stephenson Railway	Summer term 1	Further information will follow
Y3/4	Segedunum	Summer term	Further information will follow
Y5/6	Fieldwork trip, location to be confirmed.	Summer term	Further information will follow
Y6	Flamingoland	Thursday 23rd May 2024	Further information will follow



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## Extra curricular clubs

Don't forget KS2 pupils (Y3-6) can bring in their wellies and they can use the field at lunch time! We now have separate areas for football and games as well as using the field during winter months too.

Year Group	Activity	Dates	Further Information
YR 3 -6	Fife club	Every Monday starting 15th Jan - 3.30pm - 4.30pm	External provider - Dawson Music. Flyer attached.
YR 3/4 & YR 5/6	Multi sports	Every Tuesday starting Tuesday 27th up to and including Tuesday 26th March 3.30pm - 4.30pm	Please sign up via the School Gateway. Limited to 20 spaces.
YR 2	LASP activity: Bushcraft - den building	Every Thursday 3.30pm - 4.30pm	Please sign up via the School Gateway. Limited to 15 spaces.
YR 6	SATs Revision Sessions for English	Every Thursday of Spring Term 2 and Summer 1 starting on Thursday 29th February 3:30-4:00pm	If children have consent, they may walk home after the session. Otherwise, please collect.
Reception to YR 6	*Blue Star Football	Every Monday starting Monday 26th Feb up to and including Monday 25th March 3.30pm - 4.30pm	Please sign up with Blue Star Football Flyer attached.
Key Stage 1	Coding Club	Mrs Downes, every Wednesday 3:30 - 4:30	This is limited to 15 places.

**\*Blue Star football will have two groups per session and follow a two week rota based on age:**

**Monday 26th Feb:** Reception children and Year 1 and 2 children

**Monday 4th Feb:** Years 3 and 4 children and Years 5 and 6 children



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## A Love of Reading

### Miss Henaghan, English Lead.

As part of our love for reading, each phase has an exciting approach to introduce! We encourage children to read as often as possible, including a variety of genres and purposes. Thank you for your ongoing support to continue this at home.

- EYFS, Nursery:** Please read and return their share a story book weekly. Also read story books every night.
- EYFS, Reception:** Daily reading of their reading book and read red word book. Please also read their budding bookworm book. Golden Dojos for weekly reading when books are signed.
- KS1, Y1 & Y2:** Read daily with an adult at home with their story book and their reading diary must be signed by an adult. All children will get one ticket in the box if they return their book signed (tickets will be put into a draw for a prize).
- LKS2, Y3 & Y4:** Read 3 times per week at home and have the reading record book signed by an adult – one ticket in the box if they complete the challenge (tickets will be put into a draw for some exciting prizes!)
- UKS2, Y5 & 6:** Read 3 times per week at home and have the reading record book signed by an adult – one ticket in the box if they complete the challenge (tickets will be put into a draw for some exciting prizes!)

## Safeguarding and E-Safety

Please find below some links to websites that will provide parents and carers with further information on app and games ratings.

*'Age ratings are useful to help you decide what is appropriate for your child. You are probably familiar with the age ratings used for films, but apps and games are rated differently and there is lots more to consider. Some ratings give a minimum age, some use categories (such as Amazon app stores 'guidance suggested' category). NSPCC.*

In school all classes from Reception to Y6 also have half termly E-Safety lessons where we discuss how to stay safe online, who to report any concerns to and how we keep children safe in school with our filtering and monitoring system: SENSO.



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We've included some useful links below:

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/game-reviews>

[What are app age ratings? | NSPCC](#)

## Payments

As we near the end of the financial year, can parents/carers whose children use our Breakfast and Out of School clubs, please ensure payments are made promptly, all outstanding payments must be paid before 28th March 2023 at the very latest.

Please remember dinner money should be paid promptly via the School Grid system. We are experiencing a number of dinner money accounts accumulating debts of more than £12.00. The charge for a school dinner is £2.40 per day.

Payment plans have been sent out for upcoming trips. If you are unable to meet any payment deadlines or need to discuss further payment options, please contact Miss Brown in the office.

Have a lovely half term everyone,

Team Shanklea