

SHOTTERMILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

Newsletter Number 1

12.09.2025



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I would like to welcome you all back to the start of new academic year! Together with the staff, I have been so impressed with how enthusiastic our Year 3 children have been since joining our school and their behaviour has been impeccable. We have also welcomed lots of new families into other year groups too so I would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone who is new to our school. In particular, the PTFA and House Captains will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September 8:30 - 10:30am, so this is a great opportunity to welcome parents into school to meet one another. I hope to see lots of you there!

Currently, the Teachers are preparing our Parent Information Videos to help us share some key guidance for the year ahead. We will let you know when these become available to view on Google Classroom. Please also take a look at the Autumn Term Curriculum Overviews and Year Group Newsletters (this will be sent this afternoon) which will help you know what the children will be learning and any special activities coming up this term.

As always, I would like to remind parents that we are here to help in any way we can and we are looking forward to a really productive year ahead.

REMINDERS

Please may we remind parents that you must book your child's lunch at home. You can book lunches several days in advance but children must come to school having already ordered a school lunch or with a packed lunch. If you have any issue with using Scopay please call the School Office and we will be happy to help you.

Additionally please can we request that children do not play on the clamber stack or the play equipment at pick up time. The equipment is not suitable for young children and we would hate for there to be an accident.

HEALTHY SNACK

Children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack for break time. Ideally this should be fruit, vegetables or a healthy bar (nut free). Crisps are not an acceptable snack for break time.

YOUR CHILD IN YEAR 6?

If your child is in Year 6 you can now apply for a secondary school place. Closing for this application is on **Friday 31st October 2025**. Please visit [Secondary applications - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk) for more information on the application process and admission arrangements for Surrey schools. If you pay your Council Tax outside Surrey, please contact your Local Authority directly for details about the application process. If you require any help, please contact the School Office who will be happy to assist.

ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

Last term the ABAs submitted evidence for the Community Badge. The Diana Award scheme loved hearing about and seeing all of the brilliant work we had done in our school community. Well done to all involved!

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Welcome to Shottermill Junior School's PTFA

Meet the committee

This year's new PTFA committee includes our chair Ash (centre), treasurer Bee (left), and secretary Charlotte (right). We're normally at drop off and pick up, so please come and say hello! You can also meet us at the Macmillan Coffee Morning at school after drop off on 26th Sept - more info coming soon!



How much money is raised?

In the last academic year the PTFA raised more than **£10,000!**

How are funds spent?

Last year the PTFA donated towards the Year 5 Brenscombe and Year 4 Sayers Croft residential trips; purchased a new kiln for the art dept; contributed towards new speakers and lighting equipment; and helped fund maintenance for playground equipment!

How can you help?

We're all volunteers and can only raise these much-needed funds with everyone's help. You can:

- help at an event, such as our popular discos
- buy your child a ticket to one of our discos
- bake treats for a cake sale, help sell the goodies, or buy some!
- help with easy one-off tasks
- join in! (see below)

Join us!

- Join our PTFA WhatsApp group to hear about our latest events and upcoming volunteering opportunities. You can join at www.tinyurl.com/sjsptfa or by scanning this QR code.
- Email us at ptfashottermilljrs@gmail.com to find out more.



Look out for our calendar of PTFA events coming soon!

PTFA CAKE SALE

Please come along to our first PTFA cake sale of the year at pick-up on Friday 19th Sept, in the playground. Cash and card accepted!

This year, the PTFA would like to ask each class to run their own after-school treat sale to raise funds for the school. Each class provides the cakes/treats/healthy snacks to sell, and also the volunteers to sell them. Each class will do one a year, with **5H going first on Friday 19th September**.

We will be in touch with your class's date soon, and will provide all the info and support in plenty of time (including help on the day) so each class can run a successful treat sale! The PTFA can only raise funds for the school with your help, so huge thanks in advance!

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**It's time for
Coffee Morning
and you're
invited**



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The PTFA are hosting a Macmillan coffee morning to raise money for the charity on Friday 26th September from 8:30 - 10:30am, and everyone is invited! We'd love to see you there!

We're also looking for people to bake something for the day, or to donate a shop-bought item. These can be any kind of cake/cookies/brownies/healthy snacks etc. Please note, items cannot contain any nuts. Please bring them to the

School Office at drop-off on Friday 26th September (please label your container with your child's name and class, so we can return it to you). Or bring it with you to the coffee morning if you can attend!

If you think you can bake/donate something, we'd love it if you could message the PTFA chair Ash on 07432269275 or email ptfashottermilljns@gmail.com to help us with catering plans.

We can't run these events without your help, so thank you so much in advance!
The PTFA

FLU VACCINATIONS

The Child and Family Health Surrey Immunisation Team is visiting your school on **Thursday 13th November** to deliver Influenza (flu) vaccinations via nasal spray to all children in Years 3-6. Please complete the e-consent form by 4pm on Friday 7th November by visiting: www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk and entering your school's unique code **SR124979**. If you do not want your child to receive a vaccine, then please fill in the 'No' box.



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KEY DATES FOR 2025-2026

September	
Monday 15 th September	Head Boy and Head Girl interviews with the School Council and Mrs Barnes
Friday 19 th September	5H PTFA treat sale after school
Monday 22 nd September	Deadline for House Captain letters
Friday 26 th September	Macmillan PTFA Coffee morning: 8:30am - 10:30am
Monday 29 th September	Year 3 Haslemere Museum trip
Tuesday 30 th September	Individual school photographs
October	
Wednesday 15 th October	Parent Consultation appointments: from 1.30pm
Friday 17 th October	6W PTFA treat sale after school
Monday 20 th October	Open Morning tours for prospective parents: 9.30am or 11am
Tuesday 21 st October	Open Morning tours for prospective parents: 9.30am or 11am
Wednesday 22 nd October	Open Morning tours for prospective parents: 9.30am or 11am
Thursday 23 rd October	Harvest Festival: 1.40pm arrival
Thursday 23 rd October	PTFA Silent Disco
Friday 24 th October	PTFA Mufti day
Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October	HALF-TERM
November	
Monday 10 th November	Open Morning tours for prospective parents: 9.30am or 11am
Tuesday 11 th November	Open Morning tours for prospective parents: 9.30am or 11am
Wednesday 12 th November	Open Morning tours for prospective parents: 9.30am or 11am
Thursday 13 th November	Optional flu vaccinations
Monday 17 th November	Year 4 Stone Age day
Tuesday 18 th November	6H – Haslemere concert at St Christopher’s Church
Wednesday 19 th November	6W – Haslemere concert at St Christopher’s Church
Friday 21 st November	4ZH PTFA treat sale after school
Thursday 27 th and Friday 28 th November	INSET DAYS
December	
Friday 12 th December	3N PTFA treat sale after school
Wednesday 17 th December	PTFA Christmas Jumper day and Mufti. Christmas Lunch and Pantomime
Friday 19 th December	End of Term: 1.30pm finish

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Penalty Notices - Just to remind parents/carers that if you take your child out of school without authority, you will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable is £80.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £160.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive four penalty notices. Please note if you have received a penalty notice fine since 19th August 2024 the second penalty notice will be a flat fee of £160.00 – there is no reduction in fee regardless of how quickly payment is received. If you incur two penalty notices within three years you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996. Our full Attendance Policy is available to view on our website.

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