



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

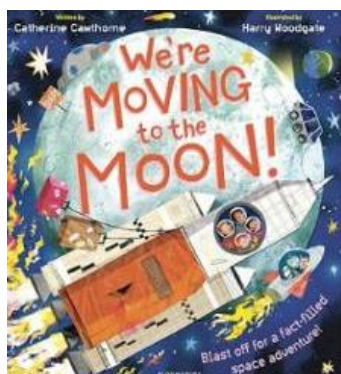
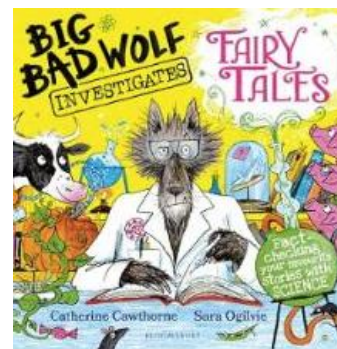
What a busy few weeks of term! We have elected a new Head Girl and Head Boy from Year 6 - Elijah and Skylar – who both really impressed the School Council with their letters of application and how they performed in the interview process. Well done, and a well done to all the children who went through the process. Here is a little information below about Eli and Skylar:

"We are flattered to receive the role of Head Boy and Head Girl and we are writing to explain why. We think it was important for us to get these roles so we can help the school develop. These roles mean a great deal to us and we hope we can help all students and teachers to be happier. We will aim to uphold our school rule: 'At Shottermill Juniors we will be kind, respectful safe and hardworking'. Throughout the year, we will update you on the projects we are involved with."

Thank you
Elijah Van de Worp and Skylar Sutherland

AUTHOR VISIT

On Tuesday 3rd November we will be welcoming Author Catherine Cawthorne to our school. Catherine will be giving a school assembly about her book 'Big Bad Wolf Investigates Fairy Tales'. This book looks at retellings of well-known fairy tales, some science questions about them and there might even be some silly experiments during her talk! This book has won many awards including The Week Junior's best children's STEM Book of the Year Award 2025. She will also be introducing the children to her latest book 'We're moving to the Moon: Blast off on a fact-filled adventure'.



This year the books are being offered for pre-order from The Haslemere Bookshop with a 10% discount code. They will be delivered directly to the school ready for the visit so Catherine can sign them for children. Please follow the link to the Haslemere Bookshop's website to pre-order books for your child.

<https://haslemerebookshop.co.uk/collections/catherine-cawthorne-at-shottermill-junior-school>

The Haslemere Bookshop has set a deadline of [29th October](#) to give them enough time to order the books and deliver them to school.

Play equipment and scooting

We would like to remind parents that children need to stay off the play equipment at the end of the school day. Can we also request that children do not scoot or ride their bikes on the playground, for safety reasons.

Smoking and vaping

We operate a strict non-smoking and non-vaping policy on school premises at all times. Thank you for your support in adhering to this rule, as part of our Healthy Schools approach.

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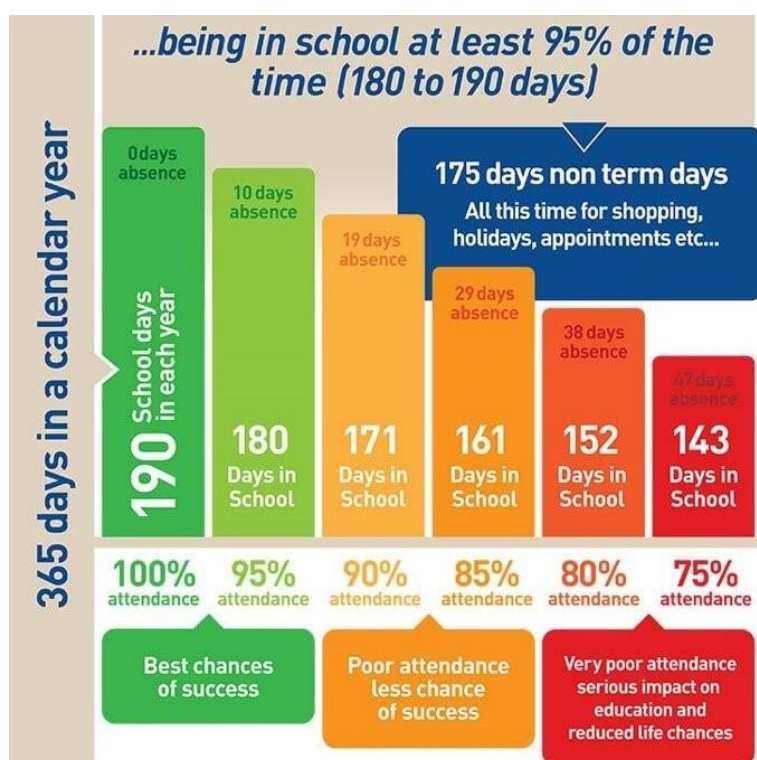
ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

As always attendance and punctuality is a continued focus for us at Shottermill Junior School. Recently, we have noticed that a number of children are arriving late in the morning and missing out on key academic support through our interventions which run first thing in the morning. **As a reminder, our expectation is that children are dropped off at 8:35am every morning.**

If you need to take your child out of school we require a completed Absence Request Form – but this should be for exceptional circumstances only (e.g. a funeral). We are not permitted to authorise absences associated with taking holidays in term time and a penalty notice may be issued. Any absence taken without a completed form will unfortunately be noted as unauthorised. Medical appointments will be authorised but these should be arranged outside of school hours, wherever possible.

Parents should note that **pupil attendance directly correlates to academic performance**, for example in KS2 SATS. We also notice that typically, attendance is stronger in Years 3 and 4, and declines in Years 5 and 6 – yet these are the years when children need to be attending regularly to prepare for SATS and transition to Secondary School. **Good attendance is considered to be 96% or above and our whole school target is for children to be in school 97%, where possible.**

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance with us, please do make an appointment with our School Office for either the Class Teacher, Home School Link Worker or a member of SLT to get in touch with you.



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PARENTS CONSULTATION

Booking is now open for the Parents Consultation afternoon on Wednesday 14th October, from 1.30pm-8pm. Slots with your child's teacher should be booked via School Cloud (link below). The appointments are face to face and last ten minutes.

<https://shottermill.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



WILD THINGS HALLOWEEN CAMP

Join Wild Things Forest School this October half-term for Halloween and Autumn inspired activities. Running from 10am-4pm. This club is suitable for children in Years 1 and above.

Book at wildthingsforestschoollclub@gmail.com

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PTFA NEWS

Thank you to all the children who came to the PTFA disco last night, we hope they had a great time! A huge thank you to DJ Mash for his incredible tunes, and to the parent helpers who helped make the night such a hit.

The PTFA recently held an AGM, and the committee now includes Bee, who is the Treasurer and a Year 6 mum, and Charlotte, the Chair and a fellow Year 6 mum, (both pictured). As well as last night's disco they are planning lots of fundraising initiatives this term. Next week children will design Christmas cards in their art lesson - details of how to order them will be announced soon.



The committee is also arranging regular after school class treat sales, with the first taking place at pick up in the playground on Friday 16th October, led by 4W. They are also planning a fun sponsored Christmas event for the children in school on 18th December – more details coming soon!

The PTFA raises around £10,000 a year for the school and relies on volunteers, so if you'd like to hear about opportunities to help at events, please join the PTFA Whatsapp group here:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/FErNxtCWz9Q3ZFwyV7Fctz?mode=gi_t

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 2026**. 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.

FLU VACCINATIONS

The Child and Family Health Surrey Immunisation Team is visiting your school on **Wednesday 18th 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 13th 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 2026-2027

	October
Monday 12 th October	Governors Meeting: 6pm
Tuesday 13 th October	Year 5 Pumpkin Day
Wednesday 14 th October	Parent Consultation appointments: from 1.30pm
Thursday 15 th October	Harvest Festival for Years 5 and 6: 1.40pm arrival
Friday 16 th October	PTFA Treat Sale 4W: 3.10pm
Monday 19 th – Friday 30 th October	HALF-TERM (note this is a two-week half-term)
	November
Tuesday 3 rd November	Author Visit: Catherine Cawthorne
Tuesday 10 th November	Year 4 Workshop: 9.15am
Wednesday 11 th November	Open Morning: 10.45am (Infant School from 9.30am)
Thursday 12 th November	Barnardos Coffee Morning (Shottermill Infants)
Friday 13 th November	PTFA Treat Sale 5C: 3.10pm
Monday 16 th November	Year 4 Stone Age day
Tuesday 17 th November	Year 5 Parent Assembly: 2.30pm
Wednesday 18 th November	Optional flu vaccinations / Year 6 Heights and Weights Check
Wednesday 18 th November	Year 6 to attend HHH Concert at St Christopher's Church
Monday 23 rd November	Governors Meeting: 6pm
Wednesday 25 th November	Year 3 Workshop: 2pm
Wednesday 25 th November	Open Morning: 10.45am (Infant School from 9.30am)
Monday 30 th November	Year 4 DT Day
	December
Tuesday 1 st December	Tallest man visit: Basketball champion Paul Sturgess
Wednesday 2 nd December	Open Morning: 10.45am (Infant School from 9.30am)
Friday 4 th December	PTFA Treat Sale 3N: 3.10pm
Monday 7 th December	Year 5 Workshop: 2pm
Thursday 10 th December	Year 3 and 4 Carol Concert: 9.30am start
Thursday 10 th December	Year 5 and 6 Carol Concert: 1.45pm start
Wednesday 16 th December	PTFA Christmas Jumper day, Christmas Lunch and Pantomime
Friday 18 th December	PTFA Santa Dash
Friday 18 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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