



SHAW

Primary Academy



Wednesday 20th December 2023

2023-2024 - Issue No 4

Well-being Tip of the month

DECEMBER

Tips for coping during Christmas

If you find Christmas a difficult time of year, due to any reason please take a look at the Mind website for support. Different things can help us at different times, depending on our situation and how we're feeling. Some of these tips may not feel helpful or relevant for you right now or may support someone else over the festive period. Have a look at their website for support with:

- Coping with money worries
- Looking after yourself
- Planning ahead
- Managing relationships
- Talking to other people
- Getting support

66 I try not to think too much about Christmas. If it turns out to be good then that's a bonus, if not then at least I haven't got myself worked up over nothing!

www.mind.org.uk



SAM Award



CLASS	1/12/23	8/12/2023	15/12/2023
THEME	FINDING YOU VOICE	KINDNESS & HUMANITY	AMBITION
NURS	<i>Ivan Zop</i>	<i>Nicholas Cainarean</i>	<i>Emily Sada</i>
RS	<i>Remy-Mae Clark Nathalia Mucenic</i>	<i>Lola Beazeley</i>	<i>Meimei Yunhua</i>
RD	<i>Barin Ismail</i>	<i>Konaelle Opoku-Mensah</i>	<i>Ellie-rose Roberts</i>
IDL	<i>Kayden Mimi</i>	<i>Tommy Maclean-Dadds</i>	<i>Gabriella Asani</i>
IT	<i>David Gatman</i>	<i>Hana Koljic</i>	<i>Jasmine Aderiran</i>
2M	<i>Aleeza Oyelekan</i>	<i>Sofia Melnic</i>	<i>Tyler Quaicoe</i>
2MD	<i>Jon Sadru</i>	<i>Charlotte Brebu</i>	<i>Klaudia Krzewickę</i>
3C	<i>Dawood Khan</i>	<i>Damola Adebo-Green</i>	<i>Dennis Morosanu</i>
3SO	<i>Freddie White</i>	<i>Louie Newman</i>	<i>Zara Amadi</i>
4B	<i>Sabrina Obrijanu</i>	<i>Kate Cannon</i>	<i>Asa Quaicoe</i>
4AT	<i>Amber Shufflebottom</i>	<i>Violetta Stadija Dodson</i>	<i>Asher Oyelekan</i>
5J	<i>Bailey Robertson Olley</i>	<i>Aneesa Ibrahim</i>	<i>Chioma Iheanacho</i>
5K	<i>Evie Cooper</i>	<i>Precious Ige</i>	<i>Amelia Wisker</i>
6C	<i>Bonnie Eaglen</i>	<i>Billy Keane</i>	<i>Savannah O'Doherty</i>
6C	<i>Ayna Dzafic</i>	<i>Kayla-Mae Hall Clarke</i>	<i>Victoria Samah</i>

100% AUTUMN TERM

Aleksis Adofo

Alexis-Mae Dzah

Olutoni Juttner

Cristian Parasiuc

Kwasi Agyemang

Ava-Renee Dzah

Billy Keane

Damian Parasiuc

Nabil Ahmed

Salam Elemoro

Lenny Keane

Evie-Rose Parmenter

Nafis Ahmed

Sobur Elemoro

Dawood Khan

Cristian Petrea

Eliona Akomeah

Jack Fairman

Alexa Kirkman

Asa Quaicoe

Remiel Akomeah

Sophia Fairman

Hunter Lattimore

Tyler Quaicoe

Reuben Akomeah

Brody Fraser Black

Fabian Laudat

Alexander Randell

Omer Aliu-Rashiti

Dominic Georgiev

Samuel Lawal

Grace Ridgewell

Gabriella Asani

Arthur Gibbs

Meimei Li

Joshua Rogers

Ezra Aselaode

Vadym Gulii

Archie Maclean-Dadds

Yanis Rosu

Praise Ashimolowo

Toni Hengombe

Freddie-Lee

Logan Said

Sire Awobokun

Jaime Holland

Maclean-Dadds
Teddy Maclean-Dadds

Louis Said

Jakub Barczykowski

Eva Howard

Nyameate Mahama

Elizabeth Sowunmi

Sienna Batten

Precious Ige

Ruby Maughan-Jones

Kevin Stefan

Antonia Bejan

Toby Ireson

Suzie-Jai Maughan-Jones

Itanas Tamutis

Ariana Cainarean

Banu Ismail

Kitty Rose Medne-Erneste

Ivy Tubby

Frankie Chaston

Darin Ismail

Bogdan Melnic

Adomas Urbanavicius

Sofia Cirstea

Ajan Isufi

Megan Murphy

Ephrath Degol

Jake Clout

Enida Isufi

Robert Nastase

Skyla Cutmore-

Statham



Francis Opoğu

Victoria Oleynichenko

James Vincent



House Points

Below are the weekly standings for our weekly house point competition. Winning teams are highlighted in their team colour.



	1/12/23	8/12/23	15/12/23
<i>Ruby</i>	495	467	575
<i>Sapphire</i>	484	517	663
<i>Emerald</i>	412	417	604
<i>Topaz</i>	459	452	575



CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARD WINNERS AND WHOLE SCHOOL PERCENTAGE

Date	Key Stage 1 Winner	%	Key Stage 2 Winner	%	Whole School Percentage
27/11/23	1DL	97.7%	6C	97.9%	94%
4/12/23	2MD	96.3%	6G	98.3%	92.8%
15/12/23	1DL	95%	4B	98.3%	94.7%

Congratulations!



House ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK

The houses with the highest attendance for this month

	27/11/23	4/12/23	11/12/23
RUBY	93.7%	92.3%	93%
SAPPHIRE	94.5%	94%	91.5%
EMERALD	92.1%	94.6%	91.5%
TOPAZ	94%	90.5%	92%

SPORTS PERSON AWARD

	13/11/2023
EYFS - KS1	Lochlan Elsen
KS2	Fabian Laudat Ethan Woodbine



Well done!





Book Reviews



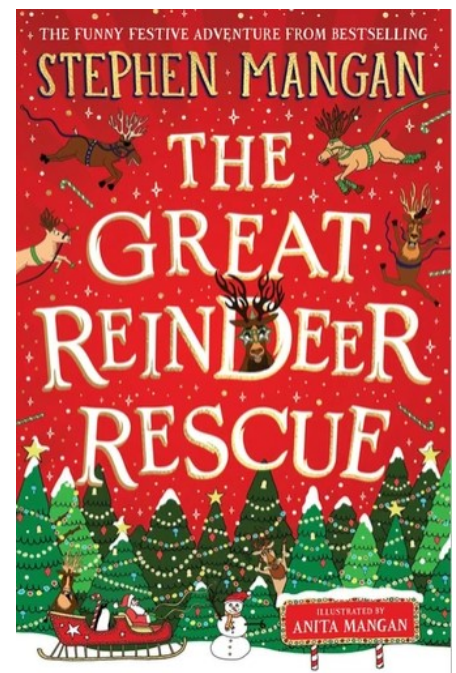
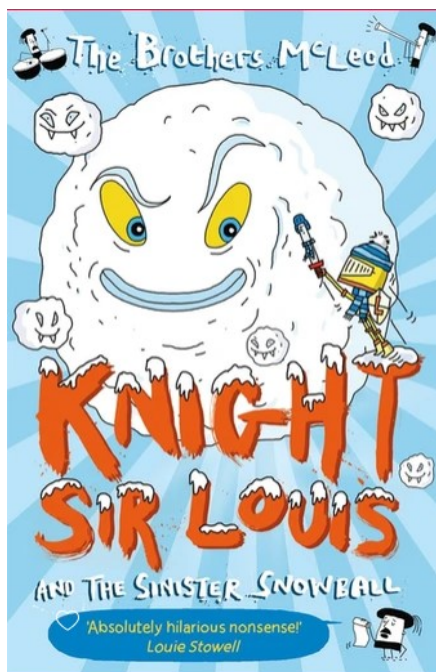
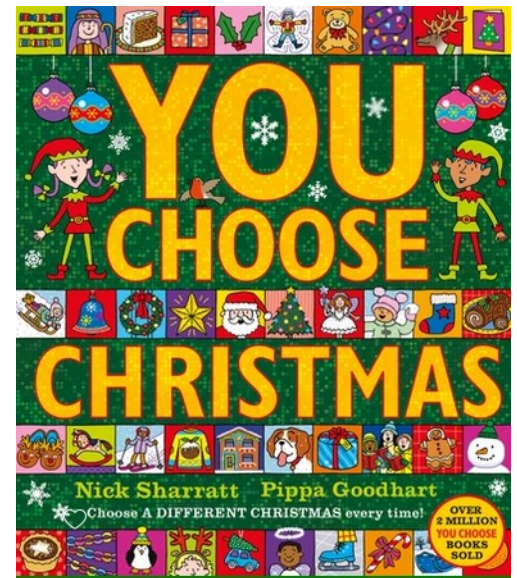
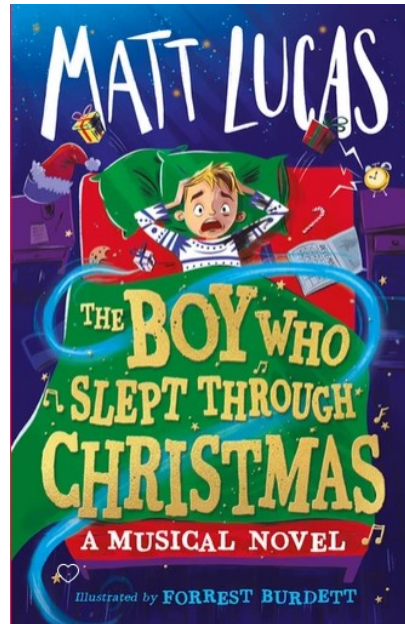
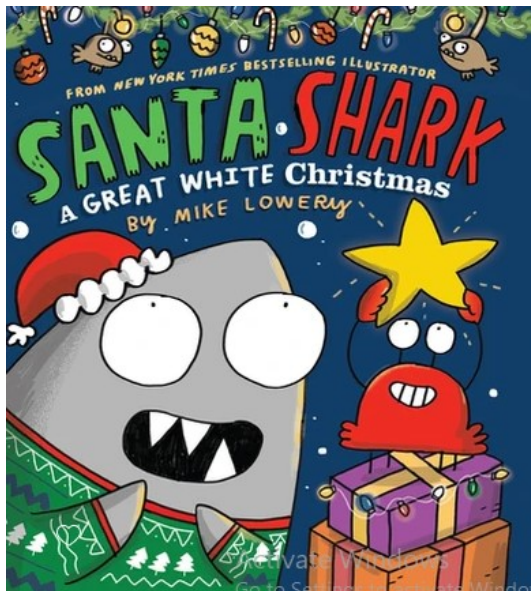
The Reader Teacher

Reads, Reviews & Recommendations!



www.thebookteacher.com

Check out the Book Teacher.com for Decembers book reviews



Language of the Half-Term

Our Language for this Term is Lithuanian. Here is a map to show you the country Lithuania.



In the main school entrances, you will see a welcome sign and other key phrases. In and around the school we are labelling key areas and items.

To embrace the spirit, we have dated the newsletter in Lithuanian and added the national flag.

This month's words are:

Linksmų Kalėdų
which means Happy Christmas
Su naujais metais
which means Happy New Year





CLASS ASSEMBLY



EYFS



The EYFS children blew us all away with their performance of 'The Nativity'.

They used their best singing voices and shone like Christmas stars to take us on a magical journey to Bethlehem.



KS1



Our production was Little Angel Gets Her Wings.

Little Angel can't go to Bethlehem with the other angels because she hasn't got her wings yet. At first she is sad, but then - determined to see baby Jesus - she sets off on foot. On her way, she helps a donkey, a lamb and a dove. When she gets to the stable in Bethlehem Little Angel hesitates, realising that - unlike the kings and shepherds - she has nothing to give the baby. But Mary explains that she does have a gift - the gift of love, which is the best gift of all. At last, because of the love she gave to others during her journey, Little Angel gets her wings!



KS2



In KS2 we performed the pantomime 'A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To Camelot'.

It was a retelling of the story of King Arthur, who pulled the sword out of the stone to claim the throne to the kingdom. We had songs, jokes and got our audiences booing for our fabulous villains, Morgana.





SEN



Workshops include:

- Understanding and Managing Behaviour
- The Impact of Early Life Stress
- Understanding and Supporting Sensory Needs
- Understanding and Supporting Eating Difficulties
- Supporting Language and Communication



Sign up here: <https://www.nsft.nhs.uk/parent-workshops>

Childhood Neurodiversity PST Workshop Programme

Parent/Carer Workshops January - May 2024

Neurodiversity means that across the population there is variation in people's brains. Having people in society who see the world differently and have unique skills is an important part of life to be celebrated. The term "neurodivergent" refers to people whose brains work differently to the typical cultural standards. Neurodivergence includes conditions that people are born with including autism, ADHD, learning disability and learning disorders.

This programme of free virtual workshops for parents and carers will explore nurturing the unique strengths of neurodivergent children and young people and provide advice on how to support them with the challenges they face. Any parent or carer is welcome to join regardless of whether their child has a diagnosis. The workshops are live on Zoom and are 75 minutes long. Recordings of the workshops and resource packs will be sent after the live event to everyone who has registered.

Childhood Neurodiversity: Supporting Language and Communication

This workshop will discuss language and social communication, including how parents/carers can support their children to communicate. This workshop will be co-delivered with the Integrated Community Paediatric Services Speech and Language Therapy Team.

Tuesday 9th January 2024 – 13:00 [Book Here](#)

Childhood neurodiversity: Supporting Children with Planning, Organising and Remembering

This workshop will explore cognitive difficulties in childhood such as planning, organising and remembering things. The workshop will consider how these difficulties can impact on day-to-day life and give advice on how parents/carers can support their children with cognitive difficulties.

Wednesday 7th February 2023 – 13:00 [Book Here](#)

Childhood Neurodiversity: Understanding and Supporting Sleep Difficulties

Sleep difficulties can have a huge impact on a child's emotions, behaviour, learning and health. This workshop will explore sleep difficulties for neurodivergent children, and how parents/carers can support their children with sleep.

Wednesday 6th March 2023 – 13:00 [Book Here](#)

Childhood Neurodiversity: Supporting Social Relationships

This workshop will discuss social relationship difficulties for neurodivergent children, and how parents/carers can support their children with understanding and managing social relationships.

Tuesday 2nd April – 13:00 [Book Here](#)

Childhood Neurodiversity: The Benefits and Problems with Using Technology

This workshop will discuss the potential benefits and risks to neurodivergent children using technology such as apps and social media. It will explore how families can use technology to support their neurodivergent child.

Monday 6th May – 13:00 [Book Here](#)

Scan the QR code to find out more and book a place on a workshop or visit nsft.uk/workshops.





Attendance Challenge



Our Spring Attendance Challenge will begin from
Monday 8th January 2024.

If your child is in school on time every day for the whole of the spring term they will be awarded with certificate and little prize for this amazing achievement!



If you have a little one due to start school September 2024 and would like a tour of the BEST SCHOOL IN THE WORLD!!!

Then please contact Mrs Downes. Email

fpso@shawprimary.thurrock.sch.uk



SCHOOL WEBSITE



Our school website is packed full of amazing things:

- SCHOOL DATES
- CONTACT INFORMATION
- CLASS PAGES
- HELP AND SUPPORT SERVICES
- NEWSLETTERS
- SCHOOL LETTERS

And much more...

Why not take a **LOOK!**

www.shawprimaryacademy.co.uk



School Start times:

IN CLASS FOR 8.40AM

We have had lots of children arrive late in the Autumn term.

This causes disruption to the class when children arrive late, also needing adults to come away from working with children to collect!!!



Lost Property

Please can we ask parents and carers to help us by ensuring all belongings and items of uniform are labelled clearly with their child's name. When children leave their belongings around school they can then be returned if named, if they aren't named it is very difficult to identify.



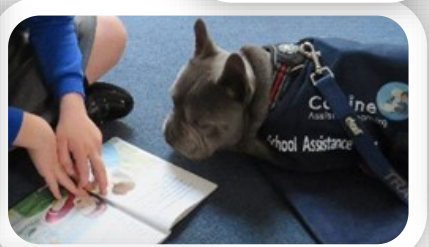
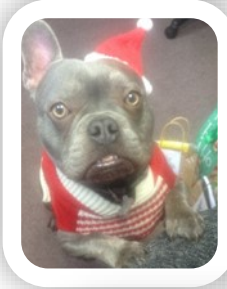
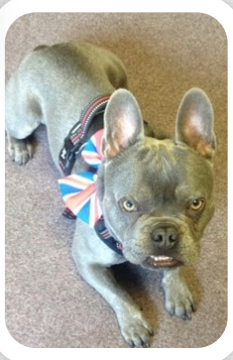
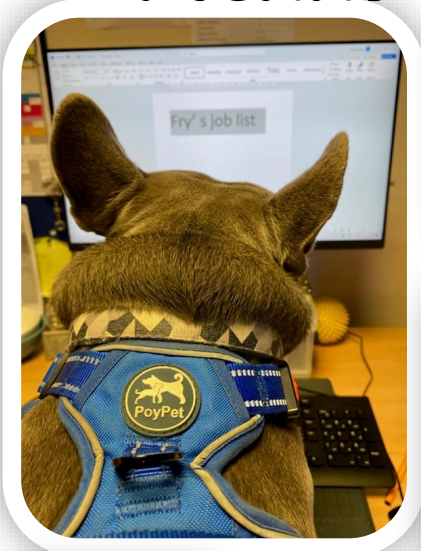
We currently have some lovely pieces of uniform so before you spend lots of pennies on new uniform we could help you save money.

If there are any items you require please email:

fps0@shawprimary.thurrock.sch.uk



MERRY CHRISTMAS



FROM FRY 





Shaw Primary vs Bonnygate

Last week, we hosted Bonnygate at home and the boys played as a real great team. They battled on, scored two goals in the first half and then another one in the second half. The boys did so well and the game finished

3-0!



Is my child too ill for school?



It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#). Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

Ringworm

If your child has [ringworm](#), see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat [head lice and nits](#) without seeing a GP.

Ear infection

If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a [sore throat](#). But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of [tonsillitis](#).

Chickenpox

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has [hand, foot and mouth disease](#) but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Scarlet fever

If your child has [scarlet fever](#), they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#). Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

High temperature

If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with [diarrhoea](#) or [vomiting](#) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (24 to 48 hours).

Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [threadworms](#). Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [slapped cheek syndrome](#) because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome especially if there are pregnant staff.

Impetigo

If your child has [impetigo](#), they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school. Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

What to do if your child has tested positive

Your child is no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if they have symptoms. But if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.



Absence Line



If your child is absent from school for any reason you must notify the school, by phone, email (fpso@shawprimary.thurrock.sch.uk) or in person on the first day of absence.

We have a dedicated absence line which opens from 8am (**01708 852367 -Option 1**) If you call before this time, you can leave a message.



Please REMEMBER to book your child's lunch.

You must pay, if applicable, when ordering.

We will not be taking cash/cheques in school except in exceptional circumstances.

The link you need to go online, set up and use your account is:

Edsp.co/sm-login

You can now book your child's school dinner online up to midnight the night before.

Packed lunches **do not** need to be booked online.

Breakfast Club must also be booked and paid for online.

If you are having any problems with your account, please contact the school office.

School dinners are £2.30



Breakfast club is open Monday to Friday from **7.45am** to **8.50am** in term time only.

Children should arrive no earlier than **7.45am** and no later than 8.20am as no breakfast will be served after this time.

Breakfast Club will be situated in the Junior Hall.

The club is open to children attending Shaw in Reception to Year 6.

A selection of activities and games, suitable for a range of ages and interests, will be offered after children have eaten.

Children will be escorted to their 'circles' at 8.50 by a member of staff.

Breakfast club places need to be booked and paid for via the school money website. £2 per day from September 2022

Children may attend for the full week or on chosen days.

*Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
From all the Staff at Shaw
Primary Academy*



*See you all on
Friday 5th January 2024*