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# Shilbottle newsletter

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Dear Parents and carers,

## HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY!

Class	Star of the Week	Presentation	Golden Table
R	Elliott	Charlie	Hugo
1	Abigail	Freya	Abigail
2	Elsie	Harriet	Elsie
3	Stanley	Reggie	Stanley
4	Eric	Gracie	Clayton
5	Zara	Erin	Sienna
6	Anna	Bilge	Luisa
Headteacher Awards: Freya (Year 1) & Francesca (Year 5)			
Highest Class Attendance this week: Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 with 100% Whole School Attendance: 99.6% (Target 96%)			

**This week in our school the children have been learning about the following topics:**

Reception: Plants

Years 1 & 2: Computing - Using the internet

Years 3 & 4: Computing - Coding

Year 5 & 6: Computing - AI

**The following topics will be covered during their next school week:**

Reception: Animal Detectives

Years 1 & 2: Science - Plants

Years 3 & 4: Science - Data handling

Year 5 & 6: Science - Diet, drugs & lifestyle

### CONGRATULATIONS NEWCASTLE UNITED!

I am sure many of you will have been watching the match yesterday afternoon and are delighted to see Newcastle win the Carabao Cup and bring some silverware back to St James' Park!

As we have lots of Newcastle United supporters in our community and we also have been working with NUFC for a number of years we plan to mark this momentous occasion by having a 'Black and White' Thursday this week (Thursday 20th March). We have chosen this day as each Thursday our football coach Owen visits our school to work with some of the children and it will be great for him to see the support for his club amongst our community. Children are able to wear Black and White for the day (including football tops) if they wish. If children would prefer not to wear black and white they can still attend in their school uniform. Please note children will be hopefully playing outdoors at lunch time and break times so sensible shoes must be worn.

### Pele Academy update

We were informed last week that our conversion to the Pele Trust is likely to be delayed until the beginning of May due to some legal technicalities which should be resolved by then. We are extremely fortunate to still be working alongside the team at the Pele Trust and the Governing Body members and myself have been able to attend their brilliant training sessions. As you are now aware I will be leaving Shilbottle Primary at the end of the school year and some parents have made me aware of rumours that my move is linked to the conversion to academy status. I can categorically assure you this is not the case. The conversion to academy status is a new and exciting phase for the school and I strongly believe this will enable our school to go from strength to strength. This is why I have worked very hard over a long period of time on the conversion process to ensure our children are given the best possible opportunities. I have also been fortunate to experience the brilliant work the Pele Trust do for myself. My decision to move on from Shilbottle Primary was difficult one as I have tried my utmost over the past eight years to give our children the best learning experience they can possibly have but a new and exciting opportunity to lead a large school, who are developing some new practices, is one which I am eager to undertake at this stage of my career.

### School Lunches—Week beginning Monday 17th March 2025

Monday: Chicken korma, rice, naan bread & peas - Cheesecake or chocolate krispie

Tuesday: Pork sausages, hash browns, peas & carrots or beans - Pancakes with sauce

Wednesday: Roast turkey, stuffing, Yorkshire puds, roast potatoes & veg - Chocolate brownie

Thursday: Tuna/cheese melt, pasta twists, sweetcorn & carrots - Chocolate krispie

Friday: Chicken goujons, chips, sweetcorn & carrots - Pudding of the day

***Dates for the Future (please add dates to your home calendar/phone calendar)***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>2025</b>			
Every Wednesday— Spring Term only	3 and 4	Swimming—Years 3 and 4 Final session Wed 9th April	26th March No swimming (Residential)
Wed 26th to Fri 28th March	3/4	Ford Castle Residential	<i>Dates and location confirmed 30th Jan</i>
Thursday 10th April	1/2	Class assembly	Doors open 1:45 Start at 2:00
Friday 11th April	All	Last day of Spring Term	School closes at 2pm
Monday 28th April	All	School reopens for Summer Term	8:30am
Monday 5th May	All	Bank holiday—School open Tuesday 6th May	Y6 After School Booster—Tues 6th
Every Wednesday— Spring Term only	Rec, Y1 and Y2	Swimming	
Mon 12th May to Thurs 15th May	6	KS2 SATs	
<i>Thursday 22nd May</i>	All	School closes for Half Term (usual finishing times)	Reopen Mon 2nd June
Wednesday 18th June	5/6	Class assembly	Doors open 1:45 Start at 2:00
Wed 25th to Fri 27th June	Y6	London residential	
Monday 30th June	All	Teacher Training Day—School Closed	Reopens Tues 1st July
Thursday 3rd July	Rec	Class assembly	Doors open 1:45 Start at 2:00
Friday 18th July	All	School Closes for Summer Break	Reopens Tuesday 2nd September