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# Shilbottle newsletter

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Dear Parents and carers,

## Celebrations

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading
R	Lochlan	Sonny	
1	Reggie	Rosie	
2	Gracie	Charlotte	Rosalee Gracie
3	Amelia M	April	
4	Cameron	Lydia	
5	Daniel	Jay	Hamish Ivy-Mae
6	Year 6	Year 6	
Headteacher Awards: All children!			
Highest Class Attendance this week: Year 1, 2 & 6 with 100% Whole School Attendance: 97.4% (Target 96%)			

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

Reception: Coronation Celebrations  
Years 1&2: Identifying Animals  
Years 3&4: Living things and their habitats  
Year 5: Classification  
Year 6: Seeing Light

## Next week in our school the children will be learning about the following topics:

Reception: Science Experiments  
Years 1&2: Stories of Christianity  
Years 3&4: Living things and their habitats  
Year 5: Classification  
Year 6: Seeing Light

## Coronation of King Charles III

Today the children have spent the afternoon doing activities based on the coronation event of last weekend. The children were also given their commemorative coin to keep (keep it safe as we have no spares!). The 'tea party' and coins were all funded by donations and the funds raised by the children from the cake sale last weekend.

## Cakes for celebrations

A gentle reminder that if you choose to send any treats in for your child's birthday or to celebrate a special event we ask that these are shop bought so that we can ensure the products have not been in contact with nuts allergens. We also request that these are individual, such as cup cakes, to minimise time taken by staff distributing them—and tidying up afterwards.

## KS2 SATs

We are all extremely proud of how our Year 6 children have completed their end of KS2 tests this week. You may have read in the press there has been some concerns expressed about the complexity of the tests and the affect this has had on some children's wellbeing. I can assure you our children did exactly as we asked of them which is 'try your best as no one can ask for more'. The children demonstrated high levels of resilience and determination. When talking to the children about how they have felt and if there is anything we can improve for future years they have assured us that they feel the mock exams and 'knowing someone is always their for us' helped. All of our children have been excellent, as always, this week in supporting the Year 6 children and they have dealt with the changes of routines and timetables very well.

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

Date	Year	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday	R,1&2	Swimming at Willowburn	
May	2	SATs test papers to be sat during this month	
Thursday 18th May	All	Professor Brainstorm Workshop	School Hall
Tuesday 23rd May	5&6	Newcastle United Visit	
Thursday 25th May	1&2	Class Assembly for Parents	School Hall 2:30pm
Friday 26th May	All	School closes for half term	Normal closing hours
Tuesday 6th June	All	School reopens—Summer Term	Gates open 8:30am
6th to 16th June	4	National Multiplication Test	
Week commencing Monday 12th June	1	Phonics Screening Test	
Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th June	6	Y6 London Visit with other Alnwick Partnership schools	<b>Prompt 8:00 am departure Wed 14th</b>
Thursday 22nd June	5&6	Safety Workshops—Online and other dangers	
Friday 30th June	All	Sports Day/Summer Fair	Reschedule for 7th July if necessary
Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th July	3&4	Robinwood Residential	
Thursday 13th July	Pre R and R	Parents Class Assembly 2:30pm	School Hall—doors open at 2:20pm
Wednesday 19th July	Year 6	Leavers Assembly	School Hall 5:45pm
Friday 21st July	All	School closes for Summer break	Reopens Tuesday 5th September
Tuesday 5th September 2023	All	School reopens for the 23/24 academic year	