



# Shacklewell News

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## Upcoming Events

Tuesday 17th

iCan Parent Session- Nursery

Wednesday 18th

Come Dine with Me - Reception

Friday 20th

Sharing Assembly - 2S

Epping Forest Trip - Year 3

Monday 23rd

Bikeability Starts- Year 5

Tuesday 24th

Trip to the Museum of the Home -

Aqua Class

Wednesday 25th

Come Dine with Me - Year 1

Trip to the Science Museum - Year 6

Thursday 26th

Pre School Stay and Play

KS2 Reading Parent Sessions

## Update from Mr McGrath

Welcome back to the new term.

Shacklewell has hit the ground running with some very interesting new curriculum topics and our engaging writing weeks. The children have also been demonstrating our values of collaboration, creativity, kindness, focus and responsibility throughout the school day- which has ensured a very positive start.

This half term we are really developing the children's identity as readers. Through assemblies, workshops and new approaches to sharing books in class, we want all our children to have a clear understanding of who they are as a reader. You can support us with this by taking your children to your the library each week and encouraging them to read for at least 10 minutes a night. Reading really is the key that unlocks the whole curriculum so I know you will support the school with this important initiative.

To support you to know exactly what the children are doing in school, we have added a new Knowledge Organiser document to the [Year 1 - 6 pages on the website](#). These include the key knowledge and vocabulary that each child needs for their current topic and will help you, when talking to them about their learning in school. In addition to this we have added our 'Reading Pathways' resources to the year group pages and this helpful [Reading Overview](#) to support your understanding of how we teach reading.

Have a great weekend,

Rory

## Value of the Week



Creativity

## After School Clubs

Our new after school clubs got off to a great start this week. The children have been able to work in bigger groups with more friends from across the school and the buzz around the building has been palpable since they started. Finding the right balance between quality and quantity is always difficult but Bev does a fantastic job of creating such engaging opportunities for the children. I appreciate that some of you have reached out to share feedback about clubs and this will be taken into consideration for the summer term.



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# Events from Around the School

## Getting involved

We have two exciting opportunities for families to become involved with school life.

### Parent Council:

We currently do not have a chairperson for the Parent Council. This important group provides a half termly forum for families to meet with Mr McGrath. The role requires collecting parent feedback, organising meeting dates and taking minutes in the meeting. Please speak directly with Mr McGrath if you are interested.

### Creative Workshops:

We would love for you to be involved in our Shacklewell Creative Workshops. We will be running sessions on Tuesday and Friday afternoons at 2.00pm. Please complete this form if you are interested in leading a session for a small group of children, giving them an insight into your own experience in the creative industries.

## Home learning

Each term we ask you to support the children to create projects at home for their curriculum learning. We haven't had many come back this term so please follow the link below to see what the teachers would like from each class.

[Year 1](#) / [Year 2](#) / [Year 3](#)  
[Year 4](#) / [Year 5](#) / [Year 6](#)

As always we aren't expecting all tasks to be completed and we understand family time is very special but we love seeing the different pieces that the children (and you) create.

## Nursery Stay & Play

The Nursery hosted Stay and Play on Thursday and it was a huge success. Families were able to learn and have fun with their children. The next Stay and Play is scheduled for Thursday 26th January- be sure not to miss it!



## Something for the weekend?

### Canary Wharf Lights Festival

The stunning lights display is back at Canary Wharf. This free, self guided walk is a lovely way to explore an often over looked part of the city:

<https://canarywharf.com/whats-on/winter-lights/>



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