



# Shepton Beauchamp Church School News



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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## Head's Update...

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to thank the many of you who have come to see me since Easter, regarding protecting our children online. Our new *Online Safety Newsletters* have had really good feedback from lots of you. Several parents have also thanked us for the NCA warning letter we sent last week, warning of the criminal online sexual extortion of children.

In the past, many used to think of Online Safety as preparing our children for High School. The world has changed. The youngest victim in this criminal extortion was just 5 years old.

I have included a table to show how social media use is increasing for children aged 5 - 7 years old. The age of young children makes them even more vulnerable to abuse.

All I ask you to consider is, *does your child actually need a smartphone?* Are you aware of the risks... if not please come and see me as many parents have, helping you to make informed decisions.

Best wishes,

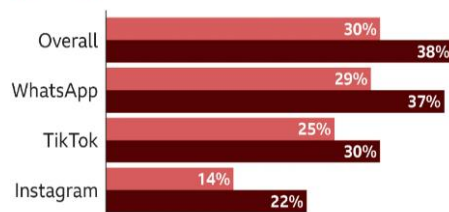
Connel Boyle

Executive Headteacher



How the percentage of five to seven-year-olds using social media has risen in one year

■ 2022 ■ 2023



Based on responses from 1,509 parents in 2022 and 749 parents in 2023

Source: Ofcom



## Specialist Music Teaching is back!

For the past two years our children have had the opportunity to learn the violin. This year we have a specialist teacher teaching the children recorders.

The children's rhythm and musical understanding is going from strength to strength.



Our school attendance target is 96%

We are at **95.37%**  
**-0.05%**

Phoenix Class current attendance **97.71%**



**+0.09%**  
**Well done!**

Gryphon Class current attendance **94.79%**



**-0.08%**  
**95% is close!**

Congratulations  
to this week's  
winners!

### Headteacher's Award

Stanley Josh  
Ruby

Friday's Children

Elijah Amelia



Headteacher drop-in  
sessions every Friday at  
2.00pm.

Mr Boyle is available for any parent to drop in to see him without the need for an appointment. Please do feel free to use this session to answer any queries you may have.

### Friday Family Assemblies

Come and join us every Friday at 2.45pm. We look forward to seeing you



### Science Investigations

Our children are currently investigating evolution - including how bird beak shapes have evolved.

Our children were challenged to use tools to try and pick up different types of seeds - it was hard!

### Diary Dates:

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATS WEEK
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - FOSS BREAK THE RULES!
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Residential Meeting 4.30pm at SMSP
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - LAST DAY OF TERM
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - RETURN TO SCHOOL
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June - INSET
- June TBC - Gryphon Class Britain at War Trip
- July TBC - Phoenix Class Trip
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Gryphon Class Residential
- FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY - 95%+ ATTENDANCE WIN A BIKE DRAW**
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Leavers Service
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July - LAST DAY OF TERM

The school calendar for 2023 to 2024 can be found under the Parents Tab,  
listed as Term Dates. Go to: [www.sheptonbeauchamp.co.uk](http://www.sheptonbeauchamp.co.uk)