



## Words from the Principal

**T**his half term has felt purposeful, joyful and busy in all the best ways, and I want to thank pupils, staff and families for the energy and care that have shaped it.

The early years set the tone with a joyful nativity, full of moments that reminded us how special these early performances can be. The junior school production, Groovin' the Nativity brought real warmth and humour, with music and movement that showed the children at their confident best. The carol services then gathered us for a calmer, more reflective celebration, and it was moving to see pupils of all ages contribute so thoughtfully.

Across all of this I have been genuinely proud of our pupils: of their readiness to take part, their consideration for one another and the way they rise to each new opportunity and challenge.

There has been much to celebrate beyond the stage as well. Our swimmers returned from the ISA national championships with medals and a shared sense of pride in what they have worked for. The inter-house public speaking competition showed pupils thinking deeply and presenting with clarity and composure. In the classroom, Year 11 pupils delivered a religious studies session to Year 6, modelling leadership and kindness in the way they supported younger pupils. The Year 11s have also been preparing carefully for their mock exams, and it was good to see them take a well-earned pause to enjoy ice-skating together before the break. The gingerbread competition brought creativity in abundance and the Santa fun run filled the site with colour, laughter, some festive tunes and much welcome end-of-term cheer.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so much this term. To those heading off on the annual ski trip, I wish you safe and happy travels together with plenty of snow. For everyone else, I hope the break ahead brings rest, good company and a healthy dose of festive fun, before we come back together in January.

**Mrs Bakhtiari, Principal**



## Groovin' the Nativity

**T**he juniors really got the Christmas period off to a great start at Shoreham College with the annual junior christmas play, Groovin' The Nativity last week. Ably directed by Brighton and Hove Arts Council Best Director for 2025, Mr Batstone; first time choreographer Mr Payne and musical director, Ms Elliot, the children danced and sang their way through the nativity story. Every junior pupil took part with groovy songs and dances that would have worked well back in the 70s and early 80s. Complete with neon headbands, rainbow leg warmers and glitter galore from the angels the audience laughed and loved every moment as did all the children. A huge congratulations to all the juniors pupils, the junior teachers and TAs who put together this brilliant, vibrant show. As one parent said, "Now my Christmas can really begin!"

**Mr Esplen**



# NATIVITY

**O**ur Little Lions and Reception children gave the most wonderful performance in St Julian's Church. They acted out the nativity story so confidently and sang beautifully, filling the church with Christmas sparkle as they performed Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Away in a Manger and Jingle Bells.

We were also proud of our Year 6 readers, who supported the performance so confidently and added something really special.

The costumes looked fantastic and were enjoyed by children and parents alike. A huge well done to all of our performers – you made us all so proud.

Miss Simmons



## PREFECTS DELIVER



**I**n support of Anti-Bullying week our senior prefects delivered their own activities to the junior tutor groups they are attached to. The prefect role helps build confidence, leadership, and resourcefulness in our young people and it has been a wonderful opportunity to see those skills in action!

Mrs White

## We remember them...

**S**horeham College gathered to mark the fallen in a moving act of remembrance. Held every year in honour of the former pupils who gave their lives in defence of the country, the service was well attended by all year 7 and upward pupils, parents, grandparents and staff.

Head girl and boy Olivia and Albert read the Roll of Honour in front of the memorial plaques in the College quad, followed by Taqwa reading from Ecclesiasticus, Chapter 44 v1-14.

The service was officiated by Rev George Butterworth and wreaths were laid at the College memorial by Mrs Bakhtiari on behalf of the College; David Abbott for the Old Shorehamers' Association on behalf of the ex-pupils, and the Chair of the Parents' Association Mrs Charlotte Coe on behalf of the parents.

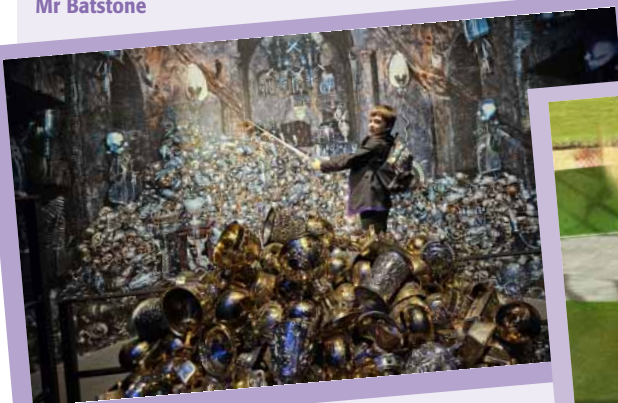
The last post was beautifully played by Mr Ellis Devitt.



## HARRY POTTER STUDIO TOUR

**T**his is always a popular trip and links perfectly with their Harry Potter topic. The children were able to explore real props and costumes from the films, design their own magical creatures and discover how many of the creatures were brought to life on screen. Many of the children even tried Butterbeer before visiting Gringotts and pulling up a Mandrake plant! Back at school they continued developing their imaginary magical creatures in class. Everyone had a fantastic time!

Mr Batstone



**PARENT FEEDBACK**  
Thank you for making the school such a lovely place to learn and grow. My son has LOVED his first year with you. He bounces off happily every day and is clearly thriving.  
Year 8 parent





# Welcome, Fluff!

**Y**ear 1 visited Build a Bear Workshop to create a class bear. We are delighted to announce the arrival of 'Fluff' into our class, and they will be visiting everyone's home over the next few weeks.

Mrs Moore



# SUSSEX SELECTION

**C**ongratulations to talented footballer Freddie in Year 7 who has

been selected for Sussex Schools U12 Boys. Well done Freddie!



# A FUN FOUR DAYS IN SPAIN!

**M**onday: after arriving at the airport at 3:15 am everyone was exhausted but excited. When we landed in Málaga our guide Pedro met us and took us to the historic cliffside city of Ronda, where we enjoyed beautiful views. Once we reached our accommodation, Spark, we settled in, had a delicious dinner and ended the day with beach games that left everyone covered in sand.

**Tuesday:** we started the day with Spanish lessons, learning key words, important towns and bits of history from Pedro. Then we travelled to Cádiz, one of the highlights of the trip. We enjoyed stunning views from the highest point in the city and visited the camera obscura, which showed live images of the town. After some free time exploring (and searching for the best churros) we ended the visit dancing in front of the cathedral to a saxophonist.

**Wednesday:** the day began with churros and chocolate from a local café, followed by a rotation of Spanish lessons, flamenco dancing and cooking paella. After enjoying our homemade meal, we visited a shopping centre full of unusual activities—including an arm-wrestling station where Henry dominated. In the evening we had a tapas dinner and watched a flamenco performance, even joining in ourselves.

**Thursday:** after lunch in a lovely park—complete with a memorable group of ducks—we travelled to Seville. We visited the cathedral, saw Christopher Columbus's tomb, and toured the Royal Alcázar, famous for its gardens and peacocks. We finished the day with some free time, with Ale-hop quickly becoming everyone's favourite shop. Pupils Hugo, Isaac, Amelie and Felicity





# ODD SOCKS

**P**upils and staff arrived at school on Monday morning wearing bold and colourful odd socks to raise awareness for anti-bullying week. The socks also helped brighten up a miserable grey and rainy day!



# BANKSY: LIMITLESS



**Y**ear 10 art pupils recently visited Banksy: Limitless, a temporary exhibition in central London showcasing over 250 works, including originals, unique pieces and exclusive reproductions. The exhibition offered a rare chance to explore Banksy's career and his controversial, politically charged artwork, delivered with his trademark satirical humour.

Pupils spent the day learning about his impact on contemporary art globally, before choosing specific pieces that resonated with them to draw from first-hand observation. These detailed studies helped strengthen their visual skills and deepen their understanding of Banksy's ideas and techniques.

Gallery visits like this are invaluable for enriching pupils' personal portfolios and supporting their GCSE coursework, offering inspiration that can only come from experiencing artworks up close. The trip proved both engaging and highly motivating for all involved.

Miss Dewing



# Interesting war talks for Year 9s

**D**uring the Michaelmas term Year 9 history students were treated to two fantastic talks. Former student and College parent, John Pope, an expert from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, delivered a fascinating talk about the work of the CWGC and its importance in creating and maintaining memorial sites around the world, that enable heroes from the first and second world wars' memories to live on and to be cherished by future generations.

Belinda Albrecht, a grandparent of students in our Early Years, delivered a brilliant talk and workshop during which students could view and try on a range of her late uncle Captain AVD Morley's (MC) WW1 uniform, training materials and memorabilia and learn about his incredible experiences and bravery during WW1. Many thanks to both speakers for giving such interesting talks, which were thoroughly enjoyed by the students and extended their history learning beyond the classroom.

Mr White



## SPORTS COLOURS AWARDED MICHAELMAS 2025

Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved their sports colours this term.

| BRONZE<br>20 fixtures  | BRONZE<br>20 fixtures  | SILVER<br>30 fixtures  | GOLD<br>40 fixtures  | PURPLE<br>50 fixtures   |
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| <b>Year 5</b><br>Cassie Pulling<br>Abel Beaken<br>Halo Farrell<br>Cassius Goba Krish<br>Nell Morris<br><br><b>Year 6</b><br>Seb Baker<br>Georgia Kakos<br>Nancy Tanner<br>Milly Charman<br>Nancy Tanner<br><br><b>Year 8</b><br>William Carr<br>Belle Singh<br>George Soutlas<br>Katie Tillet<br>Coco Webb<br>Vinnie Day-Sheriff<br>Isla Macey | <b>Year 9</b><br>Phoebe Sainsbury<br>Browne<br><br><b>Year 10</b><br>Zahla Webb Stimpson<br>William Hollands | <b>Year 6</b><br>Hannah Warner<br><br><b>Year 7</b><br>Rocco De Sisto<br>Millie-Rose Norburn<br><br><b>Year 8</b><br>Bowie Gardner<br>Fraya Pickering<br>Isla Wilmshurst<br>Max Anderson<br><br><b>Year 9</b><br>Ben Blunsum<br>Theo Pattenden<br>Leo Thompson<br><br><b>Year 10</b><br>Evie Wright<br>Fin Day | <b>Year 8</b><br>Safia Kakos<br>Emma Packham<br>Casper Mellors<br><br><b>Year 9</b><br>Marlon Fraser<br>Dylan Hanks<br>Luke Bishop<br>Charlie Stenton<br><br><b>Year 10</b><br>Doreen Rogers<br>Gavilano<br>Seb Turk<br><br><b>CENTURIAN<br/>100 fixtures</b><br>Sylvie Purseglove | <b>Year 8</b><br>William Routs<br><br><b>Year 9</b><br>Max Member<br>Harry Brown (Raleigh)<br>Toby Morris<br><br><b>Year 10</b><br>Evie Kemp<br>Bolton Reeve<br>Ollie Steele<br><br><b>PLATINUM<br/>75 fixtures</b><br><br><b>Year 8</b><br>Edith Middleton Burr<br>Fliss Hunt<br>Amelie Wilmshurst<br><br><b>Year 10</b><br>Riley Bean |



# FESTIVE GINGERBREAD CHEER

**T**his term, we held a gingerbread decorating competition open to all year groups. Pupils were invited to either bake their own gingerbread or use a kit, then decorate it using their creativity and imagination. Entries were judged on originality, decoration skills, and techniques used. All creations were donated to this term's charity, Off The Fence.

**First place:** Sophie – Sophie impressed us with her outstanding decoration skills and imagination. Her design resembled an Alpine cabin, complete with a shredded-wheat roof. It showed fantastic creativity and a high level of skill.

**Second place (joint):** Ramsey and Ronnie – we loved their colourful sweet decorations and beautifully iced wreath.

**Third place:** Isla and Lola – working together, they created a wonderfully imaginative theme. They baked their own gingerbread from scratch and showcased many of the skills learned in the school's cooking club.

Well done to everyone who took part – enjoy your gingerbread!

Miss Stoner



# ISA NATIONAL SWIMMING GALA

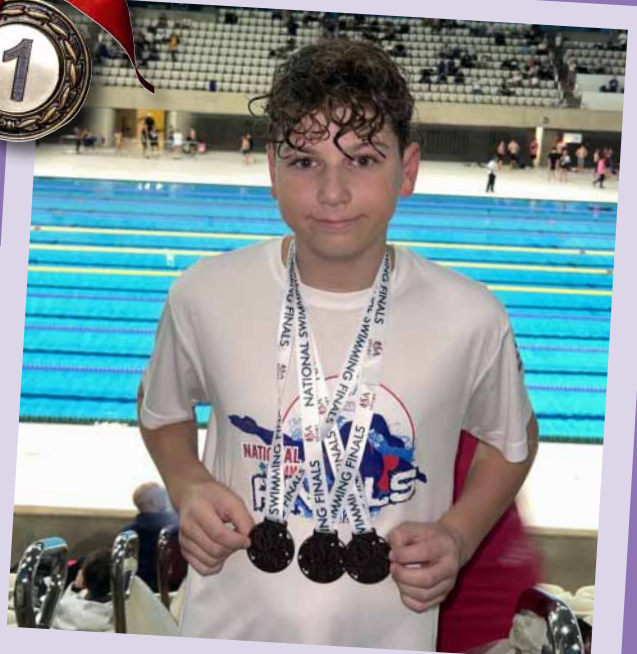


**O**ur congratulations go to Harry, in Year 7 and Max in Year 8, who both won medals at the recent ISA National Swimming gala. Max won a bronze for his part in the London South regional team that took 3rd place in the 4 x

50m freestyle relay. Harry won three bronze

medals for finishing 3rd in each of the races he swam in, the Year 7 boys 50m freestyle & 50m butterfly and 4 x 50m medley relay. A super achievement against some very strong ISA national competitors. We were very proud of all our swimmers who travelled to London to swim in the prestigious 2012 Olympic pool. Well done Darcey, in Year 5, Emma in Year 8, Scarlett and Etien, both in Year 9, Dylan G & Dylan I in Year 10 and Alex in Year 11. Well done team.

Mr Shelley





# SPEAKING OUT

**T**he inter-house public speaking competition was a highlight of the term. Each house tackled a different and thoughtful theme: Grenville explored self-worth, Nelson examined privilege through the idea of the invisible backpack, Raleigh reflected on pressure and expectation, and Rodney delved into artificial intelligence and its impact on how we think and live. The standard across all four houses was superb. Raleigh took first place, followed by Nelson, Rodney and Grenville, though every house delivered with confidence and real insight.



## Year 11 Leads Baptism Lesson



**Y**ear 11 GCSE RS pupils recently delivered a lesson on baptism to the junior school, teaching Year 6 about its purpose and the symbolism involved. A huge congratulations and thank you to Gilby, Taqwa, Rafee and Ruben for their enthusiasm, leadership and dedication, and to Year 6 for their active participation and thoughtful engagement throughout the lesson!

Miss Pang



## Purple Aprons

**I**n design and technology practical lessons, two pupils are chosen each session to be our "Purple Aprons." This isn't about being the 'best' at D&T, it's about showing qualities that matter in the workshop: respect, dedication to their work, supporting others, resilience and independent problem-solving. Well done to all the Purple Aprons so far this year - keep up the positive attitude!

Mrs White



## AFTERNOON TEA WITH AGE UK

**W**e were delighted to welcome residents from the local area, as well as from AGE UK to our junior school dress rehearsal last week. Our visitors had a sneak preview of our junior Christmas play, and then enjoyed afternoon tea with our some of our senior school pupils.





# A SEASON OF GROWTH

**A**s the term ends and the forest settles into hibernation, Year 6 can look back on a season of growth—physical for many (several are nearly taller than me, which is definitely not allowed in juniors!) and in their bushcraft skills, resilience, creativity and connection to nature.

As summer greens shifted to autumn's fiery colours, Year 6 cooked up pancakes, garlic doughballs and toasted crumpets, with the standout moment being popcorn popped over the fire using two sieves lashed to a long stick.

We also embraced the wild, windy weather, learning about the Beaufort scale and taking blustery "Darwin" walks. On one of these, pupils discovered the gourmet habits of local seagulls, who dine on fresh mussels on the playing fields.

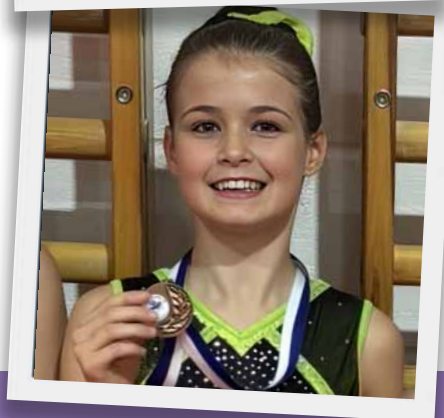
Although Year 6 have had their final forest school session, they leave a legacy in the trees they planted—and we hope forest school leaves a lifelong love of the outdoors in them too.

Mr Harris



# MEDAL WINNERS

**W**ell done to Year 8 pupil Charlie who won the U14 Sussex County Padel championships, and to Lizzie in Year 6 who placed 3rd in the Regional Pegasus gymnastics floor and vault competition.



# YEAR 8 EXPLORE STILL LIFE

**Y**ear 8 pupils have been busy creating vibrant mixed media artwork inspired by still life, drawing influence from contemporary artist Natasha Clutterbuck and sculptor Kate Malone. Focusing on seasonal vegetables, they've developed their observational drawing skills using a range of materials, including ink and sticks, as well as pastels. The results are rich in texture, colour and creativity – an exciting step in their artistic journey!

Miss Dewing

