

Academic performance 2014/15

We recognise and understand that not all children's rate of progress in learning is the same, but we are judged on our how well our children are doing at certain ages compared to other children nationally. At the end of Foundation Stage 87% of our children have achieved a good level of development which is significantly higher than other schools nationally (60% nationally 2014). At the end of Year 1, all children nationally take a phonics screening check. Nationally, last year, 74% passed this. We have again achieved 97% which should once again place us in the top 5% of all schools nationally. By the end of Year 2, all of our children will pass the phonics screening check. The children are assessed at the end of Year 2, as reaching the end of Key Stage 1 is seen as an important point to measure their progress in school from their starting points. Again, we do significantly better than other schools nationally:

% age of pupils (Percentage of all schools nationally 2014 in brackets to compare against Shaldon)	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
Level 2b+ (expected At Year 2)	97% (81%)	93% (70%)	97% (80%)
Level 2a+ (Exceeding Year 2)	86% (57%)	55% (39%)	69% (53%)
Level 3b+ (Equivalent To Year 4)	40% (31%)	24% (16%)	31% (24%)

It is extremely important that by the end of Year 6 our children are well-placed for their move to secondary education. We are very proud of the efforts this group of children have made – all of them have made their expected progress in Mathematics, Reading and Writing. In fact, not only did they make their expected progress, but over half of them made better than expected progress, which is significantly higher than other schools.

% age of pupils (Percentage of all schools nationally 2014 in brackets to compare against Shaldon)	Reading (Nat 2014)	Writing (Nat 2014)	Mathematics (Nat 2014)	Grammar, spelling and punctuation (Nat 2014)
Level 4+ (expected At Year 6)	97% (89%)	97% (85%)	100% (86%)	91% (76%)
Level 5+ Exceeding Year 6	77% (49%)	70% (33%)	63% (42%)	67% (52%)
Level 6+ Equivalent To Year 9	3% (0%)	3% (2%)	23% (9%)	3%
Expected progress	100% (94%)	100% (94%)	100% (96%)	N/A
More than expected progress	55% (34%)	62% (33%)	58% (35%)	N/A

The progress children have made from Year 2 to 6 is the best we have had so far and reflects the hard work of each of their teachers. These have also been our best ever results for Mathematics which has been a school focus for 2 years. Each of the Year 6 pupils should feel very proud of their efforts – they are an amazing group of children with many talents and we wish them a fulfilling and happy future in their next schools and beyond.

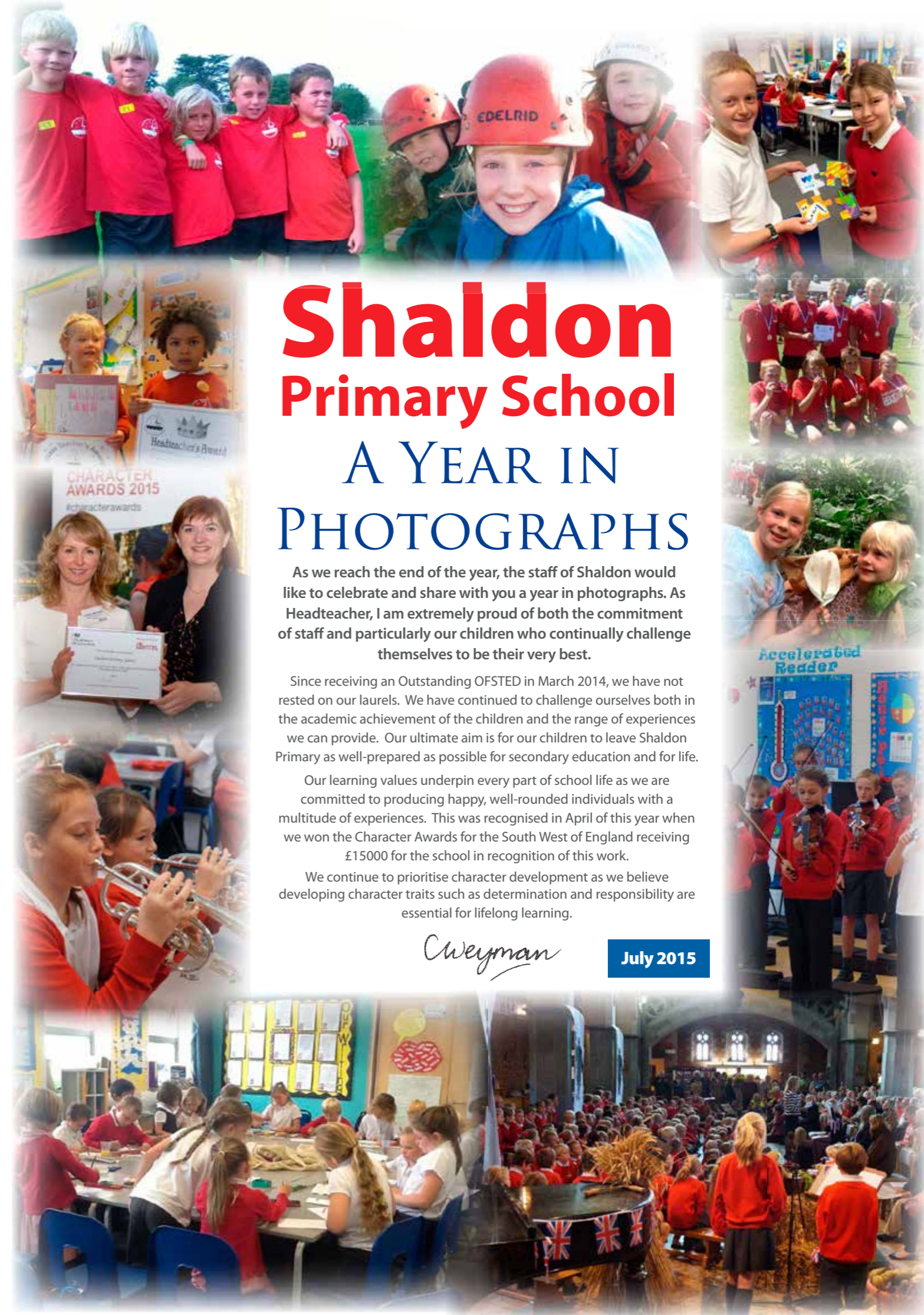


Goodbye to Marion Phillips and Ruth Mangham

Marion Phillips leaves us after 11 years at Shaldon Primary School where she has successfully taken on a range of roles, most recently Year 2 teacher and Deputy Headteacher. She is leaving to go to Wynstream Primary School to take on the role of Assistant Headteacher. Mrs Phillips has been a key person in the team and played an important part in the school's OFSTED inspection and the raising of standards, particularly in Key Stage 1. We are sure she will be very successful in her next school and we wish her all the best in this role. Myself, the team and governors would like to thank Marion for her dedicated service to the children of Shaldon Primary.

Ruth Mangham has been with us since October and is leaving to take on a Year 6 position at Decoy Primary School and we wish her good luck in her future career.

Finally, the staff of Shaldon School would like to thank you for your support of the school and we wish you a wonderful summer break.



Shaldon Primary School

A YEAR IN PHOTOGRAPHS

As we reach the end of the year, the staff of Shaldon would like to celebrate and share with you a year in photographs. As Headteacher, I am extremely proud of both the commitment of staff and particularly our children who continually challenge themselves to be their very best.

Since receiving an Outstanding OFSTED in March 2014, we have not rested on our laurels. We have continued to challenge ourselves both in the academic achievement of the children and the range of experiences we can provide. Our ultimate aim is for our children to leave Shaldon Primary as well-prepared as possible for secondary education and for life.

Our learning values underpin every part of school life as we are committed to producing happy, well-rounded individuals with a multitude of experiences. This was recognised in April of this year when we won the Character Awards for the South West of England receiving £15000 for the school in recognition of this work.

We continue to prioritise character development as we believe developing character traits such as determination and responsibility are essential for lifelong learning.

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MUSIC

The school has highly prioritised music by employing a music specialist, Lisa Price, and you will see the number of opportunities that have been given to the children in this area.

Music is an important part of our school and over the year the children have listened to Mozart, Beethoven and Vivaldi.

This academic year, we offered lessons in the following instruments:

Piano/ Keyboard with Helen Sargent
Guitar with Ginnie Cutler
Violin with Roxinne Llewellyn-Porter
Brass and Clarinet with Lisa Price
Cello with Helen Wills
Recorder with Kate Hill-Art
Ukelele with Steve Walker
Drums with Stephen Godfrey

The Harvest Festival was held at St. Michael's Church in October saw the whole school perform songs and readings to a large audience of family and friends of the school. The church looked beautiful and the children were a credit to the school.

Shaldon School Choir

Members of our fantastic 50 strong school choir will be took part in a variety of Christmas events this year, ranging from concerts at the Christmas Fayre, Carols on the Green alongside Sing-a-long Shaldon, at Jack's Patch, to the residents of Shaldon's Teignbridge House, and in the Christmas concert in St. Peter's Church

Carols on the Green

In December, the choir sang a carol concert on Shaldon Village Green with Sing-a-long Shaldon. The evening was a great success, with lanterns and torches lighting up the green.

Thirty children from Shaldon School Choir sang Christmas carols at Jack's Patch Nursery and Garden Centre and Teignbridge House Care Home in December, spreading some of their festive cheer.

Christmas Concert

The whole school celebrated the story of the first Christmas during WW1 in St. Peter's Church, Shaldon. Families and friends of the children and local community supported both of our Christmas Carol Services and the Nativities. Reception and Year 1 performed a lovely nativity in the school hall, which was supported by their family and friends.

Year 5 Brass Lessons

In addition to our topic work, Class 5 had the great privilege of additional music lessons from Mrs Price. During these lessons, they learnt how to use a number of brass instruments, learning notes, reading music and learning and practising new pieces of music. They used some of their learning to help them at the Learning Community Music Festival, held at TCS, which was great fun. They such a great day working alongside children from other local primary schools. At the end of March, the class performed their pieces to their parents and family friends in School.



VISITS & VISITORS

Our aim is for the pupils to experience working with a wide range of experts and perhaps it will ignite an interest, and they may develop a passion for working with wildlife, becoming a barrister, an artist, a geologist or a sailor - we want them to know the world is their oyster!

Some of the visitors we've had this year...

Joe Leech – record holder for kayaking around GB
Ivor Watts – Childhood in the past
Emma – Marine Biologist
Magistrates
Dr. Powles
Landscape Architects
Dogs trust
Librarian
Christian Aid
Ian – Mountain Explorer
Brett Grist – Parent Geologist
Stephen Climie – Barrister
Molly Dorey – Parenthood
Wildlife Trust

Some of the trips we've been on this year...

Teignmouth Museum
Teignmouth Docks
Botanical Gardens
Remembrance Memorial
Tim Mole's village history walk
Early morning 'catch the sunrise'
Allotments to dig for victory
Trip around the village
Trip on the bus to TCS
Eden Project
Year 6 Measuring the river
Year 4 trip to the Shaldon Beach
Year 2 trip to Garden Centre
Teignmouth Cemetery WW1 war graves
Tour of Britain
Solitaire De Figaro Race

Outdoor Learning

Pixie's Holt
Balcombe
Haven Banks
Grenville House
Adelong outdoor education



Year 6 Violin Concert

Following ten weekly lessons Year 6 have been transformed from violin novices into violin virtuosos, culminating in a performance to parents not in Carnegie Hall - but certainly the next best venue - Shaldon School Hall! Parents were enthralled as they listened to their children performing a range of techniques and compositions all related to space. Plucking and Bowing techniques include: Pixicato, arco, tremolo and callengo. Whilst compositions included Fly me to the moon, Lift off, Twinkle twinkle and Muse's Star. It would be no understatement to say the concert proved a resounding success.

During the Spring and early Summer terms, each class invited their parents, families and friends to join them at our **Celebration Assemblies**. Each class prepared a song or poem to perform at the end of the Friday Assembly. During the Spring and early Summer Terms, the school choir worked hard to learn a piece of music for the **Shaldon Festival**, which was held in June this year. Some of our choir members, selected from Years 4, 5 and 6, then took part in an informal workshop to learn singing and breathing techniques. In the evening, they performed alongside students from TCS and the highly successful group called **Voces8**. On the afternoon of the performance, the children participated in a singing workshop, run by **Voces8**, and then performed it in the evening concert, in St. Peter's Church. This was a very exciting opportunity for our children, who met a group of well-known professional singers, who perform world-wide in a range of styles from classical to blues to pop.

Kagemusha Taiko Drumming

In the Autumn Term, The Helen Foundation kindly organised and funded the Kagemusha Taiko Drumming project. As a result, we held a morning workshop at the school for Classes 4 and 5. Each child within these classes had the opportunity to have a go at the drumming. 15 children were then selected to take part the Kagemusha Taiko Drumming Project concert, held at TCS Arts Centre in November, alongside several other local schools. The opportunity gave the pupils a chance to excel in something unusual, and an exciting experience they would not have had this term without the support of The Helen Foundation.



ART, DRAMA AND CITIZENSHIP

In June, Class 3 and 4 experienced a **Music and Art workshop**. Kip Pratt (the Lead Music Coordinator for the Teignmouth Learning Community) and a local artist visited each school in the Learning Community. During the day with our Shaldon pupils, some of the children listened to music, which then inspired them to create art work connected with the music. The other children looked at art work created by children from schools within the learning community and then composed music to express these creations. Their creations and compositions will then be displayed during an exhibition in the Arts Centre at TCS in July. In June, Year 5 took part in a Music creation project. Kip Pratt visited the children and inspired them to create music.

School Council

The School Council have been very active this year and some of the areas they have been involved in are as follows:-

- Anti-bullying week
- Birdwatch
- Botanical Bonanza
- Children in Need
- Harvest
- Red Nose Day
- The Big Tidy up

Fund raising

- Comic relief fundraising
- Nepal Fund raiser
- Fairtrade awareness
- Disabled sailing association

FOSS have worked very hard this year to continue to raise funds for the school which is vital for us to enable us to develop and improve. One of the areas we aim to improve for the children next year is the outdoor environment and FOSS are supporting us in that aspiration. Thank you for their hard work and your continuing support of their events.



OUR CURRICULUM

We are committed to providing a broad and balanced experience for our children with a diversity of achievement which ranges from the academic to sport, music and art.

At Shaldon, although we plan from the National Curriculum, we tailor this to make it as engaging and relevant as possible. The teaching of skills is at the heart of this as well as opportunities to write in a real-life context.

Every opportunity is taken to involve experts and to engage in cultural visits. We also take opportunities to develop our core values of determination, aspiration, excellence, responsibility, passion and friendship.

Throughout the year, the children's learning has been brought to life through our learning journeys, from learning how to show respect and remember the past through our remembrance of the Poppy Day event, to being immersed as geographers finding about our local context and the importance of the estuary. Currently, the children have been in the role of Scientists learning about plants and how we can improve our outdoor areas.



SPORT

In sport, out of all of the local schools we are amongst the highest for event attendance and have taken part in more School Sports Partnership Finals than any other school locally. Unusually for a school of this size, the governors have prioritised funding for a dedicated Sports teacher, Ali Young. With budgets that are getting increasingly squeezed, this continues to be a challenge for the school, but one we are committed to maintaining. Additionally, having our own mini-buses makes a huge difference to our ability to attend these sporting events. We have also accessed more training opportunities than any other local school. We believe that physical activity is of vital importance for the future health of our children.

We value our partnerships with the other schools in the Local Learning Community and work with them in the interests of all our children locally to improve opportunities in Sport and Music.

As well as sports sessions in school, here are some of the other sports opportunities:-

- YR5 Residential
- KS2 Cross-country, SSP competition
- Tag Rugby KS2 Area Competition – Yr3/4, 2nd
- Gifted and Talented in PE, 18 children are invited once a term to extend their learning alongside other children from the learning community
- Elite Gifted and Talented – attend the above and in addition have further input from highly qualified staff at South Dartmoor Community College
- Year 2 Funfest, learning community
- YR3/4 Netball, SSP competition – Yr3/4 3rd
- KS2 Tag Rugby, learning community and partnership finals – YR3/4, 3rd
- YR1 & 2 received introduction to Cricket, 4 sessions with SSP coach
- YR5 Play Leader training (one session each term), SSP
- YR3 New Age Kurling, taster session run by SSP
- YR3/4 Football Tournament, learning community
- YR3 Dance Festival, learning community
- YR6 Handball Festival, learning community
- YR5/6 Handball competitions, learning community and partnership finals
- YR5 Striking & Fielding Festival, learning community
- YR6 Bikeability, Level 2
- YR5/6 Rounders, partnership finals – 3rd
- KS2 Swimming, 6 sessions
- KS2 Swimming Gala, learning community – 1st
- Whole school Sports Day
- YR2 Mini Cricket Festival run by SSP
- KS2 Area Athletics, learning community – Yr5/6, 1st, Yr3/4, 2nd and partnership finals – YR5/6, 2nd, Yr3/4 4th
- YR6 Residential
- YR2, 3 & 4 Outdoor Education
- YR1 Funfest, learning community
- Year 5 Canoeing
- Year 6 – each child received 4 days of dinghy sailing leading to RYA level 1 and 2 qualification.

