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Weekly Newsletter

It has been another busy week here at Shanklea. It has been lovely to welcome you back onto site to enjoy the Sports Days spectacle. The children loved seeing their families on the other side of the track and we were very proud of all the pupils' achievements. Scores are still being added up and we will send out the results of the winning castle by text.

Thank you for your support in allowing us to hold a covid secure family event. We look forward to returning to normal in September.

Key Stage 2 Virtual Author Visit



On **Thursday 8th July**, our Key Stage 2 children will have the opportunity to meet virtually **Dominique Valente**, the author of the **Starfell - Willow Moss** series of books.

Dominique is a lover of grumpy monsters, quirky dragons, magic and mad things, gardens that whisper and houses that breathe. She has one arm and her disability partly inspired the world of Starfell. In many ways, magic and the way magical people in her fictional world are treated is a metaphor for her experience growing up with a difference, with Willow and her friend's journeys an echo of her own journey towards self-love and acceptance.

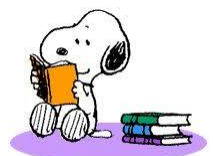
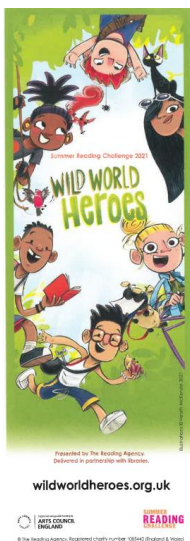
The children will have the option to purchase signed copies of a selection of her books at reduced prices. These are shown at the end of this newsletter. Books may be ordered and paid for on the School Gateway. The closing date for these orders is **Friday 9th July** to allow us to submit orders before the end of term. We're sorry we cannot guarantee they will be delivered before the end of term.

We are really looking forward to this event, which promises to be an exciting and inspiring day!

Summer Reading Challenge

Next week, the children will be learning about the **Summer Reading Challenge** and will bring home a leaflet with more information for families. The Summer Reading Challenge from the Reading Agency in conjunction with libraries, encourages children to keep reading for pleasure over the school summer holidays. The theme this year is **Wild World Heroes**, and more information can be found at: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

A digital presentation about the Summer Reading Challenge may be found at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ypuaeY_GV40&list=PL-d5RvdKfhkCvBq02kjiP3RMOBM5jWfvi&index=28





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Cramlington Library has moved to the Community Hub next door to Concordia Leisure Centre. Their staff are looking forward to seeing you in the library soon.

Nursery Sports Day

The Nursery Sports day will be held on Friday 9th July so that the children have lots of time to get used to the different activities and so enjoy the day as much as possible. Can children please come to school in their PE kit. They will need a water bottle and to wear trainers.

Date and time	Year Group
Friday 9 th July 9.30am	Older Nursery
Friday 9 th July 2pm	Younger Nursery

PLEASE NOTE THAT VISITORS WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCESS ANY INDOOR FACILITIES SUCH AS TOILETS



Menu Change Reminder

To celebrate the last day of term, the menu for **Friday 16th July** will be:



Chicken nuggets and chips

or

Vegetarian nuggets and chips



Please book (and pay where appropriate) on the School Grid. If you had already ordered fishfingers you will need to re-order. Thank you.

Covid Guidance

We continually receive updates to covid guidance. With this newsletter, we will email the latest guidance on:

- Testing if you have symptoms
- Symptom free testing
- What to do if you are identified as a close contact of a positive case

Year 6 Leavers Events

The Year 6 children enjoyed a stimulating transition visit to Cramlington Learning Village this week and we are sure they will make the most of their secondary school experience. If any parents/carers of children in **Year 6** have not yet given consent for the cinema visit and/or leavers event please do so on the School Gateway:



Tuesday 6th July afternoon Cinema Visit

Thursday 15th July 5pm-8pm Leavers Event





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HOPE CENTRE UNIFORM & BABY BANK



Our uniform bank was set up by local people who want good quality pre-worn school uniform to be freely available to students at our schools.

We have a good selection of logoed sweatshirts and PE wear alongside shirts, polo shirts, trousers, skirts, pinafores, joggers and other items needed for school.

Tel: 01670737808

Email: hope1uniform@gmail.com

Keeping It Local

School Uniforms

As the end of term approaches many parents and carers will be thinking of uniform for the new academic year.

The **Hope Centre Uniform Bank** in Cramlington is run by local people and has everything needed to send children to school, logoed sweatshirts, polo shirts, shirts, trousers, skirts, PE wear, hats, scarves and coats.

They work alongside **Uniform For All Northumberland** at Blyth and **Wansbeck For Affordable School Uniform** to provide, clean, good quality clothing to all.

You can find more information on their Facebook page.

Shanklea Superstars

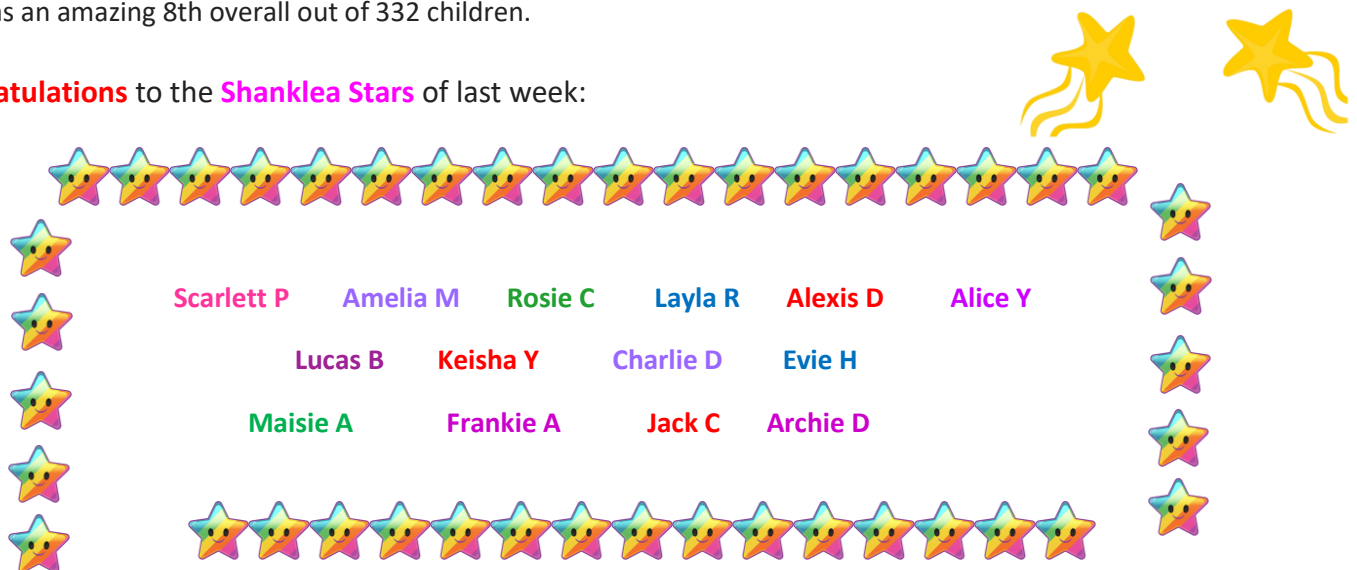
Cameron C is a motocross superstar. He came 6th in a competition this weekend and was awarded the **Rider of the Day** trophy. What a fantastic achievement!



Congratulations to **Mrs Greenwood's Year 6 class** who won the Northumberland **SumDog** competition.

Rosie S in Year 4 is a Maths Superstar! She was the highest scorer in the SumDog competition from our school and was an amazing 8th overall out of 332 children.

Congratulations to the **Shanklea Stars** of last week:





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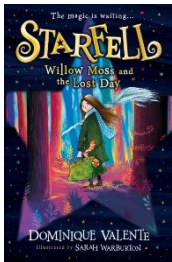
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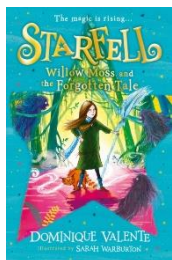
Virtual Author Visit: Key Stage 2 – Book pre-order information



Starfell: Willow Moss and the Lost Day (Book 1)

Willow Moss, the youngest and least powerful sister in a family of witches, has a magical ability for finding lost things - like keys, or socks, or spectacles. Useful, but not exactly exciting... Then the most powerful witch in the world of Starfell turns up at Willow's door and asks for her help. A whole day - last Tuesday to be precise - has gone missing. Completely. And without it the whole universe could unravel. Now Willow holds the fate of Starfell in her rather unremarkable hands...

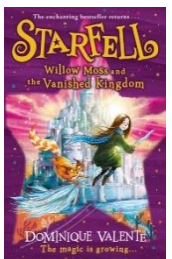
Starfell: Willow Moss and the Lost Day (Book 1) 9780008308407 □ - £7 (RRP £7.99)



Starfell: Willow Moss and the Forgotten Tale (Book 2)

Willow Moss, the youngest and least powerful sister in a family of witches, recently saved the world. The problem is, nobody can remember it - and, to make matters worse, her magical ability seems broken. Instead of finding lost things, objects keep disappearing against her will ... which is especially troubling now that her friend Sometimes needs her help! Sometimes has discovered how to see ten minutes into the future.

Starfell: Willow Moss and the Forgotten Tale (Book 2) 9780008308445 □ - £7 (RRP £7.99)



Starfell: Willow Moss and the Vanished Kingdom (Book 3)

For the very first time, magical children like Willow are allowed to go to school alongside their non-magical neighbours. But Willow is suspicious. She knows the Brothers of Wol are up to no good, so why are they changing the rules all of a sudden? On her first day, Willow meets an elf girl named Twist, and soon they are embarking on Willow's most urgent mission yet: to protect the children of Starfell, uncover the mystery of a long-lost kingdom - and prevent the very source of magic from getting into the wrong hands.

Starfell: Willow Moss and the Vanished Kingdom (Book 3) 9780008308476 □ - £10 (RRP £12.99)

Please order and book on the School Gateway before Friday 9th July 2021

