



Shustoke Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: Autumn 1: Week ending 14th November 2025

Our assembly theme this half term is: Respect



REMINDERS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 17th November 2025

| Day | During the School Day | After School |
|-----------|--|--|
| Monday | Monday P.E. Years 1 & 2 Guitar Lessons | NW Active Sports Club Years 1, 2 & 3 |
| Tuesday | P.E. Reception & Year 5 Violin Lessons Rock Steady Concert Mental Well-being Workshop | Noveau Dance |
| Wednesday | P.E. Years 3 & 4 | Dodgeball – Evolution Club Years 3 & 4 |
| Thursday | P.E. Years 1, 3 & 6 Nasal Flu Spray | Dodgeball – Evolution Club Years 5 & 6 |
| Friday | P.E. Years 2, 4, 5 & 6 | Lego Club – Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 |

Term Dates 2025 - 2026

| | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 27 th Oct – 31 st Oct | Autumn Half Term |
| 19 th December | Break up for Christmas |
| 5 th January 26 | Children return to school |
| 16 th Feb – 20 th Feb | Spring Half Term |
| 27 th March | Break up for Easter |
| 30 th Mar – 10 th April | Easter Holiday |
| 25 th May – 29 th May | Summer Half Term |
| 16 th July | Children Break up |

Times for the Day

| | |
|-----------|--|
| Morning | The gates will be opened at 8.38am each morning so that lessons can begin promptly at 8.45am . Collective Worship/assembly starts at 8.55am . Children who are late will join the other children in the hall. |
| Afternoon | The gates will be opened at 3.10pm ready for dismissal from classroom doors at 3.15pm . |

Nasal Flu Vaccination

For children who have consent, the Nasal Flu Vaccination will take place on Thursday morning.

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Dates for your Diary

Please find some provisional dates for this year. **These may, due to unforeseen circumstances, change** and we will inform you if we have any new information to share. However, so that families can try to plan, we wanted to give you as much information as we have.

| Dates | Venue | Year |
|--|---|--|
| Au 2 | | |
| Tuesday 19 th November | Mental well-being Workshops | Years 1-6 |
| Thursday 20 th November | Flu vaccination - Nasal Spray | All classes |
| Wednesday 26 th November | Movie Night | Years Rec -2 |
| Thursday 27 th November | Movie Night | Years 3 - 6 |
| Thursday 4 th December | Reception Vision Screening | Reception |
| Wednesday 10 th December | Journey to the Stable Trip | Year 2 |
| Wednesday 10 th December | Nativity Performance | Years Rec -3 |
| Thursday 11 th December | Nativity Performance | Years Rec -3 |
| Wednesday 17 th December | Carol Service at St Cuthbert's | Years 4-6 |
| Friday 19 th December | Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day | All classes |
| Friday 19 th December | Carol Service for Grandparents | Years 4-6 |
| Sp 1 | | |
| Thursday 8 th January | The Animal Man | Year Reception |
| Friday 9 th January | Young Voices 30 th Anniversary Concert | Choir Years 4-6 |
| Tuesday 3 rd February | Individual Photos (Tempest) | All classes |
| Tuesday 10 th February | Chinese/Luna New Year workshops | Years Rec -2 |
| Thursday 12 th February | Tamworth Castle Visit | 1 |
| Monday 23rd February | Staff Training Day – School closed | |
| Tuesday 24 th February | Height & Weight Check Health Survey | Reception and Year 6 Year 6 |
| Sp 2 | | |
| Friday 27 th March | Easter Service | Whole School led by Year 4. Year 4 parents invited. |
| Tuesday 28 th April | Open Centre Derby | Years 1 and 4 |
| Su 1 | | |
| Tuesday 19 th May | Class Photos (Tempest) | All classes |
| Su 2 | | |
| Monday 1 st June – Wednesday 3 rd June | Residential Visit to Whitmore Lakes | Years 5 and 6 |
| Friday 12 th June | Belgrade Theatre – The Enormous Crocodile | Reception |
| Week beg 13 th July | Summer Show | Years 5 and 6 |
| Friday 17th July | Staff Training day – School closed. | |

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School Vision

At Shustoke, all are encouraged to flourish and let their light shine. Passionate staff guide and support children to become compassionate, respectful, forgiving and confident individuals equipped to persevere when faced with challenges and to serve their community as Jesus taught us. Like a tree planted by streams of water, Children grow strong in wisdom. They explore talents, interests, and spirituality through opportunities to live life in all its fullness. Through our shared values, loving relationships are nurtured, and doors are opened to a future filled with hope, joy, and peace. Together, we all thrive.



Remembrance Service

The whole school visited the school orchard to take part in our Remembrance Service led by the Worship Council and Rev. Waterstreet. A poppy wreath was laid and a two minute silence was observed by all. Thank you to Mr Brighton who supported our service and played the Last Post. The service was very special.



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Year 1 News - Firefighter Visit

On Tuesday morning, Year One welcomed a team of local firefighters into school to discuss fire safety in preparation for Bonfire Night. The children were given an insight into the vital role firefighters play in our community, and had the opportunity to see some of the specialist equipment they use.

The firefighters explained the importance of their protective clothing and demonstrated how it helps keep them safe during emergencies. They also discussed the need for a healthy diet and regular exercise, which enables them to maintain the strength required to handle heavy equipment and perform physically demanding tasks.

The visit provided an excellent opportunity for pupils to learn about fire safety and the responsibilities of firefighters. It was an informative and engaging experience that highlighted the importance of staying safe and knowing what to do in an emergency.

The children impressed the firefighters with their knowledge of fire safety, and were able to talk about the actions that they should take in the event of an emergency.

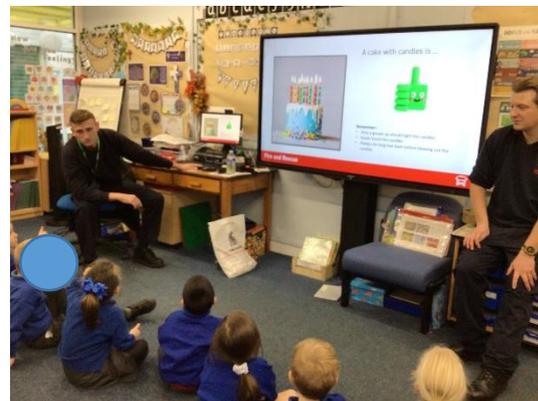
"You must evacuate if there is a fire." Edward

"It is close to bonfire night and firefighters help to keep us safe." Harrison

"Firefighters can help if there is a car accident." Harriet

"Fire can be caused by people cooking food and forgetting to turn off the oven." Theo

"If there is a fire in your house, you must get out safely and call 999." Harry T



Robbie demonstrated the stop, drop and roll technique.



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The children self-assessed the safety of different scenarios in the home.

Year 3 News

Year 3 have continued our school’s bee conservation work after achieving the Bumblebee Conservation Trust Bronze Award in July 2025. As an accredited school, we’ve been busy creating autumn and winter bee houses to provide shelter during colder months. The children planned resources, chose locations, and worked together to build the houses. They also made seasonal bee and seed bombs to ensure bees have the right plants through winter and into spring. It’s been fantastic to see their commitment to protecting these vital pollinators!



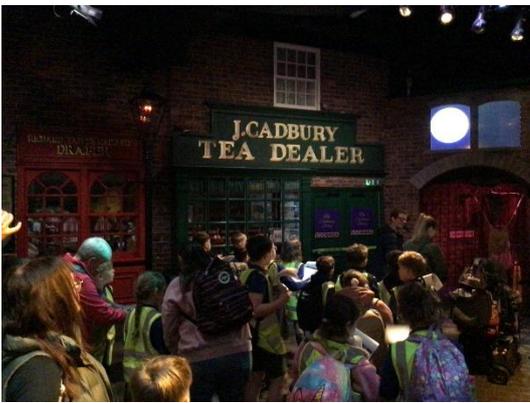
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Year 4 News - Cadbury World Trip

On Thursday, Year 4 went to Cadbury World as part of our 'Chocolate That Cares' DT topic. We learnt how chocolate is made, watched a live demonstration, experienced a 4D cinema, made our own melted chocolate pot and played an interactive game collecting chocolate-making ingredients. The children had a wonderful time, representing the school admirably throughout the trip, and to top it all off, we left Cadbury World with three delicious chocolate bars each!



Year 3/4 Dodgeball

Congratulations to all of the children in Year 3 and 4 who took part in the Dodgeball Tournament on Friday afternoon! The children represented the school excellently, and played extremely well. Team Shustoke (A) managed to top the group, meaning they will go on to compete in the finals next Friday! Well done to everyone involved!





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Remembrance Coffee Morning



Shustoke Church of England Primary School welcomed in parents, carers and families, as well as members of our local community, to our annual Remembrance Coffee morning. Our Year 6 children all looked the part in their World War 2 inspired outfits, with children dressed as evacuees, armed forces and members of the land army. Parents, grandparents and members of the local community had the opportunity to look at the children's lovely work about World War 2 and then settle down with a cup of tea and a slice of cake to listen to songs and poetry from the period of the world wars, before observing the 2 minutes silence at 11am. This is a long established event that has become part of Shustoke's tradition in which we come together to remember those who have lost their lives in conflict and wars.
Lest We Forget.





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Parking of cars in the local area

May we respectfully request that cars are parked considerately and that road markings are observed to ensure the safety of all of our school community, and residents of Shustoke. The parish car park is available for use at the beginning and the end of the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please send your child in with a Waterproof coat.

Please can all uniform, coats, shoes, lunch boxes and water bottle be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Attendance Matters

The attendance for last week was very good with 5 out of 7 classes beating the 97% attendance target.

**Rec = 98.8%, Year 1 = 99.6%, Year 2 = 98.7%, Year 3 = 97.1% and Year 5 = 97.9%.
Well done.**

The Government target for attendance is 97%.

School attendance is very important. Please could we ask you not to book a holiday during term time. If there is an exceptional circumstance and you have completed a Leave of Absence request form, Miss Wall will consider your request. Holidays in term time will not be granted unless the exceptional circumstance criteria are met.





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School Uniform

We want our pupils to regard their time in school as important and believe that wearing sensible and suitable clothes is a mark of respect for themselves and their school. With parental support, we can encourage our pupils to adopt the right attitude to learning and to school. Dressing appropriately is part of that process.

Part of our responsibility is to ensure that our children are "Secondary Ready," and this includes the wider aspects of school life as well as the taught curriculum. Secondary schools, and many work places take a very firm approach to compliance with uniform rules and codes, and it is important that children follow these. Having chosen Shustoke C of E Primary School, parents are 'signing -up' to all of our expectations for school uniform – including acceptable hairstyles, jewellery and accessories.

Please clearly label all clothing. Lost property is retained for half a term. Unclaimed property is then disposed of.

The school uniform is:

Boys

- ✓ Royal blue jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan
- ✓ Grey trousers (or smart knee length shorts)
- ✓ Royal blue polo shirt (with or without logo)
- ✓ Black sensible shoes (no sandals or trainers)
- ✓ Plain black grey or white socks
- ✓ A warm winter coat
- ✓ A sun hat

Girls

- ✓ Royal blue jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan
- ✓ Grey skirt/pinafore (knee length)
- ✓ Grey trousers (no logo, sequins, or patterns)
- ✓ Smart knee length shorts in the (Summer only, and not with tights)
- ✓ Royal blue polo shirt (with or without logo)
- ✓ Blue and white check dresses (Summer)
- ✓ Black sensible shoes (no sandals or trainers or heeled shoes)
- ✓ Plain black grey or white socks or tights
- ✓ A warm winter coat
- ✓ A sun hat

Boots may be worn to school in poor weather; however children will be required to change in to shoes once inside the building.



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PE Kit Reminder.

The PE Uniform has been chosen to be in line with the colour scheme that children wear on non-PE days so that they look smart and in uniform at all times.

Staff have noticed that some children are coming into school in black tracksuits and trainers in a range of colours. There are many advantages to the children arriving in their PE kit, but if this is to be successful, it is important that the PE uniform is followed in the same way as the regular uniform.

Please could you ensure that your child wears the correct kit.

The PE Kit is:

Plain Black Joggers (no logo)

Plain Black Shorts (no cycle shorts please) for indoor PE

Plain Royal Blue round necked T shirt (with or without School Logo only)

Plain Royal Blue Hoodie (with or without School Logo only)

Plain Black Trainers (no stripes, symbols or soles in different colours)

Plain Black Plimsolls (Pumps) for indoor PE – kept in school.

Hairstyles

We have noticed that there are a few children with hairstyles that do not comply with the dress code.

- Boys and girls hairstyles need to be traditional rather than fashion statement hairstyles – no shorter than No.2 grade clipping.
- We do not accept shaven tramlines/patterns/shapes/ shaved partings.
- Large hair accessories should not be worn (e.g. **large** flowers/bows/clips/headbands worn in the hair and wraps and beading that could get caught in equipment and apparatus).
- Wide headbands or headscarves, although not part of the general school uniform, are acceptable in place of a sun hat as part of sun protection during the Summer Term.
- Long hair needs to be tied back for PE (boys and girls).
- Hair colouring is not acceptable.

Jewellery

Safety standards are important in school and jewellery presents a safety hazard. We would prefer children not to wear any jewellery whatsoever in school for health and safety reasons.

However, we do permit a watch and one pair of small, plain stud earrings (such as the type used when ears are first pierced). These should be removed at home on the days when your child has swimming or P.E. lessons.

Novelty watches including Sports Performance Watches, or fashion earrings cause distraction and are not appropriate.

If you do decide to have your child's ears pierced, may we request that this is done **at the beginning of the Summer Holidays** so that they are sufficiently healed for the earrings to be removed for P.E. and swimming at the beginning of the Autumn Term.



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PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to contact school with a confidential or sensitive matter, or a hometime arrangement please use the Shustokeparents@welearn365.com email address.

The shustokelearning@welearn365.com email address should be used to submit examples of work to teachers or for general communication directly with the class teacher.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

The Coleshill Grammar School Trust

To qualify from our individual grant funding applicants must be **aged 25 or younger**, **attend one of the schools in the Coleshill Cluster** (or have attended The Coleshill School), and **be in financial need**. All applications will be considered on their 'educational merit' and impact against the long term aspirations and goals. As a charity we are required to carefully consider each application to ensure that it meets its objectives, but also to apply the available funds in a way that makes the biggest impact.

If you are struggling to pay for uniform or school trips please look on The Coleshill Grammar School Trust website and you can apply for a grant.

educaterers  **A FOOD STORY**

We are on week 2

Menus are at the end of the newsletter. All food is cooked fresh on site daily by our Cook Mrs Ross.
We now have a Jacket Potato option daily.

Dinners cost £2.75 per day. £13.75 per week

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FREE SCHOOL MEALS



School meals are free for lots of families, check if you are eligible to apply!

So much more than lunch...

A free school meal:

- creates healthy eating habits
- improves learning and behaviour
- saves money and time
- helps schools get extra funding

Did you know that claiming free school meals means that your child will get access to free school holiday activities and food?



To find out more and for help to apply for free school meals, please contact: freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk or call 01926 359189




Can I apply?

Your child could be eligible for free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from National Asylum Support Service (NASS)
- Guarantee Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You should still apply if your child is aged 4-7 and receives a universal free school meal

Find out more and apply at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm






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Workshops and Programmes for parents and carers. Online guides, virtual and face to face sessions.

Empower your parenting journey with our insightful workshops and programmes. Join our virtual and face to face events to gain practical skills and supportive community for navigating the joys and challenges of parenthood.





TO BOOK
GUIDES

To book scan the QR code: Follow the page for regular updates

You can find our online guides at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentguides

Further information: ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk



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School Money



Downloading and registering for the Eduspot app

You will only need to register and login to the Eduspot App once. Once you have done this, the app will remain permanently logged on, unless you delete the app.

First, you will need to download the app onto your device through the relevant app store; it is compatible with both Android and Apple iOS. Please search for 'Teachers2Parents' in the Google Play or Apple App Store.

Apple



Android



Once opened a screen will pop up, this screen will ask you to register your mobile phone number. It will match that phone number with the one on record at the school, so please ensure the school has your correct details.

If your mobile number is not recognised, please contact the school and ask them to check the number registered to the account.



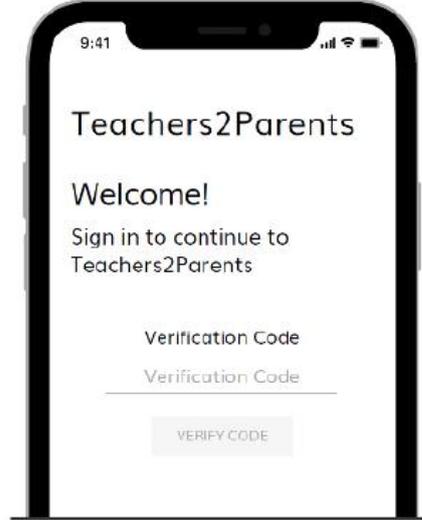
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After your phone number has been entered, you will be asked for a verification code. This will be sent via SMS to the mobile number you entered.

Enter the code and press Verify Code.

If your email address isn't registered with SchoolMoney a second screen may pop up. This will ask you to confirm your email address so that when you make a payment a receipt can be sent out to you. Enter your email address in both boxes and press Continue.



You will then be sent to the homepage.

For further information about using the App, please ask your child's school for our full App Guide.

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Warwickshire Music

Bring the Magic of Music into your home with instrumental or vocal lessons with Warwickshire Music.

Playing an instrument or learning to sing helps young people to unlock their imagination, boost confidence, lift spirits and improves literacy, numeracy and listening skills. With our specialist music teachers, your child will develop their love of music and learn creative skills for life.

With FREE instrument hire for your first year of learning, and opportunities to join a range of ensembles and performance events, start your child's musical journey now!

For more information and to sign up for lessons, please scan the code below or follow the link:

<https://warwickshiremusic.paritor.com>

Contact Us:
www.warwickshiremusicclub.org
01926 742630

Warwickshire Music
MUSIC FOR LIFE

Discover the Power of Music with Warwickshire Music

Violin and Guitar lessons are available in school.
These take place during the school day.

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Hi Parent or Guardian,

Is your child more excited about music this evening?

Apologies, that might have something to do with **Rocksteady Music School!**

Today your child got a taste of what it's like to perform in a band, and this letter tells you how they can be part of the fun every week.

What is Rocksteady?

Rocksteady band lessons give children the chance to play in their very own band through weekly rock and pop lessons. It's the perfect way to **learn new musical skills, make friends and have fun** - all at school! Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost **confidence, wellbeing, social skills** and even **academic achievement**.

Your child will learn to play songs instantly through listening and playing. There is no music theory involved and lessons are fun, inclusive and accessible. They will be making progress in every lesson and can also achieve an **Ofqual-regulated music qualification**, accredited by Trinity College London, without having to take a single exam!

Here's what else you need to know:

- Most lessons take place during the school day. There's **no experience necessary** and all instruments for lessons are provided.
- You can choose if they shine on **vocals, keyboard, drums, guitar or bass**.
- Proudly watch as your child performs in their **end of term concerts**, showing just how far they have come!
- Rocksteady band leaders are **professional musicians** who inspire a passion for music and support your child every step of the way.

Lessons are £44.68 per month with nothing to pay in August. There's a **money-back guarantee** for the first month and you can **cancel at any time**. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Visit rocksteadymusicschool.com to sign up.

Best wishes,

Rachel Hawker
Director of Education



**BOOK YOUR
CHILD'S PLACE
ONLINE!**

0330 113 0330
(Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)
rocksteadymusicschool.com



Find out what some parents
have said about Rocksteady! →



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■ Join The Build Barn's After School LEGO® Club!

Build, create, and play every Friday!

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|--------------|--|
| ■ Day: | Every Friday - FIRST SESSION FRIDAY 26th SEPTEMBER |
| ■ Time: | 15:15 – 16:15 |
| ■ Location: | Shustoke Primary School |
| ■ Age Group: | 1st Term - years 4, 5 & 6 |
| ■ Price: | £5.00 per session |



- Build awesome Lego creations with friends!
- Challenges, Free Building, Set Builds, Prizes.
- Book & pay for sessions directly online.



- Email: thebuildbarn@outlook.com
- Phone: 07774 658129
- www.thebuildbarn.co.uk

Spaces are limited – book your place now!

Let's get building!

LEGO Club has been extended to include Years 2 & 3



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Shustoke C of E Primary School



*Is your child due to start school
in September 2026?*



*We welcome you to join us for a festive session
of activities at our Stay and Play session on*

Friday 12th December, 2:00 – 3:00.

Please telephone the school office (01675) 481319 or email admin3207@welearn365.com to confirm your place. You are welcome to tour the school and meet the staff during your visit.



We look forward to meeting you, whether you are joining us for the first time or are returning for another visit.





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Nether Whitacre Village Hall Christmas Fayre

Sunday 16th November

A variety of festive
Craft/Gift Stalls

Wax
Melts

Xmas
Wreaths



Handmade Resin
Products & Bags



Honey



Decoupage



Jewellery

Sweeties



Candles

Oriflame

Glass
Fusing

Fairy &
Gnome Lanterns



+More!!



Santa's Grotto - 
bring the children to see Santa -
£2.50 - 1 gift each child



Child's Bauble
Art Competiton

12 pm - OPEN

1 pm - Village Choir

3 pm - Hand Bell Ringers

3.45 pm - Raffle Draw

3.50 pm - Bauble Competition

Winners

4 pm - CLOSE

Name the
Teddy





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THE LITTLE BOOK FAIRY PRESENTS



COLESHILL'S

★ COMMUNITY ★ ADVENT CALENDAR

LOOK FOR A BOOK EACH DAY

- 1st - 24th December in Coleshill
- Sponsored by local businesses and friends

FIND A BOOK BEHIND EACH DOOR!

