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## Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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## Dates for your diary



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*This week...*

***Monday 13 April - Children back to school***

***Friday 17 April - 3H swimming starts***

*Next week...*

***Monday 20 April - Year 4 visit to Bestwood Park***

***Tuesday 21 April - Wednesday 22 April - Year 5 residential to Mill Adventure Base***

***Tuesday 21 April - Year 6 Residential Meeting***

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*Details for any future trips or events will be provided nearer the time.*

## **Summer Term**

**Monday 27 April** - Class Photographs (am)

**Friday 1 May** - Deadline to order Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies via ParentPay

**Monday 4 May** - Bank Holiday (school closed)

**Friday 8 May** - Deadline to give consent and payment for Year 6 Trip to Mansfield Museum and Theatre

**Monday 11 May - Thursday 14 May** - Year 6 SATs

**Thursday 21 May** - Last day at school

**Friday 15 May** - Year 6 Trip to Mansfield Museum and Theatre

**Year 6 Trip to Mansfield Museum and Theatre on Friday 15th May 2026**

**Friday 22 May** - INSET (children not in school)

**Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May** - Half term holiday (school closed)

**Monday 1 June** - children back to school

**Monday 8 June - Wednesday 10 June** - Year 6 residential to Hagg Farm

**Friday 24 July** - Last day at school

**Monday 27 July** - INSET (children not in school)

**Tuesday 28 July** - School holiday (school closed)

## **Easter Celebrations**



## **Easter Church Celebrations**

We had a wonderful time visiting the church before the Easter break to celebrate *New Life*. The children did Sherwood proud—sharing thoughtful Easter readings, performing engaging drama pieces, singing beautifully, and even showcasing some stunning artwork. They represented the school brilliantly, both inside the church and while walking through the community. Fantastic work, Sherwood!

A GREAT BIG thank you to all the parents and carers who supported our Easter Celebrations by volunteering as helpers—we truly couldn't have done it without you.

And finally, a MASSIVE thank you to all of the staff for their incredible efforts, and in particular to **Mrs Horton**, who planned and coordinated the whole event. Thank you, Mrs Horton!

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### **Easter Raffle**

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to all of the pupils and parents/carers who purchased tickets for the Easter Raffle, we raised an amazing **£227.20** for school!

We would also like to thank staff and some generous parents/carers for their donations of Easter treats - there were lots of wonderful prizes on offer.

A big well done to our winners, who were given their prizes on the last day of term:

**Year 3:** Amelia, Harper, Lucas, Autumn, Grayson, Hudson, Reavie, Freya, Lily-Mae, Gracie, Finley & Chelsea

**Year 4:** Mufaro, Freddie, Dakota, Brooklyn, Thea, Lola, Essie, Olivia, Mrs Burton, George, Miley, Isla & Indy

**Year 5:** Riley H, Damian, Stanley, Jayden, Cora, Lilly-Mae, Gracie, Amelia P & Sophie

**Year 6:** Josie, Lucas, Jessie, Phoebe C, Amelia, Pixie, Ella & Bella

Sherwood's Scholastic Book Fair



We would just like to thank all of the pupils and parents/carers that attended our Book Fair before the Easter break - we raised a wonderful **£1130**, a percentage of which will go towards new books for the classrooms/corridors - amazing!

## March's Online Safety Newsletter

Please [click here](#) to view March's Online Safety Newsletter - it is full of useful articles, tips and advice for how to support your child in making safer choices when using the internet/online devices.



## Year 6 Trip to Mansfield Museum and Theatre

### Year 6 Trip to Mansfield Museum and Theatre on Friday 15th May 2026

The children will take part in the theatrical performance workshop where they will have special access to backstage and gain knowledge of all things performance related, including how sound and lighting works. This is in preparation for our Year 6 production (more details to follow).

**Please send your child with a clear, 500ml empty drinks bottle, with the label removed. Please make sure the bottle has been rinsed out and is clean. This will be used to make a 'litter bug'.**

**The cost of the trip per child is £12.30.** Please make payment via ParentPay. You must also give consent for your child to attend the trip and provide an emergency contact number for the day of the trip via ParentPay.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties at this time and would like to discuss this, please contact the school office.

The coach will leave school at 9:15am so pupils will need to arrive on time to be registered prior to the trip. We will arrive back at school for the normal finishing time of 3:20pm, however if this changes significantly we will contact you by text.

Children are expected to wear full school uniform. Children will need a healthy packed lunch and drink (no fizzy drinks) in a bag or lunchbox. If your child receives free school meals and

you would like school to provide a packed lunch, you will have the opportunity to order one via ParentPay.

Any parents with a DBS check carried out by school, who are available to support us on this day, please let us know.

Please make payment via your ParentPay account along with the necessary consent and contact details by **Friday 8th May 2026**.

Many thanks,

The Year 6 Team

# YEAR 6

## Year 6 Residential Meeting

We would like to invite the children attending and their parents to our Hagg Farm residential meeting after school on **Tuesday 21st April**. This will be an opportunity to share with you further details of the upcoming residential, the children's itinerary for the 3 days, kit lists and answer any questions you might have.

We will meet in the top hall at **3:20pm**.



## Summer Clubs



We're delighted to share the exciting range of lunchtime and after-school clubs running this term. These clubs offer children the chance to discover new interests, build skills, and enjoy time with their friends.

Parents must sign their child up for a club via ParentPay. Clubs will go 'live' on ParentPay for bookings/reservations on **Monday 20 April**. On ParentPay, you need to select the clubs you would like your child to attend and complete all the information. There will be a limited number of places available for each club, once all places have been filled you will no longer be able to apply.

If you have selected the club and completed the information your child has a confirmed place.

**All clubs will start the week beginning Monday 27 April.**

**All after school clubs will finish at 4.15pm.**

Please note there will be no clubs in the last week of term in the week beginning **Monday 20 July**.

### **Monday**

#### **Colouring Club (Year 4)**

**Monday Lunchtime - 12:00 - 12:30**

**Staff:** Mrs White

Enjoy colouring whilst relaxing with your peers. Use a variety of different techniques to develop your skills.



## **Tuesday**

### **TTRockstars and Homework Club**

#### **Tuesday Lunchtime**

**Staff:** Mrs Jackson & Mrs Burton

**Location:** Year 4 Corridor

Have you run out of time to do your homework? Not had chance to read or develop your times tables skills on TT Rockstars? Then pop along to our club at Tuesday lunchtimes.

### **Bat and Ball Club**

#### **Tuesday After School**

**Staff:** Mr B and Mrs Jackson

Join us after school for the new Bat and Ball Club! During the term, children will learn skills used in both Cricket and Rounders, giving them the chance to build skills, confidence, and a love of the game in a fun and supportive environment.

Across both sports, children will develop a range of key skills including striking, throwing, catching, and fielding, while also building teamwork, coordination, and game awareness. Through a variety of fun drills and small-sided games, pupils will gain confidence, improve their technique, and learn how to work together in an active and supportive environment.

Whether they're new to these sports or already enjoy playing, this club offers something for everyone. Come along, get active, and have fun with friends!

### **Gardening Club**

#### **Tuesday After School**

**Staff:** Mrs Johnson

The main objective of Gardening Club is for all members to be involved in the process of vegetables being produced from seeds to their plate. Throughout the seasons the group will prepare the land, plant seeds and seedlings for around 14 different vegetables, weed, water and nurture growth. During the summer months, children will harvest and take home their crop.

*Existing members are expected to return. If your child no longer wishes to attend, please inform the office.*

### **Construction Club**

#### **Tuesday After School – After school**

**Staff:** Mrs Seals

Join us after school for a hands-on building adventure! In Construction Club, children can unleash their creativity using LEGO, K’Nex, and paper model-making. Each session invites children to experiment, problem-solve, and bring their ideas to life.

Whether they’re budding engineers, imaginative designers, or simply love to build, this club offers something for all. Come along and see what incredible creations you can make! Open to all pupils in Year 4 and 5.

### **Sports Leaders (Invite Only)**

#### **Tuesday Lunchtime - 12:00 - 12:30**

**Staff:** Mrs Bradbury

This term our Sports Leaders will embark on new tasks, take more steps towards their leadership awards and, most excitedly, we will be welcoming our new Year 5 Sports Leaders. Weekly sessions will ensure everyone is on track, provide opportunities to share ideas and help plan sporting events for the school.

# Tuesday

## Wednesday

### Duolingo Language Club

**Wednesday Lunchtime - 12:00 - 12:30**

**Staff:** Miss Hopkins


Learning languages with Duolingo is fun, and research shows that it works! With quick, bite-sized lessons including speaking, listening and writing, children earn points and develop real-world communication skills in a language of their choice. An ideal opportunity for language lovers to expand their knowledge.

### Drama Club

**Wednesday After School**

**Staff:** Miss Benson-Loydall

Our Drama Club provides a fun, confidence-building space where children can express themselves and discover their inner acting skills.

 The club is *not currently accepting new members* as the children are busy rehearsing for their upcoming performance. We look forward to welcoming new participants in the future once rehearsals have finished.

*Existing members are expected to return. If your child no longer wishes to attend, please inform the office.*

# Wednesday

## Thursday

 **Singing Club – Sherwood Singing Squad**

**Thursday Lunchtime - 12:00–12:30**

**Staff:** Mrs Hough-Lang

 Love to sing? Join the Squad! 

Do you enjoy music and want to share your voice with others? The Sherwood Singing Squad is open to all year groups and focuses on having fun, building confidence and making music together. No experience needed!

 **History Club**

**Thursday After School**

**Staff:** Mrs Bonsell

Hello history hunters! This term we're going to become real history detectives by learning the special skills historians use. Children will learn to ask questions about the past, analyse photographs and artefacts, use timelines, identify reliable sources and distinguish between facts and opinions. Each week, detective skills will be used to solve historical mysteries and piece together stories from long ago.

 **Netball Club (Year 5 & 6)**

**Thursday After School**

**Staff:** Mrs Naylor

Come and join our fun and exciting after-school Netball Club! Learn new skills, make friends, and work together as a team while keeping active. Whether you've played before or are brand new to netball, everyone is welcome!

*Existing members are expected to return. If your child no longer wishes to attend, please inform the office.*

## **Girls' Football Club**

### **Thursday After School**

**Staff:** School Football Coach and Mrs Bradbury

Would you like to learn the basic skills of football? Our coach is continuing their club for girls across the school. Existing members are expected to return unless they no longer wish to attend, and there are plenty of places for new members. This year we will be participating in friendly matches with link schools and celebrating *Player of the Week* in the weekly newsletter.

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### **Friday**

#### **Book Club**

### **Friday Lunchtime - 12:00 - 12:30**

**Staff:** Mrs Horton

If you like reading, chatting and relaxing, this club is for you. Come along on Friday lunchtime to share your love of books. **Everyone is welcome.**

### **Lego Club (Year 3 and 4)**

**Friday Lunchtime - 12:00- 12:30**

**Staff:** Lindsay Murphy

Lego Club is an opportunity to use your imagination, work with others and have fun. Come along and create your own designs using Lego.



### Golden Tickets



Golden tickets are awarded by our Senior Leaders and SENCO (Mrs Simpson, Mrs Bradbury, Mrs Seals, Mrs C Jackson & Mrs Naylor) to individuals, groups or the whole class for demonstrating our school core values, including their attitude to learning and behaviour. Each of the 5 staff members have 20 golden tickets to present each week. Each class collects their golden tickets and a weekly total is shared in assembly. The overall scores are displayed on our leader board in the upper hall. The class with the most golden tickets at the end of the half-term receives **£50** to spend on a treat!

Well done to **6P** for being golden ticket winners for the last school week and achieving an amazing **16** golden tickets!

Well done to **6P** who are our current leaders for the £50 golden ticket prize for this half-term!

## Attendance



The overall attendance for the last school week was 93.4%

**184 pupils had 100% attendance during the last week of the Spring term - amazing work Sherwood!**

We monitor the children's attendance every day and will contact parents where there are concerns. If your child is unwell, please contact the school office to inform us of your child's absence.

*Last week's attendance winners were:*

1st: 4S - 95% **Amazing!**

2nd: 3H - 94.5% **Superb!**

3rd: 5B - 93.3% **Brilliant!**

## Recent Illness or Concern

Information on what to look for and when and where to seek help if you're concerned about an illness that your child may have recently developed (NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Health and Care)

[Child 5 - 11 Years](#)

## Too ill to attend school?

Please see the NHS school checklist poster for a quick guide of when to keep your child off school

[Should I keep my child off school checklist poster](#)

## Pharmacy first Minor ailment

Here's a reminder about the Pharmacy First Minor Ailment information. It covers the ailments that can be assessed and treated, if needed within the pharmacy without the need for a GP appointment usually on the same day (unless the condition is particularly severe or complex) enabling the child to return to school sooner than waiting for an appointment, starting antibiotic treatment more quickly if needed or offering over the counter medication to enable the condition to be eased and facilitate return to school.

Use the link below to find pharmacies in the area providing the services.

<https://pharmacyfirstnottinghamshire.com/>



## Tea Party

Well done to this week's group of Tea Party winners - you're all superstars!

Children receive a certificate, a treat and then attend a 'Tea Party' to have a drink, a treat and play games - how exciting!

**Every week, our Class Teachers celebrate pupils who shine by demonstrating our Core Values—Accountability, Resilience, and Respect. Winners might show these qualities in their learning, during play or through their consistent attitude all week. It's our way of recognising and rewarding those special moments that make our school community thrive!**

**3H Lacie** - For her improvements in writing - a super recount and taking **accountability** for her learning

**3M Eli** - An improvement in his **accountability** towards both his learning and behaviour

**4S Indy** - For her **resilience** over the last few weeks in lessons and at breaktimes

**4B Charlie** - For displaying **all** of our core values (**accountability, resilience and respect**) on residential - a super star!

**5B Harriet** - For gaining confidence and building her **resilience** in maths

**5BL Gracie** - Developing her **resilience** and being more **respectful**

**6P Theo** - Being **accountable** and brave enough to apologise

**6B Jacob** - For his **resilience** all half-term to ensure that he is always giving 110% in all he does



## Reading Awards

Well done to these children for earning their **SILVER (50)** Reading Award and showing an excellent level of dedication to reading at home:

**Year 3:** Lacie

**Year 4:** Bobby & Piper

**Year 5:** Cohen

**Year 6:** Karina

Well done to these children for earning their **DIAMOND (75)** Reading Award and showing an excellent level of dedication to reading at home:

**Year 4:** Darbie

**Year 5:** Elexi & Rosa

**Year 6:** Phoebe & Lacey

Well done to these children for earning their **GOLD (100)** Reading Award and showing an excellent level of dedication to reading at home:

**Year 3:** Renae

**Year 4:** Thea

**Year 6:** Lena

Well done to these children for earning their **PLATINUM (125)** Reading Award and showing an excellent level of dedication to reading at home:

**Year 6:** Joslyn

Well done to these children for earning their **EMERALD (175)** Reading Award and showing an excellent level of dedication to reading at home:

**Year 3:** Kingsley

**Year 4:** Isla

**Year 5:** Riley. H

**Year 6:** Amira & Dolly

Well done to these children for earning their **SAPPHIRE (200)** Reading Award and showing an excellent level of dedication to reading at home:

**Year 3:** Ava

**Year 4:** Sam

**Year 6:** Evelyn & Harrison

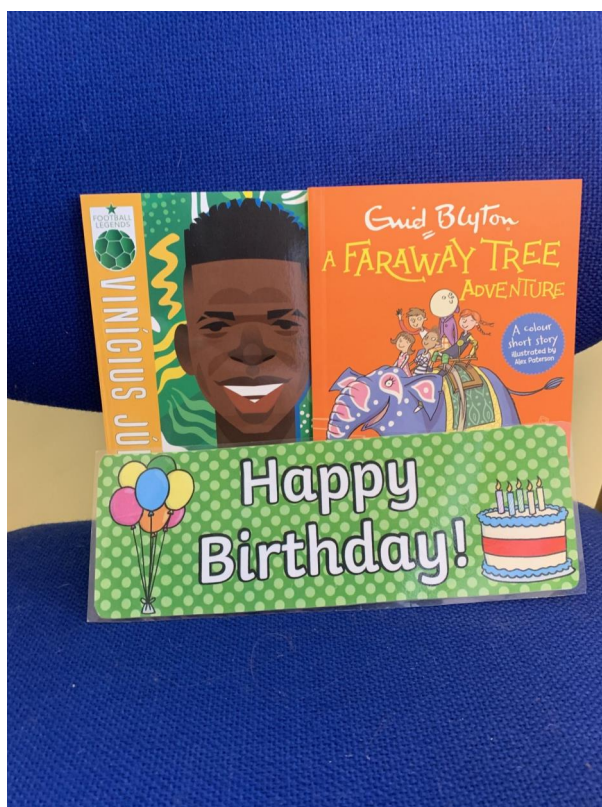








## Birthday Books



Happy birthday and happy reading to these children:

Year 3: Jenson

Year 4: Thea

Year 6: Ellis

## This Week's School Dinner Menu

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*We encourage the children to look at the menu at home with their adults, to discuss what they might choose each day so that if they do not like the menu or jacket potato option on a particular day, they can bring a packed lunch.*

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Please see the 'Week 1' menu for week beginning 13 April

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Red Option	Cheesy tomato pasta <small>Gluten Milk Mustard Soya</small> with garlic bread <small>Gluten Milk Soya</small> & vegetable sticks	Pinwheel pizza <small>Gluten Milk</small> with diced potato & mixed salad	Roast gammon with Yorkshire pudding <small>Gluten Egg Milk</small> roast potatoes, cauliflower, green beans & gravy	Nottinghamshire sausage <small>Gluten Soybean Mustard</small> with mash, baked beans & sweetcorn	Fish <small>Gluten Fish</small> with chips, peas & tomato ketchup
Blue Option	Served daily: Jacket potato with either cheese <small>Milk</small> & beans or tuna mayonnaise <small>Fish Egg</small> served with crunchy vegetable sticks or summery salad				
	Available daily: Sliced bread <small>Gluten Soya</small> & fresh fruit				
Pudding	Fruit ice lolly	Iced school cake <small>Gluten Egg Milk</small> & custard <small>Milk</small>	Chocolate crispie <small>Gluten</small>	Butterscotch tart <small>Gluten Milk</small>	Banana mousse <small>Milk</small> with a shortbread crumb <small>Gluten</small>

The menus can be also be found on our website [School Dinners | Sherwood Junior School](#)

Please ensure your child's ParentPay dinner money account is in credit and there is enough to pay for a school meal on the day, or the kitchen will be unable to provide a lunch.

## Contact Us



**To report a child's absence 01623 842545** phone school and leave a message on the absence line or speak to the school office.

Please note, the school office email should not be used to report an absence.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office.

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