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Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary



This week...

Monday 4 May - Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 5 May - 5BL Library Visit

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

Next week...

Monday 11 May - Thursday 14 May - Year 6 SATs

Tuesday 12 May - 5B Library Visit

Tuesday 12 May - RSHE Parents Meeting at 2:30pm

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

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

Summer Term

Monday 18 May- Year 5 Parent Event at 2:30pm

Tuesday 19 May - 3H Library Visit

Wednesday 20 May 2.30pm - Year 4 Parent Event

Thursday 21 May - Last day at school

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

Tuesday 2 June 2.30pm - Year 3 Parent Event

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

Tuesday 16 June - MHST Parent Webinar 1:00pm - 2:30pm via Teams ([click here](#) to access - Meeting ID: 345 662 376 658 1 Passcode: Au25EB2W)

Tuesday 16th June at 2.30pm - Father's Day Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 17th June at 2.30pm - Father's Day Afternoon Tea

Thursday 18th June at 2.30pm - Father's Day Afternoon Tea

Friday 19th June at 2.30pm (Not available to Year 5 and 3H) - Father's Day Afternoon Tea

Friday 19 June - Year 5 Trip to The Police Headquarters

Friday 24 July - Last day at school

Monday 27 July - INSET (children not in school)

Tuesday 28 July - School holiday (school closed)

School/ PE Uniform Reminder



We encourage our children to take a pride in their appearance and promote the image of the school. All children are expected to wear the school uniform:

- Bottle green jumper/cardigan or sweatshirt/fleece (with or without the school logo)
- Black/Grey trousers/skirt/shorts (jeans/denim are not allowed, skirts/short to be an appropriate length)
- White shirt/blouse
- Green/white summer dresses
- Grey and green tie (optional)
- Black shoes (not trainers) with low heels

We ask that all items of clothing are clearly marked with pupils names.

Please see your child's class teacher or the school office if you have any questions about our school uniform.

We do not expect children to wear uniform with our school logo. However, our branded school uniform with our school logo can be bought from our school office. Please speak to the school office for an order form, sizes available and prices.

PE Uniform

Children are expected to wear the appropriate **PE kit** (PE Uniform) on their designated day:

- Black/Navy joggers/tracksuit bottoms/leggings/shorts (shorts to be an appropriate length)

- White t-shirt (no cropped tops or vest tops)
- Jumper for outdoor PE
- Trainers

For safety reasons, **children should not wear jewellery in school**, this includes any body piercings. Those who have pierced ears may wear studs, but these **must be removed for swimming and all P.E. activities.**

Make-up/nails

We would like to remind parents/carers and pupils that make-up **should not** be worn at Sherwood Junior School. Also, pupils **are not permitted** to wear acrylic or false nails.

Please note that when the children leave Sherwood and move to Meden School, their uniform guidance states:

Make-up should not be worn at KS3 (Yr. 7 & 8). Subtle make-up can be worn at KS4 (Yrs. 9, 10 & 11). Students will be asked to remove any make-up that is judged to be unsuitable or that does not adhere to these guidelines. Students are not permitted to wear acrylic or false nails.

Warmer weather

We are hopeful that we will be having some more lovely sunny weather in the coming weeks (fingers crossed). You can prepare your child by -

- Sending them into school with a named sunhat.
- Applying a high factor sun cream (at least SPF 15) to your child before sending them to school. We recommend you use an 'all day' variety as staff are unable to reapply sun cream to children during the school day.
- Ensuring your child brings a large water bottle to school and encourage them to drink plenty of water – we will remind them too!
- As the weather becomes warmer, we are seeing more pupils wearing shorts and skirts as part of their school uniform. We would like to remind parents and carers that all uniform items should be of an appropriate length for school. If we feel that a pupil's uniform is not suitable, we may contact home to request that a replacement item be brought into school. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain our high standards of uniform and safeguarding.

Year 6 SATs Week

REMINDER

As we approach SATs week, we would like to share the arrangements we have in place to help ensure the week is as calm, settled and positive as possible for our Year 6 pupils.

Morning Arrangements & Breakfast

From **Monday to Thursday**, Year 6 pupils are welcome to come straight up to their classrooms from **8:30am**. During this time, we will provide a free breakfast, including bagels, biscuits and juice, to help children begin the day feeling relaxed and ready.

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school so they can stay hydrated throughout the day. Children will be welcome to refill their bottles with juice, which we will provide.

Equipment

All equipment required for the assessments will be supplied by school. Pencil cases and personal equipment are not needed.

PE and Uniform

Year 6 will NOT be having any PE lessons during SATs week and are expected to wear school uniform every day.

Smart Watches

Please note that smart watches **must not** be worn at all during SATs week.

If you are unsure about any aspect of the week, please speak to a member of the **Year 6 team**, who will be happy to help.

Finally, we would like to wish all of our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck.

You've worked incredibly hard – you've got this!



RSHE Parent Meeting



REMINDER

Thank you to the parents who attended the RSHE meeting in school on the 20th November 2025. It was so lovely to meet with you and have an insight in to your opinions.

The next planned meeting is on **Tuesday 12 May at 2.30pm** - I hope you will be able to join me again and anyone else who would like to find out about RSHE is very welcome to come along. The focus for this meeting will be the impact of Careers Day.

There will also be an update on the changes to the RSHE curriculum ready for September 2026. Thank you in advance to anyone who wishes to attend - I look forward to hearing your views and working with you,

Mrs Horton

Year 5 Trip to The Police Headquarters



As part of our work with the Mini Police, Year 5 have been offered an opportunity to visit the Police Headquarters in Arnold on **Friday 19th June 2026**. This will support the children's learning and development in RSHE and will complete their Mini Police sessions. During the day, children will be able to explore the headquarters, participate in activities such as quad biking, fingerprint testing and a role play session modelling an interrogation and meet the police dogs.

The cost of the trip per child is £7.85. 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 12th June 2026.**

Many thanks

Mrs Bonsell and Miss Benson-Loydall

Year 5 Teachers

Celebration of Father's Day



TUESDAY 16TH JUNE - FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 2026 AT 2.30PM

As a special treat, we would like to invite you to join us for afternoon tea at school at 2.30pm.

There will be a choice of sweet and savoury snacks and a drink of juice. The cost is £2.50 per person (adult and child). If you would like to book to join your child for afternoon tea, please complete the offer on ParentPay.

Please ensure you select the correct day you will be coming:

- Tuesday 16th June at 2.30pm
- Wednesday 17th June at 2.30pm
- Thursday 18th June at 2.30pm
- Friday 19th June at 2.30pm (Not available to Year 5 and 3H)

This is open to **one adult per family**. You will need to choose and add 2 places – one for you and one for your child, which will show as £5.00 payment to be made. If you have 2 children in school, please select 3 places, and again if you have 3 children in school, please select 4 places.

Please note – you should only choose **one day** as we cannot accept more than one booking per family for the event. Due to the space in the dining hall, places for each afternoon tea is limited to 100.

Please let us know by Wednesday 3rd June 2026 at the latest if you would like to join us. The offer will be removed from ParentPay on this date and you will not be able to order and pay after this date.

We look forward to seeing you on one of the afternoons.

[SEND support in Nottinghamshire](#)



We have asked by Notts CC to share these surveys with you.

Help shape SEND support in Nottinghamshire – we need your views!

In February 2026, the Government announced changes to how support for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) will work across England. Every local area, including Nottinghamshire, needs to create a plan to show how SEND support will improve over the next three years. The Government has given us until June to submit the plan, and we need your help to get it right.

Your feedback will directly shape Nottinghamshire's SEND Reform Plan, which sets out how services will improve and work together to better support children and young people with SEND. We will work with the Nottinghamshire Parent Carer Forum (PCF) to review responses and reflect your views in the plan. We will also share how your feedback has been used through the PCF network. We are committed to continuing to work with children, young people, parents and carers as we take this forward.

- **Parent and carer survey** – [Parent/Carer Survey: Help shape SEND support in Nottinghamshire – we need your views!](#)
- **Children and young people (CYP) survey** – [Children & Young People's Survey: Help shape SEND support in Nottinghamshire – we need your views!](#)

The surveys will close at **11pm on Monday 11 May 2026**, so there is limited time remaining to take part.

Growing up in the online world: a national consultation

Technology is part of most children's lives from an early age. It can help them learn, build friendships and develop creativity. But it also brings risks, and many parents, teachers and young people have told us the current situation is not working well enough.

The government is consulting on further measures to prepare children for the future in an age of rapid technological change. [Growing up in an Online World: a national conversation](#), will consider how children and young people use digital technology in school and at home.

The Government is conducting a National Consultation. There is a survey available for [parents and carers](#) and for [children and young people](#), and an [online event](#) for parents and carers on Wednesday 20 May at 6pm to 7pm.



Mansfield Museum's 'Mini Wonders'

We have been asked to share information regarding Mansfield Museum's 'Mini Wonders' programme for children aged 2 - 4 years old -

Mini Wonders at Mansfield Museum

Big imaginations always start small. Which is why we're continuing to deliver a free, 8-week activity club at Mansfield Museum for 2 to 4 year olds and their grown-ups.

Mansfield Museum is where ideas begin, discoveries are made and connections grow. Mini Wonders aims to make it easier for young families to experience all of this with us, and with each other.

Each week, you and your little one will explore, play and learn alongside other families in fun, interactive and inspiring ways.

For children there will be stories, creative activities and lots of time with their favourite person (you!).

And, for you, there will be all of this, plus lots of tips for supporting your child's development across an 8-week series of guided sessions.

Free snacks and lunch are provided for all.

Sign up to discover how the magic of Mansfield Museum is for everyone.

What to expect at Mini Wonders

Each session is unique, but the one thing you can be sure of is the chance to have some fun with your little one and other families.

After settling in, we like to start each session with a welcome, lunch for all to share, followed by a chat of the themes we'll be exploring that day. Guided by team, we'll then embark on some creative activities such as exploring the museum and enjoying fun activities including storytelling, arts and crafts and games.

This is a great opportunity to meet other families and discuss what you've learnt during the session, including the tips to support your child's development.

How it works

When do sessions happen?

- Every Tuesday, starting on Tuesday 12th May 2026 – Tuesday 7th July (no session on 26th May for half term.)
- Sessions run from 10am to 12pm. Transport will be provided from agreed pick up and drop off point.
- There'll be a break for drinks, snacks and popping to the toilet.

- We have lots of changing and toileting facilities for little ones of all ages and stages.
- Lunch is provided for all to share, along with the chance to connect with other families. By signing up – and to get the most from the programme – we hope you'll be able to attend all 8 sessions. But we understand that sometimes life gets in the way, so please let us know if you're unable to attend a particular week.

Where are they hosted?

- The sessions will be hosted in the Education Room and galleries at Mansfield Museum.
- Mansfield Museum is on Leeming Street, Mansfield NG18 1NG (please remember transport will bring you to and from the Museum).
- The sessions will take place while the Museum is closed to the general public, so you'll be getting access to experience the magic of our museum whilst it's quiet. Mini Wonders is a pilot programme created with child-development specialists and the UK's leading museums, along with Art Fund and Nesta.

To get involved please contact:

Stacey Moon-Tracey

Learning & Aspiration Manager

Mansfield Palace Theatre, Leeming Street, Mansfield NG18 1NG

Email: smoon-tracy@mansfield.gov.uk

Tel: 01623 463 572/ Mobile: 07754 746844

Please see the attached poster for a breakdown of what each week will consist of - what a fabulous opportunity for your little ones!

Welcome to Mini Wonders!

Hello! Thank you for joining our fun, free and friendly 8-week course. You'll discover tips and ideas to help your child develop new skills. And your little one will play games, listen to stories, get creative and more!

You're already doing amazing things to help your child learn and grow. Mini Wonders is a welcoming space where you can get even more tips and ideas to support them. Every week, there will be fun, creative activities to enjoy together, as well as opportunities to play and explore the museum.

Week 1: Welcome! Meet the other families and learn about the course. Talk about family life and what being a parent or carer is like.	Week 2: Feelings Find out how you can help your child understand and talk about their feelings , emotions and needs.
Week 3: Child-led play Discover how your child learns by playing - especially when you encourage them to make the decisions!	Week 4: Giving praise Get tips for praising your child in ways that boost their self-esteem and encourage the behaviours you want to see.
Week 5: Encouragement and rewards Find out how you can help your child learn new skills, and get tips for rewarding them in ways that increase their confidence.	Week 6: Routines Learn how to create fun family routines . Discover how giving your child small choices can help them feel in control - and can help you, too.
Week 7: Behaviour Talk about ideas for managing tricky behaviours in positive ways that help your child grow. Get tips for the future, like helping your child learn to calm down.	Week 8: Listening Try out ways of listening that make your child feel valued . You'll also celebrate everything you've learned over the last eight weeks.

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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 this week and achieving an amazing **9** 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 last week was 95.6%

187 pupils had 100% attendance during last week - 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: **3H 98.7% Brilliant!**

2nd: **5BL 97% Fabulous!**

3rd: **6P 96.5% Amazing**

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 Reavie-Mai - For her smile, **resilience** and being more **accountable** for her learning

3M Joanne - Showing **accountability** in her learning and striving to succeed

4S Darbie - For her increased **resilience** towards her learning

4B Miley - For taking **accountability** for her learning and being **resilient** despite some tough times

5B Koby - For **resilience** and **accountability**

5BL Iyla - For always taking **accountability** for her learning and being **respectful** all of the time

6P Chloe - For working hard and achieving her best, gaining independence and being **accountable** for her learning

6B Karina - Accountability - for showing the determination and desire to push herself to be her very best



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 4: Eric

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: Ellie-May & Isla

Year 5: Poppy

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

Year 4: Isla

Year 5: Aimee

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

Year 3: Gracie

Well done to these children for earning their **RUBY (150)** Reading Award and showing an excellent level of dedication to reading at home:

Year 3: Joanne

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: Emine

Year 6: Ella-Mae

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

Year 4: Jack & Michelle

Year 5: Riley

Year 6: Peyton-Rose

Well done to these children for earning their **PEARL (225)** Reading Award and showing an excellent level of dedication to reading at home:

Year 4: Jack

Year 6: Hattie, Sophie, Amelia & Harrison









Birthday Books



Happy birthday and happy reading to these children:

Year 3: Evie

Year 5: Kylan, Lacie, Ophelia and Lilly-Mae

Year 6: Oscar

This Week's School Dinner Menu

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.

Please see the 'Week 1' menu for week beginning 4 May

	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 Egg</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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