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Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary



This week...

Thursday 2 October - MHST Worry Workshops with Year 3 and Year 4

Next week...

Monday 6 October - Parents Evening

Tuesday 7 October - Parents Evening

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

Autumn Term

Monday 13 October - Harvest Festival

Friday 17 October - Last day at school

Friday 17 October - Young Writers 'I Have A Dream' poetry competition entries in by 9am on this day

Monday 20 October - Friday 31 October - Half term holiday (school closed)

Monday 3 November - INSET (children not in school)

Monday 3 November - Consent and payment for Year 5 Holocaust trip to be made by this date

Monday 3 November - Consent and payment for Year 3 trip to Creswell Craggs to be made by this date

Tuesday 4 November - Children back to school

Thursday 6 November - Y6 Greek Workshop

Thursday 6 November - Year 5 Sleep Hygiene workshops with MHST

Friday 7 November - 5BL Swimming Starts

Monday 10 November - Y5 Holocaust Centre visit

Monday 10 November - Year 6 Sleep Hygiene workshops with MHST

Monday 10 November - Consent and payment for Year 6 Trip to The One Call Stadium to be made by this date

Monday 10 November - MHST 'Children's Emotional Health and Wellbeing' webinar for parents and carers (5-6:30pm)

Tuesday 11 November - Remembrance Day

Thursday 13 November - Y3 Creswell Craggs

Friday 19 December - Last day at school (no swimming)

Monday 22 December 2025 - Friday 2 January 2026 - Christmas holiday (school closed)

Spring Term

Monday 5 January 2026 - Children back to school

Friday 13 February - Last day at school

Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February - Half term holiday (school closed)

Monday 23 February - Children back at school

Friday 27 March - Last day at school

Monday 30 March - Friday 10 April - Easter holiday (school closed)

Summer Term

Monday 13 April - Children back to school

Monday 4 May - Bank Holiday (school closed)

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

Friday 24 July - Last day at school

Monday 27 July - INSET (children not in school)

Tuesday 28 July - School holiday (school closed)

Road Safety

After two incidents over the last couple of weeks involving our pupils and road traffic accidents, we would again like to remind adults and children about taking care while driving near school, crossing the road and also around vehicles on or parked near the road. Whilst we have spoken to the children about this in school and reminded them to use the crossing and Crossing Patrol when crossing the road in front of school, we would appreciate parents/carers doing this also.

We would also like to ask parents/carers not to park on the yellow lines in front of and behind the school building and to take great care when doing school drop-off and pick-up.

We would encourage our families to walk to and from school where possible to reduce the number of cars on the roads outside of school.

Thank you for your support with this matter.



Harvest Festival



Every year we celebrate harvest festival with a special assembly where we sing songs and learn all about harvest around the world. To celebrate this further we would like to donate food to the local food bank, to help support our local community.

In recent years, the food bank has kindly asked that we donate packed and dried food such as pasta, rice, tinned vegetables, biscuits, tinned soup, tea or coffee.

We will be delivering our schools donations to Warsop Foodbank on behalf of you and your children.

Please could you bring in your donation of tinned or packet dried food on **Monday 13th October 2025** to your child's class teacher.

Thank you in advance, it will help a lot of people in our local communities.

Bikeability



Thank you and congratulations to our Bikeability group of Year 6s who all passed their level 2 or level 1 course.

The instructors spoke so highly of all of the children; they complimented their manners and exceptional focus. We could not be prouder.

Congratulations:

Sophie, Jesse, Brooke, Aurelia, Lacey, Noah, Joslyn, Amelia, Josie, Gwen, Pixie-Rose, Peyton,

School Council



Thank you to all of the children for their votes in the election and to every single child that put themselves up for nomination; it was the BEST YEAR YET for nominees!

The votes have now been counted and the successful candidates have been informed and their badges have been handed out.

Welcome to the 2025-26 School Council:

Year 3: Ava & Ellie

Year 4: Evie, Jack & Bella

Year 5: Ebony, Cora & Stanley

Year 6: Billy & Bella

Mrs Bradbury is very excited to work with you all this year.

Year 4's Exciting Adventure at Magna



Year 4 had a brilliant time exploring Magna Science Adventure Centre! The children immersed themselves in the wonders of the four elements - Earth, Water, Fire, and Air - through a range of exciting hands-on activities.

A highlight of the day was the Fire Pavilion, where pupils were amazed by the dramatic fire tornado display. Over in the Water Zone, they had great fun experimenting with wave machines and aiming water guns - a perfect mix of learning and laughter! The children also loved taking part in the Big Circuits Workshop, where they worked together to power a giant circuit and dry washing using their newly built electrical system.

It was a fantastic opportunity to apply their science knowledge in a fun and practical way! It was a memorable day full of discovery, curiosity, and joy!

If you would like to see photos from the trip, head over to the school website or follow this link <https://www.sherwood.notts.sch.uk/year-4-magna-september-2025/>

Nottinghamshire Autumn Term HAF

The Nottinghamshire Autumn Term HAF sessions are bookable **from October 1st!**

Please read the attached posters for more information on how to book - what a fabulous opportunity!

Get ready for a new adventure

To sign up for holiday activities during the Spring (Easter), Summer, Autumn (October) and Winter (Christmas) breaks, visit:

Nottinghamshire.gov.uk/HAFactivities

You can search by postcode to find activities in your area or view the list of providers and the type of activity they offer.

Find out more or contact us:

Nottinghamshire.gov.uk/Hafprogramme

0115 9774 999 (line opens 10am-2pm, Monday to Friday)

haf@notfccc.gov.uk

Sign up NOW!

Later for it, a bit small, I think I'm Addicted!

Kerfing is waazzzzing the best thing ever... Can't wait to come back!

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Nottinghamshire

Holiday activities and food

Find out about FUNDED school holiday activities and food for eligible children and young people in Notts!

If your child is:

- ✓ 5-16 years old (4 if in school Reception)
- ✓ lives in Nottinghamshire, and
- ✓ receives benefit-related free school meals

Then they are eligible for **FUNDED** school activities and food this school holiday!

Your adventure starts here...

Funded by

Nottinghamshire County Council

Department for Education

The Nottinghamshire holiday activities and food (HAF) programme is here to help children to stay active and happy during the school holidays. HAF can also help families with parents who need to work, or have other people to look after.

What is the holiday activities and food (HAF) programme?

We make sure children and young people have access to fun activities and meals during school holidays. They can get involved in a variety of face-to-face activities ranging from sports, to drama, and crafts. Each day they attend, they will be provided with a meal and healthy snacks.

HAF does not offer food vouchers, all activities are face-to-face with food included.

Who can take part?

Children and young people **5-16 years** (4 if in school Reception), **must be receiving benefit-related free school meals** to qualify for a place.

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals but not currently receiving them, you can apply here:

gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

What kinds of things can children do?

There are lots of fun activities to choose from, such as sport, dance, drama, crafts, cooking, forest school and day trips out to local attractions.

All activities run for a minimum of 4 hours each day (2.5 hours for 11-16 years).

The HAF team can also help to signpost families to other support services, some of these services can be found here:

Nottinghamshire.gov.uk/FinancialSupport

Some amazing HAF feedback

From the parents:

Thank you for our visit to Nottingham castle. We had a fantastic time. When we got home we looked at the prices of admission and food. We couldn't believe it and it really gave us an opportunity that we would never be able to have as we wouldn't have had money spare. The crafts really made that day as well, they are very proud of everything they have made. My husband was worried that we would be treated differently to other visitors and the children singled out, but this was not the case at all. Inclusion seemed very important, and everyone was so friendly and laid back.

My kids haven't stopped raving about this! It's been brilliant! Thank you so much for hosting!

From the kids:

Just been kerfing. A dream come true

I'm covered in glitter and I loved it!

Term Time Leave Requests



Children are not entitled to holidays in term time. Family holidays should be taken during school holiday periods. If a parent intends to take their child out of school for a leave of absence during term time, they must have requested this in advance. All leave of absence during term time requests will be unauthorised except for exceptional circumstances (at the discretion of the Headteacher). We define 'exceptional circumstances' as one off events which are unavoidable, for example the 'timing' cannot be changed. Although we acknowledge and appreciate the benefits of 'quality family time' or 'new experiences' from a holiday, these are not considered to be exceptional circumstances as they are not dependent on the timing and could be taken during the school holiday.

You can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time without the Headteacher's permission. This also applies if you do not submit a request form and the Headteacher has reason to believe the child was absent for the purpose of a holiday. Please note, not all reports of illness are accepted or authorised. For example, if you submit a term time request for 4 days and then contact school to report your child is ill for a consecutive day (total 5 days absence), it is highly likely that the absence will be unauthorised. It is always best to be honest with school and tell us you are going on holiday (the children usually tell us all about it when they get back to school!) and school may make home visits if we believe that a pupil may be on holiday or we have any other concerns regarding a child's persistent absence.

If your child is participating in a sporting festival/event and we receive a signed letter from the club/team manager/coach, stating which child/children are attending and the specific dates, we can authorise the absence as participation in approved sporting activities (at the discretion of the Headteacher). Again, please be honest with us!

Golden Tickets



Golden tickets are awarded by our senior leaders (Mrs Simpson, Mrs Bradbury, Mrs Seals & Mrs C Jackson) to individuals, groups or the whole class for demonstrating our school core values, including their attitude to learning and behaviour. Each senior leader has 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 £30 to spend on a treat!

Well done to **3M** for being last week's golden ticket winners and achieving an amazing **7** golden tickets each!

However, **4B** are our current leaders for the £30 prize - the race is on!

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!

3H Cole - For super writing and lots of effort

3M Oliver - Super attitude in class and always working hard

4S Bobby - For his fantastic contribution during the workshop on our trip

4B Lola - For her resilience, perseverance and brilliant attitude towards her learning

5B Theo - For being such a caring friend

5BL Kaiden - For supporting his friends and being a positive class member

6P Mason - For beginning to make the right choices during his lessons

6B Aurelia - Thank you for your year 6 attitude and efforts in maths and writing.



Attendance



The overall attendance for last week was **93.2%**

185 pupils had 100% attendance 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: - 5BL- 99.3% **Superb!**

2nd - 5B- 97% **Wonderful!**

3rd - 6P - 95.6% **Fabulous!**

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/>



Birthday Books



Happy birthday and happy reading to these children:

Year 3: Jude

Year 4: Harper

Year 5: Stanley

Year 6: Sophie, Pixie

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 2' menu for w/c 29th September 2025


My School Menu
Spring/Summer 2025

Week 2
Week commencing
28 April, 19 May,
9 June, 30 June,
21 July, 8 Sept,
29th Sept

Taco
Tuesdays

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pork meatballs Egg Gluten in a tomato sauce with pasta shape of the day Gluten Soya Mustard & roasted mediterranean vegetables	BBQ Chicken taco Gluten with jewelled rice, carrot & cucumber sticks	Bangers & mash Gluten Sulphur Dioxide with seasonal vegetables & gravy <small>Supporting our Nottinghamshire sausages from local butchers national 3.</small>	Roasted gammon with jacket wedges, roasted summery vegetables & gravy	Fish finger cob Fish Gluten Sesame with oven chips, baked beans & peas
Option 2	Jacket potato served with your choice of: cheese Milk, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	Jacket potato served with your choice of: cheese Milk, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	Jacket potato served with your choice of: cheese Milk, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	Jacket potato served with your choice of: cheese Milk, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	Jacket potato served with your choice of: cheese Milk, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad
Pudding	Gingerbread cookies Gluten	Pancakes Gluten Milk Egg & honey	Butterscotch shortcake Milk Gluten	Cherry iced bun Gluten Egg Milk Soya	Strawberry fairy cake Egg Gluten

Available daily: Best of both bread Gluten Soya & fresh fruit

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

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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