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## Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary



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*This week...*

***Friday 19 September - School Council Nominations***

*Next week...*

***Monday 22 September - Y6 Bikeability***

***Tuesday 23 September - Y6 Bikeability***

***Tuesday 23 September - Y4 trip to Magna***

***Thursday 25 September - School Council Elections***

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

### **Autumn Term**

**Monday 6 October** - Parents Evening

**Tuesday 7 October** - Parents Evening

**Friday 17 October** - Last day at school

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

**Monday 3 November** - INSET (children not in school)

**Tuesday 4 November** - Children back to school

**Thursday 6 November** - Y6 Greek Workshop

**Friday 7 November** - 5BL Swimming Starts

**Monday 10 November** - Y5 Holocaust Centre visit

**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)

## Parent, Carer and Visitor Conduct Expectations



At Sherwood Junior School, we are very fortunate to have supportive and friendly parents and carers, who recognise and understand the importance of a good, open and positive working relationship and partnership between home and school.

We would like to remind all parents, carers and visitors to our school about our guidance about expected conduct. This is so that we can continue to ensure a safe and positive school environment for every child and adult working in or visiting our school.

In order to ensure a peaceful and safe school environment, the school will not tolerate parents, carers or visitors who exhibit the following:

- Disruptive, aggressive or threatening behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, an employee's office or any other area of the school grounds including after school activities. Examples could include using offensive language /any form of swearing / verbal abuse/ threatening emails /texts/phone calls, displaying temper /threatening to do actual bodily harm / displaying physical aggression including the threat and act of assault.
- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss with them or to reprimand them because of their actions towards their own child. Such an approach may be seen as an assault on that child and may have legal consequences.
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol and drugs on the school site.

Should any of the above behaviour occur on our school premises, the school may feel it necessary to contact the appropriate authorities and, if necessary, ban the offending adult from entering the school grounds.

We will do our utmost to resolve all issues and concerns but we will only deal with them if they are brought to us in an appropriate way.

Whilst we understand that parents and school may not always agree, we hope that parents will uphold the expectations outlined in this policy whenever there may be a concern or problem, so that the issue can be resolved as quickly and as calmly as possible and without causing any additional unwanted stress or anxiety to any of the parties involved (including the staff at school).

A copy of our guidance and expectations can be found on the school website.

[General Information About School | Sherwood Junior School](#)

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

## Newsletter - Technical Difficulties

We would like to thank parents and carers for their patience last week regarding the technical difficulties we were experiencing with our newsletter.

Hopefully all issues are resolved, but if you do have any difficulties accessing it in the future, remember it can be found on our school website: [Newsletters | Sherwood Junior School](#) Or [Latest News | Sherwood Junior School](#). Alternatively, please contact the school office for help.

Thank you again for your patience with this matter and apologies for any inconvenience caused.



## Attendance Matters

### **Attendance**

It is important that children come to school on time every day. There is a link between good school attendance and high-level attainment. Regardless of the reason, if your child is absent from school it will impact on their learning. Parents and carers are legally responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day and on time.

### **Too ill to attend school?**

Reminder: Children can attend school with minor ailments (e.g. toothache, stomach ache, headache, sore throat, cold), over the counter medicines can be given at home before school. School will contact you if they become too ill to remain in school. Children should be off school for 48 hours if they have sickness or diarrhoea.

### Reporting Absence

It is a parent/carer's responsibility to notify school if their child is absent and a reason must be provided. We ask that parents/carers ring school to report their child's absence. A voicemail can be left on our pupil absence line.

If your child is unwell, please contact school with details of the nature of the illness so that we can log it and therefore track patterns, trends and common illnesses across school, year groups or individual classes. Should no reason be provided when initial contact is made with school, we will endeavour to make contact with parents to ascertain the nature of the illness as soon as possible.

### **Leave in Term Time (holidays)**

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).

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. 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!

### **Penalty Notices**

The threshold for Penalty Notice fines is 5 days / 10 sessions of unauthorised absence over a 10-school week period. When a school becomes aware that a child's absence has met the threshold, they must consider whether a penalty notice should be issued. This relates to ALL unauthorised absences, not just holidays.

Penalty notices are set at £160 (per child, per parent) and must be paid within the statutory 28-day deadline.

The first Penalty notice fine issued to a parent is reduced to £80 if it is paid in full, within 21 days of issue. All fines must be paid within 28 days of issue otherwise parents may be prosecuted in court.

A second fine issued to a parent/carer for a child who is absent from school without authorisation is fixed at £160, with no option to pay at a reduced rate if the fine is paid within the first 21 days.

Parents/Carers can only receive a maximum of two fines for any individual child over a three-year rolling period for an unauthorised absence from school.

A third request for a fine within a three-year rolling period would result in the matter being referred directly to the Magistrates court.

If a parent/carer is prosecuted at court, they could receive a fine of up to £2,500, a community order or a jail sentence of up to three months. The court could also give you a [Parenting Order](#).

Parents who decide not to pay a fine and contest the matter in court should seek independent legal advice before doing so.

Further information can be found on our website <https://www.sherwood.notts.sch.uk/attendance/> or from Notts CC <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-holidays-and-closures/holidays-during-term-time>



## School Council Nominations and Elections

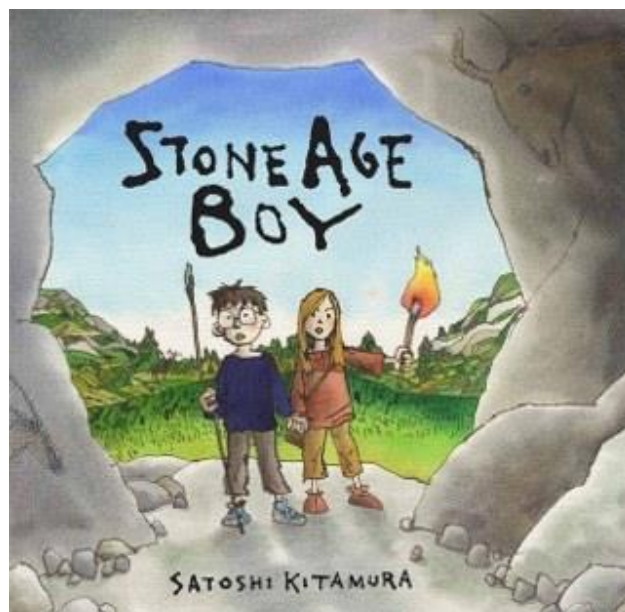


It is that time of the year when we nominate and elect our new school council.

Our school council is a formal group of pupils who act as representatives of their classmates in discussing school issues with Mrs Simpson and other Senior Leaders. They help to make decisions about how the school is run and take on projects that support the children's learning

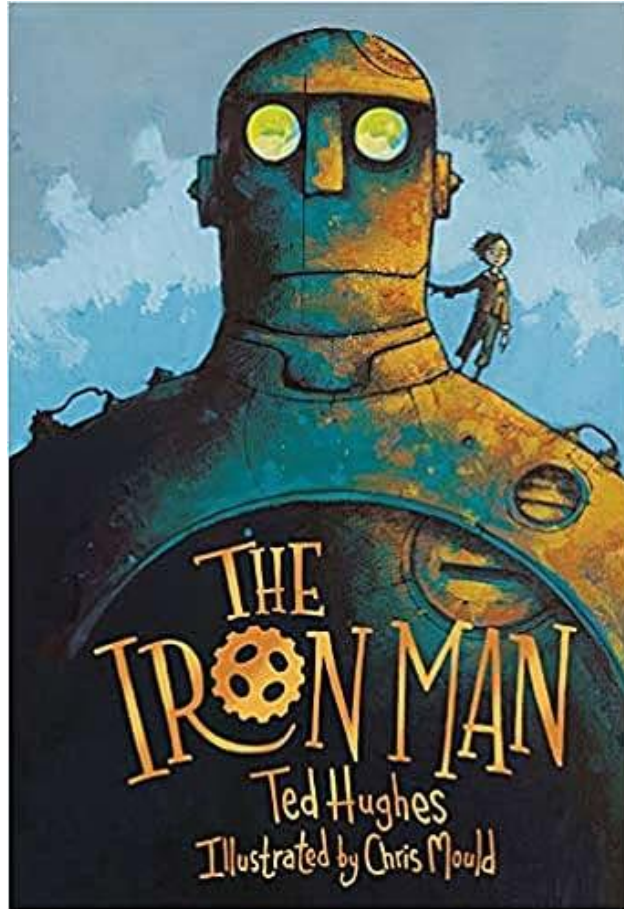
and development, such as organising charity events, representing the school at outside events or ensuring the school is environmentally friendly. This week the children have been asked to decide if they would like to be nominated for election. The children need to complete an application form which needs to contain a brief description of why they would like to be a member of the school council. All nomination forms need to be **handed to the class teachers or Mrs Bradbury by 11am on Friday 19th September**. School council elections will take place on **Thursday 25th September**. All the children will be asked to vote for two children to represent their year group. Good luck everyone!

## Our Autumn Curriculum



### Year 3:

In the Autumn term we are looking at how Britain changed through the Stone Age and Iron Age. Our trip will be to Creswell Crags on Thursday 13th November. In our Science we are focusing on different types of rocks and soils. We are also starting to learn some French phrases to be able to talk about ourselves and others in French. Our book this half term is Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura. Our PE day for this term is Thursday. The Year 3s are settling in so well. We are proud of them.



#### **Year 4:**

This term, our theme is 'X Marks the Spot'. Inspired by the story of The Iron Man by Ted Hughes, we will be using clues from the book to help us discover possible locations of the Iron Man across Europe. Building on our learning from Year 3 about the United Kingdom, we will investigate different countries in Europe, comparing their similarities and differences.

In science, we will be learning about states of matter and electricity - perfect for helping us understand the world of The Iron Man. We will even be visiting Magna to explore electricity in an exciting, hands-on way.

Over the term, we will study three artists whose work will inspire our own creative projects. Using European landmarks as our focus, we will sketch famous buildings and design purposeful structures, just as The Iron Man himself was built with a purpose.

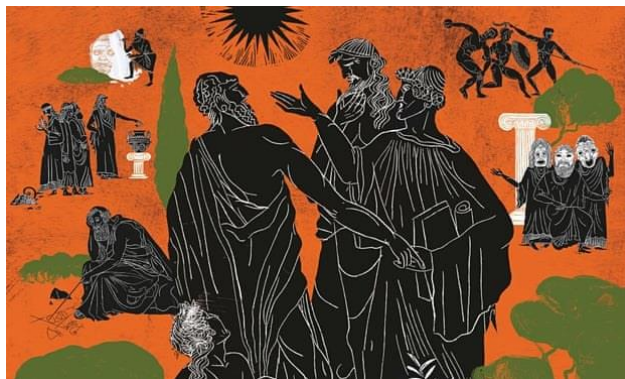
In music, we will be learning about ABBA, one of Europe's most famous bands, and performing some of their most well-known songs.

It promises to be an exciting term full of discovery, creativity, and adventure!



### Year 5:

This term, Year 5 will be diving into World War II and using it to inspire lots of exciting learning! In English, we'll be working on discussion texts where children will look at different viewpoints and learn to argue their points clearly, plus they'll be writing diary entries to help them imagine what life was like for people during the war. In Science, we're focusing on being real scientists - the children will be doing lots of hands-on experiments to explore different materials and find out about their properties. Our main topic is World War II, which will bring everything together beautifully, especially in Art where we'll be looking at propaganda posters from the time and having a go at creating our own. The children will also be continuing to develop their maths skills and concepts throughout the term, building on their knowledge in all areas of mathematics. We're really excited about our planned trip to the Holocaust Centre, which will give the children a deeper understanding of this important period in history. Plus, the children will have weekly swimming lessons to keep developing their water skills and confidence. It's going to be a really engaging term where the children can see how their learning connects across different subjects while picking up important skills in writing, scientific thinking, and creative work.



### Year 6:

In Year 6, we will be exploring the Ancient Greeks through our topic 'Who Let the Gods Out?'. We are exploring the wonders of Greek Mythology, what it was like to live in Ancient Greece and the Trojan War. We will also be exploring more of their love of sculpture through our art work and their amazing food in design and technology, including making Greek mezze platters. Other areas of learning we are exploring are coding and creating our own games and 'Where we live!' in French! In music, we have been learning to sing in unison to the song 'Happy' by Pharell Williams. For RSHE, we will be taking a trip to the The One Call stadium where we will be taking part in wellbeing workshops hosted by the staff and coaches at Mansfield Town Football Club.

Ooo La La, there is so much happening in Year 6 this term; we will be very busy!

### MDSA Vacancy



We are looking for a Midday Supervisor to join our busy, friendly and hardworking team. You will be working under the supervision of our Senior Midday Supervisor and our Senior Leadership Team. If you are looking for an exciting new challenge working in a rewarding environment, we want to hear from you!

If you would like to apply for this post, please email [office@sherwood.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@sherwood.notts.sch.uk) for an application pack or call the school office on 01623 842545 for further information.

## Bikeability Training

Just a reminder that Bikeability Level 1 and 2 training will be taking place for the 12 Year 6 pupils who returned their permission slips before the summer break. This will run over 2 days, **22nd September and 23rd September**, regardless of weather conditions. All children with a place should have received a confirmation text from the school office, as well as those who have been placed on the waiting list, due to numbers exceeding the maximum allowed by the trainers.

Every child should arrive at school on their bike, with a helmet and dressed in warm, comfortable clothes. A coat is advised, as well as gloves, just in case of colder weather. If your child does not have a helmet, they will not be permitted to take part due to health and safety.



## School Tyres

### REMINDER

We would like to remind pupils and parents that children should not be playing on the school tyres (located on the Year 3/4 grass) at the start or end of the day, as there are no members of staff there to monitor them.

School does not accept any responsibility for accidents or injuries caused by use of the tyres before or after school, as they should only be used during the school day.

We thank you in advance for your support and cooperation with this matter.



## Food Friends - Young Artists Competition







**Get creative with this national drawing competition!**

**It's free to enter, so get involved today!**

Food Friends is the brand-new drawing competition to inspire your children as they create a character made out of food!

**What will they create?**

-  Pirate pizza sailing the seven seas
-  Scientist strawberry doing experiments
-  A sporty burger running a race
-  Brave broccoli fighting crime

They could draw their favourite snack, turn a food they dislike into a dastardly villain, or create a whole gang of superhero superfoods. Your kids will LOVE this opportunity to let their imaginations run wild!

The best drawing in each book will feature on the front cover of the book, and the artist will win a fabulous creative goody bag. The school with the best set of entries will win an incredible **£1000!**

**To enter, children need to collect an entry form from their teacher and create their master piece. Children must include their name on their entry along with the schools details. Mrs Seals is the club leader for this competition.**

## School Clubs



### REMINDER

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 went 'live' on ParentPay for bookings/reservations on **Friday 12th September**. 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 22 September.**

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




### **Monday**

 **Colouring Club (Year 3)** – *Lunchtime with Mrs White in 4S*

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




## ***Tuesday***

 **The Natter Club (Years 3–6)** – *Lunchtime with Mrs Burton in the year 5 learning support room*

Fancy a break from the playground? Come along to The Natter Club – a cosy lunchtime club where you can sit with friends (old and new!), share stories, have a giggle, and enjoy a good old chat. Whether you want to talk about your favourite games, books, pets, or just what you had for breakfast, this is the place for you!


Open to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – come along, pull up a chair, and let's get nattering!

 **School Games (Year 6, invite only)** – *Lunchtime with Mrs Bradbury in 6B*


INVITE ONLY – Off the back of yet another very successful year and another Gold Award, myself and my crew will be planning for a new year and organising more exciting activities at playtimes. NB: During Autumn term, only Year 6 will be active Sports Leaders. Year 5 will be invited after Christmas.

 **Homework Club (Years 3-6)** – *All lunchtime in the year 5 learning support room*

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 Homework Club at Wednesday Lunchtimes.

 **Dodgeball (Years 5–6)** – *After school with Mrs Seals in the bottom hall*


Do you like dodgeball? Do you love it? Would you like to learn to play this fast-paced, exhilarating sport? We will be looking to participate in competitions and festivals where possible. This is a sport you absolutely must learn, so why not join in and learn the basics? We will help you learn the rules, the tricks and all the skills to take part in a game of dodgeball.

 **Gardening Club (Years 4–6)** – *After school with Mrs Johnson (Tues & Thurs)*

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/seedlings for around 14 different vegetables, weed, water and nurture the growth. During the summer months they will harvest and take home their crop.




## **Wednesday**

 **Drawing & Doodling Club (Years 3 & 5)** – *Lunchtime with Mrs Hough-Lang in the Year 3 learning support room*

Do you love to draw, doodle, or just get creative with a pencil? Come and join our fun Drawing & Doodling Club at lunchtime!


 **Duolingo Club (Year 3-6)** – *Lunchtime with Miss Hopkins in the year 3 learning support room*

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

 **Drama Club (Year 3-6)** – *After school with Miss Payne in the top hall*

At Drama Club, we aim to give students the opportunity to explore their creative side through a variety of expressive drama games and activities to help build their confidence, improve communication skills, practice responsibility and develop teamwork.

So, if you are willing to have a go, try new things and feel that this is for you, please sign up. Drama Club is a place for everyone, so don't be shy, it should be fun! All year groups welcome!

 **Netball Club (Year 5-6)** - *After school with Mrs Naylor in the bottom hall*


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! So, if you're looking to develop skills, stay active, or just enjoy some time with friends outdoors, Netball Club is the perfect way to end your school day.




## **Thursday**

 **Puzzle Club (Years 3–4)** – *Lunchtime with Mrs Naylor in the Year 4 learning support room*

Jigsaw club is a fun way to make new friends. Come and join Mrs Naylor to share and enjoy solving puzzles from 50-1000 pieces. Develop your coordination and spatial awareness skills whilst working together to complete a range of jigsaws.

 **Get Your Body Moving (Years 5–6)** – *Lunchtime with Miss White in the top hall*

Are you in Year 5 or 6 and find yourself with an extra burst of energy? Do you love listening to music? Then come along to our club and Get Your Body Moving!

 **Girls' Football (Year 3-6)** – *After school with Mrs Jacskon and Mrs Bradbury in the bottom hall*

Have you seen how popular our Girls' Football Club was last year? Would you like to join us and learn the basic skills of football? Well, our coach is continuing their club and training for girls across the school. This year, we will be looking to participate in friendly matches with our link schools. Come and join us, you'll love it!

 **History Club (Year 3-6)** – *After school with Mrs Bonsell in 5B*

Hello history hunters! This term, we're going to become real history detectives by learning the special skills that all historians use. We'll practice asking the right questions about the past, looking carefully at old photographs and artefacts to find clues, and working out which sources we can trust. You'll learn how to put events in the right order on timelines, spot the difference between facts and opinions, and understand how people's lives were different in the past. Each week we'll use these detective skills to solve historical mysteries and piece together stories from long ago. Get ready to think like a real historian and discover that investigating the past is like solving the most exciting puzzles!



## **Friday**

 **Book Club (Years 5–6)** – *Lunchtime with Mrs Horton in 3H*

Are you in Year 5 or 6? Do you love reading? Do you love talking about books? Do you want to relax and read at lunchtime? If so, come along to Book Club on Fridays at 12.30pm in 3H.

 **Lego Club (Years 3–4)** – *Lunchtime with Mrs Murphy in 3M*

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

## 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 **5BL & 4B** for being last week's golden ticket winners and achieving an amazing **7** golden tickets each!

This means that **5BL & 4B** are our current leaders for the £30 prize - the race is on!



## Tea Party

Well done to this academic year's first 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 Billy** -For settling in well to school and for doing his best.

**3M Piper-Rose** - For always being ready to learn and making an excellent start to Sherwood.

**4S Oliver** - For starting year 4 with a fantastic attitude.

**4B Lilly-Rae** - For being a 'rae' of sunshine!

**5B Elexi** - For a great attitude and a brilliant start to year 5.

**5BL Lilly-Mae** - For her hard-working attitude in maths.

**6P Lucas** - A great start to the year and for following instructions, listening and being resilient.

**6B Karina** - Thank you for making the best start to year 6 and showing tremendous resilience.



## Attendance



The overall attendance for last week was **95.2%**

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.

**Another fantastic week for the whole school - 200 pupils had 100% attendance. Let's keep it up!**

*Last week's attendance winners were:*

1st: - 3H - 100% **Superb!**

2nd - 5B - 97.9% **Wonderful!**

3rd - 3M - 96.9% **Fabulous!**

## Birthday Books



Happy birthday and happy reading to these children:

Year 4: Ellie-May

Year 5: Miah & Riley

Year 6: Billy & Dolly

## 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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**My School Menu**  
Spring/Summer 2025

**Week 3**  
Week commencing  
5 May, 26 May,  
16 June, 7 July,  
28 July, 15 Sept,  
6 October

**Fakeaway**  
Fridays

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Margherita pizza <small>Soya Gluten Milk</small> with potato balls & sweetcorn	Beef Bolognese <small>Mustard Soya Gluten</small> with garlic bread, <small>Gluten Milk Soya</small> carrot & cucumber sticks	Chicken enchiladas <small>Milk Gluten</small> with rice & tomato salsa <small>Sesame</small>	Roast pork filled cob <small>Gluten Sesame</small> with jacket wedges & roasted summery vegetables	Hot Dog <small>Gluten Sesame</small> <small>Sulphur dioxide</small> with tomato ketchup, peas & french fries
Option 2	Jacket potato served with your choice of: cheese <small>Milk</small> , baked beans or tuna mayonnaise <small>Fish Egg</small> & mixed salad	Jacket potato served with your choice of: cheese <small>Milk</small> , baked beans or tuna mayonnaise <small>Fish Egg</small> & mixed salad	Jacket potato served with your choice of: cheese <small>Milk</small> , baked beans or tuna mayonnaise <small>Fish Egg</small> & mixed salad	Jacket potato served with your choice of: cheese <small>Milk</small> , baked beans or tuna mayonnaise <small>Fish Egg</small> & mixed salad	Jacket potato served with your choice of: cheese <small>Milk</small> , baked beans or tuna mayonnaise <small>Fish Egg</small> & mixed salad
Pudding	Golden syrup flapjack <small>Gluten</small>	Fruit ice lolly	Jelly	Jam roly poly <small>Gluten Milk</small> <small>Sulphur Dioxide Egg</small> with custard <small>Milk</small>	Donuts <small>Soya Milk Gluten</small> <small>Egg Sesame</small>

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

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1 - Please see the 'Week 3' menu for w/c 15th September 2025

The menus can be also be 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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