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## Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary



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*This week...*

*Wednesday 10 September: School photographs*

*Friday 12 September: 5B Swimming Starts*

*Next week...*

*Thursday 18 September : School Council Nominations*

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

**Autumn Term**

**Monday 22 September** - Y6 Bikeability

**Tuesday 23 September** - Y6 Bikeability

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

**Thursday 25 September** - School Council Elections

**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)

Welcome back!



Welcome back to all our returning parents and children, and 'welcome' to all our new parents and children. We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer holiday. It was lovely (as always) to see the children back in school and settling into their new classes. If you have any questions, please see your child's class teacher or an adult from their year group.

We have got a busy few weeks ahead and we will aim to keep you updated through our weekly newsletter and our emails/texts. The class teachers will aim to keep you updated about your child's learning and classroom activities using Marvellous Me. If you have changed any of your contact details, please contact the school office.

Every year group will be going out on a visit this term. Please note we do not send paper copies of letters home, and all the information will be emailed to you. You can also check the newsletter on the school website for details.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support.

#### **Reminder ...**

The children are expected to be in school at 8:50am, ready for their morning register.

Therefore, the doors to year groups will open at 8:45am and the school gates will open at 8:40am (approximately), to ensure the children are ready to enter the school building. Children do not need to arrive at school before 8.40am.

Please note the end of the school day is 3:20pm.

## School Photographs

We would like to make parents and carers aware that it is school photographs on **Wednesday 10th September**.

There will be individual photographs taken along with any siblings in school. On this date, *can Year 5 pupils please wear their school uniform not their PE kit.*

Thank for your support in this matter.



Staffing



We would like to welcome Miss Benson-Loydall, who is teaching in Year 5 - we're very excited to have you as part of the Sherwood Junior School staff and we're sure that all pupils and parents will make her feel most welcome!

## Attendance Expectations



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.

### **Medical Appointments**

Where possible all appointments should be booked outside school hours. Where this is not possible, the amount of school time missed should be kept to a minimum. School may not authorise the time off school if evidence of the appointment is not provided.

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

Children can attend school with minor ailments (e.g. toothache, stomachache, 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. Further information can be found on our school website - <https://www.sherwood.notts.sch.uk/attendance/>

### **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.

### **Monitoring Attendance**

We monitor the children's attendance every day and will contact parents if we have not been notified of the reason for their absence. This could be a text message, phone call or home visit. Where there are ongoing concerns about a child's attendance, school will aim to work with and support parents and families to improve the child's attendance.

### **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).

Statutory guidance from the DfE was implemented in August 2024. 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.

### **Unauthorised Absence**

It is at the discretion of the Headteacher whether a child's absence is authorised or unauthorised. Penalty notices (fines) are for any unauthorised absences, not just holidays.

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 absence has met the threshold, they must consider whether a penalty notice should be issued.

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 Uniform

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)
- 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 and Jewellery

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

- Black/Navy joggers/tracksuit bottoms/leggings/shorts

- 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.**

PE Days:

Year 3 - Thursday

Year 4 - Tuesday

Year 5 - Wednesday

Year 6 - Tuesday

Please note that PE Days will change termly for Autumn and Spring and half-termly for Summer due to the availability of our new PE coaches from 'Next Level Coaching'. We will remind pupils and parents/carers prior to any changes of days nearer the time.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need to raise any issues with this.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

## 5B Swimming

REMINDER -

As part of the National Curriculum, we are delighted to let you know that we have secured additional swimming lessons for pupils in 5B to develop their ability and confidence, and to be able to swim 25m. We hope that you feel this is an excellent opportunity for them to gain an invaluable life skill. Your child's sessions will run for 6 weeks starting on **Friday 12th September 2025 until Friday 17th October 2025.**

Your child will need to bring their swimming kit; including a towel (no bikinis) each Friday for this period and they may wear goggles if they wish. Pupils should remove all jewellery for

swimming lessons, earrings are not permitted, if your child is unable to remove their own earrings, please remove at home before coming to school.

The children will walk accompanied by Sherwood staff to The Health Hub on Carr Lane in Warsop, ready to start swimming at 2:15 pm. We would like parents / carers to collect their children from The Hub on this day between 3.00 pm – 3.10 pm. If your child has siblings in other year groups at Sherwood, you may collect them slightly earlier at 2.45pm on this day to be able to get to The Hub in time.

If you are unable to collect your child from The Hub, Sherwood staff will walk them back to school but they will arrive at the slightly later time of, approx. 3:30 pm. If you have DBS carried out by school, and are able to help with walking to and from The Hub, please let your child's class teacher know.

Many thanks

Mrs Bonsell

Class Teacher

## Bikes and Scooters

We think it is fantastic that so many pupils are already utilising our bikes and scooters shed so early in the school year, but we would just like to remind those children that they need to be safe and considerate of others when not only entering the school premises, but on the way to and from school.

We would also like to remind all pupils to be safe, considerate and polite to other pedestrians. Bikes and scooters should be pushed through the playground and not rode through. We would also like to encourage those children travelling to and from school on a bike or scooter do so whilst wearing a helmet.

Any bikes or scooters left in our bike shed are there at the owner's own risk and school takes no responsibility for loss or damage.

May we also remind parents/carers that e-scooters are completely prohibited from school site.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter.

## 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.

If, for any reason, you no longer wish for your child to take part, please inform the school office by **Friday 12th September**, as there is a waiting list for places.

## School Tyres

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.

## First Aid Slips

We would like to make parents and carers aware that we've changed how we notify you regarding any incidences involving First Aid and your child.

Instead of the usual red slips, you will receive a white slip (see attached photo) detailing the incident and any relevant First Aid given.

If you have any further questions or queries regarding this, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher or the school office.

Thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

## School 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 **Friday 12th September**. On ParentPay, you will 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.

## Attendance

In July, a number of pupils were celebrated for excellent efforts regarding their attendance over the summer term - well done to all! But we would like to give a special mention to those who reached 100% attendance for the whole year and received some very special treats!

A BIG well done to -

Year 3: Sam

Year 4: Jayden-Lee, Gracie-Leigh & Kayla

Year 5: Theo & Jesse

Year 6: Emily

The overall attendance for last week was **95.6%**

**Although we were only in school for 3 days last week, 205 pupils (out of 225) had 100% attendance for those 3 days. What a fantastic start to the school year! Let's keep it up!**

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 & 4B - 98.9% **Superb!**  
2nd - 3M -97.6% **Wonderful!**  
3rd - 6B - 97.3% **Fabulous!**

## Reading Awards

Before we broke up for the summer, there were 3 classes who achieved something fantastic - every single child, in each of these classes reached their BRONZE award in reading! As we love reading and celebrating reading at Sherwood, we had to do something special to celebrate! So 3H, 3M and 5N all received a book for each and every child to take home and keep.

We were so impressed and hope that more classes can achieve this and maybe go even further will all pupils achieving even higher awards this year... let's wait and see!

Before the summer break, there were a number of children who earned a variety of reading awards and we wanted to say a HUGE well done to these children -

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

Year 3: Kiona

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

Year 3: Pola & Ava-May

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

Year 3: Madison

Year 6: Casie & Ella

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

Year 3: Cooper

Year 4: Lottie & Libby

Year 6: Raphael

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

Year 4: Myles & Jayden

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

Year 6: Caleb

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

Year 3: Honey

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

Year 3: Rebecca

Year 5: Gwen

Year 6: Pippa

## Birthday Books

Happy birthday and happy reading to these children:

Year 3: Lacie & Arlie-Grace

Year 4: Michelle & Essie-May

Year 5: Ava-Mae, Charlie, Elexi, Harriet, Lily, Poppy & Evie

Year 6: Lucas, Jayden & Phoebe

## 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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*1 - Please see the 'Week 2' menu for w/c 8th September 2025*

The menus can 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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