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Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary



This week...

Tuesday 1 September - INSET (children not at school)

Wednesday 2 September - children back to school

Next week...

Wednesday 9 September - Individual Photographs

Friday 11 September - 5S Swimming

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

Autumn term 2026-2027

Friday 18 September - £15 deposit due for Y4 residential

Friday 18 September - £25 deposit due for Y5 residential

Monday 21 September 2:30pm - Y4 MTC Parent Meeting

Wednesday 23 September - Year 5 to Holocaust Centre

Thursday 24 September 6pm - Y5/6 Open Evening at Meden School

Friday 25 September - £30 deposit due for Y6 residential

Friday 16 October - last day at school

Monday 19 October to Friday 30 October - Half term holiday (school closed)

Monday 2 November - children back to school

Friday 18 December - last day at school

Monday 19 December to Friday 1 January - Christmas holiday (school closed)

Spring term

Monday 4 January 2027 - children back to school

Friday 12 February - last day at school

Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February - Half term holiday (school closed)

Monday 22 February - INSET (children not at school)

Tuesday 23 February - children back to school

Monday 15 March - Tuesday 16 March - Year 4 Residential: Sherwood Forest

Thursday 25 March - last day at school

Friday 26 March to Friday 9 April - Easter holiday (school closed)

Summer term

Monday 12 April - children back to school

Monday 3 May - Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 25 - Wednesday 26 May - Year 5 Residential: The Mill Adventure

Friday 28 May - last day at school

Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June - half term holiday (school closed)

Monday 7 June - children back to school

Monday 5 July to Wednesday 7 July - Year 6 Residential: Hagg Farm

Friday 23 July - last day at school

Monday 26 July - INSET (children not at school)

Tuesday 27 July - INSET (children not at school)

Wednesday 28 July - INSET (children not at school)

Thursday 29 July - school holiday (school closed)

Welcome back!

We are delighted to welcome all of our children and families back to school after the summer holidays. We hope you have had a wonderful break and are ready for an exciting new school year.

Our classrooms are buzzing with enthusiasm, and we look forward to a term filled with learning, friendship and new opportunities. A special welcome to all the new children and families joining our school community.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we will make this another happy, successful and memorable year at Sherwood.

Here's to a fantastic term ahead! ☀️



Uniform Reminders



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



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 are as follows:

Year 3 - Tuesday

Year 4 - Wednesday

Year 5 - Wednesday

Year 6 - Tuesday

Please note that PE Days may change termly. We will remind pupils and parents/carers prior to any changes of days nearer the time.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

School photos



We would like to make parents and carers aware that it is school photographs on Wednesday 9 September.

There will be individual photographs taken along with any siblings in school.

On this date, Year 4 and 5 pupils MUST wear their school uniform not their PE kit.

Thank for your support in this matter.

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.

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, 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. 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).

The school implements the statutory guidance from the DfE. 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.

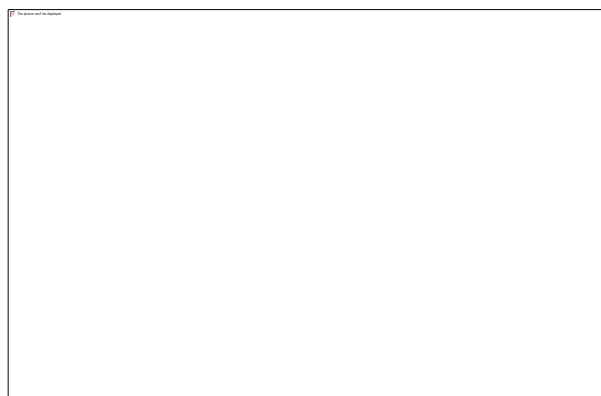
If a parent/carer is prosecuted at court, they could receive a fine of up to £2,500, a community order or a jail sentence of up to three months. The court could also give you a [Parenting Order](#).

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>



Breakfast Club



Reminder - We now offer a **FREE breakfast club** for **all children**, starting **30 minutes before school**.

Details

 **Time:** From **8.15am**

 **Arrival window:** Children **must arrive between 8.15am and 8.25am**

 Children **will not be admitted after 8.25am**

 **Food available:** Toast, cereal, fruit and juice

 **No booking required** – just turn up!

 Children who already attend our usual *paid* Breakfast Club from **7.30am** will automatically be included in the *free* breakfast provision from **8.15am**.

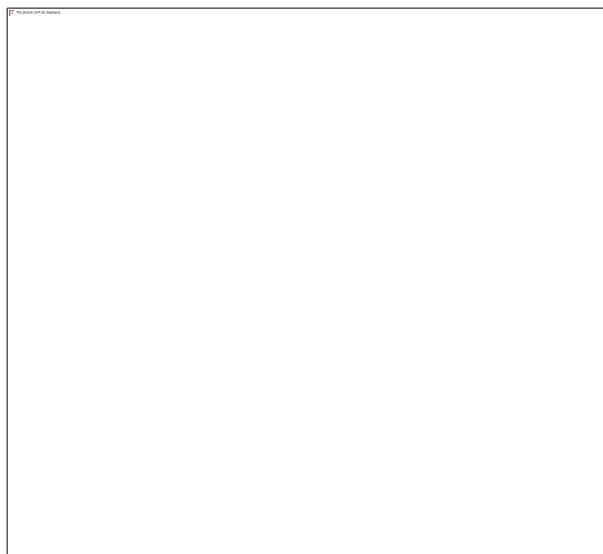
Normal booking via ParentPay is still required for attendance between **7.30am and 8.15am**. Please contact the school office if you have any questions about payments.

Mobile Phones in School

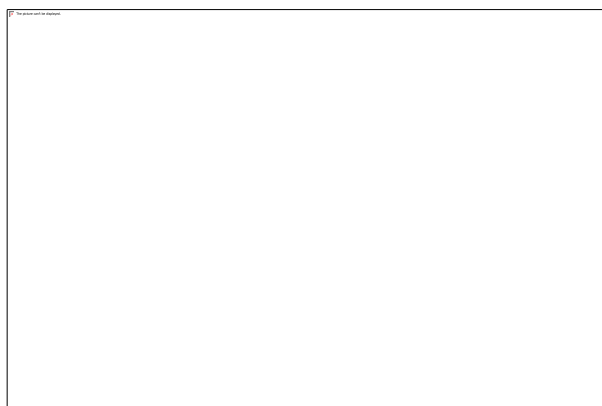
We understand that some families may wish their child to bring a mobile phone to school for use before or after the school day. Children may bring a mobile phone if parents deem this necessary; however, phones **must be switched off and kept securely in school bags before entering the school gates**. The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged mobile phones.

Mobile phones must remain switched off and out of sight throughout the school day. If a child is found to have their phone switched on or is using it during school hours, the phone will be confiscated and taken to the school office. A parent or carer will then be contacted and asked to collect the phone from the school office.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe, secure and focused learning environment for all children.



Playtime Snacks and Water Bottles



As we begin the new school year, we would like to remind families about our expectations regarding playtime snacks and drinks.

Children are welcome to bring their own snack for morning playtime. We strongly encourage healthy choices such as fruit, vegetables, breakfast biscuits or other nutritious snacks.

As an allergy-aware school, **children must not share food with others under any circumstances**. To help keep all pupils safe, **nuts and nut-containing products are strictly prohibited** in any snacks brought into school.

Children should also bring a **named and refillable water bottle** each day. Water bottles can be refilled throughout the school day. We do not allow fruit juice, fizzy drinks, milkshakes or energy drinks in school. If your child would like to bring squash, this is permitted; however, they will only have access to water when refilling their bottle.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a healthy and safe environment for all children.

Year 4 Residential 2027

We are delighted to offer the residential trip to Sherwood Youth Hostel to our Year 4 pupils next year. The visit will be for 2 days and 1 night. Sherwood Youth Hostel is in the Heart of Sherwood Forest, where there's lots of exciting activities. The visit will take place from Monday 15th March until Tuesday 16th March 2027 and will cost approximately £56.00 per pupil. This price includes accommodation; full board and programme of activities for the children to take part in. This does not include transport costs and to avoid additional coach costs we kindly ask that you drop off and pick up children from the Youth Hostel at Edwinstowe. This worked really well the last time we visited!

If you would like your child to take part in this residential, please return the slip below with a £15.00 deposit to secure a place by Friday 18th September. Please be aware that the £15.00

deposit is non –refundable and places are limited to 42 so will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis.

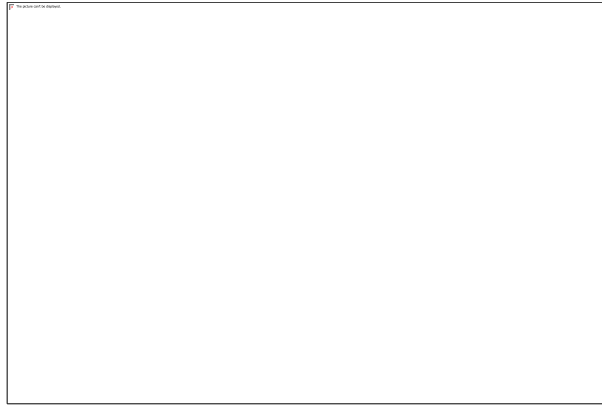
- As places are limited, please do not commit your child to the trip should you have any doubt of their intention to go.
- If we do not receive enough interest, the visit may be cancelled and therefore the deposit will be returned in this instance.
- Please note that all other payments must be paid online through your child's ParentPay account. We can only accept the initial £15.00 deposit in cash. The remaining balance of £41.00 will need to be paid by January 2027. For your convenience, instalments will be created within ParentPay to enable you to do this and we will provide further information once your child has secured a place.

Year 5 Residential 2027

We are excited to be able to offer a residential trip to The Mill Adventure, Kingsmill Reservoir for our Year 5 children next year! The visit will take place from Tuesday 25th May 2027 to Wednesday 26th May 2027 for 1 night and will cost £160.00 per pupil. This price includes transport, pod accommodation; full board and a jam-packed programme of activities for the children to take part in.

If you would like your child to take part in this residential, please return the slip below with a £25.00 deposit to secure a place by Friday 18th September. Please be aware that the £25.00 deposit is non-refundable and we only have places for 36 children. Therefore, places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

- As places are limited, please do not commit your child to the trip should you have any doubt of their intention to take part.
- If we do not receive enough interest, the visit will be cancelled and therefore the deposit will be returned in this instance.
- Please note that once your child has been allocated a place – all future payments will need to be paid via ParentPay. A payment plan will be created detailing amounts due and time frames in which to be paid by. For example, an additional £25.00 may need to be paid by the end of each month until the balance is paid. The total balance will need to be paid by March 2027. Further details will be sent out once places have been confirmed.
- By signing the reply slip, you are agreeing to meet the payment deadlines, and if these are not met, we reserve the right to remove your child's place without a refund.



Year 6 Residential 2027



We are excited to be writing to you to offer you the chance to reserve a place for your child on the Y6 residential taking place next year. Following an enjoyable visit this year to Hagg Farm Outdoor Centre in Hope Valley, Derbyshire we are delighted to be able to offer this again for next year. The visit will take place from Monday 5th July 2027 – Wednesday 7th July 2027 for 2 nights and will cost £207.00 per pupil. This price includes transport, accommodation, full board and a jam-packed programme of activities for the children to take part in.

If you would like your child to take part in this residential, please return the slip below with a £30.00 cash deposit to secure a place by Friday 25th September 2026. Please be aware that the £30.00 deposit is non-refundable and we only have places for 40 children. Therefore, places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

- As places are limited, please do not commit your child to the trip should you have any doubt of their intention to take part.
- If we do not receive enough interest, the visit will be cancelled and therefore the deposit will be returned in this instance.
- Please note that once your child has been allocated a place – all future payments will need to be paid via ParentPay. A payment plan will be created detailing amounts due and time frames in which to be paid by. For example, an additional £40.00 may need to be paid by the

end of each month until the balance is paid. The total balance will need to be paid by May 2027. Further details will be sent out once places have been confirmed.

· By signing the reply slip, you are agreeing to meet the payment deadlines, and if these are not met, we reserve the right to remove your child's place without a refund.

Year 5 Autumn Trip to The Holocaust Centre

On **Wednesday 23rd September**, as part of the Year 5 learning about World War Two, pupils will visit The Holocaust Centre for a powerful and thought-provoking educational experience. Through an immersive exhibition, children will journey through history while exploring themes of identity, belonging and moral responsibility. They will follow the story of Leo, who grew up in Berlin during the 1930s, and discover how life changed for him during the war. The visit will encourage empathy, reflection and discussion, helping pupils make meaningful connections between their classroom learning and the importance of respect, tolerance and challenging prejudice in the world today.

The cost of the trip per child is £15.50. 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.

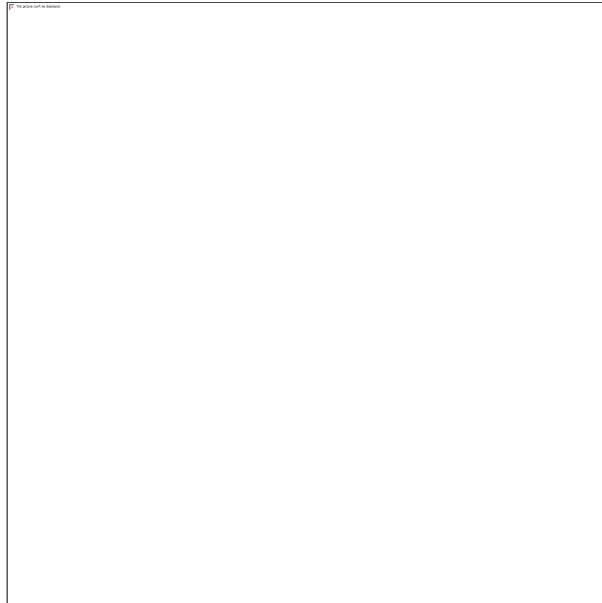
If you are experiencing financial difficulties at this time and would like to discuss this, please contact the school office.

The coach will leave school at 9:10am 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.

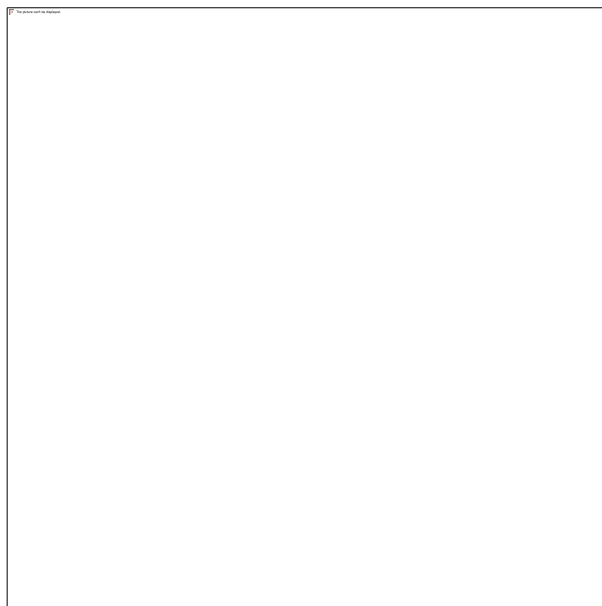
Children are expected to wear full school uniform. Children will need a healthy packed lunch and drink (no fizzy drinks) in a bag or lunchbox. If your child receives free school meals and you would like school to provide a packed lunch, you will have the opportunity to order one via ParentPay.

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 16th September 2026.



Golden Tickets



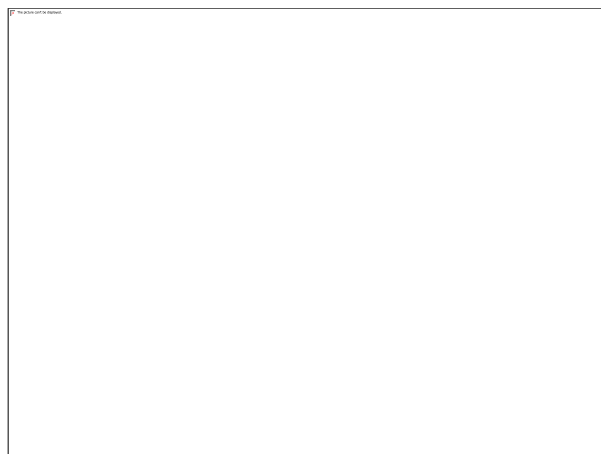
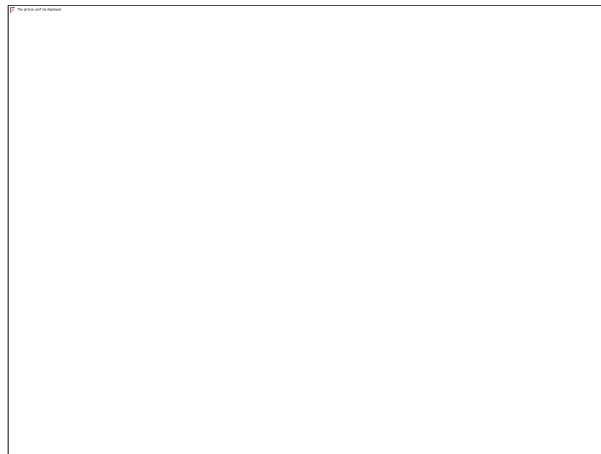
Golden tickets are awarded by our Senior Leaders (Mrs Stevens, Mrs Burton, Mrs Naylor, Mrs Bradbury & Mrs Seals) to individuals, groups or the whole class for demonstrating our school core values, including their attitude to learning and behaviour. Each of the 5 staff members have 20 golden tickets to 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!

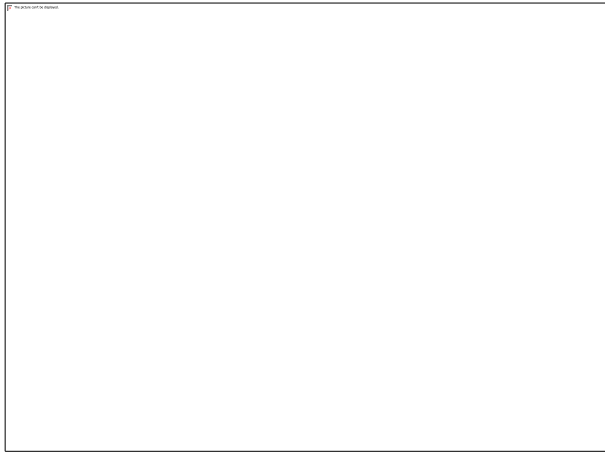
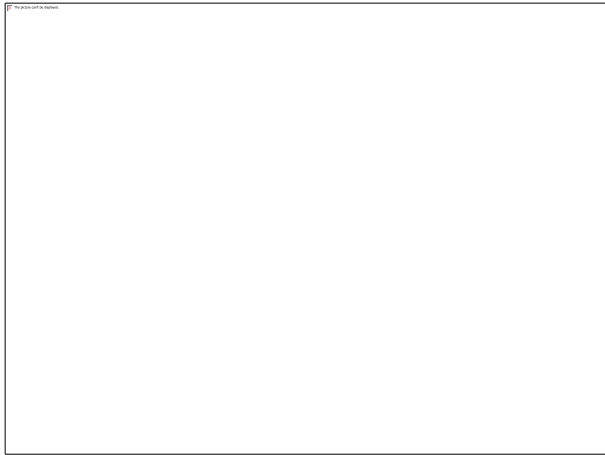
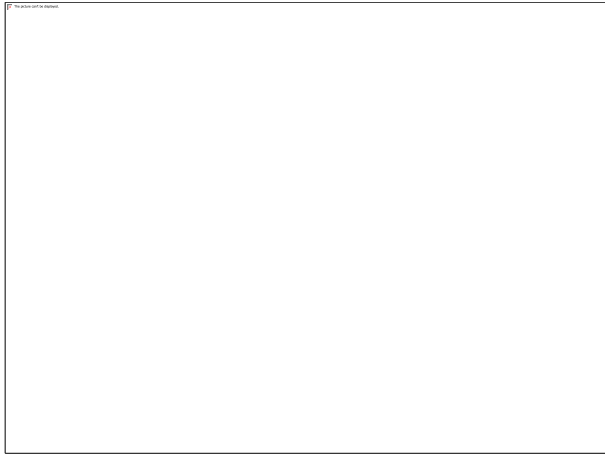
Reading Awards

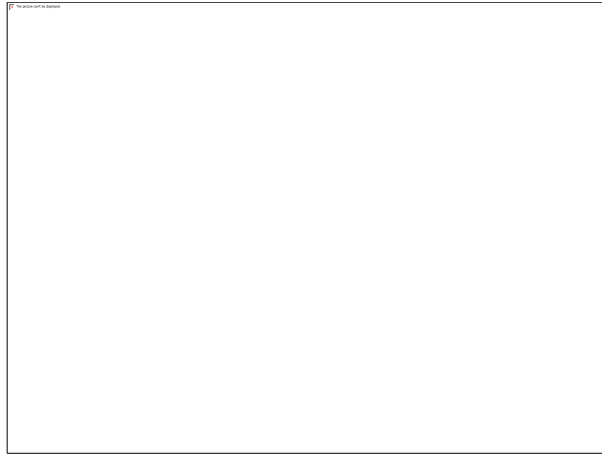
We would like to encourage all children to read regularly at home and work towards earning our exciting **Reading Awards Certificates**.

The first milestone is the **Bronze Reading Award**, which is achieved by completing **25 reads at home**. Each time your child reads, this should be recorded in their **reading diary** and signed by an adult. A member of staff will check reading diaries each week and keep track of your child's progress towards their award.

Regular reading at home helps children develop their confidence, fluency and love of books. Thank you for your support in helping your child on their reading journey. We look forward to celebrating lots of Bronze Award winners this term! 🌟📖



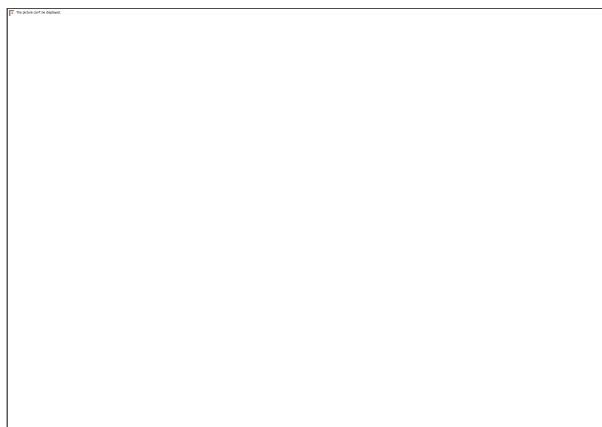
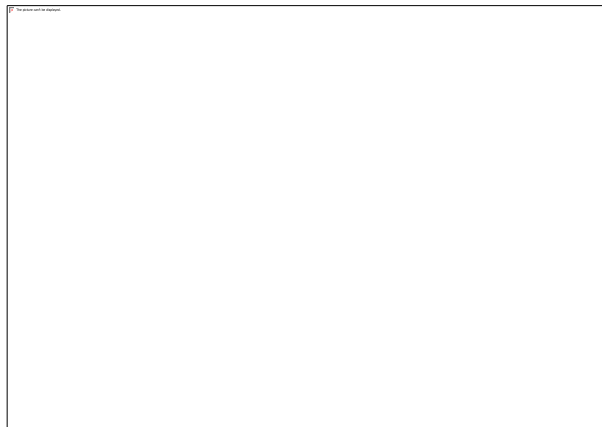


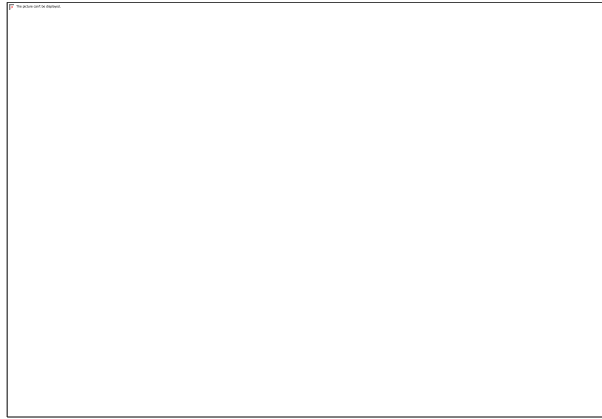


This Week's School Dinner Menu

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 new Autumn/Winter Menus. This Week is Week 1.

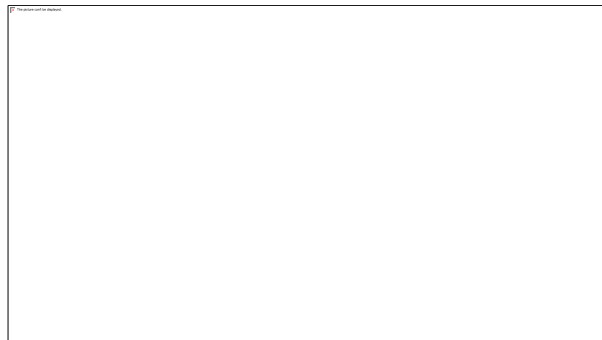




The menus can be also be found on our website [School Dinners | Sherwood Junior School](#)

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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