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Dates for your diary



This week...

Wednesday 9 September - Individual Photographs

Friday 11 September - 5S Swimming

Next week...

Friday 18 September - £15 deposit due for Y4 residential

Friday 18 September - £25 deposit due for Y5 residential

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

Autumn term 2026-2027

Monday 21 September at 2.30pm - Y4 MTC Parent Event

Wednesday 23 September - Year 5 to Holocaust Centre

Thursday 24 September - School Council Elections

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

Friday 25 September - £30 deposit due for Y6 residential

Monday 5 October - Parents' Evening

Tuesday 6 October - Parents' Evening

Friday 16 October - Flu Vaccinations

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)

School Photos



We would like to remind parents and carers 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.

WE NEED YOU!

 Would you like to be a parent volunteer in school? 

Do you have an hour to spare each week?

We are seeking committed parent volunteers to support children with their reading. Volunteers will work with small groups of pupils and individuals, listening to them read, encouraging their progress and helping to build confidence.

This is a rewarding opportunity to make a lasting impact on children's learning and help foster a lifelong love of reading.

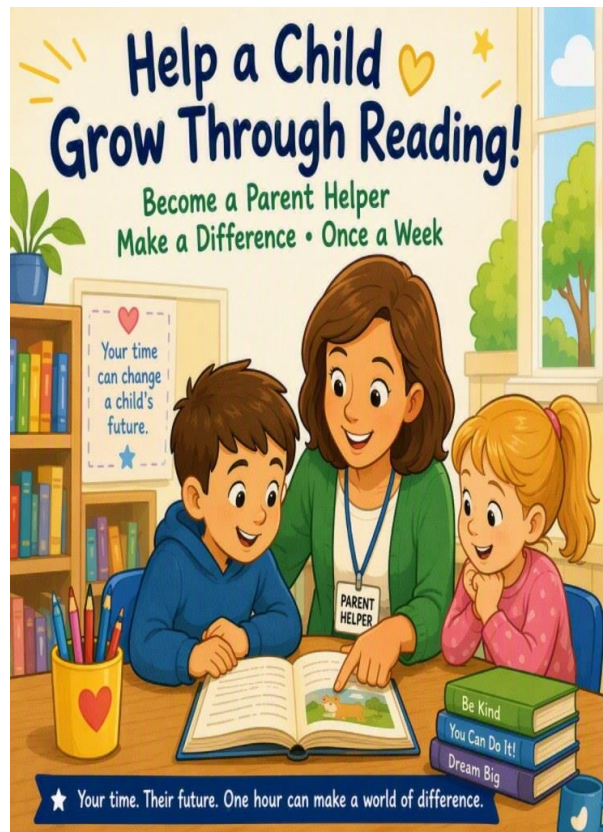
We're looking for volunteers who can:

- Commit to attending school once a week at an agreed time
- Build positive relationships with children
- Encourage and motivate young readers
- Work alongside staff to support learning

No experience is necessary. We will provide full training, resources and ongoing support to ensure you feel confident in the role.

A DBS check is desirable, although the school can arrange this for successful volunteers.

If you are passionate about supporting children and can make a regular weekly commitment, please get in touch with the school office. We'd love to welcome you to our team!



Staff updates

We are pleased to share some staffing updates for this academic year.

Mrs Burton will now be teaching in Year 6 each morning, delivering English and Maths lessons. This will allow her to work closely with some of our oldest pupils and support their learning as they prepare for the transition to secondary school.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Sheldon to our school team. Mrs Sheldon will be teaching across Years 4 and 5, covering PPA time. We look forward to welcoming her into Sherwood.



Thank you!

Thank you to all parents and carers for your patience and understanding regarding dinner payments last week. As is often the case following a school holiday, there can sometimes be a few teething problems when online systems are reactivated and updated.

We are pleased to report that these issues have now been resolved, and the system should be operating as normal. We appreciate your support while we worked to rectify the situation and apologise for any inconvenience caused.

School dinners - payment increase

Please note that from **1st September 2026**, the cost of a school dinner has increased to **£3.40 per day**.

School dinners should be **paid for in advance via ParentPay**.

If you experience any difficulties or have any questions regarding payments, please contact the **school office**, who will be happy to help.



Bagels

A reminder for parents and carers that from **this week**, bagels will no longer be available for children each morning as the initiative has now come to an end.

We would like to remind families that our **free Breakfast Club** continues to run every school day from **8:15am**, providing children with a positive start to the day.

Children are also welcome to bring a **healthy snack** for morning breaktime, such as a piece of fruit or a healthy cereal bar.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.



Nails and Make up



We would like to remind parents/carers that pupils are not permitted to wear acrylic or false nails.

Also, make-up should not be worn at Sherwood Junior School.

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

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

Autumn Term Clubs



✨ Autumn Term Clubs ✨

We are delighted to offer a fantastic range of clubs for children to enjoy during the Autumn Term. There is something for everyone, from sport and outdoor adventures to creativity, reading, drama, languages and games! All clubs are available and open to all children (unless otherwise stated).

How to Sign Up

If your child would like to attend one of our clubs, please sign up via Parent Pay. Clubs will be available to book from **Monday 14th September** and will start on the week commencing **Monday 21st September**.

All after school clubs will finish at 4:00pm

Tuesday

Homework Club

Time: Tuesday Lunchtime, 12:30–12:55pm

Staff: Mrs Burton

Room: Year 6 classroom

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.

Gardening Club

Time: Tuesday After school, 3:20–4:00pm

Staff: Mrs Johnson

Room: Year 4 Learning Support Room

Develop your gardening skills, learn about plants and the environmental impact on the growth of your produce. You will carry out seasonal 'jobs' like preparing the ground, planting a variety of vegetable seeds, weeding/ nurturing and finally reaping the harvest and taking home the product of your hard work and dedication.

FR Duolingo Club

Time: Tuesday After school, 3:20–4:00pm

Staff: Miss Hopkins

Room: Year 5 Learning Support Room

Improve your language skills whilst having lot of fun! You can choose to challenge yourself on the Duolingo App or play board games in different languages with your friends or even simply read books about countries around the world. Come along and join us! Merci et À bientôt!



Under the Sea Club

Time: Tuesday After school, 3:20–4:00pm

Staff: Mrs Jackson

Room: Year 3 Learning Support Room

Do you have a favourite sea creature? Would you like to find out more about them? Then come along to the Under the Sea Club. You can research fascinating under the sea creatures. Make your own PowerPoint presentations, mini books or posters about these wonderful animals.



Dodgeball Club

Time: Tuesday After school, 3:20 - 4:00pm

Staff: Mr B

Room: 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.



Wednesday

Singing Club – Sherwood Singing Squad

Time: Wednesday Lunchtime, 12:00–12:30pm

Staff: Mrs Hough-Lang

Room: Top Hall

Love to sing? Join the Squad!

Do you enjoy music and want to share your voice with others? The Sherwood Singing Squad is the perfect place for you! Open to all year groups, this club is all about having fun, building confidence, and making music together.

Drama Club

Time: Wednesday After school, 3:20–4:00pm

Staff: Mrs Benson- Loydall & Mrs Beaumont

Room: Top Hall

Drama Club gives students the opportunity to build their confidence, improve communication skills, practice responsibility and develop teamwork, through games, activities and performances. So, if you are willing to have a go, try new things and learn new skills, then this is the place for you. Drama Club is a place for everyone - all year groups are welcome!

Colouring Club

Time: Wednesday After school, 3:20–4:00pm

Staff: Mrs White

Room: Year 4 Learning Support Room

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



Thursday

Forest School Club

Time: Thursday Lunchtime, 12:30–12:55pm

Staff: Mrs Bonsell

Room: 4B

Do you love being outdoors? Do you enjoy getting a little bit muddy and having adventures? Come along to Forest School Lunchtime Club! Every session is a chance to have an adventure, try something new and have fun in the great outdoors! Get outside. Get adventurous. Get muddy!

Board Game Club

Time: Thursday Lunchtime, 12:30–12:55pm

Staff: Mrs Seals

Room: 5S

Come along and have some fun at our Board Game Club! Our Board Game Club is a fun and relaxed opportunity for you to enjoy a wide range of board games with your friends. From classic favourites to exciting new challenges, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Sports Leaders (Year 6 only)

Time: Thursday After school, 3:20–4:00pm

Staff: Mrs Bradbury

Room: 6B

We are pleased to welcome back our Year 6 Sports Leaders for another year! The club will focus on arranging sports events and training our leaders in play time games and activities. We would also like to offer the club to more potential leaders if any of our Year 6 children were thinking of joining. There are 10 spaces available and Mrs Bradbury is very happy to have some new faces on the team!

Gardening Club

Time: Thursday After school, 3:20–4:00pm

Staff: Mrs Johnson

Room: Year 4 Learning Support Room

Develop your gardening skills, learn about plants and the environmental impact on the growth of your produce. You will carry out seasonal 'jobs' like preparing the ground, planting a variety of vegetable seeds, weeding/ nurturing and finally reaping the harvest and taking home the product of your hard work and dedication.

Get Your Body Moving Club

Time: Thursday After school, 3:20–4:00pm

Staff: Miss White

Room: Top Hall

Get your body moving. Do you have lots of energy to burn? Or just enjoy dancing to your favourite tunes with your friends then come along and join us in the top hall 😊



Friday

Lego Club

Time: Friday Lunchtime, 12:30–12:55pm

Staff: Mrs Murphy

Room: 3M

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

Book Club

Time: Friday Lunchtime, 12:30–12:55pm

Staff: Mrs Horton

Room: 4H

If you love reading, come along and read, share books, make book marks and relax. It is a lovely way to spend your Friday lunch time.

Badminton Club

Time: Friday Lunchtime, 12:30–12:55pm

Staff: Miss Payne

Room: Top Hall

Would you like to learn the exciting game of badminton? Come and join our Badminton Club, where you'll learn the basic skills of serving, rallying and scoring through fun games and activities.

 **We look forward to seeing lots of children getting involved!**

Our clubs provide children with opportunities to **try something new, develop new skills, build confidence, make friends and most importantly, have fun!**

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!

Well done to **6B and 6BL** for being golden ticket winners for this week and achieving an amazing **6** golden tickets!

Well done to **6B and 6BL** who were the overall winners for the £50 prize!

Attendance



The overall attendance for the last week was **96.6%**

187/199 pupils had 100% attendance during last week - amazing work Sherwood!

We monitor the children's attendance every day and will contact parents where there are concerns. If your child is unwell, please contact the school office to inform us of your child's absence.

Last week's attendance winners were:

1st: 5S & 5P 100%

2nd: 6B & 6BL 98.9%

3rd: 3M 98.8%

Recent Illness or Concern

Information on what to look for and when and where to seek help if you're concerned about an illness that your child may have recently developed (NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Health and Care)

[Child 5 - 11 Years](#)

Too ill to attend school?

Please see the NHS school checklist poster for a quick guide of when to keep your child off school

[Should I keep my child off school checklist poster](#)

Pharmacy first Minor ailment

Here's a reminder about the Pharmacy First Minor Ailment information. It covers the ailments that can be assessed and treated, if needed within the pharmacy without the need for a GP appointment usually on the same day (unless the condition is particularly severe or complex) enabling the child to return to school sooner than waiting for an appointment, starting antibiotic treatment more quickly if needed or offering over the counter medication to enable the condition to be eased and facilitate return to school.

Use the link below to find pharmacies in the area providing the services.

<https://pharmacyfirstnottinghamshire.com/>



Tea Party

Well done to this week's group of Tea Party winners - you're all superstars!

Children receive a certificate, a treat and then attend a 'Tea Party' to have a drink, a treat and play games - how exciting!

Every week, our Class Teachers celebrate pupils who shine by demonstrating our Core Values—Accountability, Resilience, and Respect. Winners might show these qualities in their learning, during play or through their consistent attitude all week. It's our way of recognising and rewarding those special moments that make our school community thrive!

3M Rory - for showing **resilience** in his learning and making friends! A great start!

4H Leo - for coming to Year 4 with a super attitude and being **accountable** for himself.

4B Lexi - coming back with a brilliant attitude - showing **resilience** and **accountability**.

5S Isabella S - for taking **accountability** for her learning and making a positive start.

5P Ellie - **resilience** - guided reading task started and completed later - great start!

6B Riley - for taking **accountability** for his learning producing some brilliant descriptive sentences.

6BL Kaiden - coming back with a brand new attitude to learning showing **respect** and always being ready to learn.



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! 🌟📖









Birthday Books

Happy birthday and happy reading to the following children:

Year 4 - Lacie

Year 5 - Essie-May and Michelle

Year 6 - Charlie, Elexi, Harriet, Lily Q, Poppy, Evie, Ava-Mae,



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 week beginning 7th September.

WEEK COMMENCING 7th September 28th September 9th November 30th November 11th January 1st February					
AUTUMN-WINTER MENU 2026/27					
WEEK 2					
Red Option	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Cheesy peasy pasta (v) Gluten Milk Mustard Soya with garlic bread (ve) Gluten Milk Soya & peas	Cheese & tomato Pizzai (v) Gluten Milk Soya with oven chips (ve) & crunchy vegetable sticks	Notts-so-silly sausage Gluten Sulphur Dioxide with Yorkshire pudding (v) Gluten Egg Milk roast potatoes, (ve) cauliflower, green beans & gravy (ve)	Chicken meatballs in a rich tomato sauce (v) with spaghetti (ve) Gluten Mustard Soya & sweetcorn	Fish fingers all wrapped up Gluten Fish with potato wedges, (ve) sweetcorn & baked beans
Blue Option	Jacket potato with cheese milk and beans or tuna mayo Fish Egg & vegetable sticks				
	Bread & spread (ve) Gluten Soya, Fresh fruit				
Pudding	Golden cherry flapjack (ve) Gluten Sulphur Dioxide	Chocolate cake (v) Gluten Egg Milk & pink sauce (v) Milk	Soft scoop ice cream (v) & a wafer (ve) Gluten Soya	Crunchy ginger biscuit (ve) Gluten	The classic: Cornflake tart (v) Gluten & custard (v) Milk

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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