2 November 2026

Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary

This week...

***Monday 2 November** - children back to school*

Next week...

***Tuesday 10 November** - 3M Library Visit*

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

Autumn term 2026-2027

Monday 16 November at 2.30pm - Year 6 Parent SATs meeting

Tuesday 17 November - 6BL Library Visit

Wednesday 18 November - Year 6 visit to Mansfield Town FC

Tuesday 24 November - 6B Library Visit

Wednesday 2 December - Christmas Fayre

Thursday 10 December - Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 10 December - Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 15 December - Christmas Performance

Wednesday 16 December - Christmas Performance

Thursday 17 December - Christmas Party Day

Friday 18 December - Carols in the playground

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)

Juniper Parent App is now Live!

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We are pleased to announce that our brand-new **Juniper Parent App** is now available for all parents and carers.

Using the app, you can:

- Receive instant messages and updates from school
- View special "Moments" shared from your child's school day
- See badges as they are earned in real time

Getting Started

1. Download the **Juniper Parent App** for free from the **App Store** or **Google Play Store**.
2. Register using the email address we have on record for you.
3. Take a look at the quick reference guide for step-by-step support.

Need Help?

If you have any questions or need assistance setting up the app, please contact the school office or pop in and we will be happy to help.

We hope you enjoy this new way of staying connected with your child's learning and achievements at school.

Change in PE days

Please note, PE days for this half term have changed to the following:

Tuesday - Year 4 and Year 5

Wednesday - Year 3 and Year 6

Thank you for your continued support.

Anti-Bullying Week

From **Monday 16 to Friday 20 November 2026,** we will be marking Anti-Bullying Week, with this year's theme, "Break the Silence". This links perfectly with our school values of Respect and Accountability, encouraging children to speak up, support others and take positive action when they see or experience unkind behaviour.

Throughout the week, anti-bullying will be a key focus across the school. Children who demonstrate our values and help create a positive, inclusive environment may be rewarded with marbles for the class jar, raffle tickets and even the chance to receive a golden ticket.

Our week will begin with a whole-school assembly on Monday 16 November, where we will explore what bullying is, how it can affect people and, most importantly, how we can help others feel confident to speak out. We will also be introducing our new Friendship Ambassadors, with two representatives from each class. We look forward to hearing about the valuable work they will be doing alongside Mrs Seals and Mrs Horton throughout the year.

As part of our celebration assembly on Friday 20 November, one child from each class will be recognised for consistently demonstrating either Respect or Accountability. These children will be invited to a special Anti-Bullying Week Tea Party.

Good luck to all our pupils! We hope to see acts of kindness, respect and responsibility throughout the week, and that choosing our tea party winners becomes a very difficult task for teachers.

Mrs Horton and Mrs Seals

Times Tables Rockstar Tournament

Another tournament under our belts and another blinding set of results!

Congratulations!

4B vs 3M

Winners overall: **3M**

1st: Mason

2nd: Lily

3rd: Lexi-Mae

5P vs 4H

Winners overall: 5P

1st: Isla

2nd: Louis

3rd: Eric

5S vs 6BL

Winners overall: 5S

1st: Michelle

2nd: Jack

3rd: Kian

6B Boys vs Girls

Girls won!

1st: Iyla

2nd: Damien

3rd: Loula

Highest scoring player overall: Isla - 13, 030 points!

Starting from Monday 2nd November we will hold our next tournament. So, prepare for battle and let's go!

6B vs 5S

5P vs 4B

3M vs 4H

6BL Boys vs Girls

Year 6 SATS Buster Meeting

Monday 16th November at 2:30pm

Year 6 staff would like to invite parents/carers in for a meeting to discuss all things SATS and SATS preparation. We will meet in the Top Hall for a short presentation and Q&A about the ins and outs of the SATS before inviting the parents/carers along with the children to have a go at some sample questions back in their classrooms.. This will give everyone an opportunity to see and experience a sample of the recent SATS questions and content as well as enjoying a few biscuits.

We will also be sharing our revision materials in more detail SATs Boot Camp - Year 6 SATs Revision, Practice Papers & SATs Questions Online.

This is an exciting opportunity for our children to revise ONLINE with some of the most up-to-date materials to support their revision journey. SATs Boot Camp is a BRILLIANT resource and very easy to use.

SATs Boot Camp – Parent & Guardian Information

SATs Boot Camp is an online learning platform designed to support your child throughout Year6. It provides structured learning that covers the Year 6 English and Maths curriculum, while also preparing your child for their SATs in May. By combining structured curriculum coverage with regular SATs-style practice, the platform encourages independent learning, strengthens key English and Maths knowledge and skills, and helps ensure your child is well prepared for their SATs and ongoing learning throughout Year 6.

Revise Section (start here!)

The Revise section contains engaging video lessons covering every Year 6 English and Maths topic. Each video is fully aligned with the national curriculum and includes SATs-style questions that your child can work through independently by pausing the video. After watching a video, your child can take a topic test to check their understanding and identify any areas that may need further consolidation.

Practice SATs Tests Section.

Once your child is confident with the topics in the Revise section, they will move on to completing SATs-style tests. Your child has access to a wide range of SATs practice tests, including:

- Arithmetic
- Reasoning
- Spelling
- Punctuation & Grammar
- Reading

These tests reflect the format and style of SATs papers, helping your child become familiar with question types, timings and expectations, while strengthening their knowledge across the Year 6 English and Maths curriculum.

Test Scores Section

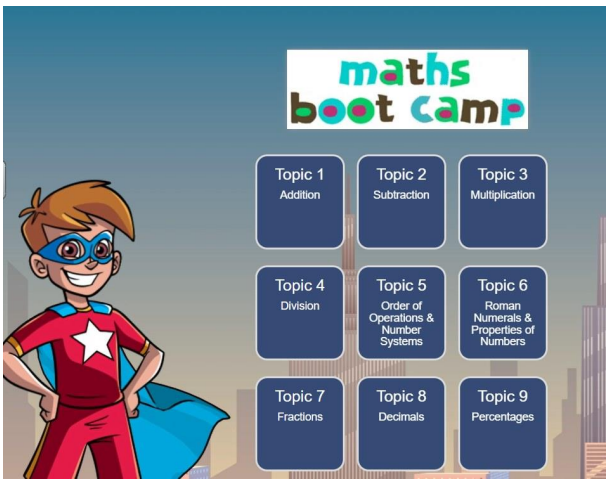
Your child's progress will be monitored by their teacher through the platform's reporting tools,and you can also view test results to support learning at home where appropriate. The TestScores section provides clear summaries showing:

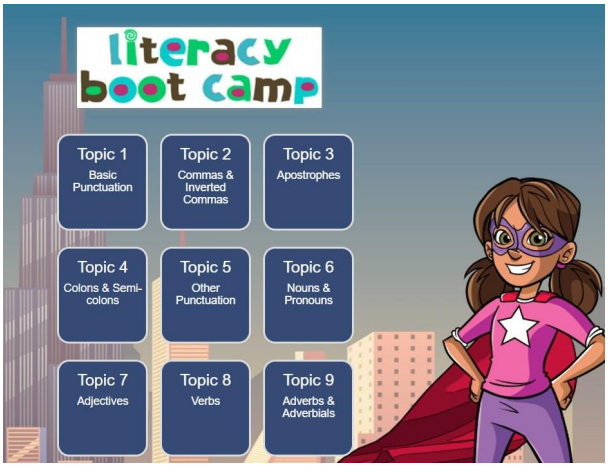
- Test results by Test - to track performance across revision tests and practice papers
- Test results by Topic - to identify strengths and areas for development

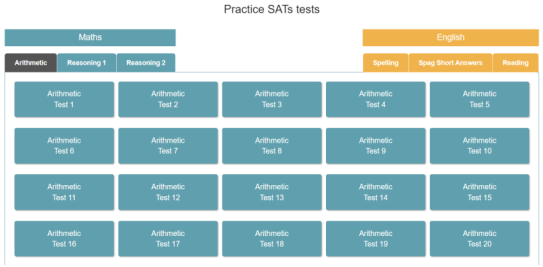
Motivation & Rewards

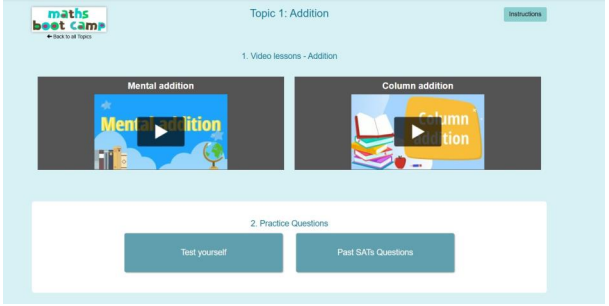
As your child completes tests, they collect hero coins. These can be used in the Avatar Shop to 'buy' items and customise their avatar. This reward system encourages regular practice and helps maintain motivation.

All of the children will receive their log in details and an opportunity to explore the site at school beforehand.

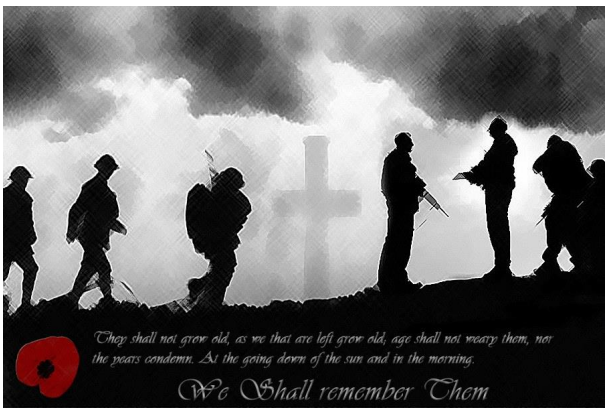








Remembrance Day Appeal



Poppies and a range of Remembrance Day merchandise will be available to purchase at breaktimes from **Monday 12th October**. Items will be sold in support of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal, helping to remember and honour those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

Please send children with some change if they would like to make a purchase. Thank you for your support.

Sports Achievements

Congratulations to one of our wonderful Y4 pupils for their achievements in Gymnastics. In their last competiton they achieved - **4th for floor, 3rd for overall, 2nd for beam, 3rd for bars and 4th for vault.**

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 **4H** for being golden ticket winners for this week and achieving an amazing **6** golden tickets!

Well done to **4H** who are in the lead for this half term's £50 prize!

Attendance

The overall attendance for the last week was **93.8%**

162 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 4H 96.7%

2nd 6B 96.2%

3rd 5S 95.4%

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

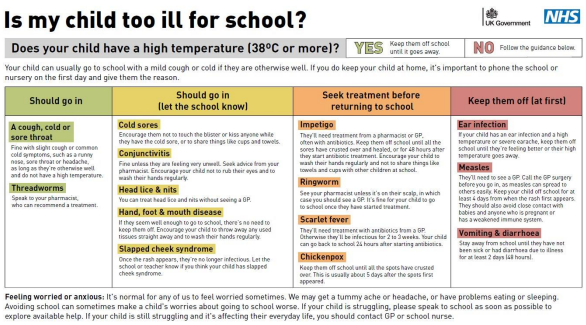
Illness absence and staying healthy < Watch this video for extra advice

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/



Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

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 Dakota - for taking **accountability** in her writing.

4H Sophia-Maria - for always being a model pupil and showing all **3 core values**

4B Mason-Bradley - for his **accountability** in his learning, especially writing

5S Lily-Grace - for her **resilience** in maths

5P Ivy - for trying hard and having a **resilient** mindset

6B Harriet - for **respect** and **resilience** - she has the most amazing attitude to learning all of the time

6BL Adam - for trying really hard to be **respectful** and taking **accountability** for his learning

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! 🌟📖

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Well done to these children for earning their **BRONZE (25)** Reading Award and showing an excellent level of dedication to reading at home:

Year 3

Dexter, Shanice, Emmie

Year 4

Gracie-D, Erin, Yurii, Molly, Ellis

Year 5

Bobby B, Arjan

Year 6

Lottie, Adam, Amy, Ophelia, Damian

Birthday Books

Happy birthday and happy reading to the following children:

Year 3 - Amelia

Year 4 - Nancy

Year 5 - Amber, Amelia F, Cooper

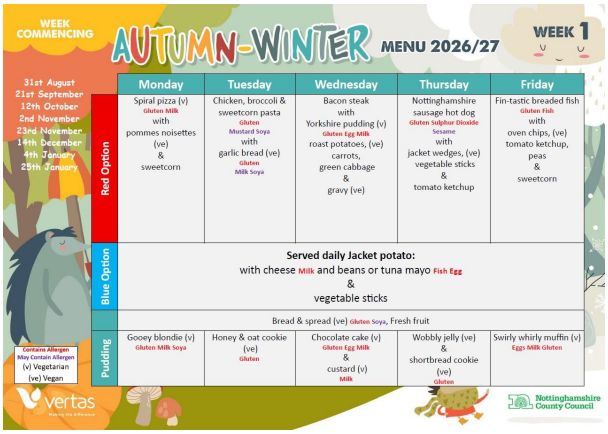
Year 6 - Isabelle, Penelope

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.

This week...

Please see the 'Week 1' menu for week beginning 2 November



Please Note: Thursday 5 November is a special dinner day!

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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