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## Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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## Dates for your diary



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*This week...*

***Monday 19 May*** - Y3 trip to White Post Farm

***Wednesday 21 May*** - Y5 trip to the National Space Centre

***Thursday 22nd May*** - Y6 trip to the Palace Theatre

*Friday 23 May - Last day of school*

*Next week...*

*Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May - Half term holiday (school closed)*

*Monday 2 June - Children back to school*

*Wednesday 3 June - Last day to book for Father's Day breakfast*

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

**Summer Term**

**Thursday 12 June** - Year 3/4 Father's Day breakfast

**Friday 13 June** - Year 5/6 Father's Day breakfast

**Tuesday 17 June & Wednesday 18 June:** Year 5 residential Mill Adventure Base

**Wednesday 25 June 2pm** - Year 6 performance 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'

**Thursday 26 June 2pm & 5pm** - Year 6 performance 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'

**Monday 30 June & Tuesday 1 July** - Transition days

**Wednesday 2 July** - Day of sports and family picnic

**Wednesday 16 July - Friday 18 July:** Year 6 residential Mount Cook

**Thursday 24 July 1.15pm** - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

**Thursday 24 July 5-6.30pm** - Year 6 Leavers Disco

**Friday 25 July** - Last day of school

**Monday 28 July** - INSET (children not in school)

**Tuesday 29 July** - INSET (children not in school)

**Wednesday 30 July** - School holiday (school closed)

## Sun Safety



We are hopeful that we will be having some more lovely sunny weather in the coming weeks (fingers crossed) and want to ensure that we can all enjoy the sun safely over the summer months. The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer and they can damage children's skin. Dehydration and over-exposure to sunlight can cause huge health worries which we would like to avoid.

As a school, we regularly talk to children about the importance of being safe in the sun during lessons and assemblies as appropriate.

Your support is very important. You can help by:

- Talking to your child about the importance of sun protection at home.
- Sending your child into school with a named sunhat.
- Applying a high factor sun cream (at least SPF 15) to your child before sending them to school. We recommend you use an 'all day' variety as staff are unable to reapply sun cream to children during the school day.
- Ensuring your child brings a large water bottle to school and encourage them to drink plenty of water – we will remind them too!

Further information and guidance can be found on these websites:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>

[Soltan Sun Safety Tips - Boots](#)

Thank you for your support.

## PE Uniform Reminder

Just a polite reminder that we expect children to wear their **PE uniform** on PE days as opposed to football kits for example. This helps to ensure that children are suitably dressed for PE.

We follow the guidance from the Association for PE and therefore we must remind all parents/carers and children that for safety reasons, all jewellery (including stud earrings)

**must be removed for swimming and all P.E. activities.** Please note this is not 'new' guidance and we have implemented this as a school for many years. We are pleased that the majority of children follow this guidance and remember to leave their earrings at home on PE days.

We appreciate that there may be some occasions when a child forgets or is unable to remove their earrings. On these rare occasions, the child will still participate in the PE lesson (or after school sports club) but we will make adaptations in terms of how the child takes part in the practical aspects of the lesson. We will involve them with group planning, designing and tactical discussions, but they will have different tasks assigned to them during the practical elements of the lesson (for example, individual skills practices, peer coaching, observation and feedback tasks, or officiating in a games context).

We ask that children avoid the reliance of 'taping up' earrings that can be removed as this would limit their ability to participate in group activities due to safety risks.

As usual, we thank you all and appreciate your ongoing support.



ParentPay



Please see our step-by-step guide to making payments on Parent Pay [Payments | Sherwood Junior School](#)

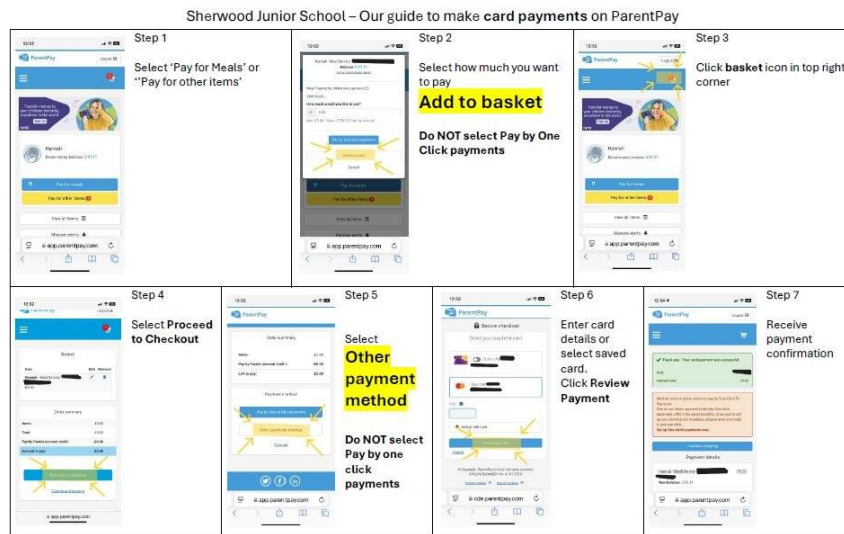
Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

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**REMINDER**

**Do NOT use one-click payment.**

## Add items to 'basket' and choose 'OTHER PAYMENT METHOD'



## School 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.

### Leave in Term Time (holidays)

As we approach the summer months and see an increase in requests for term time leave, here is a reminder about children missing school for holidays.

Children are **not entitled** to holidays in term time. Family holidays should be taken during school holiday periods. If a parent intends to take their child out of school for a leave of absence during term time, they must have requested this in advance. All leave of absence during term time requests will be **unauthorised** except for exceptional circumstances (at the discretion of the Headteacher).

You can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time without the Headteacher's permission. **This also applies if you do not submit a request form and the Headteacher has reason to believe the child was absent for the purpose of a holiday.** Please note, not all reports of illness are accepted or authorised. It is always best to be honest with school and tell us you are going on holiday (the children usually tell us all about it when they get back to school!)

We have recently had some children absent from school as they have been attending a weekend sporting festival. If your child is participating in a sporting festival/event and we receive a signed letter from the club/team manager/coach, stating which child/children are attending and the specific dates, we can authorise the absence as participation in approved sporting activities (at the discretion of the Headteacher). Again, please be honest with us! We had several children 'off ill' on one Friday, when we knew they were at a football festival!

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>

## **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. Please note we do NOT automatically authorise all reported illness.

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. To report a child's absence please 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.

## **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.

## Year 3 Teddy Bear Stay Out



We are planning for the children in Year 3 to return to school for an evening of fun on **Friday 6th June**.

We would like the children to come to their stay out at 5:00pm, and they will spend the evening singing songs, playing games, doing craft activities and (weather permitting) using the school grounds for outdoor activities. They will have a drink and chip butties for their tea and some sweet treats. We would like them to be picked up at 8.00pm on that same evening.

The children will need be dressed in appropriate clothing for the weather and definitely not school uniform! They should not forget their teddy. The cost will be **£5.00** per child – this will be to cover the cost of drinks, tea and craft activities. Our Year 3 staff are looking forward to attending too.

**If your child would like to come to our stayout, please complete the slip on the letter sent home, and return it to school together with £5.00 by Thursday 22nd May 2025.**

## Warsop Carnival



It's that time again where our beloved Warsop Carnival is nearly upon us: a quintessential event in our local community.

You are invited to nominate your child for the very exciting opportunity to be Sherwood Juniors' King or Queen representative in this year's Warsop Carnival.

As in previous years, the children selected will need to meet at The Oaklands Centre on Oakfield Lane Warsop NG20 0JE on **6th July at 11:15am** with their parent or guardian and then they will be transported through the streets of Warsop in a vintage bus, down to the Carrs. Unfortunately, no parents or guardians will be allowed to travel in the vehicle with the children, however 2 DBS checked volunteers from Vibrant Warsop will be on the bus. The bus will leave at 11:40am and will complete a lap of honour upon arrival at the Carrs before each child receives their goody bag. The organisers have requested that parents or guardians are present on the show ground to meet their child once they have arrived at approx. 12.15pm.

All children will be given a sash and the girls will also receive a tiara. The Queens will also receive a posy and the Kings a button hole.

If the required arrangements, date and time are feasible for you then please feel free to nominate your child by **completing the form in reception by Monday 16th June**. If you have more than one child attending Sherwood and wish to nominate them, **you need to complete a return slip for each of them**. Names will be drawn in school on this day and you will be notified if your child has been selected before we pass them names on to the organisers.

Good luck to all who enter - what an exciting opportunity!

## Teacher Vacancy



We are very excited to announce that we are seeking to recruit a Full Time Teacher (on a 1 year temporary contract) to join our wonderful and hardworking team in September.

If you are interested, details will be available from the school office or on the Nottinghamshire County Council Vacancies website.

[Class Teacher - Temporary Post - Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

If you require any further information, please contact the school office.

## Parent, Carer and Visitor Conduct Expectations



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

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

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

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

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

We will do our utmost to resolve all issues and concerns but we will only deal with them if they are brought to us in an appropriate way. Although the adults in school will do their best to be available to speak with parents/carers, we would like to remind all parents/carers to be respectful and appreciate that it is not always possible for a member of staff to be immediately available. However, we will endeavour to make contact with parents/carers as soon as is practically possible. We are grateful that the majority of parents/carers recognise

this and appreciate that the staff in school are exceptionally busy and that they also have their own family commitments so are not always available immediately after school.

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

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

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

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

## Social Media and Online Safety



We emailed all parents/carers last week to raise a concern that has recently come to our attention regarding children's use of TikTok and other social media platforms. Over the past few weeks, we have dealt with several incidents involving unkind and inappropriate videos being created and shared by pupils outside of school. These behaviours not only affect the well-being of those involved but also impact the wider school community.

As a school, we take online safety very seriously. We have delivered dedicated sessions to all classes around responsible online behaviour, kindness, and the long-lasting impact of digital content. We have also spoken to individuals where necessary to reinforce these messages and address specific issues.

However, while we will continue to educate and support children in making the right choices online, we must emphasise that the responsibility for monitoring children's use of apps like TikTok lies with parents and carers.

We ask all families to take the following actions:

- **Check your child's phone regularly** – see which apps they are using and what content they are posting or viewing.

- **Ensure apps are age-appropriate** – TikTok, for example, is rated 13+, the platform will expose children to content that is not suitable for their age.
- **Use parental controls** – enable restrictions and filters where possible to limit access to inappropriate material.
- **Talk to your child** – have open and regular conversations about online behaviour, digital kindness, and what to do if they see or experience something upsetting.

By working together, we can help ensure that our children use these platforms safely, responsibly, and respectfully.

Thank you for your continued support.

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*If you missed it, [click here to read this month's Online Safety Newsletter](#).*

*Previous newsletters and further online safety guides for parents/carers can be found on our school website [Online Safety | Sherwood Junior School](#)*

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## Tea Party



Well done to last week's Tea Party winners - you're all superstars! Children receive a certificate, a treat and then attend a 'Tea Party' during the following week, to have a drink, a treat and play games - how exciting!

3H Bobby - For his big smile, his helpful nature and for listening so carefully so that he can make improvements in his learning.

3M Ava-Lousie - For her super handwriting and effort in all of her work.

4B Vladimir - For working hard to produce an independent character description and for smashing his maths test.

4S Lennie - For his participation in all lessons.

5B Lena - For always giving 100% and being an amazing friend.

5N Jayden - Nominated by his classmates for working hard and having a go at all of his work no matter how tricky it may be.

6P Riley - For a marathon SATS session and showing so much determination and focus.

6B Evie - For simply being Evie: reliable, calm and focused no matter what. What more could you ask for!

## Attendance



The overall attendance for last week was 93.2%

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

*Last week's attendance winners were:*

1st: - 6B 98.6% Amazing!

2nd - 4B 97.5% Fantastic!

3rd - 4S 96.1% Super!

## Golden Tickets



Golden tickets are awarded by our senior leaders (Mrs Simpson, 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 senior leader has 20 golden tickets to present each week. Each class collects their golden tickets and a weekly total is shared in assembly. The overall scores are displayed on our leader board in the upper hall. The class with the most golden tickets at the end of the half-term receives £30 to spend on a treat!

Well done to **5B** for being this week's golden ticket winners and achieving an amazing **10** golden tickets each!

This means that **5B** are officially the winners of this half term's £30 prize - **Congratulations!**

## Reading Awards

Well done to these children for earning their **BRONZE** Reading Award and showing a super level of dedication to reading at home.

Year 3: Aliyah

Well done to these children for earning their **SILVER** Reading Award and showing a great level of dedication to reading at home.

Year 3: Isabella

Year 4: Ebony

Well done to these children for earning their **DIAMOND** Reading Award and showing a tremendous level of dedication to reading at home.

Year 3: Poppy

Year 5: Nylah

CONGRATULATIONS to these children for earning their **GOLD** Reading Awards this year and showing an excellent level of dedication to reading at home.

Year 4: Cora

CONGRATULATIONS to these children for earning their **PLATINUM** Reading Awards this year and showing a wonderful level of dedication to reading at home.

Year 4: Kaiden

Year 5: Darcie

CONGRATULATIONS to these children for earning their **RUBY** Reading Awards this year and showing a superb level of dedication to reading at home

Year 4: Myles, Adam

Year 5: Evelyn

CONGRATULATIONS to these children for earning their **EMERALD** Reading Awards this year and showing an tremendous level of dedication to reading at home

Year 4: Miah

CONGRATULATIONS to these children for earning their **SAPPHIRE** Reading Awards this year and showing an incredible level of dedication to reading at home

Year 3: Lyle, Michelle

CONGRATULATIONS to these children for earning their **PEARL** Reading Awards this year and showing an outstanding level of dedication to reading at home

Year 4: Kayla

CONGRATULATIONS to these children for earning their **OPAL** Reading Awards this year and showing an stunning level of dedication to reading at home

Year 3: Jack, Sam

Year 4: Leo

Year 5: Amelia

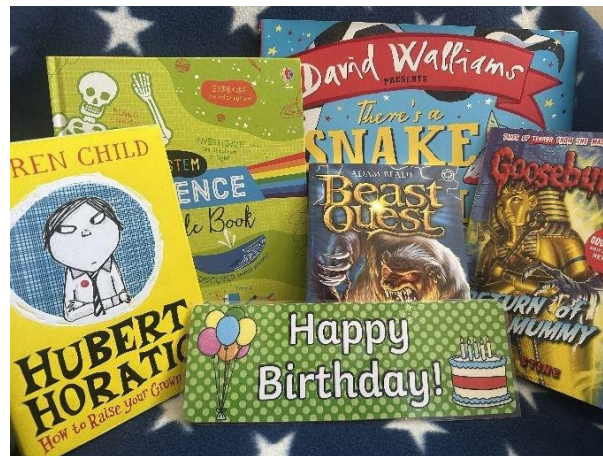








## Birthday Books



Happy birthday and happy reading to these children:

Year 3: Mufaro

Year 4: Cora

Year 5: Robert

Year 6: Sonny, Jacob

## Joke of the Week

This week our jokes come from Mrs Seals AND Mrs Hough -Lang.

Q: What did the policeman say to his tummy?

A: You're under a vest!

Q: What do you call a cow in an earthquake?

A: A milkshake!



## This Week's School Dinner Menu

*We encourage the children to look at the menu at home with their parents 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.*

**My School Menu**  
Spring/Summer 2025

**Week 2**  
Week commencing  
28 April, 19 May,  
9 June, 30 June,  
21 July, 8 Sept,  
29th Sept

**Taco Tuesdays**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pork meatballs Egg Gluten in a tomato sauce with pasta shape of the day Gluten Soya Mustard & roasted mediterranean vegetables	BBQ Chicken taco Gluten with jewelled rice, carrot & cucumber sticks	Bangers & mash Gluten Sulphur Dioxide with seasonal vegetables & gravy  <small>Featuring our Nottinghamshire sausages from local children Maurice's</small>	Roasted gammon with jacket wedges, roasted summery vegetables & gravy	Fish finger cob Fish Gluten Sesame with oven chips, baked beans & peas
Option 2	Jacket potato served with your choice of: cheese Milk, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	Jacket potato served with your choice of: cheese Milk, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	Jacket potato served with your choice of: cheese Milk, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	Jacket potato served with your choice of: cheese Milk, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	Jacket potato served with your choice of: cheese Milk, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad
Pudding	Gingerbread cookies Gluten	Pancakes Gluten Milk Egg & honey	Butterscotch shortcake Milk Gluten	Cherry iced bun Gluten Egg Milk Soya	Strawberry fairy cake Egg Gluten

Available daily: Best of both bread gluten soya & fresh fruit

Nottinghamshire  
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19 May - 23 May

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

## Contact Us



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If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office.

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