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## Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary



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*This week...*

***Monday 3 - Friday 7 March - Mayan Themed Week***

***Thursday 6 March - World Book Day and Special Lunch Menu***

***Friday 7 March - Art Day***

***Friday 7 March - Final sQuid payments due for:***

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- *Mother's Day Celebration Breakfast*

- *Year 3 trip to Perlethorpe*
  - *Next instalment for Year 5 and Year 6 residentials*
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*Next week...*

***Monday 10 March - ALL payments for meals, trips and offers to made on ParentPay***

***Tuesday 11 March 2.30pm - Year 4 parent event***

***Wednesday 12 March - Y6 MHST Positive Body Image workshops***

***Friday 14 March - sQuid closes***

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

### ***Spring Term***

**Monday 17 March** - Y3 Trip to Perlethorpe

**Thursday 20 March & Friday 21 March:** Year 4 residential Sherwood Forest Youth Hostel

**Wednesday 26 March** - Scholastic Book Fayre

**Thursday 27 March 9am** - Y3/4 Mother's Day Breakfast

**Friday 28 March 9am** - Y5/6 Mother's Day Breakfast

**Monday 31 March** - Easter Service at Church

**Monday 31 March and Tuesday 1 April** - Parent's Evening

**Friday 4 April** - Last day of school

**Monday 7 April to Monday 21 April** - Easter holiday (school closed)

### ***Summer Term***

**Tuesday 22 April** - Children back to school

**Friday 2 May** - Y4 Trip to Rushcliffe Park

**Thursday 8 May** - Y6 Residential Meeting for parents

**Monday 12 to Thursday 15 May** - SATs Week

**Friday 16 May** - Y6 Rounders Parent's Event

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

**Friday 23 May** - Last day of school

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

**Monday 2 June** - Children back to school

**Thursday 12 and Friday 13 June** - Father's Day Breakfast

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

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

**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)

## Squid and ParentPay Services



As you are aware, sQuid will cease their online payment services to schools on **Friday 14th March 2025**. We have secured a new service provider – **ParentPay**, and we can now provide you with details on how to set up your new account with ParentPay.

Please follow the instructions on the letter sent home, which includes your login details. Please set up your new account with ParentPay urgently to ensure you can continue to access school meals, trips and offers for your child.

**From Monday 10th March 2025, all payments for school meals will be made through ParentPay. It is imperative that you have set up your ParentPay account before Monday 10th March 2025 and you have put some money onto your account so your child can have a school meal.**

There are several offers currently running in sQuid that you might need to be aware of:-

1. Mother's Day Celebration breakfast – if you would like to join your child on either Thursday 27th or Friday 28th March, please make sure you make payment by **Friday 7th March 2025 via your sQuid account. The offer will be removed on this date.**
2. Year 3 Trip to Perlethorpe on Monday 17th March – please make payment by **Friday 7th March 2025 via your sQuid account. The offer will be removed on this date.**
3. Breakfast Club bookings – please make sure you are fully up to date with your payments for any breakfast club bookings, up to and including week commencing Monday 10th March. For any bookings for week commencing 17th March onwards, payments will be set up in ParentPay.
4. Year 5 and Year 6 Residentials:- the next instalment is due by Friday 7th March – please make sure the instalment is paid via your sQuid account by Friday 7th March 2025. The instalments due in April and May will be transferred to the new ParentPay system from Monday 10th March 2025.

We appreciate that this is a very quick turnaround and we ask that you work with us in order to ensure a smooth transition to our new provider, ParentPay. Should you have any questions or queries, please contact the school office.

## World Book Day Reminder



Final reminder that we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 6th March**. This year, we will be focusing on vocabulary. Therefore, we would like the children to dress up as a word of their choice e.g. vibrant, athletic, heroic, artistic, fragile, mythical, fatigued etc.. The list is endless! You really don't have to go out and buy anything extra. Please see some pictures attached for ideas. If your child already had a World Book Day costume in mind, then they could still dress as a character and choose a word associated with their chosen character. For example, Harry Potter could be associated with the words courageous and heroic.

If your child does not wish to dress up, then pupils are to come to school in their school uniform.

If your child has a favourite book at home, we would love them to bring it to school on World Book Day to share with others.

During the day, pupils will be completing a variety of wonderful activities linking to both books and our Mayan Theme Week. They will also be invited to listen to an adult read an extract from one of their favourite books during the day - we hope this will give your child an idea for their next exciting read!

Also, keep a look-out for the National Book Tokens, that will be sent home during week beginning 3 March - to see the list of exciting books on offer and where you can spend these £1 tokens, please visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/>

We can't wait for World Book Day!

## Mayan Themed Week

This week, we will be having a very special Mayan theme giving us the opportunity to immerse the children in a range of activities across the curriculum.

Monday will kick off with our history themed lessons where each year group will study very specific features of the Mayan history.

Wednesday will be our science focused day with a fun investigation based on a popular Mayan sport.

And finally Friday will be our Mayan art themed day where the children will focus on the concept of Mayan masks but in a range of different mediums. It's going to be a truly wonderful week.

As a way of celebrating the children's hard work, there will be a showcase of work from across the school on display over the two parents evenings at the end of the half term giving parents/ carers a chance to see the incredible talent of our children here at Sherwood.



## Year 4 Parent Event

Year 4 would love to invite their grown-ups for some PE fun on Tuesday 11th March at 2:30pm. We will be showcasing our fantastic Gymfit circuits and our newly developed tennis skills. Pop on your trainers and come down to join our PE lesson, we look forward to seeing you then!

The Year 4 Team

# Year 4

## Children's Mental Health Week



At Sherwood, we are committed to supporting children with their well-being and mental health. We thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week 2025 in association with Here4You supported by Disney. This year's theme was **Know Yourself, Grow Yourself**.

Throughout the week, the children took part in activities and discussions to help us explore our different emotions and grow ourselves. The Mental Health Support Team delivered some workshops with Year 4 and 5 to focus on self esteem. During the workshop the children talked about:

- What is self-esteem and confidence
- What impacts our self-esteem
- How to improve our self-esteem.

Mrs Horton and the children in Book Club, have created a video of 'Top Tips' and information for children and their families on the theme of 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself.' The video is available on our school website [Children's Mental Health Week 2025 | Sherwood Junior School](#)

Thank you and well done to all the children involved in this video.

## Nottinghamshire Holiday Activities and Food programme

### HAF Scheme 2025!

Nottinghamshire County Council is thrilled to announce that funding for the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme will continue in 2025! This means that children across the county will once again have access to engaging activities and nutritious meals during the school holidays.

**Spring (Easter) Holiday Clubs – Bookings Open Soon!**

Mark your calendars! From week commencing **10th March 2025**, families can book their places for the Easter holiday clubs. Visit: [Activities and venues | Nottinghamshire County Council](#) to secure a place.

## What is HAF?

HAF is a **Department for Education funded programme** that provides **FREE** holiday activities and meals to children who receive benefits-related free school meals. The programme runs during the **Easter, Summer, Autumn (October), and Christmas holidays**.

## Who Can Benefit?

- Children aged **5 – 16 years** (Reception aged 4 and Year 11 inclusive)
- Children **in receipt of benefits-related free school meals**
- **NEW for 2025:** Discretionary funded places are available for children in priority areas (this is often where schools have around 30% of pupils on benefits related free school meals) parents/carers can apply for a funded place, the HAF team will check the postcode and school of the child, and decide if a funded place will be granted.

This is **not a food voucher scheme** – all activities are delivered **face-to-face!**

## Exciting New Updates

This year, we've made it even easier for families to book HAF activities!

- A **centralised booking system** is now in place
- **No need for HAF codes** – the system will check eligibility automatically

For general enquiries regarding the Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) contact : [HAF@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@nottscc.gov.uk) or call the HAF helpline on: 0115 9774 999 (line open 10am to 2pm, Monday to Friday).



## 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 Cooper - For an amazing start to the new half term.

3M Darbie - For showing super determination in all of her work.

4J Cooper - For his continued effort in all he does and coming back from half term ready and raring to learn.

4B Loula - For her superb maths this week and for being an absolute sewing queen - she's a natural.

5B Brooke - For all the hard work she has put in to learning her spellings each week.

5N Archie - For showing improvements in all areas of his work.

6P Charlie - For showing super enthusiasm during this week's science lesson.

6B Ronnie - For his tremendous hard work in every maths lesson and also his superb creativity in science this week.

## Attendance



The overall attendance for last week was 91.3%

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: - 4B 96.8% Amazing!

2nd - 5B 96.2% Fantastic!

3rd - 4J 93.6% Super!

## Golden Tickets



Golden tickets are awarded by our senior leaders (Mrs Simpson, Mrs Bradbury & Miss Johnson) 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 **4B** for being this week's golden ticket winners and achieving an amazing **7** golden tickets!

So, this means our winners so far for this half term are **5N** and **4B** and they are both in the running to win the £30 prize at the moment - **Congratulations!**

It's going to be another close half term!

## 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: Isabella, Bobby, Ellie, Ava-May, Bobbie

Year 4: Maddison

Year 5: Ella Mae, Valentin

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

Year 3: Millie, Maddison, Pola, Cooper, Freddie, Poppy, Charlie

Year 5: Evelyn, Bella

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

Year3: Isabella

Year 4: Lily, Amelia, Myles, Jayden-Lee, Amelia

Year 5: Brooke, Oakley

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

Year 3: Mason, Isla

Year 4: Myles

Year 5: Brooke

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

Year 3: Lyle, Michelle

Year 5: Noah

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

Year 3: Sam, Honey, Jack, George

Year 4: Kayla

Year 5: Sophie, Gwen

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

Year 4: Leo

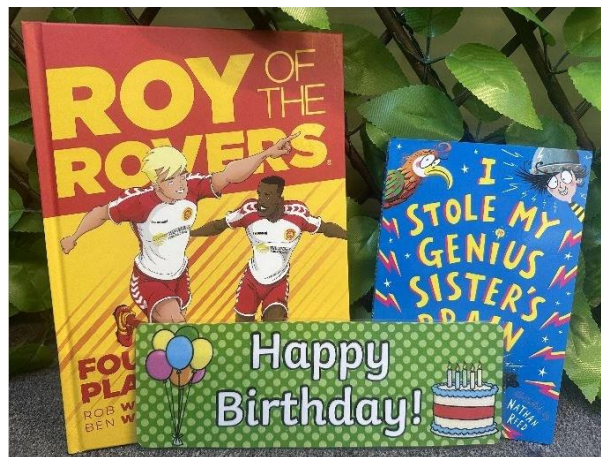
Year 5: Joselyn, Amelia, Harrison, Phoebe







## Birthday Books



Happy birthday and happy reading to these children:

Year 4: Cohen

Year 5: Nylah

## Joke of the Week

This week our joke comes from Mrs Bradbury

**Chichen Itza is not yours!**

It's Mayan

# J of the WEEK

## This Week's School Dinner Menu

### Week 3 Menu

3 - 7 March

**WEEK 3**  
**WEEK COMMENCING**  
 18 Nov, 9 Dec, 30 Dec, 20 Jan, 10 Feb,  
 9 March, 24 March

All of our meals are prepared using freshly sourced products from the East Midlands, if you need to know more about the ingredients used, please ask.

**AVAILABLE DAILY:** Best of both bread gluten, free fresh fruit. Vegetarian meals available upon request.

**MY SCHOOL MENU**  
 AUTUMN/WINTER 2024-25

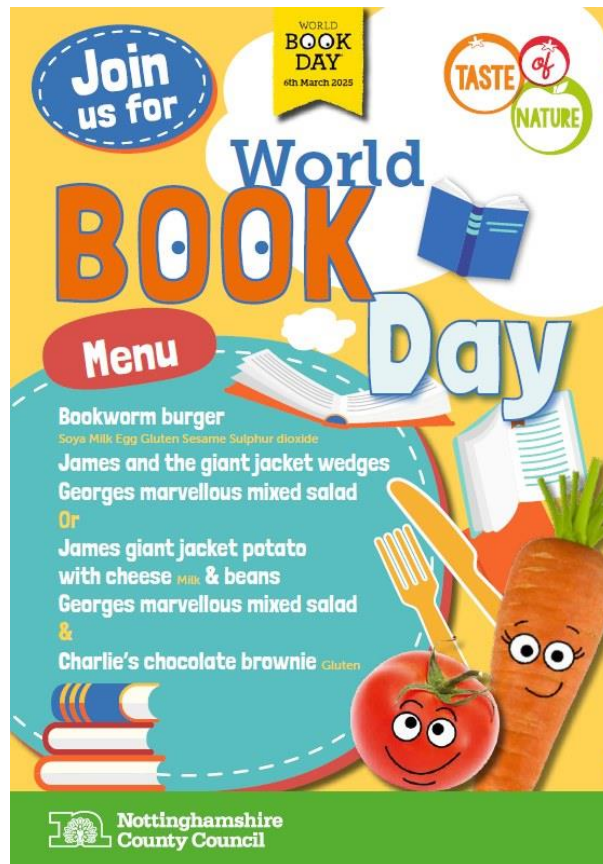
**TASTE of NATURE**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN</b>	Margherita pizza Spa Milk Gluten diced potatoes & crunchy vegetables	All day brunch Nottinghamshire sausage, gluten, baked chicken omelette egg milk, baked beans, hash brown, roast tomato & tomato ketchup	Pasta shell Bolognese Gluten, Mashed new fish garlic bread, soya milk Gluten & sweetcorn	Roast Gammon OR Roast Quorn with egg mashed & roast potatoes, green cabbage, steed carrots & gravy	Fish fingers gluten free, Tomato ketchup, diced potatoes, sweetcorn & minted garden peas
<b>OPTION 2</b>	Jacket potato, cheese mix, baked beans & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese mix, baked beans & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese mix, baked beans & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese mix, baked beans & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese mix, baked beans & mixed salad
<b>PUDDING</b>	Raspberry swirl sponge egg Gluten & custard milk	Cherry Flapjack Gluten	Chocolate ice cream roll Spa Milk Egg Gluten & chocolate sauce milk	Jelly & shortbread Gluten	Butterscotch tart Milk Gluten

**Nottinghamshire County Council**

Please note that all menus for the 3 week cycle can also be found on our school website via the link below -

<https://www.sherwood.notts.sch.uk/school-dinners/>



### Special World Book Day Menu Thursday 6 March

As part of World Book Day, there will be a special menu available.

### 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

**Breakfast club bookings/enquiries** [breakfastclub@sherwood.notts.sch.uk](mailto:breakfastclub@sherwood.notts.sch.uk)

Please note, the school office email should not be used to report an absence or for breakfast club enquiries.

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

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