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## Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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## Dates for your diary




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*This week...*

***Monday 24 February - Children back to school***

***Monday 24 February - Y4 Field Trip***

***Tuesday 25 February at 2.45pm - Y5 Parent's Event***

*Next week...*

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

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

***Friday 7 March - Deadline to order Mother's Day breakfast***

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

### ***Spring Term***

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

**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 Services



Unfortunately, we have been notified by our online payment provider for meals, trips and offers, sQuid, that they will cease with their services to schools in March 2025. We are in the process of appointing a new provider, ParentPay, who can continue to support us with our cashless provision in school.

We will continue with sQuid for now and your child's meal account should still be topped up as usual, trips and offers that are currently live will still be available for you to pay for, there is no need for you to do anything differently at the minute.

We will advise you when your accounts should be set up with our new provider ParentPay, and you will receive a letter explaining exactly how to do this, Mrs Angell and Mrs Irving will be available to assist with any queries or questions that you may have.

Any catering balances that you have left in your child's sQuid account for meals, will be refunded by sQuid to your designated card after the 14th March 2025. Again, we will provide information on how this will work closer to the time. sQuid will also get in touch with you directly to advise you that your accounts will be inactive from the 14th March and that any balances will be refunded directly to you.

We appreciate that you may have some concerns about this, but please rest assured that we will work with both providers to ensure a smooth transition, and other than a different looking portal, the basic top up and payment process will work in the same way, you will just need to create a new log in and account with ParentPay.

We kindly ask that you create your accounts with ParentPay as soon as you receive notification from school so that you are able to continue to access school meals, trips and offers for your child once the transition takes place.

We will provide further information as soon as we have it, but in the meantime if you have any questions at all, please get in touch with the school office.

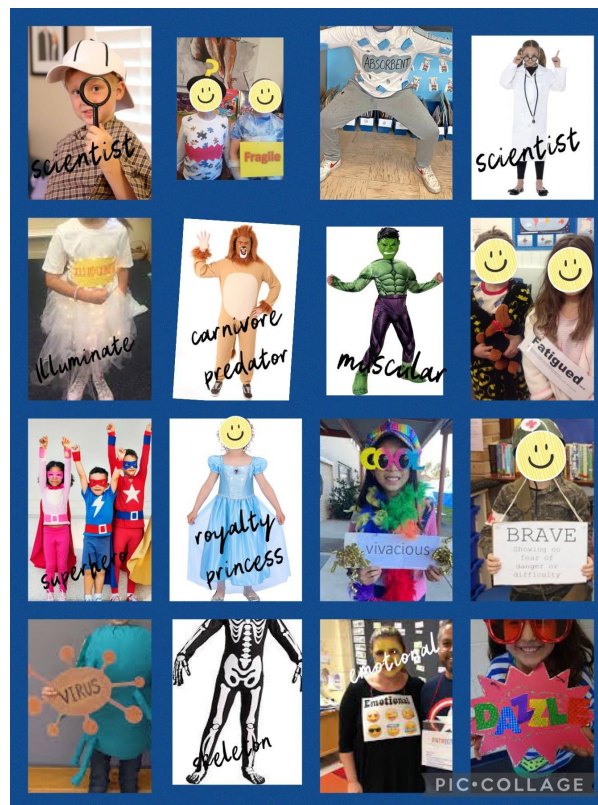
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*Please note: From Monday 24th February, we will be unable to process a school meal for your child if your sQuid dinner money account does not have enough credit to cover the daily cost of a school dinner (£2.95 a day). Therefore, it is really important to ensure there is enough money on your account to cover the cost of a meal on the days your child has ordered one. If your sQuid account is in debt or does not have sufficient funds, we will ask that you bring a packed lunch into school for your child.*

*If you pay for your child's school meals, and your sQuid account is in debt, please clear the debt ASAP.*

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## World Book Day Reminder - Thursday 6th March



Just a 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!

**WORLD BOOK DAY**

## Dressing Up Ideas for Parents

Some schools invite children to come to school in a costume for World Book Day because it's a fun way to encourage children (particularly reluctant readers) to engage with reading, to swap reading recommendations and to celebrate what they are reading at home.

There are lots of alternatives to dressing up. We suggest some [HERE](#)

### Top tips for putting together a costume

- Choose a book your child is happy to talk about.
- Start with things you might already have - tracksuits, t-shirts (inside out to make them plain) and pyjamas make a good base for a costume.
- Focus on the parts of the character that make them stand out - use facepaint or simple props to show these.

### What if I/my child...

...doesn't have a book to share?  
Try a costume that invites recommendations - a t-shirt with post-it notes or one you don't mind being written on.

...doesn't like dressing up?  
Keep it simple with a character who wears everyday clothes, by focusing on a prop, or by using a badge instead.

...likes non-fiction?  
Focus on what they like - could they share a fact, or the subject matter, or do they want to focus on the author?

...aren't any good at crafting?  
Stick to everyday clothes and add small details to focus on key elements of the character - hats, ears, sticking things on t-shirts etc.

### Support your child to read for pleasure...

Listen to books being read aloud

Take books home to read

Choose the books YOU want to read

Ask for ideas on what to read next

Make time to read

Here fun reading!

### Find your reading superpower

### PTA or Class Rep Member?

Can you support your school by:

- Organizing a costume swap or costume making workshop.
- Putting together class dressing up trails.
- Hosting a school dressing up rail or costume swap.

## Celebration of Mother's Day



**YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 - THURSDAY 27th MARCH AT----- 9.00AM**

**YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 - FRIDAY 28TH MARCH AT 9.00AM**

As a special treat, we would like to invite 1 adult per child (or family) to join us for breakfast at school shortly after 9.00am once the children have done their registration to start your day with a smile and help us celebrate Mother's Day. The invitation is open to Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Great-Grandparents, Aunties and Uncles.

There will be a choice of either sausage **or** bacon served in a wholemeal roll, with sauce and a drink of juice. The cost of the breakfast will be £2.40 for the adult and £2.00 for the child (VAT is payable on adult meals). If you would like to book a breakfast, please complete the offer on Squid, confirm your food choices for both yourself and your child and make the payment of £4.40 on Squid (the cost for both breakfasts).

If you have 2 children in school, there is also an offer on Squid for £6.40 to include one adult breakfast and two child breakfasts (if you have children in upper and lower school, you can choose to come on either Thursday 27th or Friday 28th March and have both children together if you would like to). Please make sure you select the correct date on Squid for the date you wish to come.

If you have 3 children in school, there is an offer on Squid for £8.40 to include one adult breakfast and three child breakfasts. Again, please make sure you select the correct date on Squid for the date you wish to come with your children.

**Please let us know by Friday 7th March 2025 at the latest if you would like to join us. The offer will be removed from Squid on this date and you will not be able to order and pay after this date.**

We look forward to seeing you on this special day

## Year 3 Visit to Perlethorpe



### **Year 3 Trip to Perlethorpe on Monday 17th March 2025**

Year 3 are planning to visit Perlethorpe as part of our Geography unit All Around Us. During the day we will be looking at the difference between climate and weather, we will get the chance to use scientific methods to measure and record wind speed, wind direction, air temperature and soil temperature. In addition, we will be working on our map reading skills around the centre.

The total cost of the trip is £920.00 and we are asking for a contribution of £12.50 per child, with the rest being subsidised by the school budget. Please pay the £12.50 contribution via Squid. 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 Squid.

The coach will leave school at 9:15am 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 on their top half, and warm bottoms (such as jogging trousers) with shoes suitable for walking outdoors and coats, hats etc. 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 would like school to provide a packed lunch, you will have the opportunity to order one via Squid (please note they will still need a drink).

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 Squid account along with the necessary consent and contact details by **Monday 10th March 2025**.

Many thanks

Mrs Horton and Mrs Murphy

Year 3 teachers

## TTRS Day



From all of us at Sherwood, we just want to say a HUGE thank you to the children and parents for their efforts on TTRS Day! The children looked absolutely incredible, battled hard during the day and put on some truly superb performances in our special assembly.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us in the morning for some classroom challenges, we hope you had fun too!

As always, we want to thank you for your continued support to help make days like these possible.

## Lego Mania!



We have been asked to remind you that Vibrant Warsop are running their monthly Lego club this Saturday (1st March) 10am-12pm at The Vibrant Venue on Portland Street. Everyone is welcome.

## PE Awards



Last half term, we focused on **Determination** from our School Games Values within our PE lessons and we are very proud to announce the following children were awarded a Determination award for their tremendous efforts.

**Year 3:** Lola, Oliver, Sam, Lilly-May, Isabella, Mufaro

**Year 4:** Theo, Jayden, Libby, Cohen, Kayla, Adam

**Year 5:** Hattie, Harrison, Archie, Theo, Darcie, Bella

**Year 6:** Evie, Lexi, Leo, Dylan, Alfie, Charlie

## Golden Tickets



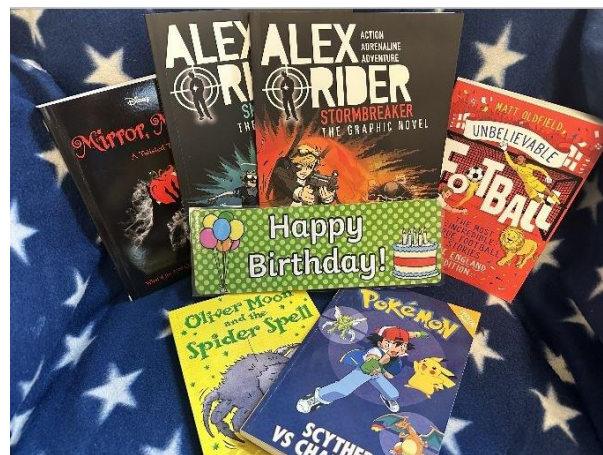
Golden tickets are awarded by our senior leaders (Mrs Simpson, Mrs Bradbury & Miss Johnson) to individuals, groups or the whole class for demonstrating our school core values, including their attitude to learning and behaviour. Each senior leader has 20 golden tickets to present each week. Each class 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 **5N** for being this week's golden ticket winners and achieving an amazing **6** golden tickets!

So, this means our winner so far for this half term is **5N** and they are in the running to win the £30 prize - **Congratulations!**

The race for the next £30 prize winner is officially on and once again, it is going to be a close race!

## Birthday Books



**Happy birthday and happy reading to these children:**

**Year 3:** Madison

**Year 4:** Jaxson

**Year 5:** Gwen

**Year 6:** Toby, Charlie, Pippa, Jude

## Joke of the Week

This week our joke comes from Anon.

2 fish in a tank, one says to the other, do you know how to drive this thing?

# J of the JOKE WEEK

## This Week's School Dinner Menu

### Week 2 Menu

24 - 28 February



**WEEK 2**  
WEEK COMMENCING  
11 Nov, 2 Dec, 23 Dec, 13 Jan,  
3 Feb, 24 Feb, 17 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.

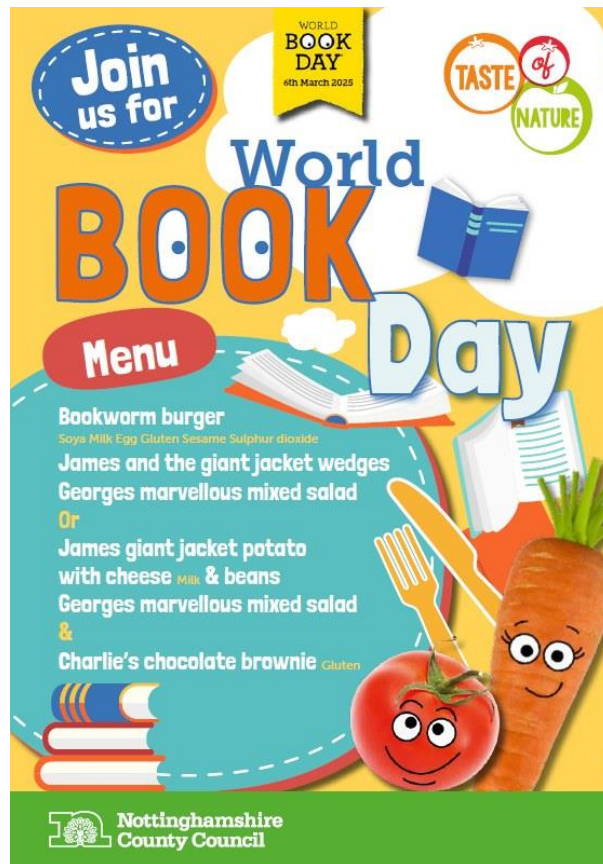
**AVAILABLE DAILY:** Best of both bread (dairy, egg, fresh fruit). Vegetarian meals available upon request.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN</b>	Vegetarian roll, gluten free milk roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots & gravy	Savoury mince, mashed potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, milk egg (gluten), sweetcorn & green beans	Chinese chicken (free gluten) & vegetable with mixed rice	Nottinghamshire sausage (dairy, sulphur dioxide, OR), plant-based sausage, soy lupin dionio, mashed potatoes, carrots, cabbage & gravy	MSC cod dog, fish (gluten free), with tomato ketchup, oven chips, baked beans or mixed garden peas
<b>OPTION 2</b>	Jacket potato, cheese sauce, baked beans & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese sauce, baked beans & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese sauce, baked beans & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese sauce, baked beans & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese sauce, baked beans & mixed salad
<b>PUDDING</b>	Chocolate sponge (dairy, egg) & custard sauce	Vanilla cookies (gluten)	Cornflake hot gluten lupin dionio & custard sauce	Lemon drizzle muffin (egg, gluten, sulphur dioxide)	Pancake (gluten, egg) with frozen yoghurt sauce & raspberry coulis

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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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