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## Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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## Dates for your diary




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*This week...*

***Monday 10 February - Year 6 Meden Sports Festival (Invite only)***

***Tuesday 11 February - Safer Internet Day***

***Thursday 13 February - TTRS Day***

***Thursday 13 February - Last day for Y6 to order CGP Revision Books***

***Thursday 13 February - Last day at school***

***Friday 14 February - INSET day (children not in school)***

*Next week...*

***Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February - Half term holiday (school closed)***

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

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

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

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

***Spring Term***

**Thursday 6 March** - World Book Day

**Friday 7 March** - Art Day

**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 and Friday 28 March** - 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)

## Year 4 Field Trip



In Year 4, we've been learning about rivers in our geography lessons. We've been exploring their features and studying how they form! To bring our learning to life, we will be taking a short walk to The Carrs on **Monday 24th February**, to explore the features of a river and apply our knowledge of habitats from science to conduct some exciting fieldwork.

We will be leaving school at the beginning of the day, around 9:15am, and will return by lunchtime.

Children should wear their school uniform on top and suitable trousers (like jogging bottoms), as we may get muddy! Sensible footwear for walking is a must, and wellies are encouraged as they may get dirty. Don't forget to send your child with a warm coat in case the weather is cold, and please make sure they have a water bottle with them.

**If any parents with a DBS check carried out by the school are available to help on the day, please let us know.**

As a reminder, all parents/carers signed a permission slip at the start of Year 3 to allow their child to walk in the local area of Warsop, so no additional permission slip is required for this trip. There is no charge for the outing.

## Year 5 Parent's Event



In Music this term in Year 5, we have been learning how to play the recorder. The children have worked hard and have learnt some great songs that show off our skills of following a melody and improvising with the notes we have learnt. The children are very excited to invite our parents/carers to a performance of our amazing jazz pieces on **Tuesday 25th February at 2:45pm.**

We hope you can join us!

## Considerate Parking



As you may all be aware, we now have a new estate of houses off Longden Terrace located at the back of the school site.

Could we please ask that parents are considerate to the residents when parking to pick up and drop off their children. Please avoid blocking the main entrance to the estate by not parking on the pavements near the houses and please avoid parking bays directly outside the houses as these belong to the residents and not the general public.

We appreciate that spaces can be limited around the school site so if we can just ask for a little consideration for the local residents, it would be greatly appreciated and we are always very thankful for your continued support and cooperation.

## World Book Day - Thursday 6th March



At Sherwood Juniors we LOVE books and reading! That is why World Book Day is one of our favourite days of the year!

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:

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

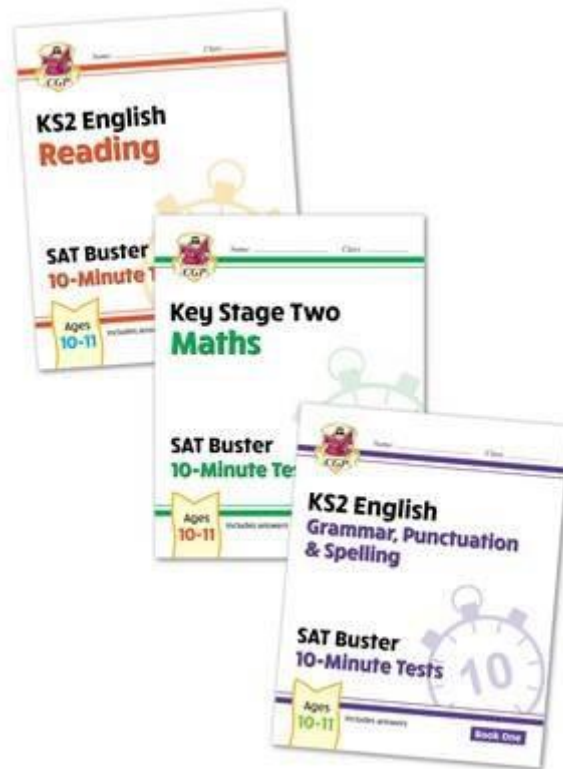
## School Council Update

Last week, our superb school council were invited to meet with representatives from the catering team to discuss and share everything about school dinners. It was their opportunity to share the thoughts and feelings of their peers and ensure that their voices were heard with regards to what they have liked and disliked on the current and past school dinner menus. They also had the opportunity to look at the new and upcoming summer school menu and be a part of the amendments to suit our school and our pupils.

The children were exceptionally mature, respectful and adept at sharing pupil views and representing their peers; it was an honour to observe and oversee. Well done to everyone involved.



## Year 6 CGP Revision Guides



**Final reminder to Year 6 parents**, that our last day for ordering your child's bundle of CGP revision guides at a discounted school price of £6.85 for 3 books is this week on **Thursday 13th February**. All orders can be placed through your sQuid account. The bundle includes 1 maths, 1 reading and 1 SPaG 10-Minute test booklet. These quick test booklets offer pupils the opportunity to get in extra practice at home before taking their SATs in May 2025.

Once the orders arrive at school, we will distribute them and send them home promptly with your child. This is anticipated to be soon after half term.

For further information on the bundle, please follow the following link.

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/primary-books/ks2/maths-english/emxb24-complete-ks2-maths-and-english-10>

## 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 Noah - For his consistent effort across the board, in all subjects and at all times.

3M Oliver - For making a big effort with his presentation when he his writing.

4J Adam - For his fantastic 'can do' attitude this week.

4B Miah - For growing in confidence and self-belief this half term.

5B Gwen - For a great piece of Science work and including some excellent writing.

5N Evelyn - For a real improvement in her attitude and involvement in lessons. Keep it up - we love this Evelyn!

6P Oliver - For being the best 'RAF Recruit' when our visitor came to see us and for his amazing discussion text. It's clear to see he has been listening and learning in lessons.

6B Liberty - For her tremendous change in attitude and hard work this week. She has been on fire; actively learning and proving she has buckets of potential!

## Attendance



The overall attendance for last week was 93.6%

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: - 5B 97.3% Amazing!

2nd - 4B 96.1% Fantastic!

3rd - 3M 95.9% Super!

## Reading Certificates

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

Year 4: Vladimir

Year 5: Ellis

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

Year 5: Lena

Year 6: Charlie, Casie, Toby

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

Year 4: Kaiden

Year 5: Jesse

Year 6: Lily

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

Year 4: Miah

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

Year 5: Lucas

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: Leo

Year 5: Aurelia

Year 6: Evie







## 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 **3M** for being this week's golden ticket winners and achieving an amazing **12** golden tickets!

So, this means our winner this half term is now **3M** and they will win the £30 prize - **Congratulations!**

It was a close run with only 1 golden ticket separating 1st and 2nd place with all the other classes very close behind. So now the race begins again to find out who will be next half term's winner! Good luck Sherwood!

## Birthday Books



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

**Year 3:** Annie, Dakota, Isabella

**Year 4:** Amelia

**Year 5:** Chloe, Jacob

**Year 6:** Dylan

## Joke of the Week

This week our joke comes from Ellie-May in 3H.

Q: Why did the cow cross the road?

A: Because he wanted to go to the Moo-vie Theatre!

# J of the JOKE WEEK

## This Week's School Dinner Menu

### Week 3 Menu

10 - 14 February

### Menu Changes

There have been 2 changes within the 3 week menu cycle:

Week 1, Friday - pudding has changed to ice cream

Week 2, Tuesday - the dinner option will now be mince, mash potatoes and Yorkshire pudding.

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/>

**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.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN</b>	Margherita pizza Spag with Gluten diced potatoes & crunchy vegetables	All day brunch Nottinghamshire sausage, Gluten Salsita chicken omelette egg milk, baked beans, hash brown, roast tomato & tomato ketchup	Pasta shell Bolognese Gluten Mashed slow fish garlic bread, soya milk slices & sweetcorn	Roast Gammon OR Roast Quorn with rag mashed & roast potatoes, green cabbage, steed carrots & gravy	Fish fingers gluten free, Tomato ketchup, diced potatoes, sweetcorn & mixed 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 Spag with Egg Gluten & chocolate sauce milk	Jelly & shortbread Gluten	Butterscotch tart Milk gluten

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## 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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