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Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary



This week...

Monday 6 January 2025 - Children back to school

Thursday 9 January 3.20pm - Year 4 residential meeting for parents/carers

Next week...

Tuesday 14 January - Y5/6 Dodgeball Festival

Tuesday 14 January - Y4 Animal Explorer Day

Wednesday 15 January - MHST Sleep Workshops Y5/6

Thursday 16 January 2pm - Year 6 SATs buster event for parents

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

Spring Term

Monday 20 January - Clubs start this week

Monday 3 February - Children's mental health week

Monday 3 February - Year 4/5 MHST Self esteem workshops

Tuesday 11 February - Safer Internet Day

Thursday 13 February - TTRS Relaunch Day

Thursday 13 February - Last day at school

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

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

Monday 24 February - Children back to school

Thursday 6 March - World Book Day

Friday 7 March - Y6 trip to Sherwood Pines

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)

Happy New Year



Happy New Year!

This weather isn't quite the start to 2025 that we expected but we hope that everyone has stayed safe. We apologise for the short notice to close school due to the snow. We had every intention of staying open but as the staff started their journeys to school it became apparent that it wouldn't be safe or possible for everyone to travel. It is always a difficult judgement call when there is snow about whether to open or not. We appreciate how

difficult it can be for parents/carers when it has snowed - the children want a snow day but the adults still need to go about their daily life and go to work. Although we aim to make contact with other local schools early in the morning, it remains the decision of each individual school about whether to open or not; this is why some schools will remain open whilst others close as each school is unique.

As always, thank you for your cooperation and support.

Year 4 Residential Meeting

Our residential trip is looming. There will be a parent/carer meeting on **Thursday 9th January** in the top hall at **3:20pm**. We will give a short presentation on the trip and answer any questions or queries you may have regarding this. All staff will be available after the meeting should you wish to discuss any issues which you feel we should know.

At the meeting, you will be given medical consent forms, should you need one, and further information such as meal arrangements, collection times and a kit list will be explained and given to you at this meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, do not worry, all correspondence from then will be sent home with your child.

Mrs Burton and Miss Johnson



Year 4 Animal Explorer Day

On **Tuesday 14th January 2025**, Year 4 are having an Animal Explorer Day!

We are going to have some special visitors into school to help us learn all things great and small within our science learning. This day will enrich our science curriculum further and we will have the chance to investigate, watch, look and even hold some fascinating creatures.

To get into the explorer mood, we invite all of Year 4 to come into school dressed up as someone who looks after or is interested in animals such as a zoo keeper, safari ranger or an explorer. There are lots of ideas on google but please ask the Year 4 staff for more ideas if you are struggling.

We can't wait to have an animal-filled day!

Mrs Burton and Miss Johnson



Year 6 SATs Buster Parent Event

Reminder:

In May, Year 6 will be sitting their SATs assessments, along with all Year 6 children in the country. These tests will help determine the standard children are working at when compared to 'age related expectations'. We are inviting our Year 6 parents/ carers to join the children for a SATs Buster Hour! During this hour, we will explain a little more about the testing process, revision support and answer any questions you may have as well as the children showcasing their learning with you.

You will have the chance to ask any questions around the assessments and see what you child has been using in lessons to support their learning. You will be invited to have a go at these activities and test your child's (or your own) knowledge through a selection of SATs questions. These will be held across the two Year 6 classrooms so please attend the class of your child.

The session will take place on **Thursday 16 January at 2:00pm** and will last for approximately one hour.



Spring Term PE days



Just a reminder , there will be a few minor changes to the children's PE days.

Tuesday: Year 3

Wednesday: Year 5

Thursday - Year 4

Friday - Year 6 & 3H swimming

As a reminder, children are expected to come to school in full PE uniform and no jewellery is to be worn.

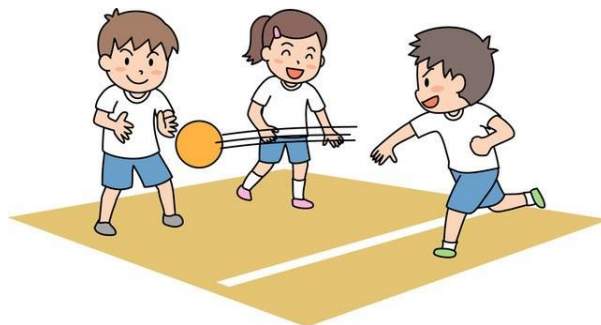
Thank you for your cooperation.

Dodgeball Festival

Good luck to our team of Y5 & 6 pupils who will be taking part in our first sports festival of the school year next week.

They have been training during the Dodgeball club throughout the Autumn term and are more than ready.

We hope they have an amazing time.



Spring Term Clubs

If your child would like to join one of our AMAZING clubs this term they will need to sign up via the sign up sheets in their classroom.

Children will only receive a letter for an after school club that they have signed up to. This will confirm their place in the club and needs to be returned to school with all details completed no later than Wednesday 15th January.

All after school clubs will finish at 4.15pm.

Clubs will start the week beginning 20 January 2025. Please note there will be no clubs during the final week of the term before the Easter holiday (week beginning 31 March 2025).

Text messages will be sent to confirm places for both lunchtime and after school clubs.



Monday

Fun Fit – Start of the day - Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

INVITE ONLY with Mrs Jackson

Fun Fit is designed to help improve children's co-ordination and balance. The exercises can help to improve hand-eye co-ordination, body awareness and spatial awareness. Improving these skills can help with handwriting, balancing activities and sitting in class.

Top Hall at 8:50am

Computing - Lunchtime

Year 5 and 6 with Mrs Burton

The digital leaders are invited to join Mrs Burton on a Monday lunchtime for all things computing, including: learning coding and experimentation with Micro:Bits, helping with the computing equipment and learning about online safety.

Mrs Burton's room at 12:00pm

Colouring – Lunchtime

Year 3 with Mrs White

Enjoy colouring whilst relaxing with your peers. Use a variety of different techniques to develop your skills.

Year 3 Learning Support Room at 12:30pm



Tuesday

Take 5 Ambassador Training – Lunchtime

INVITATION ONLY with Mrs Naylor and Miss Johnson

The Take 5 Ambassador Training raises awareness and understanding of the Take 5 concept. Take 5 Ambassadors will have the opportunity to fully understand the program so they can confidently lead Take 5 across the school.

Year 5 Learning Support Room at 12:00pm

Girls Football – After school

All year groups with Mrs Jackson and Mrs Bradbury

Our highly successful girls football will be continuing this term. All existing members are expected to return without a return slip required. If your child no longer wishes to attend, then please notify the office as soon as possible. Our coaches from the Meden Colts are ready and raring to take on any new members, as there is plenty of space, and continue to make preparations for some friendly matches in the coming months.

As a reminder trainers are expected so please bring them to change into but we do not ask or require the children to change out of uniform.

Meet in the bottom hall

Gardening – After school - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4/5/6 with Mrs Johnson

The main objective of Gardening Club is for all members to be involved in the process of vegetables being produced from seeds to their plate. Throughout the seasons the group will: prepare the land, plant seeds/seedlings for around 14 different vegetables, weed, water and nurture the growth. During the Summer months they will harvest and take home their crop.

All existing members are expected to return without a return slip required. If your child no longer wishes to attend, then please notify the office as soon as possible. New members welcome!

Meet in Year 4 Learning Support Room



Wednesday

School Games - Lunchtime

Year 5 and 6 (INVITE ONLY) with Mrs Bradbury

Our Sports Leaders will be continuing to see our school to another Gold Award with the inclusion of our brand new Year 5 leaders joining us! We've got a lot to organise so we'll be very busy.

Mrs Bradbury's room at 12:00pm

Homework – Lunchtime

Open invite to all year groups with Mrs Hough-Lang and Mrs Bonsell

Have you run out of time to do your homework? Not had chance to read or develop your times tables skills on TT Rockstars? Then pop along to our Homework Club at Wednesday Lunchtimes.

Year 5 Learning Support Room, all Lunchtime

Drama- After School

All year groups with Miss Payne and Mrs Beaumont

At drama club, we aim to give students the opportunity to explore their creative side through a variety of expressive drama games and activities to help build their confidence, improve communication skills, practice responsibility and develop teamwork.

So, if you are willing to have a go, try new things and feel that this is for you, please sign up. All year groups welcome! All existing members are expected to return without a return slip required. If your child no longer wishes to attend, then please notify the office as soon as possible.

Top Hall

Film - After School

All year groups with Miss Johnson

Film Club is a great way to make new friends who share an interest in films. Come and join Miss Johnson to share and enjoy children's films from around the world.

Miss Johnson's Room



Thursday

Get your body moving – Lunchtime

Year 5 and 6 with Miss White

Are you in year 5 or 6 and find yourself with an extra burst of energy? Do you love listening to music? Then come along to our club and Get your body moving!

Top Hall at 12:00pm

Jigsaw – After School

Year 3 and 4 with Mrs Naylor

Jigsaw club is a fun way to make new friends. Come and join Mrs Naylor to share and enjoy solving puzzles from 50-1000 pieces. Develop your coordination and spatial awareness skills whilst working together to complete a range of jigsaws.

Mrs Naylor's Room

Athletics – After School

Year 3 and 4 with Mrs Bonsell and Daniel

Do you like being active? Would you like to learn new skills and techniques to improve your running, jumping and throwing abilities? This could be the club for you! Athletics can improve your fitness, develop teamworking skills and help you make new friends. We will also be working towards sending a team to an athletics Sportshall event in March so come and join Dan and give it a go.

Bottom Hall



Friday

Book Club – Lunchtime

Year 5 and 6 with Mrs Horton

Are you in Y5 or Y6? Do you love reading? Do you love talking about books? Do you want to relax and read at lunchtime? If so, come along on to book club.

Mrs Horton's Room at 12.30pm

Lego – Lunchtime

Year 3 and 4 with Mrs Murphy

Lego Club is an opportunity to use your imagination, work with others and have fun. Come along and use your imagination to create your designs in Lego.

Mrs Murphy's Room at 12:30pm



Wellbeing Wednesday



One of the outcomes of our RSHE meeting with parents on the 20th November 2024 was that we would like to make parents more aware of the RSHE that happens on a day-to-day basis at Sherwood Junior.

On a Wednesday in our classes we spend some time working on skills or knowledge to help us now and in our future life. Every half term there is an overarching theme and the weeks build around this theme. The final week asks the children to reflect on the half term's ideas.

It would be lovely if you were able to engage with your child or children to find out their thoughts.

This half term our focus in 'Growth Mindset'.

Growth mindset is the opposite of a fixed mindset. The first is believing that your brain can grow and you can learn new things through effort and learning. At Sherwood we are encouraging our children to understand what growth mindset means, then for them to actively look out for children who use it and finally for the whole school to be practising it. This half term the adults in school will be focussing on recognising and valuing the process rather than the product. Look out for this in our Tea Party comments and Marvellous Me.

Happy New Year to everyone.

Any questions please get in touch.

Mrs Horton

RSHE Lead

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 **4J** for being the winners of the week last week and achieving an amazing **4** golden tickets!

So starting the race for this term's £30 prize winner and in the lead so far is, **4J** - **Congratulations!**

This is only the beginning and once again, it's a close race from the start; anyone could win it.

Birthday Books

Happy birthday and happy reading to these children:

Year 3: Lyle, Ivy, Jack, Noah-Hunter

Year 4: Jayden-Lee

Year 5: Amira, Noah, Jesse, Aston

Year 6: Noah, Lily



Staff Recommended Reads

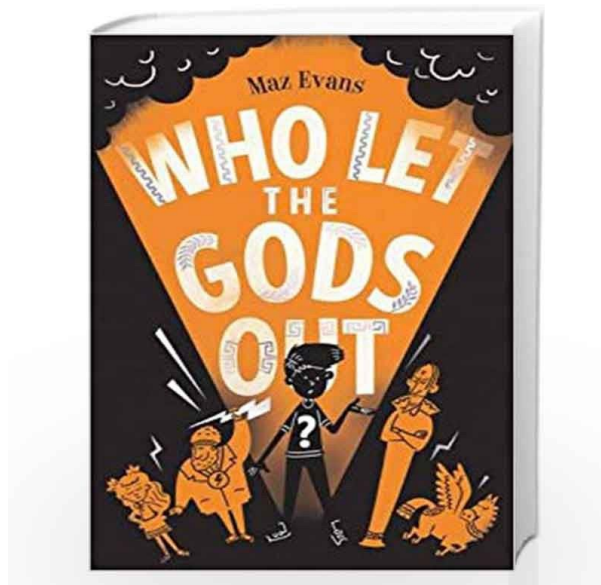
Reading for pleasure is very important at Sherwood Junior School and that is no different for the adults, we love reading! So we are going to share a recommended read each week.

If your child would like to share their recommended read they can get a form from Mrs Bradbury's and Mrs Naylor's office door and return it to Miss Johnson so it can be shared in a future newsletter.

This week we have Mrs Bonsell's favourite read Who let the Gods Out? by Maz Evans.

I first read this book with Year 6 three years ago and absolutely loved it. I have read the book three times and often listen to it as an audio book, along with the other books in the series.

The book is about a young boy who really has to struggle with life. Elliott, who is 9 yrs old has to deal with things most children couldn't even imagine dealing with. Then, one Friday evening, something most extraordinary happens, which turns his already disrupted life upside down. Join Elliott on his adventure to try and save mum, his home and the World.



Joke of the Week

This week our joke comes from all the staff.

Q: What do you call an old snowman?

A: A puddle!

J^{of the} JOKE WEEK

This Week's School Dinner Menu

Week 1 Menu

6 - 10 January

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 1
WEEK COMMENCING
4 Nov, 25 Nov, 16 Dec, 6 Jan, 27 Jan,
17 Feb, 10 March 31 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 **Quorn**, **Soya** fresh fruit. Vegetarian meals available upon request

MY SCHOOL MENU
AUTUMN/WINTER: 2014-15

TASTE of NATURE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Quorn dippers Quorn , diced potatoes, sweetcorn & sliced carrots	Chicken & coconut curry Quorn , mixed rice & naan bread Quorn	French bread pizza, Soya Quorn Quorn potato balls, carrot & cucumber sticks	Roast beef OR Roast Quorn Quorn egg Yorkshire pudding Quorn egg dippers, baby roast potatoes, green cabbage, sliced carrots & gravy	MSC fish portion, fish- oven chips, mushy peas & sweetcorn
OPEN 2	Jacket potato, cheese Quorn , baked beans & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese Quorn , baked beans & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese Quorn , baked beans & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese Quorn , baked beans & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese Quorn , baked beans & mixed salad
PUDDING	icky sticky sponge Quorn egg dippers & cream Quorn	Chocolate brownie Quorn	Vanilla sponge Quorn egg & custard Quorn	Iced sprinkle cookie Quorn	Mousse Quorn

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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

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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