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## Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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## Dates for your diary




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*This week...*

***Monday 16 December - No school clubs this week***

***Monday 16 December - Closing date for The Magical Map Creative Writing Competition***

***Tuesday 17 December 2pm - Whole school Nativity Performance***

***Wednesday 18 December 9.30am and 2pm - Whole school Nativity Performance***

*Thursday 19 December - Party Day and non-uniform*

*Friday 20 December 1.30pm - Carols on the playground*

*Friday 20 December - Last day at school*

*Next week...*

*Monday 23 December 2024 - Friday 3 January 2025 - Christmas holiday (school closed)*

*Monday 6 January 2025 - Children back to school*

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

### ***Spring Term***

**Monday 6 January 2025** - Children back to school

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

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

**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 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

**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)

## Merry Christmas



What a busy and exciting term this has been! So much has happened - school council elections, Sports Leader training, new Friendship Ambassadors, new Digital Leaders, Y5 swimming lessons, Y3 trip to Creswell Crags, Y4 trip to Magna, Y5 trip to Perlethorpe, Y6 visit to Mansfield Town FC, Y6 Greek Day and not forgetting our whole school trip to watch Aladdin!

Since September, the children have all settled into their new classes and have shared some fantastic learning. They have all worked so incredibly hard and we are all exceptionally proud of them. Thank you to all the children for being so amazing and making us smile every day!

It has been lovely to see so many parents, carers and family members in school over the term to celebrate the children's learning, accompany them on the school trips and to support our events - thank you to everyone who has helped and supported our school and children.

Thank you to all the staff in school. As always, they have worked exceptionally hard this term and we appreciate everything they do.

We hope that our parents/carers and families will be able to join us this week for our festivities (Nativity performances or Carols on the playground). The children are very excited!

I would like to wish everyone in our school a very Merry Christmas. I hope you all have a lovely holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 6 January 2025!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mrs Simpson

## Carols on the playground



We warmly welcome you and all the family to join us at **1:30pm on Friday 20th December** for some Christmas Carols on our upper school playground. This will be a wonderful way to end our term and get the children ready for their Christmas break. Santa hats, antlers and sparkly headbands are all welcome to bring more festive cheer!

Once the carols have finished, you are welcome to take your child home.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

## Christmas Jumper Day



Christmas Jumper Day for Save The Children

We raised £76.00 for this charity - thank you to everyone for their donations and your support. The children looked fantastic in their festive jumpers and outfits.

## Party Day and Last Day of Term



### Party Day - Thursday 19 December

The children are invited to come in their favourite party outfits, festive shirts or just something smart to celebrate our Christmas Party Day. School will provide the children with a party snack and drinks.

### Last Day of Term - Friday 20 December

On Friday 20th December, for the last day, the children are very welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers or non-uniform.

We politely ask that on both of these days, children wear appropriate shoes [e.g. no heeled shoes], they have a coat for going outside and they **do not wear jewellery or make up**.

Thank you again for your cooperation and we look forward to celebrating the Christmas festivities with our fabulous children.

## School Crossing Patrol

### Congratulations!

From all of us at Sherwood, we would like to extend a massive congratulations to our Crossing Patrol, Nicola who is expecting a baby in January. Nicola will be finishing work on Friday to start her maternity leave.

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**School Crossing Patrol Vacancy**

**WE NEED YOU**

For more information on pay, hours, and other benefits please contact the Road Safety team at [roadsafety@vlaem.co.uk](mailto:roadsafety@vlaem.co.uk) or 0115 977 4373

The complex block features a logo for 'via' and 'Nottinghamshire County Council' at the top left. Below it is a cartoon illustration of a crossing patrol officer in a yellow and white striped uniform holding a 'STOP' sign, with two children walking across a road. To the right of the illustration, the text 'School Crossing Patrol Vacancy' is written in large, bold letters, with 'WE NEED YOU' in a stylized font below it. At the bottom, there is a line of text providing contact information for the Road Safety team.

## Crossing Patrol in January

Via are looking to appoint a temporary Crossing Patrol during Nicola's maternity leave. This will be a fixed term contract.

If you, or anyone you know would be interested, please visit

<https://www.viaem.co.uk/services/road-safety/school-crossing-patrols/#work-as-a-patrol>

To find out what current patrols like about their role in the community please visit Via's YouTube – [Working for Via as a School Crossing Patrol - YouTube](#)

If you would like to find out more information, you can use the link below, or contact Via on 0115 9774373, or by email: [roadsafety@viaem.co.uk](mailto:roadsafety@viaem.co.uk).

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**Please be aware that there will be no crossing patrol on the zebra crossing outside school in January.**

## Spring Term PE days



From next term , there will be a few minor changes to the children's PE days.

**Monday: Year 3**

**Tuesday: 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.

## 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 **6B** for being the winners of the week last week and achieving an amazing **7** golden tickets!

However, with a clear lead of 40 golden tickets this half term's £30 prize winner is, **4J!**  
**Congratulations!**

The race begins again for the next half term winner!

## Attendance



The overall attendance for last week was 90.3%

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: - 5B 96.2% Amazing!
- 2nd - 5N 94.7% Fantastic!
- 3rd - 4J 94.3% Super!

## Birthday Books



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

**Year 3:** Laura, Olivia, Ellie

**Year 4:** William, Louis

## Tea Party Winners



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 Isla - Thank you for continued effort, a beautiful smile and pure loveliness every single day. You are a true always child!

3M Ava-May - For her super attitude to learning.

4B Jayden-Lee - For his amazing effort and progress in maths.

4J Amelia - For her brilliant effort with her DT drawings and then helping others.

5B Roman - For showing he can make the right choices.

5N Jayden - For a great attitude all term, his growing confidence and his amazing team work in gymnastics. He had a brilliant gym routine!

6P Ella - For her super enthusiasm, effort and exceptional organisational skills.

6B Lexi - For her wonderful writing! It has been a pleasure to read her independent pieces: they are full of detail, imagination and a lot of hard work.

## 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: Oliver, Sam, Cooper

Year 4: Sophie, William

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

Year 3: Isabella

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

Year 5: Mason

Year 6: Emily, Riley

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

Year 3: Rebecca, Essie-May, Hadley

Year 4: Stanley

Year 5: Lucas

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

Year 3: Jack

Year 4: Leo

Year 5: Amelia-Eva, Phoebe





## 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.

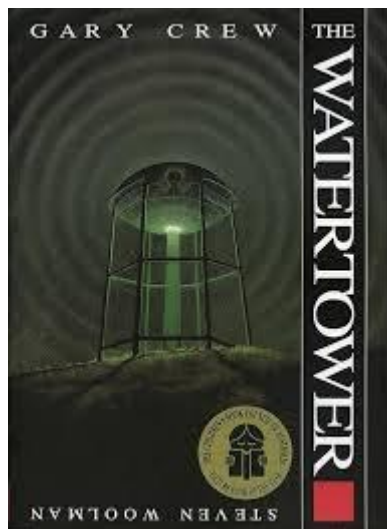
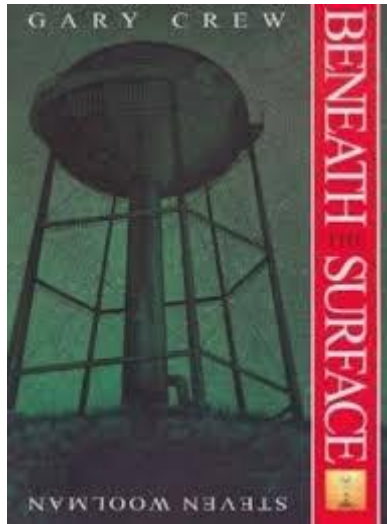
If your child would like to share their recommended read they can get a form from Mrs Bradbury's and Mrs Naylor's office door and return it to Miss Johnson so it can be shared in a future newsletter.

This week we have Mrs Bradbury's favourite read 'The Water Tower' and 'What Lies Beneath' by Gary Crew.

These are a superb pair of books and MUST be read together! It begins with the Water Tower, located in a quiet town of Preston and two curious young boys, Bubba and Spike. Bursting with suspense and thought provoking illustrations that sometimes tell more of the story than the writing itself, these books are not to be missed.

*"Nobody in Preston could remember when the water tower was built, or who had built it, but there it stood on Shooters Hill--its iron legs rusted, its egg-shaped tank warped and leaking--causing a long, dark shadow across the valley, across Preston itself."*

Peek through the pages and see where your curiosity takes you.



## Joke of the Week

This week our joke comes from Miss Johnson

Q: What did the buffalo say to his son as he left for school?

A: Bison!

# J<sup>of the</sup> JOKE WEEK

# This Week's School Dinner Menu

## Week 1 Menu

16 -20 December

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, Sainsbury's fresh fruit. Vegetarian meals available upon request.

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

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## Party Day Menu



There will be a special party day menu for lunch on Thursday 19 December.

## 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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