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## Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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## Dates for your diary



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*This week...*

*Wednesday 11 December - Flu vaccinations in school*

*Thursday 12th December - Christmas Jumper and Christmas dinner day*

*Next 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

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

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

### ***Spring Term***

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

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

**Thursday 16 January** - Year 4 & 5 music workshop at Worksop College

**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

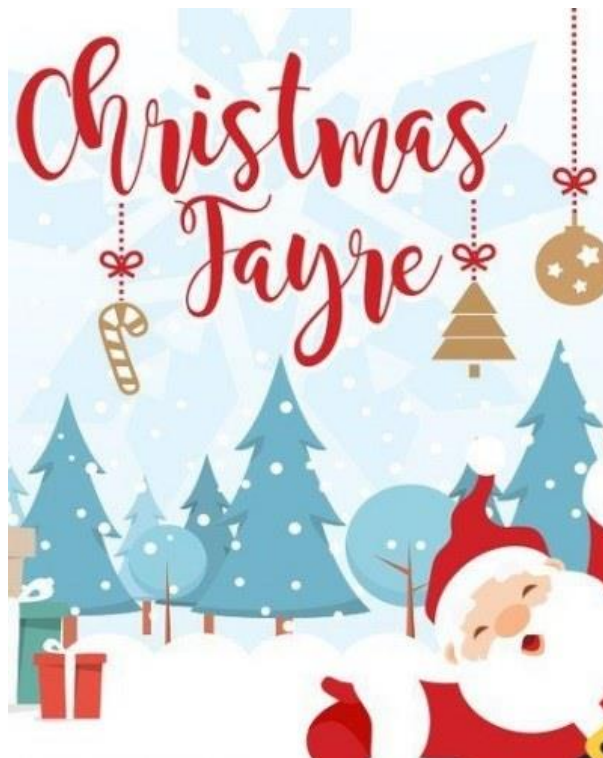
**Friday 25 July** - Last day of school

**Monday 28 July** - INSET (children not in school)

**Tuesday 29 July** - INSET (children not in school)

**Wednesday 30 July** - School holiday (school closed)

## Christmas Fayre



Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre last week. We have counted up the money and can share that we have raised £850 for school fund! Thank you!

### Prize winners

Congratulations and well done to our prize winners at the Christmas Fayre.

How many sweets are in the jar? - Cohen (4J) guessed correctly with 692 sweets! Don't eat them all at once!

Guess the name of the cake - Lyle (3M) guessed the name 'Yule'.

Raffle prizes - Olivia (3H), Adam (4J) and Amelia-Eva (5N)

## Sports Recognition Awards



On Monday 2nd December, Mrs Bradbury took two of the fabulous sports leaders to receive the school's Gold School Games Award. Once again, we want to thank everyone for their help and ongoing support in achieving this. From every PE lesson, the sports leaders and every club and sports festival we have been involved in, each of these elements and much more have contributed to this wonderful achievement for the SECOND year in a row!

Congratulations Sherwood!

## Parent, Carer and Visitor Conduct Expectations



At Sherwood Junior School we are very fortunate to have supportive and friendly parents and carers, who recognise and understand the importance of a good, open and positive working relationship and partnership between home and school.

We would like to remind all parents, carers and visitors to our school about our guidance about expected conduct. This is so that we can continue to ensure a safe and positive school environment for every child and adult working in or visiting our school.

**In order to ensure a peaceful and safe school environment, the school will not tolerate parents, carers or visitors who exhibit the following:**

- Disruptive, aggressive or threatening behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, an employee's office or any other area of the school grounds including after school activities. Examples could include using offensive language /any form of swearing / verbal abuse/ threatening emails /texts/phone calls, displaying temper /threatening to do actual bodily harm / displaying physical aggression including the threat and act of assault.
- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss with them or to reprimand them because of their actions towards their own child. Such an approach may be seen as an assault on that child and may have legal consequences.
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol and drugs on the school site.

Should any of the above behaviour occur on our school premises, the school may feel it necessary to contact the appropriate authorities and, if necessary, ban the offending adult from entering the school grounds.

We will do our utmost to resolve all issues and concerns but we will only deal with them if they are brought to us in an appropriate way.

Whilst we understand that parents and school may not always agree, we hope that parents will uphold the expectations outlined in this policy whenever there may be a concern or problem, so that the issue can be resolved as quickly and as calmly as possible and without causing any additional unwanted stress or anxiety to any of the parties involved (including the staff at school).

A copy of our guidance and expectations can be found on the school website.

## [General Information About School | Sherwood Junior School](#)

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

### Photos and Videos



We would like to politely remind all parents and visitors to school about the use of mobile phones whilst at school. We are happy for parents/carers to take photos/videos of their own child during events in school. However, we must stress the importance that any photos or videos must only include your own child and are for your personal use only. We ask that you do not post any images or videos from school events on social media. This is for safeguarding reasons as some parents have not given permission for images of their child to be on social media.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

### Attendance

It is important that children come to school on time every day. There is a link between good school attendance and high level attainment. Regardless of the reason, if your child is absent from school it will impact on their learning. Parents and carers are legally responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day and on time.



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*We have recently completed our first 10 week monitoring period of the year. We are exceptionally pleased that **49 children have achieved 100% attendance - well done!** These children will all be invited to our attendance celebration treat in school.*

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### *Too ill to attend school?*

We acknowledge that some children have had some authorised absences this term due to illness. Children can attend school with minor ailments (e.g. toothache, stomach ache, headache, sore throat, cold), over the counter medicines can be given at home before school. School will contact you if they become too ill to remain in school. Children should be off school for 48 hours if they have sickness or diarrhoea.

Whilst illnesses cannot be avoided, we would encourage all parents to revisit the information and guidance on our school website

<https://www.sherwood.notts.sch.uk/attendance/>

### *Unauthorised Absences*

We monitor the children's attendance every day and will contact parents if we have not been notified of the reason for their absence. This could be a text message, phone call or home visit. Where there are ongoing concerns about a child's attendance, school will aim to work with and support parents and families to improve the child's attendance. Please be aware that the threshold for Penalty Notice fines is **5 days / 10 sessions of unauthorised absence over a 10-school week period**. When a school becomes aware that a child's absence has met the threshold, they must consider whether a penalty notice should be issued. It is important that parents/carers understand that a penalty notice can be issued when any unauthorised absences meet this threshold, not just absences due to holidays.

Further information can be found on our website

<https://www.sherwood.notts.sch.uk/attendance/> or from Notts CC

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-holidays-and-closures/holidays-during-term-time>

Royal British Legion



We raised an incredible £220.83 for the Royal British Legion poppy appeal. Thank you so much to everyone.

## Year 6 SATs Buster Parent Event

### Year 6 SATs Buster Hour

In the 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 your 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.

We look forward to seeing you at our Year 6 SATS Buster Hour!

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

The Year 6 Team



## Year 4 & 5 Music Workshop

We are excited to let you know that our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils have been invited to attend a Music Workshop delivered by the acclaimed vocal group Apollo5 at Worksop College on Thursday 16th January 2025.

Apollo5 is part of the VOCES8 Foundation, which has visited the College for many years now and during this time has inspired thousands of pupils. At the end of the day, they will be giving a combined performance with the pupils to showcase the day's work to family and friends. In addition to the vocal training experience, the games and activities include warm-ups for the brain, body and voice - encouraging pupils to think about leadership, teamwork and many different aspects of music, regardless of their singing ability or musical experience.

This is a fantastic experience for the children with no cost associated for parents, the workshop is being offered, free of charge, by Worksop College and the transport costs are being paid for by school. Pupils will leave school at approx. 9:30 am and will not depart from the college until 4:45 pm; **children will need collecting from Sherwood at the later time of 5:00 pm.** Worksop College are also providing a hot lunch for all pupils!

Parents and Carers are invited to watch the concert at the college, which will commence at 4.00 pm and last for 45 minutes. Children must still be collected from Sherwood Junior School, unfortunately due to staffing and logistics; pupils are unable to be collected from Worksop College.

Please log in to your sQuid Trips and Offers account by **Friday the 10th January**, to give consent for your child to attend the visit and to provide us with your emergency contact details on the day. Children are expected to wear full school uniform and bring a water bottle with them. Any parents who have a DBS check carried out by school, who are available to support us on this day, please let us know.



## 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 the winners of the week last week and achieving an amazing **8** golden tickets!

Currently still in the lead, and in the running to win this half term's £30 prize, is **4J**!

1 more week of tickets to go - Who will be the winner this half term?

## PE Awards

This half term we have focused on RESPECT so 3 children have been selected from each class who have demonstrated the most consistent signs of respect and being respectful towards their peers during PE lessons. Well done to our winners!

3H - Mason, Lillie, Michelle

3M – Lyle, Indy, Pola

4B – Jacob, Poppy, Charlotte

4J – Evie, Louis, Cooper

5N – Karina, Lacey, Finley

5B – Phoebe, Mason, Lucas

6P – Charlie, Riley, Pippa

6B – Alvey, Harlie, Jacob



## Attendance



The overall attendance for last week was 90.7%

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:** Bobby, Isla, Lola

**Year 4:** Vladimir, Tayah

## 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 Robyn - For such an improvement this term and being simply amazing!

3M Evie - For showing a quiet determination in everything she does.

4B Ava - For always being polite and respectful.

4J Stanley - For being kind and helping others in the classroom.

5N Karina - For her consistent hard work and effort all term.

5B Phoebe - For her growing confidence in all areas of our learning.

6P Parker - For his much improved attitude in lessons and being prompt to school each morning.

6B Jacob - For his outstanding efforts in maths this week especially as we have been solving some tricky fraction questions!

## 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: Millie, Thea, Charlie, Bobby, Ellie-May, Lillie-Rae, Olivia

Year 4: Isabelle

Year 5: Chloe

Year 6: Casie, Oliver, Liby, Quinn

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

Year 4: Adam

Year 5: Brooke, Jesse, Lillie, Lacy, Amira

Year 6: Toby, Ronnie, Raphael

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

Year 3: George

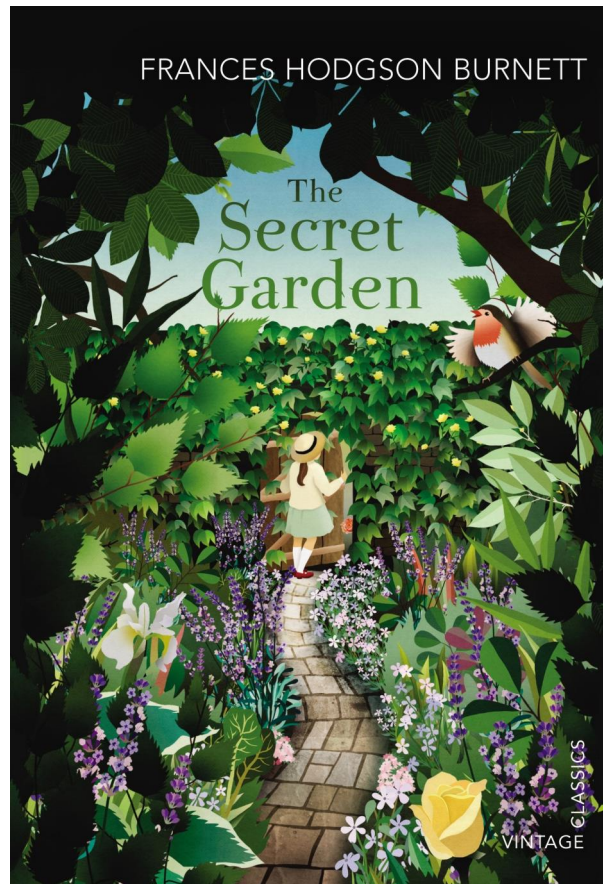
Year 5: Amelia, Lucas

Year 6: Caleb, Joshua





## 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 White's favourite read *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

*The Secret Garden* is an enchanting tale about how one little girl can bring sunshine to a house riddled with misery! So if you are you looking for mystery, friendship, secrets and adventure, this is a book for you.

Come closer and discover the magical world that awaits you on the other side of the garden door....

## Joke of the Week

This week our joke comes from Mrs Bradbury

Q: What do you call little snowmen?

A: CHILL-dren

# JOKE of the WEEK

We hope this joke gave you a chillingly good laugh!

## This Week's School Dinner Menu

### Festive Menu

9 -13 December

**Join us for**

**TASTE of NATURE**

# Christmas 2024

**MAIN MEALS**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Festive pizza <small>gluten, soy, milk</small> pumpkin risotto crunchy vegetables sauces	Nottinghamshire sausage <small>gluten, sulphur dioxide</small> & gravy Yorkshire pudding <small>milk, egg, gluten</small> mashed potatoes green cabbage carrot & swede mash	Cheesy tomato pasta <small>gluten, mustard, soya, milk</small> garlic bread <small>gluten, soya milk</small> carrot & cucumber sticks	Roast turkey, stuffing & gravy <small>gluten</small> chipolata sausage <small>Gluten, Sulphur dioxide</small> roast potatoes mashed potatoes sliced carrots brussels sprout	MSC Fish Finger wrap <small>gluten, fish</small> oven chips crunchy peas sauces tomato ketchup

**DESSERTS**

MONDAY	Tuesday	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Magic chocolate pudding <small>gluten, milk, egg</small> & chocolate sauce <small>milk</small>	Christmas tree cookie <small>gluten</small> & apple wedge	Christmas Cupcake <small>soy, gluten</small>	Christmas ice cream tub <small>milk</small>	Apple flapjack <small>gluten</small>

**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/>

## 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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