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## Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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## Dates for your diary




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*This week...*

***Monday 25 November 2pm - Year 6 parent event - Kodu***

***Tuesday 26 November - Closing date for flu vaccination online consent forms***

***Wednesday 27 November - Whole school trip to the panto***

*Friday 29 November - Closing date for ordering Christmas dinner at school*

*Next week...*

*Monday 2 December - Christmas Post Box opens!*

*Wednesday 4 December 3.20pm - School Christmas Fayre*

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

### **Autumn Term**

**Wednesday 11 December** - Flu vaccinations in school

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

**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

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

### **Spring Term**

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

**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)

It's Panto Time!

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***We're going to the panto! (Oh no you're not - Oh YES WE ARE!)***

***We are all going to see Aladdin at Mansfield Palace Theatre on Wednesday 27 November.***

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Can you believe it? It's nearly time to go see Aladdin! (Oh no it isn't! Oh yes it is!)

As a reminder, to make this magical trip happen without a hitch or a hiccup on Wednesday 27 November, we need **ALL** children at school by **8:45am**. The school gates will open at **8:30am** for the children to enter the classrooms and get ready. The coaches will leave school between **8.50am and 9am**. Once we have left, school will be locked - **EVERYONE IS GOING!** Unfortunately, we cannot wait for any children who are late so we urge you to ensure your children arrive with plenty of time.

We will all return to school at approximately 1.15pm to have lunch. **ALL** children will need a packed lunch as there will be **NO SCHOOL DINNERS** on this day due to the finishing time of the performance. School will finish at the usual time and after school clubs will take place as normal.

This is a **VERY** special event and one that we doubt we will be able to repeat for several years - we think this is a 'once in your lifetime at Sherwood' experience. We don't want any

children to miss out so please make sure they are at school on time. We will be sending plenty of reminders beforehand!

The children will need to wear their usual school uniform and take a water bottle. They **DO NOT** need any money. They will leave their packed lunch at school to eat when we return.

We're excited! The children are excited! It's going to be amazing!

## Whole School Christmas Nativity Performance

We are very excited to confirm that this year we are doing a whole school Christmas Nativity performance. There will be three performances – Tuesday 17th December at 2.00pm and Wednesday 18th December at 9.30am and 2.00pm.

On Friday, your child was given a letter to bring home about our wonderful Nativity and how to obtain tickets.

Tickets are now available, and there will be **no charge** for these. Due to limited space in the hall, you are able to request **a maximum of two tickets per family**. Children under the age of 3 can sit on parents' knees. Children older than 3 years old will need their own ticket.

Please complete and return the slip at the bottom of the letter by **Friday 6th December** to the school office. Any remaining tickets will be made available from Monday 9th December.

The children have been working really hard for these fantastic performances, and we look forward to seeing all of you for this festive celebration.



## Christmas Dinner

### Reminder....

We are excited to confirm that our Christmas Lunch for all our pupils will be served in school on **Thursday 12th December 2024**. If you would like your child to join us for Christmas Lunch, please select the offer on Squid, confirming that you would like to order a Christmas Lunch for your child. The deadline for ordering a Christmas Lunch is **Friday 29th November 2024 at the latest**. No meals can be ordered after this date, due to having to pre-order the correct amount of turkeys.

Please note that **NO** payment should be sent to school, as all meal payments will be collected via Squid as usual on the day. If you do not have a Squid account and your child would like a Christmas lunch, please ask at the school office for further information.

This offer will be available from **Monday 11th November**.

Please note, if your child is entitled to Free School Meals, a meal will **NOT** be automatically ordered for them. You will still need to complete the offer on Squid confirming that your child would like a Christmas Lunch, so that a meal will be ordered for them.

Please note that jacket potatoes will **NOT** be an option, it is the Christmas Lunch only.

We hope your child will join us for this special Christmas meal.



## Christmas Post Box

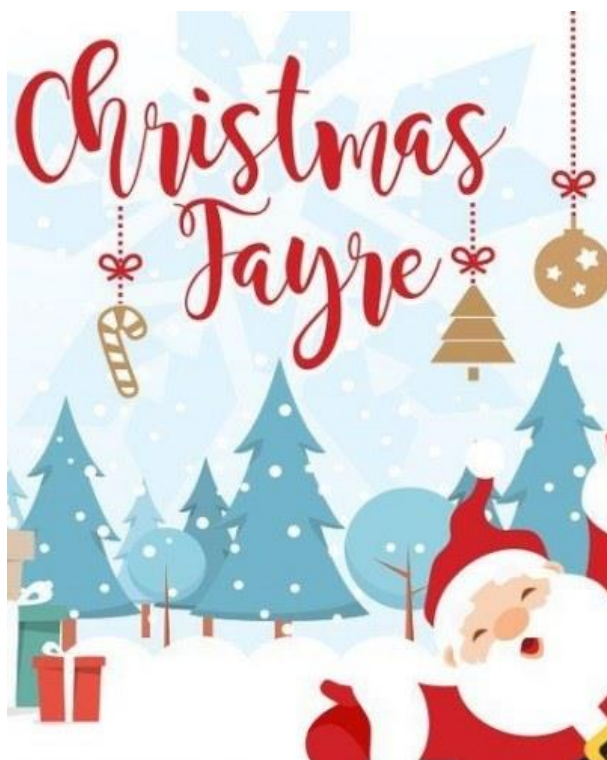


From **Monday 2nd December**, our school Christmas post box will be OPEN!

All children are welcome to bring in Christmas cards for their friends and teachers. The only thing we ask is that children's names are written in full on the envelope along with their class so that they can be delivered correctly.

If children did wish to send cards to any of the staff, then please post these too and our little helpers each day sort them out and pass them on.

## Christmas Fayre



Save the date - **Wednesday 4 December at 3.20pm**

We are very excited to announce that we will be holding our Christmas Fayre on **Wednesday 4 December at 3.20pm**. Each class will have a stall to sell the Christmas items the children have made and there will be a selection of games and other stalls for you to visit.

If there are any parents/carers who have their own business making or selling items who would like a stall/table at our Christmas Fayre, please see the school office. We will ask for a minimum donation of £5 per table/stall.

### **Prize Donations**

We would like donations of prizes please for the following stalls:

Tombolo stall - Any unopened and unwanted gift sets, pre-loved and good quality toys, or anything else you feel you can donate as a prize would be appreciated.

Raffle - Any raffle prize donations appreciated. Please ask any local businesses you have a connection with for a donation.

Wine - The wine and water stall is ALWAYS a favourite with the parents and a popular game with the adults so any donations of bottles of wine appreciated (we've got the empty bottles to fill with water!)

Please hand any donations to your child's class teacher or the school office before **Monday 2 December - the more we receive the more money we can make for the pupils of Sherwood Junior School.**

We really hope you will all be able to join us and that our fayre will be even bigger and better than last year's!

## Chicken Pox

We have had an increasing number of confirmed cases of chicken pox within school, particularly within Year 3.

The NHS guidance states that children need to stay away from school until all the spots have formed a scab. This is usually 5 days after the spots appeared.

Further guidance can be found on the NHS website

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/?scrlybrkr=cbc8df5a>



## Snow Day



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 a school we consider a few factors - Is it safe to travel for both staff and pupils? Can we make the entrances to the site safe? What is the weather forecast?

Thank you to those children who did come to school last week in the snow. We had a lovely time playing outside and building snowmen - the playground was filled with joy and laughter. We have shared our photos on the school website

<https://www.sherwood.notts.sch.uk/snow-day-november-2024/>

## RSHE Parent Group



Thank you to the parents who attended the RSHE meeting in school on the 20th November. It was so lovely to meet with you all. Thank you also to those of you who offered to be part of a working party. At Sherwood, we would like to make parents more aware of the RSHE that happens on a day-to-day basis and to find out your opinions. If you are interested in being on our working party, please can you come and see me before or after school. My plans are to meet every term or half term depending on what is needed.

Thank you in advance to anyone who put themselves forward. I look forward to working with you.

Mrs Horton

## Best Start For Life



If you or someone you know is pregnant or are parents/carers of children under the age of 2, you might be interested in Nottinghamshire's new Best Start for Life Offer.

[Nottshelpyourself | Nottinghamshire Best Start for life offer](#)

If you want to know more about Baby Week, please use this link [Nottinghamshire - Baby Week](#)

## 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 **8** golden tickets!

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

## Attendance



The overall attendance for last week was 82.9%

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: - 6P 88.8% Amazing!

2nd - 4J 87.5% Fantastic!

3rd - 6B 87.3% Super!

## Birthday Books



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

**Year 3:** Lille-Rae

**Year 5:** Archie, Phoebe, Joslyn

**Year 6:** Bradley

## 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 Ivy - For fabulous listening and always giving 100%.

3M Lola - For being a good friend and always working hard.

4B Amelia - For settling in so well in our class and working her hardest to learn her times tables.

4J Jaxson - For his great attitude and determination in maths this week.

5N Ava - For her great attitude and always putting 100% effort into all she does.

5B Chloe - For settling well into a new school and a new year group.

6P Charlie - For listening carefully and applying all of his new learning to the tasks he completes. Great stuff Charlie!

6B Leo - For his superb commitment to maths this week and showing a confident attitude towards securing simplifying fractions.

## 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: Harper, Freddie

Year 4: Alice, Evie

Year 6: Lily-Mai, Gerald, Toby, Evie-Rae

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

Year 3: Lyle, Hadley, Sam, Jack

Year 4: Miah, Poppy, Damian, Riley

Year 5: Jacob

Year 6: Bradley

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

Year 4: Leo

Year 5: Phoebe, Aurelia, Harrison

Year 6: Evie, Harrison, Pippa





## 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.

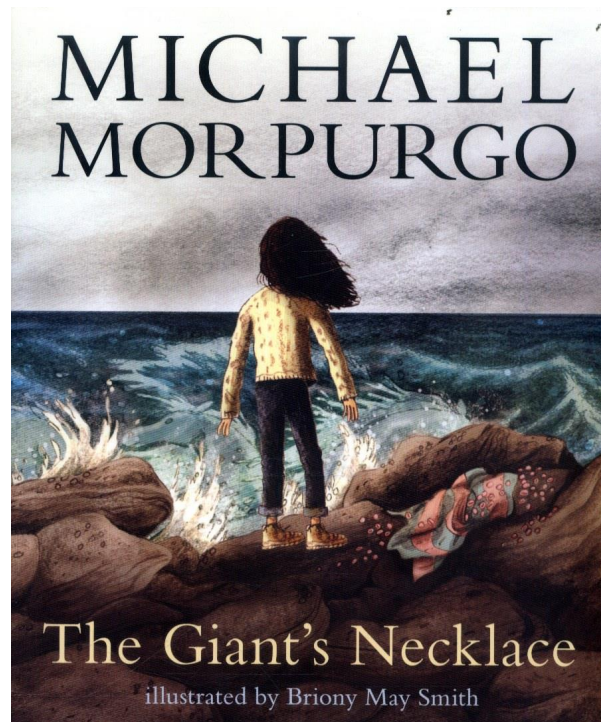
This week we have Mrs Beaumonts's favourite read, **The Giant's Necklace by Michael Morpurgo.**

This is one of my favourite books. I love Cornwall where this book is set. Shell collecting is one of the things I enjoy doing whilst on holiday.

The story takes you on a journey of discovery. Cherry loves to explore and finds herself cut off by the sea whilst collecting shells, the only way out is up! She learns the hidden secrets of the cliffs whilst trying to escape to safety.

The ending always takes me by surprise, even though I have read it several times.

I am currently reading this story to my grandchildren; they are always engrossed. The illustrations are amazing.



## Joke of the Week

This week our joke comes from 3M

Q: How do you stop an astronaut baby from crying?

A: Rocket

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

We hope this joke gave you a good laugh!

# This Week's School Dinner Menu

Week 1

25- 29 November

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

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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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