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Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary



This week...

Tuesday 25 November - 3M trip to the Library

Friday 28 November - Year 3 Parent Event (2:30pm)

Friday 28 November - Deadline for ordering a Christmas dinner

Next week...

Monday 1 December - Christmas Post Box available for pupils in school

Thursday 4 December - Christmas Fayre (3:20pm)

Friday 5 December - Deadline for getting 'Let's Jingle!' tickets

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

Autumn Term

Thursday 11 December - Christmas Jumper Day/non-uniform and Christmas Dinner Day

Tuesday 16 December - 'Let's Jingle!' (performance) at 2pm

Wednesday 17 December - 'Let's Jingle!' (performance) at 9:30am and 2pm

Thursday 18 December - Party Day and non-uniform

Friday 19 December - 1.30pm Carols on the playground

Spring Term

Monday 5 January 2026 - Children back to school

Friday 13 February - Last day at school

Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February - Half term holiday (school closed)

Monday 23 February - Children back at school

Monday 2 March - Careers Week

Friday 6 March - Careers Fair

Friday 27 March - Last day at school

Monday 30 March - Friday 10 April - Easter holiday (school closed)

Summer Term

Monday 13 April - Children back to school

Monday 4 May - Bank Holiday (school closed)

Thursday 21 May - Last day at school

Friday 22 May - INSET (children not in school)

Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May - Half term holiday (school closed)

Monday 1 June - children back to school

Friday 24 July - Last day at school

Monday 27 July - INSET (children not in school)

Tuesday 28 July - School holiday (school closed)

Christmas Dates



REMINDER

There are lots of exciting things going on at Sherwood over the festive period! Please see below for key dates - further details/information regarding individual dates/events to follow -

Monday 1st December - Christmas Post Box – Pupils can use the Sherwood Christmas Post Box to get their Christmas cards delivered for them across school. All we ask is that envelopes are clearly labelled with the recipients full names and classes.

Thursday 4th December - Christmas Fayre – 3.20pm Sherwood's Christmas Fayre will be open. If you are a parent/carer and would like a stall to sell your own goods, there's a minimum donation of £10 - please see the School Office for further information. Each year group will have a stall to sell Christmas items and there will be festive-themed games for people to play - how exciting!

Prize Donations

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

Tombola 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.

Bottle Tombola stall - Any new bottles e.g. bubble bath, bottle of pop, wine, bottle of perfume

Raffle - Any raffle prize donations appreciated, including Christmas treats to add to the Christmas Goodie Bag prizes. Please ask any local businesses you have a connection with for a donation.

Please hand any donations to your child's class teacher or the school office before **Monday 1 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!

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day - Children can come to school in a Christmas jumper, t-shirt or something sparkly for a donation of 50p for Save the Children.

Tuesday 16th December - 'Let's Jingle!' (performance) – 2pm whole school performance in the upper hall

Wednesday 17th December - 'Let's Jingle!' (performance) - 9:30am and 2pm whole school performances in the upper hall

Thursday 18th December - Party Day and non-uniform - Children can come to school in their party clothes and will play a variety of games. School will provide a drink and a snack, school dinner children will have a special party lunch.

Friday 19th December - 1.30pm Carols on the playground – Parents/carers are welcome to join us for carols on the school playground. Children can wear Christmas jumpers or uniform.

School closes for the Christmas break at 3.20pm on Friday 19th December and will re-open on Monday 5th January 2026

Year 3 Parent Event

Year 3

Year 3 would like to invite parents into school on **Friday 28th November at 2.30pm** to join us for our PE session. We will be sharing our work in multi- skills: throwing and catching, tag games and the effects of exercise on our bodies. We will also share our knowledge and skills in running activities.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Year 3 Team

Year 4 Multiplication Breakfast Hour!



In the month of June, the Year 4 children will be participating in the Multiplication Tables Check. The purpose of the check is to determine whether the children can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help us to identify if any children may need additional support.

Therefore, we are inviting Year 4 parents/carers to join us for a Multiplication Breakfast Hour! During this hour, we will explain a little more about the testing process, answer any questions as well as the children showcasing their times table learning. You will have the chance to see what your child has been using in lessons to support their learning, have a go at these activities and test your child's (or your own) knowledge of times tables, whilst enjoying juice and a biscuit!

The session will take place on **Monday 8th December 2024 at 8.50am** and will last for approximately one hour.

A parent information leaflet will also be given out at the time of the workshop/ afterwards with more information regarding the Multiplication Tables Check.

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

We look forward to seeing you then.

Anti-bullying Week 2025 Parent Survey



After anti-bullying week, we would love to gather parents/carers thoughts and opinions on this subject.

We would appreciate your feedback on the questions included on the short survey below -

[Parent View – Fill out form](#)

The survey is available to complete until 9am on Friday 28th November.

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter,

Sherwood Junior School

Careers Week

Save the date

One of our planned curriculum events this year is another careers week, following the success of the event in 2023. This will take place **week beginning 2nd March 2026**. In this week there will be a **careers fair**. This will take place on **Friday 6th March 2026**. We want to continue to raise the awareness of our children at Sherwood Junior School of careers that are available in this modern world. **This is where I really need your help.**

At Sherwood we want to work with a range of partners including parents/carers, employers and other practitioners to design and deliver a careers week that takes account the needs of Junior school children and equips them for learning, life and work in different settings including colleges and other learning providers. We also want to engage children and young people in meaningful discussion about their skills for learning, life and work. We want to encourage diverse thinking in our children to consider a broader view of subject choices, career options and job opportunities.

In order to do this we need people to volunteer to be part of our career's week so that pupils will have opportunities to speak to employers and to find out information about job sectors, growth areas and jobs they know nothing about. They will have opportunities to find out from employers what they are looking for from young people and how that relates to teacher's expectations of them in school. They will hear up to date information about the world of work beyond school in a real life context.

So.... if you, your company or your place of work have a few hours or even a day to spare to help us please get in touch. Please contact me at careersweek@sherwood.notts.sch.uk . If you are unable to attend the careers fair but would like to help us in another way then please contact me. I am also looking for different people to send in a soundbite for our pupils to watch where they learn who the person is, what their job is and a little bit about their chosen career. This

could include qualifications, the path to arriving at this post and a precis of what the job entails. Pupils always like to know the best bits and the worst bits!

I look forward to hearing from you. If you can be involved in some way, please email me by **Monday 1st December 2025** at careersweek@sherwood.notts.sch.uk

Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Mykela Horton

RSHE Lead



Health and Well-being



Notts CC has asked us to share this information and update with you from the NHS regarding health and well-being in the winter months.

Flu is circulating earlier this year - protect yourself now!

We're seeing an unusually early start to the flu season, with rising cases in children, young adults, and across all age groups. Flu can be serious, especially for those with long-term health conditions.

Get vaccinated now if you are:

- aged 65 or over
- pregnant
- living with certain long-term health conditions including heart or liver disease, chronic respiratory disease, diabetes, or neurological conditions
- a child aged 2 or 3 years old or school-aged (parents, please return consent forms to school or [book a catch-up clinic](#)).

You can book a flu vaccine on the NHS website, via the NHS App, or by calling 119.

Let's protect ourselves and those around us.

[Visit the NHS website to book a flu vaccine](#)

Staying safe and well in winter

Winter can be a challenging time but there are simple steps we can all take to stay safe and healthy during the colder months. We've rounded up some top tips and [guidance from the UK Health Security Agency \(GOV.UK\)](#) and the Met Office:

- try to heat rooms you spend a lot of time in to at least 18°C and reduce drafts by fitting excluders
- check heating systems and radiators are working effectively, and radiators are not obstructed by curtains or furniture
- weatherproof your home and garden by clearing guttering, checking roof tiles and fences, and securing or removing outdoor furniture

- check on elderly or vulnerable relatives and neighbours to make sure they are safe and well
- look after yourself by eating well, doing regular light exercise, topping up Vitamin D and reaching out for support if you need it.

[Visit the Met Office website for more seasonal advice](#)

Local campaign on smoking in pregnancy

As a Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Smokefree Alliance partner, we're supporting a local campaign to encourage pregnant women and people planning a pregnancy to give up smoking.

Local data shows the number of pregnant women in Notts still smoking when their baby is due is higher than the national average.

Protecting your baby from tobacco smoke is one of the best things you can do to give your child a healthy start in life. Giving up smoking can prevent harm to you and your baby.

It can be hard to quit, but free local stop smoking services are ready to help.

[Find out more about quitting smoking and how to get help](#)

Help stop the spread of norovirus

As we move into the colder months, norovirus - often called the winter vomiting bug - is circulating again. Although more common in winter, it can spread at any time of year.

Norovirus is a highly contagious stomach virus that causes sudden vomiting and diarrhoea. Other symptoms may include fever, aches, and stomach cramps. It spreads easily in places where people are in close contact, such as schools, care homes, and social gatherings.

You can help stop the spread of norovirus by:

- washing hands thoroughly with soap and warm water - hand sanitiser is not effective against norovirus
- staying home until 48 hours after symptoms have completely stopped
- avoiding preparing food for others while ill and for two days after recovery
- cleaning contaminated surfaces with bleach-based products
- washing soiled clothing and bedding at 60°C.

If you become unwell, it's important to:

- rest and drink plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration

- avoid visiting your GP or hospital unless it is absolutely necessary - call NHS 111 or your GP for advice
- let close contacts know so they can take precautions.

[Visit the NHS website for more information on norovirus](#)

Young Writers' 'I Have a Dream' Poetry Contest



Earlier in the term, we had a number of pupils who submitted entries to the Young Writers' 'I Have a Dream' poetry competition and we just wanted to say a HUGE well done to those who entered -some wonderful writing was produced and all children received a Young Writers sticker and bookmark for taking part!

There are a number of children who were chosen to actually have their poem published in the 'I Have a Dream' book, which is an anthology of poetry from pupils all over the country - what an excellent achievement! A big well done to the following children, who received a special certificate along with their sticker and bookmark and have been given the opportunity to have their work published -

Ellie

Kian

Evie

Amelia

Alice

Mufaro

Gwen

Dogs on the School Site

Whilst it is brilliant to see so many of our families walking to and from school with their dogs, we would just like to remind parents/carers that we do not allow them onto our site, unless they're being carried. This is due to previous incidences of dog waste not being cleared up and some of our children not being comfortable around dogs.

We thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



Golden Tickets



Golden tickets are awarded by our senior leaders (Mrs Simpson, Mrs Bradbury, Mrs Seals & Mrs C Jackson) 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 **£50** to spend on a treat!

Well done to **4S & 5BL** for being last week's golden ticket winners and achieving an amazing **7** golden tickets each!

A super well done to **6B** who are our current leaders for the £50 prize for this half-term - the race is on!

Tea Party

Well done to this week's group of Tea Party winners - you're all superstars!

Children receive a certificate, a treat and then attend a 'Tea Party' to have a drink, a treat and play games - how exciting!

3H Emmanuella - For settling in to Sherwood so well and for her active learning

3M Kate - For always being enthusiastic and hardworking

4S Valerie - For her increased confidence and for working super hard

4B Hadley - For a brilliant attitude towards learning, being a maths whizz and making me smile

5B Isabelle - For a fantastic audition for a judge on 'Let's Jingle!' Wow!

5BL Ava-Mae - For doing a brilliant audition to be a judge - a fantastic surprise

6P Bobby - For an excellent day out at MTFC - a super goalie!

6B Sophie - Thank you for being utterly marvellous! You always learn with a smile on your face and you genuinely have a heart of gold!



Attendance



The overall attendance for last week was 93.5%

183 pupils had 100% attendance last week - amazing work Sherwood!

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: 4S 98.5% **Superb!**

2nd: 5B 97.3% **Fantastic!**

3rd: 5BL 96.5% **Well done!**

Too ill to attend school?

Please see the NHS' school checklist poster for a quick guide of when to keep your child off school -

[Should I keep my child off school checklist poster](#)

Pharmacy first Minor ailment

Here's a reminder about the Pharmacy First Minor Ailment information. It covers the ailments that can be assessed and treated, if needed within the pharmacy without the need for a GP appointment usually on the same day (unless the condition is particularly severe or complex) enabling the child to return to school sooner than waiting for an appointment, starting

antibiotic treatment more quickly if needed or offering over the counter medication to enable the condition to be eased and facilitate return to school.

Use the link below to find pharmacies in the area providing the services.

<https://pharmacyfirstnottinghamshire.com/>



Reading Awards

Well done to these children for earning their **BRONZE (25)** Reading Award and showing an excellent level of dedication to reading at home:

Year 3: Daisy, Ellie & Cole

Year 4: Freddie & Charlie

Year 5: Charlotte-Rose & Maddison

Year 6: Peyton-Rose

Well done to these children for earning their **SILVER (50)** Reading Award and showing an excellent level of dedication to reading at home:

Year 3: Nancy & Ellie

Year 4: Ivy, Lola & Thea

Year 5: Amelia

Year 6: Jayden & Bob

Well done to these children for earning their **DIAMOND (75)** Reading Award and showing an excellent level of dedication to reading at home:

Year 3: Aaron & Ava

Year 4: Jack & Sam

Year 6: Harrison, Amelia & Jayden



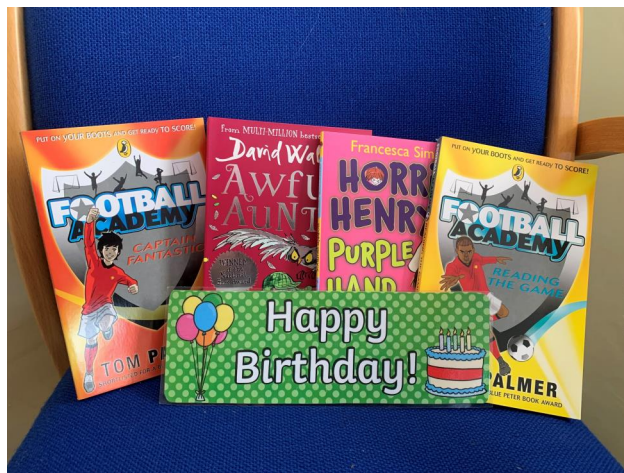








Birthday Books



Happy birthday and happy reading to these children:

Year 3: Yurri

Year 4: Laura

Year 5: Koby & Kaiden

Year 6: Finley

Netball Club's Player of The Week!

Mrs Naylor and her Netball Club have decided to create an award that recognises superb effort and skill during their weekly matches!

Well done to **Iyla**, who wowed not only Mrs Naylor, but their team mates - well done!



This Week's School Dinner Menu

The menus can be also be found on our website [School Dinners | Sherwood Junior School](#)

We encourage the children to look at the menu at home with their adults, to discuss what they might choose each day so that if they do not like the menu or jacket potato option on a particular day, they can bring a packed lunch.

Please see the 'Week 1' menu for week beginning November 24th

My School Menu
Winter 2025 - 2026
Week commencing
 3rd November 24th November
 15th December 5th January
 26th January 9th March

Taste of Italy

Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheesy tomato pasta Mustard Soya Gluten Milk with crusty bread Gluten Sesame & sweetcorn	Spaghetti Bolognese Mustard Soya Gluten with garlic bread, Gluten Milk Soya carrot & cucumber sticks	Nottinghamshire sausage Gluten Sulphur dioxide Yorkshire pudding Milk Egg Gluten mash potatoes, carrots, cabbage & gravy	Herby chicken roast with roast potatoes & seasonal vegetables	Fishcake Cob Gluten Fish Sesame with lemon mayonnaise Egg Sulphur Dioxide, oven chips & peas
Pudding	Jacket potato available daily, served with your choice of: baked beans & cheese Milk or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg				
	Classic 'school' cake Egg Gluten Milk	Apple muffin Gluten	Honey & oat cookie Gluten	Donuts Soya Milk Gluten Egg Sesame	Cornflake tart Sulphur dioxide Gluten & custard Milk

AVAILABLE DAILY: Best of both bread Gluten, Soya & fresh fruit.

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Nottinghamshire County Council

Looking ahead....here's the Christmas Week Menu for week beginning 8 December.

Christmas

WEEK 2025!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Festive pizza Gluten Soya Milk with potato balls & crunchy vegetable sticks	Hot dog Gluten Sesame Sulphur Dioxide with tomato ketchup, jacket wedges, BBQ baked beans & sweetcorn	Cheesy tomato pasta Gluten Milk mustard Soya with garlic bread Gluten Milk Soya, carrot & cucumber sticks	Turkey, chipolata sausage Gluten Sulphur dioxide, stuffing Gluten with roast or mashed potatoes, carrots, brussels sprouts, roast parsnips & gravy	Fish finger wrap Gluten Fish, French fries, sweetcorn & peas
Jacket potato with cheese Milk, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	Jacket potato with cheese Milk, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	Jacket potato with cheese Milk, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	Jacket potato with cheese Milk, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	Jacket potato with cheese Milk, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad
Iced sprinkle cookie Gluten	Honey cake Gluten Egg Milk & custard Milk	Classic iced 'school' cake Gluten Egg	Festive ice cream tub Milk	Chocolate flapjack Gluten




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.

Please note, the school office email should not be used to report an absence.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office.

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