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## Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary



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*This week...*

*Monday 11 November: Year 3 visit to Creswell Craggs*

*Monday 11 November 10.30am: MHST Parent webinar 'Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing'*

*Monday 11 November 8.50am: Year 4 parent event - Multiplication Hour*

*Tuesday 12 November - Year 6 Greek Day*

*Friday 15 November - Children in Need*

*Next week...*

*Wednesday 20 November 2.15pm - RHSE meeting for parents*

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

### **Autumn Term**

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

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

**Monday 2 December** - Christmas Post Box opens!

**Wednesday 4 December 3.20pm** - School Christmas Fayre

**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 carol concert

**Wednesday 18 December 9.30am and 2pm** - Whole school carol concert

**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)

## Children in Need

We will be supporting BBC Children in Need on **Friday 15 November**. We are encouraging the children (and staff) to wear something yellow, something spotty or anything Pudsey related. Children who do not want to dress up should wear normal school uniform. Throughout the day, the children will be participating in fun activities related to Pudsey and Children in Need. We will be collecting cash donations or via Squid from the children to raise money and support this charity.

Thank you for your support.



## Staffing Update



### **MDSA changes**

We have recently said thank and good luck to Miss Wardle who has left our team of MDSAs. The children may also have noticed that Miss Lowe is no longer working as a MDSA in school but she continues to work in the school office during the afternoon.

### **Mrs Brewin is returning**

Mrs Brewin will be returning to school following her maternity leave on Monday 2 December. Mrs Brewin will be working part time and will be in school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week. Mrs Brewin will be working in 5N with Mrs Naylor and will be teaching the class every Monday and Tuesday to enable Mrs Naylor to continue with her role as our SENCO. Mrs Naylor will teach 5N every Thursday and Friday. Mrs Naylor and Mrs Brewin will alternate each Wednesday. Mrs Naylor will continue to be in school every day. Prior to returning, Mrs Brewin will be visiting school to spend time with Mrs Naylor and the children to ensure she is fully informed and prepared. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Brewin back to school.

## Anti-Bullying Week 2024

This week is anti-bullying week and this year the theme is '**choose respect**' which fits in really well with one of our new core values- Respect.

For assembly on the 15th November someone from each class will have been chosen for showing respect. These children will be our tea party winners this week.

Throughout school, it is a focus so the children see how important it is. Children when spotted can be rewarded marbles for the marble jar, raffle tickets and maybe even golden tickets!

On Monday the assembly will introduce anti-bullying week. Year 4, 5 and 6 will also find out about our new friendship ambassadors for this school year. There will be 2 children per class. We look forward to hearing who has been chosen.

Y3 will have their assembly on Tuesday as they are on a trip on Monday. Friendship ambassador roles will be explained to Year 3 in their assembly so they understand the role.

Good luck to all the children, we hope you are spotted and that you make it really difficult for your teacher to choose a tea party winner.



## The Magical Map Creative Writing Competition

Your child is invited to explore their creativity and write a mini saga (a story told in up to 100 words) with The Magical Map. It can transport them anywhere in space and time using the power of imagination.

Your child can collect a writing booklet from their teacher and begin their creative writing adventure from **Monday 11th November**.

All children should submit their entries to Miss Johnson no later than than the **Monday 16th December at 12pm**.

**Happy writing!**



## Emergency Procedures

Like all schools, we have an emergency plan that covers many eventualities and is one plan we hope we never have to implement.

You will all be very aware of the practise we have every term for our fire evacuation procedures. The children are always so good and sensible at this - even when we sometimes 'trick' them and block an exit route and imagine the fire is in their way.

Over the next few weeks, we will be talking to the children about our 'lockdown' procedure in the event of an emergency, the importance of this procedure and the circumstances that may mean we would need to 'lockdown'. This will all be done in a child appropriate way by their class teacher. They will practise the procedure with their teacher before we have a whole school practise. We hope we never have to implement our emergency lockdown procedure, however it is important that the children know what to do in case of an emergency.

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

## Bikes and Scooters

Whilst we think it is fantastic that so many pupils utilise our bikes and scooters shed, we would just like to remind those children that they need to be safe and considerate of others when not only entering the school premises, but on the way to and from school.

We have had a number of parents/members of the public complain about children speeding in the playgrounds, on the pavements and also being quite inconsiderate to those they pass.

We're aware that this may only be a very small number of pupils behaving in this way when travelling to or from school by bike or scooter, but would like to remind all pupils to be safe, considerate and polite to other pedestrians. Bikes and scooters should be pushed through the playground and not rode through. We would also like to encourage those children travelling to and from school on a bike or scooter do so whilst wearing a helmet.

May we also remind parents/carers that e-scooters are completely prohibited from school site.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter.



## Year 6 Parent Event

As part of our computing curriculum this term, Year 6 will be working with Kodu to code, create and program a game of their own design. This always proves to be highly successful, and challenging for all the right reasons but also LOTS of fun! So, we would like to share the fun and invite our parents to come and play the children's games on **Monday 25th November at 2:00pm.**

Come along and have a fun-filled afternoon of Kodu!



## Christmas at Sherwood

Ho Ho Ho! It's nearly that wonderful time again - Christmas!

In the true festive spirit, we have LOTS planned so get your diaries at the ready:

### **Monday 2nd December - Christmas Post Box opens!**

The school Christmas post box will return so children are invited to bring in cards with clearly labelled envelopes that include the child's class and their full name.

### **Wednesday 4th December - School Christmas Fayre**

From 3:20pm, the doors will open for families to come in and browse the many stalls and games on offer this year amongst which the children will be proudly selling the items they have carefully hand-made.

We look forward to seeing you all.

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

Children (and staff) will be invited to come to school in their favourite festive jumpers or tops for a donation of 50p for the Save the Children charity.

We will also be serving our school Christmas dinner with all the trimmings so please get this pre-ordered on SQuid by **Friday 29 November**.

### **Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th December - Whole School Carol Concert**

You are in for a treat this year! Led by our fantastic Drama Club and supported by a whole school choir, we will be sharing a very special Carol Concert this year. Tickets will be limited to 2 per child (initially) and details will be shared soon on how to reserve your tickets.

Performances will be as follows:

*Tuesday 17 December at 2pm*

*Wednesday 18 December at 9.30am and 2pm*

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

Children are invited to come to school in their party clothes or non-uniform if they wish. There will be lots of fun activities on throughout the day including plenty of party games. There will also be a special party themed lunch menu and there may even be a visit from a very special person!

### **Friday 20th December - Carols on the playground**

We are inviting our parents/carers and families to join us at 1:30pm on the Upper School playground for some carols. Children may wear Christmas Jumpers.

We can't wait to celebrate the run up to Christmas with our pupils and families: it's going to be simply wonderful!



## Christmas Dinner

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.



## 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 **6** golden tickets!

Currently in the lead, and in the running to win this half term's £30 prize, is **5N**!

## Attendance



The overall attendance for last week was 94.1%

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 100% Absolutely outstanding!

2nd - 5N 97.6% Fantastic!

3rd - 4B 95.5% Super!

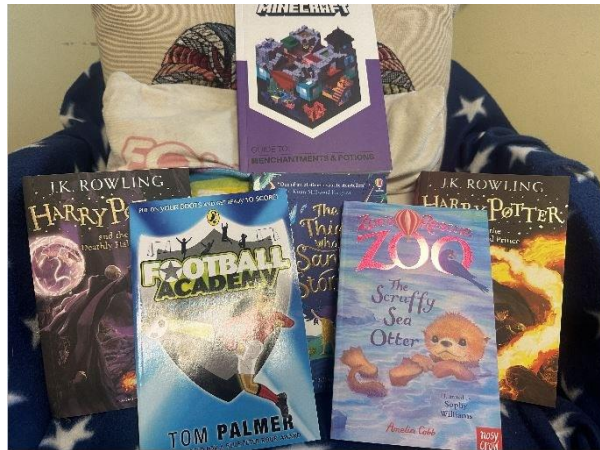
## Birthday Books

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

**Year 3:** Hadley

**Year 4:** Lennie, Isabelle, Amelia-Grace

**Year 5:** Mila-Grace, Darcie



## 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 Lillie-Rose - For super joining in your handwriting and super English work - Well done!

3M Braxton - For super concentration and determination with writing instructions.

4B Clayton - For outstanding participation in English through drama; demonstrating courage and confidence in front of others.

4J Sophie - For returning from half term eager and ready to learn - well done!

5N Ellis - For working hard to show a more positive attitude in school He is showing exceptional manners everyday and modelling all the right reasons for why he is a valued member of 5N.

5B Bobby - For his amazing progress in all of his spellings.

6P Evie-Rae - For her super attendance and super attitude to learning!

6B Eloise - For her incredible determination in lessons. She works so hard all of them time and genuinely loves to learn!

## Reading Awards

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

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Year 3: Indy, Isabella, Miley, Mason, Noah-Hunter, Wilson

Year 4: Kaiden, Lottie, Mia, Amelia, Amelia P, Libby, Charlotte, Jayden, Myles,

Year 5: Oakley, Lena, Jesse, Phoebe

Year 6: Toby, Harlie, Noah, Riley, Charlie, Liby, Lily

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

Year 3: Rebecca, George, Honey, Finley, Jack

Year 4: Kayla, Leo

Year 5: Lucas, Phoebe, Gwen, Sophie, Aurelia, Amelia, Harrison, Sophie, Joslyn, Jayden

Year 6: Evie, Harrison, Pippa, Joshua





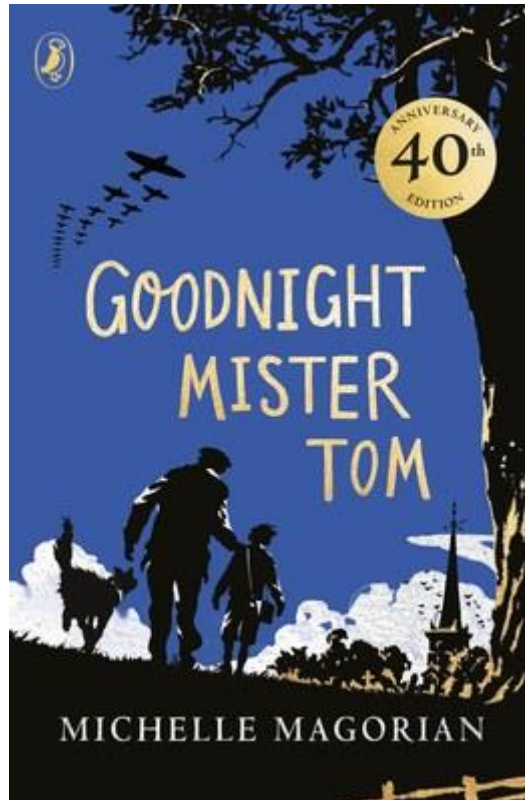
## Staff Recommended Reads

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 Murphy's favourite read, **Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian.**

My favourite children's book is Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian. I first read it when I was in Year 5 myself and loved the story of Mr Tom rescuing William and their relationship growing. I also love learning about World War 2, so the book is perfect for me! I rediscovered the book when it was made into a film years later, but I still think the book is better!



## Joke of the Week

This week our joke comes from Poppy in 4B

Q: What did the dog say to the patient?

A: Good morning! I am the dog-ter.

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

We hope this joke gave you a good laugh!

[This Week's School Dinner Menu](#)

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*Week 2*

11-15 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 2**  
WEEK COMMENCING  
11 Nov, 2 Dec, 23 Dec, 13 Jan,  
3 Feb, 24 Feb, 17 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 **Gluten**, **Soya** fresh fruit. Vegetarian meals available upon request

**MY SCHOOL MENU**  
AUTUMN/WINTER 2024-25

**TASTE of NATURE**  
FOOD FOR THE FUTURE  
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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Vegetarian roll, <b>gluten</b> <b>Soya</b> <b>Milk</b> , roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots & gravy	Corned beef hash <b>Fish</b> , mashed potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, <b>Milk</b> <b>Egg</b> <b>gluten</b> sweetcorn & green beans	Chinese chicken <b>Soya</b> <b>Gluten</b> & vegetables with mixed rice	Nottinghamshire sausage <b>Gluten</b> <b>Sulphur dioxide</b> <b>OR</b> plant-based sausage <b>Soya</b> <b>Sulphur dioxide</b> mashed potatoes, carrots, cabbage & gravy	MSC cod dog <b>Fish</b> <b>Gluten</b> <b>Sesame</b> with tomato ketchup, oven chips, baked beans or minted garden peas
OPTION 2	Jacket potato, cheese <b>Milk</b> , baked beans & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese <b>Milk</b> , baked beans & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese <b>Milk</b> , baked beans & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese <b>Milk</b> , baked beans & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese <b>Milk</b> , baked beans & mixed salad
PUDDING	Chocolate sponge <b>gluten</b> <b>Egg</b> & custard <b>Milk</b>	Vanilla cookie <b>Gluten</b>	Cornflake tart <b>gluten</b> <b>Sulphur dioxide</b> & custard <b>milk</b>	Lemon drizzle muffin <b>Egg</b> <b>Gluten</b> <b>Sulphur Dioxide</b>	Pancake <b>gluten</b> frozen yoghurt <b>milk</b> & raspberry coulis



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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](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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