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Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary



This week...

Monday 7 October 3.30pm-6.30pm: Parents evening

Tuesday 8 October 3.30pm-6.30pm: Parents evening

Wednesday 9 October: Year 6 visit to Mansfield FC

Friday 11 October: Deposit due for Y4 residential

Friday 11 October: Deposit due for Y5 residential

Friday 11 October: Deposit due for Y6 residential

Next week...

Monday 14 October: Harvest donations to be brought to school

Monday 14 October 2.15pm: Year 3 parent event

Friday 18 October - Last day at school

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

Autumn Term

Monday 21 October to Friday 1 November - Half term holiday

Monday 4 November - Children back to school

Tuesday 5 November - Year 4 Big Big Sing at Meden School

Tuesday 5 November: Special Bonfire Night lunch menu

Monday 11 November: Year 3 visit to Creswell Crags

Tuesday 12 November - Year 6 Greek Day

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)

Head Lice

We acknowledge that headlice is continually an issue within our school, as it is within many primary schools.

We would like to encourage all parents to regularly check their child's hair and take the necessary action if your child does have headlice. **There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.**

Guidance and advice can be found [here on the NHS website](#).

How to Get Rid of Head Lice (from the NHS website)

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them.

You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the end

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice.

Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.



Keeping Children Well in the Winter

NHS
Providing NHS services

Most pharmacies can help you with **seven common conditions** without needing a GP appointment

- **Sinusitis**
(adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- **Sore throat**
(adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- **Earache**
(children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- **Infected insect bite**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**
(adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)

Ask your pharmacy for more information about this free* NHS service

Visit your Pharmacy First!

*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied

The leaflet features several small photographs of pharmacy staff interacting with customers, including a pharmacist with a child, a pharmacist with a woman, and a pharmacist with a man. The design includes colorful geometric shapes in shades of purple, orange, and green.

As the winter months approach, you may have concerns about your child's health as coughs, colds and other minor illnesses increase. The NHS have created some web pages which offer helpful advice about common conditions in babies and children and the symptoms to look out for. We hope this information will help you decide when you can treat your child at home, when you need to seek medical help and which service to choose.

<https://notts.icb.nhs.uk/your-services/childrens-health-and-wellbeing/>

A copy of the letter sent to parents and the Pharmacy First Information can also be found on our school website.

<https://www.sherwood.notts.sch.uk/useful-links-for-parents/>

Year 6 Greek Day



Ancient Greece is coming to Year 6!

The children have been loving learning all about the Ancient Greeks this term. To enrich their learning, we have invited a theatre company to join us on **Tuesday 12th November** who will be delivering an interactive workshop based on our study of the Ancient Greeks to deepen their knowledge and understanding of this period in history. Our day will start and end at the usual time. If your child would like to really get into the spirit of things and come dressed as an ancient Greek: favourite god or goddess; a Greek slave or master, that would be brilliant - otherwise school uniform is absolutely fine.

Please don't hesitate to speak to a member of Year 6 team if you have any questions about the day. We would all like to thank you in advance for your continued support.

Year 3 Trip to Creswell Crags

In Year 3 our current topic is Stone Age to Iron Age. As part of our learning we have planned a visit to Creswell Crags on **Monday 11th November 2024**. During the day we will be visiting a cave to see what life was like for people in the Stone Age, thinking about the sights they would have seen and the tools they made and used. We will also be examining a range of rocks and classifying them. We will think about whether Stone Age people might have found them on their travels.

The total cost of the trip is £850 and we are asking for a contribution of £12.50 per child, with the rest of the cost being subsidised by the school budget.

Please pay the £12.50 contribution via Squid. You must also give consent for your child to attend the trip and provide an emergency contact number for the day of the trip via Squid.

The coach will leave school at 9:15am so pupils will need to arrive on time to be registered prior to the trip. We will arrive back at school for the normal finishing time of 3:20pm, however if this changes significantly we will contact you by text.

Children are expected to wear full school uniform on their top half, and warm bottoms (such as jogging trousers) with shoes suitable for walking outdoors and coats, hats etc. Children will need a healthy packed lunch and drink (no fizzy drinks) in a bag or lunchbox. If your child receives free school meals and you would like school to provide a packed lunch, you will have the opportunity to order one via Squid.

Any parents with a DBS check carried out by school, who are available to support us on this day, please let us know.

Please make payment via your Squid account along with the necessary consent and contact details by Monday 4th November 2024.



MUSEUM AND GORGE MAPS

Year 4 The Big Big Sing



On **Tuesday 5th November**, Year 4 will be going to Meden School to take part in the Big Big Sing delivered by the Nottinghamshire Music Hub. As part of the event, the children will learn to sing two popular songs and will even learn how to sign the chorus.








The children will leave school at 9:10am and will return in time for lunch.

Any parents with a DBS check carried out by school, who are available to support us on this day, please let us know.

Gaming and Gambling Awareness

Ygam are working with Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council to offer an online information session to help develop your understanding of gaming and gambling harms, enabling you to have open conversations with your children.

Gaming and Gambling Awareness and Harm Prevention Workshop for parents, carers, aunts, uncles and grandparents.

- o This session will be hosted by Ygam and will take place on **Monday 2nd December 2024 - 18:00-19:15**
- o This session is FREE to attend, it will take place online via MS Teams and parents/carers can register their interest via the following link: https://parents.ygam.org/ bespoke-parents-workshop/?crb_workshop=02.12.24%20Parent%20Awareness%20Nottinghamshire%20Schools%2018:00-19:15
- o During the session, Ygam will cover the following topics:
 -  Gambling: exploring the influences on children and young people
 -  Gaming: discussing the benefits and concerns of gaming, including microtransactions
 -    The blurred lines between gaming and gambling.
 -   Recognising the signs of harm and where to go for support

** If parents and carers can't make this date, they are welcome to register for one of Ygam's open workshops: <https://parents.ygam.org/workshops/> **

Please note this workshop is not organised by school and will be provided by an external agency.

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Workshop overview:

- Gambling: exploring the influences on children and young people
- Gaming: discussing the benefits and concerns
- The blurred lines between gaming and gambling
- How to spot the signs of harm
- Useful tips to create a healthy gaming balance
- Where to get help and support

WHAT MIGHT INFLUENCE A YOUNG PERSON TO GAMBLE?

WHAT IS A LOOT BOX?

WHY ARE IN-GAME ITEMS SO IMPORTANT TO YOUNG PEOPLE?

We also have a dedicated Parent Hub which aims to provide information and guidance to help you safeguard your children against the potential harms of gaming and gambling. Find out more here: parents.ygam.org

Register for your FREE place now!

DATE: Monday 2 December 2024
TIME: 6pm - 7:15pm
VENUE: Microsoft Teams

To register, please scan the QR Code or click [here](#).



Getting into Fostering

We have been asked to share this information with our parents/carers.

At Nexus Fostering, based in Nottingham, we're looking for **local people like you** to become foster carers. By providing a loving and stable home environment, you can support the increasing number of children and young people in the local area who cannot live in their family homes. Not all children require long-term care. We also need foster carers for short-term placements, respite care, and to provide temporary homes to support young parents and their babies. Nexus Fostering is consistently rated Outstanding by Ofsted, offers 24/7 support 365 days a year, a competitive allowance plus much more. So, if you have a spare room and are ready to change the lives of children and young people near you, please give us a call on **0115 9815 604** or enquire [here](#).

Visit www.nexusfostering.co.uk for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Megan on megani@nexusfostering.co.uk.



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Bespoke support packages for our therapeutic-led services and tailor made outreach support for children

You'll never stop learning! We offer extensive initial training and continually invest in your development

Fostering a child can be a rewarding and fulfilling experience for anyone with a passion for helping others.

If you think you could make a difference to a young person's life, get in touch today for an informal chat about what's involved.

Tel: **01159 815 604**



or visit us online at: www.nexusfostering.co.uk/Nottingham

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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 **6P** for being the winners of the week last week and achieving an amazing **8** golden tickets each!

3H are now this term's overall leaders so far and in the running to win our **£30 prize!** - well done!

The race remains VERY close!

Attendance



The overall attendance for last week was 91.1%

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: - 5B & 6P 95.4% Amazing!

2nd - 4J 94.3% Fantastic!

3rd - 6B 92.3% Super!

Birthday Books

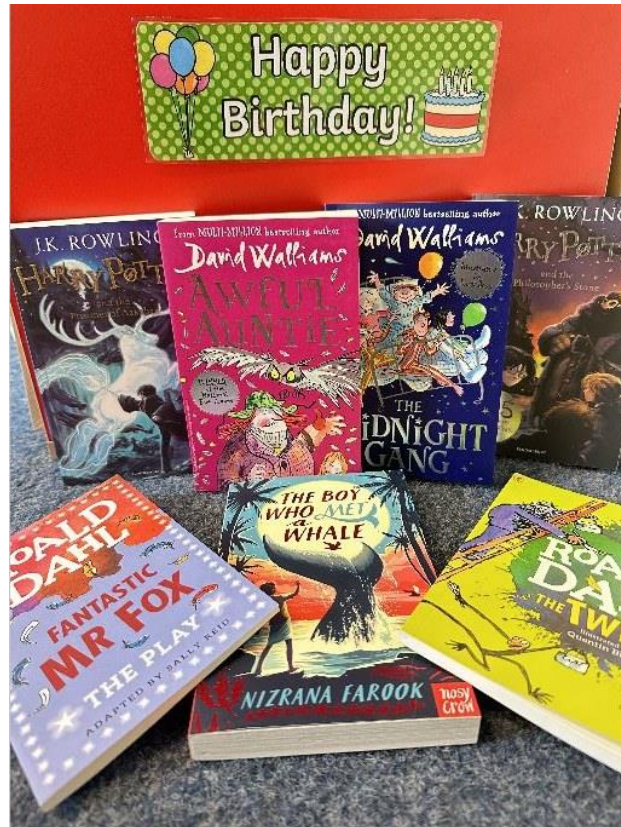
Happy birthday and happy reading to these children:

Year 3: Harper, Pola

Year 4: Miah, Stanley

Year 5: Sophie

Year 6: Lily-Mai, Quinn



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' on a Monday afternoon, to have a drink, a treat and play games - how exciting!

3H Amelia - For her smile and being a hardworking, mature young lady!

3M Sam - For always being polite and hardworking.

4B Poppy - For her diligence towards all areas of the curriculum and being a kind, caring member of 4B - Thank you!

4J William - For his 'can do' attitude and for really trying hard in maths this week - well done!

5N Finley - Thank you for being the perfect addition to the classroom. You are kind, level-headed, calm and always put 100% into everything you do.

5B Sophie - For being extremely kind and helpful.

6P Alfie - For being brilliant at constructing a periscope in Science and also helping others to be successful too.

6B Bobby - For an INCREDIBLE character description! You worked so hard to include lots of descriptive features and it blew us all away.

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: Jack, Arjam, Sam, Honey, George

Year 4: Riley, Kian, Kayla, Leo

Year 5: Phoebe, Sophie, Harrison, Amelia, Aurelia,

Year 6: Bradley, Joshua, Pippa, Caleb, Harrison, Evie,



Joke of the Week

This week our joke comes from Anon 6P.

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Pumpkin.

Pumpkin who?

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Pumpkin. Pumpkin who?

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Orange. Orange who?

Orange you glad I didn't say pumpkin again?

J of the JOKE WEEK

We hope this joke gave you a giggle!

This Week's School Dinner Menu

Week 2

7-11 October

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Margherita pizza Quorn Soy Mix herby diced potatoes sweetcorn coleslaw egg	Hunters Chicken MS Quorn Quorn Soya potato balls broccoli & baton carrots	Pasta Neapolitan Quorn Soy Mix Mince garlic bread quorn soy mix strandy vegetables	Roast pork, stuffing, gravy Quorn mashed potatoes Yorkshire pudding MS egg Quorn fresh cabbage & carrots	MSC Young's fish fingers Quorn fish quorn chips garden peas or baked beans
OPTION 2	Jacket potato with the filling of the day, cheese mix, baked beans, tuna mayonnaise fish tag & vegetable sticks	Jacket potato with the filling of the day, cheese mix, baked beans, tuna mayonnaise fish tag & vegetable sticks	Jacket potato with the filling of the day, cheese mix, baked beans, tuna mayonnaise fish tag & vegetable sticks	Jacket potato with the filling of the day, cheese mix, baked beans, tuna mayonnaise fish tag & vegetable sticks	Jacket potato with the filling of the day, cheese mix, baked beans, tuna mayonnaise fish tag & vegetable sticks
PUDDING	Chocolate & orange muffin Quorn egg	Shortbread cookie Quorn	Honey cake MS egg Quorn & custard mix	Jelly & shortbread finger Quorn	Apple Flapjack Quorn

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/>

Please note there will be a special Bonfire Night lunch menu on 5 November.



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

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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