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Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary



This week...

Wednesday 11 September: Whole School Photographs

Friday 13 September: Swimming lessons start for 5B at Warsop Health Hub

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

Autumn Term

Week beginning Monday 23 September: School clubs start

Tuesday 24 September: Year 4 trip to Magna

Wednesday 2 October Year 5 Evacuee Day at Perlethorpe

Wednesday 2 October: Wellbeing workshops for year 3 & 4 delivered by MHST

Thursday 3 October: Wellbeing workshops for year 5 & 6 delivered by MHST

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 18 October - Last day at school

Monday 21 October to Friday 1 November - Half term holiday

Monday 4 November - Children back to school

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

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

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)

I am resilient.

I am respectful.

We have reviewed our core values as a school and have introduced our children to our 3 new core values. We hope you agree that these encapsulate everything we all want for our children. During last week, the children discussed the new values and what they mean in our every day life. We will constantly be revisiting these and discussing how the children are exemplifying these values.

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

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.

Medical Appointments

Where possible all appointments should be booked outside school hours. Where this is not possible, the amount of school time missed should be kept to a minimum. School may not authorise the time off school if evidence of the appointment is not provided.

Too ill to attend school?

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.

Further information can be found on our school website
<https://www.sherwood.notts.sch.uk/attendance/>

Reporting Absence

It is a parent/carer's responsibility to notify school if their child is absent and a reason must be provided. We ask that parents/carers ring school to report their child's absence. A voicemail can be left on our pupil absence line.

Monitoring Attendance

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.

Leave in Term Time (holidays)

Children are **not entitled** to holidays in term time. Family holidays should be taken during school holiday periods. If a parent intends to take their child out of school for a leave of absence during term time, they must have requested this in advance. All leave of absence during term time requests will be **unauthorised** except for exceptional circumstances (at the discretion of the Headteacher).

New statutory guidance from the DfE was implemented from 19 August 2024. You can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time without the Headteacher's permission. This also applies if you do not submit a request form and the Headteacher has reason to believe the child was absent for the purpose of a holiday.

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 absence has met the threshold, they must consider whether a penalty notice should be issued.

Penalty notices are set at **£160** (per child, per parent) and must be paid within the statutory 28-day deadline.

The first Penalty notice fine issued to a parent is reduced to £80 if it is paid in full, within 21 days of issue. All fines must be paid within 28 days of issue otherwise parents may be prosecuted in court.

A second fine issued to a parent/carer for a child who is absent from school without authorisation is fixed at £160, with no option to pay at a reduced rate if the fine is paid within the first 21 days.

Parents/Carers can only receive a maximum of two fines for any individual child over a three-year rolling period for an unauthorised absence from school.

A third request for a fine within a three-year rolling period would result in the matter being referred directly to the Magistrates court.

If a parent/carer is prosecuted at court, they could receive a fine of up to £2,500, a community order or a jail sentence of up to three months. The court could also give you a [Parenting Order](#).

Parents who decide not to pay a fine and contest the matter in court should seek independent legal advice before doing so.

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>

Reminder..

*The children are expected to be **in school at 8:50am**, ready for their morning register. Therefore, the **doors to year groups will open at 8:45am** and the school **gates will open at 8:40am** (approximately), to ensure the children are ready to enter the school building. Children do not need to arrive at school before 8.40am.*

*Please note the end of the school day will remain as **3:20pm**.*

School Uniform

We encourage our children to take a pride in their appearance and promote the image of the school. All children are expected to wear the school uniform:

- Bottle green jumper/cardigan or sweatshirt/fleece (with or without the school logo)
- Black/Grey trousers/skirt/shorts (jeans/denim are not allowed)
- White shirt/blouse
- Green/white summer dresses
- Grey and green tie (optional)
- Black shoes (not trainers) with low heels

We ask that all items of clothing are clearly marked with pupils names.

Please see your child's class teacher or the school office if you have any questions about our school uniform.

We do not expect children to wear uniform with our school logo. However, our branded school uniform with our school logo can be bought from our school office. Please speak to the school office for an order form, sizes available and prices.



PE Uniform and Jewellery

Children are expected to wear the appropriate **PE kit** (PE Uniform) on their designated day.

- Black/Navy joggers/tracksuit bottoms/leggings/shorts
- White t-shirt (no cropped tops or vest tops)
- Jumper for outdoor PE
- Trainers



PE Uniform

- White T shirt
- Black/Navy shorts or joggers
- Trainers



Earrings **MUST** be removed. Please speak to your class teacher if this is not possible.



*For safety reasons, **children should not wear jewellery in school**, this includes any body piercings. Those who have pierced ears may wear studs, but these **must be removed for swimming and all P.E. activities.***

PE Days:

Year 3 - Monday

Year 4 - Tuesday

Year 5 - Thursday

Year 6 - Friday

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need to raise any issues with this.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

School Clubs



If your child would like to join one of our AMAZING clubs this term they will need to sign up via the sign up sheets in their classroom.

Children will only receive a letter for an after school club that they have signed up to. This will confirm their place in the club and needs to be returned to school with all details completed.

All after school clubs will finish at 4.15pm.

Text messages will be sent to confirm places for both lunchtime and after school clubs.



Monday

Fun Fit – Start of the day - Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

INVITE ONLY with Mrs Jackson

Fun Fit is designed to help improve children's co-ordination and balance. The exercises can help to improve hand-eye co-ordination, body awareness and spatial awareness. Improving these skills can help with handwriting, balancing activities and sitting in class.

Top Hall at 8:50am

Computing - Lunchtime

Year 5 and 6 with Mrs Burton

Could you become a digital leader for Sherwood Junior School? Join Mrs Burton on a Monday lunchtime for all things computing, including: learning coding and experimentation with Micro:Bits, helping with the computing equipment and learning about online safety.

Mrs Burton's room at 12:00pm

Colouring – Lunchtime

Year 3 with Mrs White

Enjoy colouring whilst relaxing with your peers. Use a variety of different techniques to develop your skills.

Year 3 Learning Support Room at 12:30pm



Tuesday

Puzzle – Lunchtime

Year 3 and 4 with Mrs Naylor

Come to Puzzle Club and experience a variety of puzzles, as well as an opportunity to create your own. Working independently, and in groups you can work to solve riddles, word searches, crosswords, sudoku and number wheels to name a few.

Mrs Naylor's room at 12:00pm

Girls Football – After school

All year groups with Mrs Jackson

Have you seen how popular our girl's football club was last year? Would you like to join us and learn the basic skills of football? Well, our coaches from the Meden Colts are continuing their club and training for girls across the school. Existing members are expected to return unless they do not wish to continue to attend and there are plenty of places for new members. This year, we will be looking to participate in friendly matches with our link schools. Come and join us, you'll love it!

Meet in the bottom hall

Gardening – After school - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4/5/6 with Mrs Johnson

The main objective of Gardening Club is for all members to be involved in the process of vegetables being produced from seeds to their plate. Throughout the seasons the group will: prepare the land, plant seeds/seedlings for around 14 different vegetables, weed, water and nurture the growth. During the Summer months they will harvest and take home their crop.

Meet in Year 4 Learning Support Room



Wednesday

School Games - Lunchtime

Year 6 (INVITE ONLY) with Mrs Bradbury

Off the back of yet another very successful year and another Gold Award, myself and my crew will be planning for a new year and organising more exciting activities at play times.

During Autumn term, only Year 6 will be active Sports Leaders, Year 5 will be invited after Christmas.

Mrs Bradbury's room at 12:00pm

Homework – Lunchtime

Open invite to all year groups with Mrs Hough-Lang and Mrs Bonsell

Have you run out of time to do your homework? Not had chance to read or develop your times tables skills on TT Rockstars? Then pop along to our Homework Club at Wednesday Lunchtimes.

Year 5 Learning Support Room, all Lunchtime

Craft- After School

Year 5 and 6 with Miss Johnson

Do you love making things? If so, then craft club is the club for you! We will be making lots of things using paper, wool, card and much more! You will learn how to make lots of different things over the term and will be able to take your creations home.

Miss Johnson's room

Drama- After School

All year groups with Miss Payne and Mrs Beaumont

At drama club, we aim to give students the opportunity to explore their creative side through a variety of expressive drama games and activities to help build their confidence, improve communication skills, practice responsibility and develop teamwork.

So, if you are willing to have a go, try new things and feel that this is for you, please sign up. We are all new to Drama club so don't be shy, it should be fun! All year groups welcome!

Top Hall



Thursday

Lego – Lunchtime

Year 3 and 4 with Mrs Murphy

Lego Club is an opportunity to use your imagination, work with others and have fun. Come along and use your imagination to create your designs in Lego.

Mrs Murphy's Room at 12:30pm

Get your body moving – Lunchtime

Year 5 and 6 with Miss White

Are you in year 5 or 6 and find yourself with an extra burst of energy? Do you love listening to music? Then come along to our club and Get your body moving!

Top Hall at 12:00pm

Jigsaw – After School

Year 3 and 4 with Mrs Naylor

Jigsaw club is a fun way to make new friends. Come and join Mrs Naylor to share and enjoy solving puzzles from 50-1000 pieces. Develop your coordination and spatial awareness skills whilst working together to complete a range of jigsaws.

Mrs Naylor's Room

Dodgeball – After School

Year 5 and 6 with Mrs Bonsell and Daniel

Do you like dodgeball? Do you love it? Would you like to learn to play this fast paced, exhilarating sport. We will be looking to participate in competitions and festivals where possible., This is a sport you absolutely must learn, so why not join Dan and learn the basics. We will help you learn the rules, the tricks and all the skills to take part in a game of dodgeball

Bottom Hall



Friday

Book Club – Lunchtime

Year 5 and 6 with Mrs Horton

Are you in Y5 or Y6? Do you love reading? Do you love talking about books? Do you want to relax and read at lunchtime? If so, come along on to book club.

Mrs Horton's Room at 12.30pm

Staff Updates



We are delighted to share the news of the safe and happy arrival of Olivia Rose Jackson on 26 July. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Jackson and we can't wait to meet the little lady!

We have a new member of staff joining us on Wednesdays and Thursdays, Mrs Green. She will be teaching in some of our classes when the teachers have their PPA time. Welcome to Sherwood Junior School Mrs Green.

Wraparound Care Survey



You maybe aware that the Government is aiming to ensure that all local authorities and school communities have sufficient wraparound childcare options for families. Wraparound childcare for **primary aged children** (up to 11 years old) is defined as care wrapped around a school day and available from at least 8am until 6pm and is childcare that parents pay for.

Nottinghamshire County Council wants to gather the views of parents to see how they currently use wraparound childcare, and how they may use wraparound childcare in the future. We have been asked to share this survey with our families as your feedback will help Notts CC to review current levels of wraparound childcare and take steps to increase the number of places available should they need to.

<https://consult.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/children-and-families-services/wraparound-and-holiday-childcare/consultation/subpage.2024-08-13.0643195659/>

This survey closes on Sunday 3 November 2024 and it is expected to take about five minutes to complete. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring Notts CC gather as much intelligence as they can in order to shape the right offer for every parent.

Asda Rewards



Sherwood Junior School has been registered for an exciting opportunity but we need your help!

Asda have launched their 'Cashpot for Schools' campaign where every scan sends a donation to your chosen school's cashpot all organised by Asda.

All you need to do is use your **Asda Rewards** app to register Sherwood Junior School as your nominated school and Asda do the rest. Easy!

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Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app	Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com	Asda does the rest
Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.	Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.	The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

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 **3H** for being the winners of the week last week and achieving a super **4** golden tickets!

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

Attendance



The overall attendance for last week was 95.1%

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, 3H & 3M 100% WOW!

2nd - 6P 97.2% Amazing

Birthday Books



Happy birthday and happy reading to these children:

Year 6: Evie, Harlie

Joke of the Week

This week our joke comes from Mrs Bradbury

Q - What did one hat say to the other?

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A- You wait here — I'll go on ahead!

J of the WEEK

We hope this joke gave you a giggle!

This Week's School Dinner Menu

Week 1

9 -13 September



WEEK 1
WEEK COMMENCING
15 April, 6 May, 27 May, 17 June, 8 July,
29 July, 19 Aug, 9 Sept, 30 Sept

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 ONLY: Best of both bread, cream, free fresh fruit. Vegetarian meals available upon request.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Cheesy tomato pasta green beans, peas, mushrooms garlic bread green peas, peas & vegetable sticks	Nottinghamshire sausage & gravy over butter beans Yorkshire pudding mashed potato carrots & broccoli	Chicken & coconut curry with Tikka masala rice carrot & cucumber sticks	Roast gammon & pineapple roast potatoes carrots, batons & broccoli	MSC fish finger wrap green peas chips garden peas or baked beans
OPTION 5	Jacket potato with the filling of the day, cheese, tuna, baked beans tuna mayonnaise, hot tap & vegetable sticks	Jacket potato with the filling of the day, cheese, tuna, baked beans tuna mayonnaise, hot tap & vegetable sticks	Jacket potato with the filling of the day, cheese, tuna, baked beans tuna mayonnaise, hot tap & vegetable sticks	Jacket potato with the filling of the day, cheese, tuna, baked beans tuna mayonnaise, hot tap & vegetable sticks	Jacket potato with the filling of the day, cheese, tuna, baked beans tuna mayonnaise, hot tap & vegetable sticks
PUDDING	Strawberry mousse with	Marble sponge, cream-top with custard sauce	Crispy lemon tart, tapenade with custard sauce	Ice cream tub with	Butterfly tart with

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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/>

Contact Us



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

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