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Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary



This Week

Tuesday 9 December - 5B Library Visit

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

Next week...

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

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

Spring Term

Monday 5 January 2026 - Children back to school

Friday 9 January - 3M swimming starts (every Friday until Easter)

Wednesday 14 January 3.20pm - Year 4 residential meeting for parents/carers

Monday 19 January - School clubs start this week

Tuesday 3 February - MHST well-being workshops (all classes)

Wednesday 4 February - MHST well-being workshops (all classes)

Monday 9 February - Friday 13 February - Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10 February - Safer Internet Day

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

Monday 2 March 3.30-6pm - Parents evening

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Thursday 5 March - World Book Day

Friday 6 March - Careers Fair

Monday 9 March - Friday 13 March - British Science Week

Monday 16 March -Year 3 trip to Perlethorpe

Monday 16 March - Year 6 Bikeability

Tuesday 17 March - Year 6 Bikeability

Wednesday 18 March - Year 6 visit to Sherwood Forest

Thursday 19 March - Friday 20 March - Year 4 residential at Sherwood Forest

Monday 23 March - No school clubs this week

Thursday 26 March - Easter service at Church

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

Friday 17 April - 3M swimming starts

Tuesday 21 April - Wednesday 22 April - Year 5 residential to Mill Adventure Base

Monday 4 May - Bank Holiday (school closed)

Monday 11 May - Thursday 14 May - Year 6 SATs

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

Monday 8 June - Wednesday 10 June - Year 6 residential to Hagg Farm

Friday 24 July - Last day at school

Monday 27 July - INSET (children not in school)

Tuesday 28 July - School holiday (school closed)

Christmas Raffle



There is still chance to buy tickets and win a fantastic prize!

Tickets for our Christmas Raffle are still available from the school office until the end of **Wednesday 17 December**.

Tickets are 5 for £1.

Prizes include.....

2 tickets to a Stags game

£140 Black Rose Tattoo voucher

2 x Christmas Goody Bags

2 x £10 Fashion Shop voucher

2 tickets for the Savoy Cinema

£10 Meadowhall voucher

Christmas Wreath

£30 Coopers voucher

Beauty voucher

Baylis & Harding skincare set

....and many more!

Thank you to everyone who has donated a prize for the raffle.

A special thank you to Natalie Ford (Cohen and Cole's Mum) for organising so many of the vouchers and prizes!

Christmas Dinner Day



It's nearly here....**Thursday 11 December** is **Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day**.

Children can come to school in a Christmas jumper, t-shirt or something sparkly for a donation - payment can be made via ParentPay - £1.00 donation or cash on the day for taking part.

If you pay for your child's school meals, your ParentPay dinner money account **MUST** be in credit and have enough to pay for the Christmas Lunch on the day, or the kitchen will be unable to provide a meal.

Let's Jingle Performances



All 3 performances are SOLD OUT! This is fantastic for the children - they are so excited and are busy rehearsing.

If anyone is unable to use their tickets, please return them to the school office so they can be redistributed. Due to the Health and Safety/Fire Regulations for our hall space, everyone must be allocated a seat and we are unable to allow additional standing room.

Please make sure you bring your ticket for entry to the performance. Anyone without their ticket, will be asked to wait until everyone else has entered the hall.

A polite reminder that parents/carers are expected and asked to stay for the whole performance and not leave after their child's class has performed.

Thank you for your support.

Christmas Party Day



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.

Carols on the Playground



Friday 19th December - 1.30pm

Parents/carers are welcome to join us for carols on the school playground. Children can wear Christmas jumpers or uniform.

This is a lovely festive way to end the term together as a whole school community. We hope you will be able to join us.

Illness and Absences



We have seen an increase in the number of children absent from school with cold, flu or sickness. Unfortunately, this is very common and we previously shared the NHS and Notts CC update with you.

We are following the guidance to maintain good ventilation and promote good hygiene with the children in school (hand washing and catch it, bin it, kill it for sneezes and coughs).

If your child is unwell, please contact school to let us know so we can authorise the absence (01623 842545). It is important that you tell us the nature of your child's illness so we can track any patterns or trends.

NHS guidance can be found here:

[Common cold - NHS](#)

[Flu - NHS](#)

[Norovirus \(vomiting bug\) - NHS](#)

Thank you for your support.



CATCH IT 

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.

BIN IT 

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.

KILL IT 

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.

NHS

Website Update



Exciting news....we are updating and creating a new website! This will hopefully 'go live' at the end of January. However, in the interim please note we will not be adding any new information to the website after Friday 19 December.

We will keep you updated.

Information from Ofsted



Ofsted has changed how they report the findings of education inspections.

They've designed new-look report cards with parents and carers in mind, to give you a clearer picture of what's working well and where the next steps for improvement are – at a childminder, nursery, school, college or apprenticeship provider. That might be where your child already goes, or places you're comparing before you choose the best option for them.

[Understanding Ofsted report cards and grades - GOV.UK](#)

This page explains more about the new report cards and the grades they give in them.

Ofsted have produced a short video for parents [New Ofsted report cards and grades: a guide for parents](#)

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 **6B** for being last week's golden ticket winners and achieving an amazing **7** golden tickets!

A super well done to **6B** who are our current leaders for the £50 prize for this half-term with only 1 week left! The winners will be announced on Friday!

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!

This week we focused on our core value 'To be Respectful'.

3H - Willow - Thank you for always being respectful and being a pleasure to have in the class.

3M - Ava - Thank you for always being polite and respectful to adults and her peers.

4S - Jack - Thank you for being an excellent member of the class and showing respect to all.

4B - Ellie - Thank you for having a brilliant week and trying really hard to be respectful to everyone.

5B - Harriet - Thank you for being your amazing self and shining in our Christmas rehearsals.

5BL - Leo - Thank for always doing the right thing and being respectful to everyone around school.

6P - Oakley - Thank you for being a super respectful sports leader and an all-round super respectful member of the school. It never goes unnoticed.

6B - Ava - Thank you for always being a respectful and caring member of the class. You can always be relied upon to be making the right choices.



Attendance



The overall attendance for last week was 89.4%

164 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: 5BL 97.6% **Brilliant!**

2nd: 5B 96% **Superb!**

3rd: 6B 93.8% **Amazing!**

Attendance Treat

This week we are celebrating the exceptional attendance during the autumn term of 86 pupils. These children have been invited to attend our 'Treat Afternoon' on Wednesday.

Well done to these children - you are amazing!

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: Jenson

Year 4: Piper, Bobby

Year 5: Abel, Lily

Year 6: Lacey, Brooke, Lena, Theo

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: Joanne

Year 4: Rebecca

Year 5: Amelia S, Poppy, Myles C, Damian, Amelia-Grace

Year 6: Archie, Joslyn

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: Emine, Lexi-Mae

Year 4: Lyle, George, Michelle, Rebecca

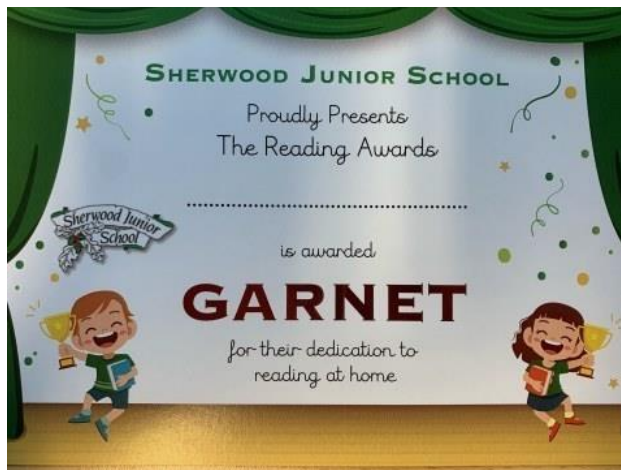
Year 5: Riley

Year 6: Amira, Lillie











Birthday Books



Happy birthday and happy reading to these children:

Year 3: Ellie & Hugo

Year 4: Ellie & Olivia

Year 5: Louis & William

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 **Sophie**, who wowed not only Mrs Naylor, but her teammates for her consistent effort and superb interceptions- well done!



This Week's School Dinner Menu

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.

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 & custard Gluten Egg Milk Milk	Classic iced 'school' cake Gluten Egg	Festive ice cream tub Milk	Chocolate flapjack Gluten




Christmas Week Menu for week beginning 8 December.



Please see the Party Day Menu for Thursday 18 December

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

Please ensure your child's ParentPay dinner money account is in credit and there is enough to pay for a school meal on the day, or the kitchen will be unable to provide a lunch.

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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