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Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary



This week...

Tuesday 6 January - 6B to the library

Next week...

Tuesday 13 January - 6P to the library

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

Friday 16 January 2pm - Year 6 SATs Buster Hour for parents/carers

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

Spring Term

Monday 19 January - School clubs start this week

Tuesday 20 January - 4B Library Visit

Tuesday 27 January - 4S Library Visit

Monday 2 February 2.30pm - Y4 Parent Event

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

Tuesday 3 February - 6B Library Visit

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

Tuesday 10 February - 6P Library Visit

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

Friday 27 February 2.30pm - Y5 Parent Event

Monday 2 March - Careers Week

Monday 2 March 3.30-6pm - Parents evening

Tuesday 3 March 3.30-6pm - Parents evening

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

Friday 20 March 8.50am - Year 3 Parent Event (RSHE)

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 - 3H 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)

Weather Warnings



It is always a difficult judgement call, when there is snow, about whether to open school or not. We appreciate how difficult it can be for parents/carers when it has snowed - the children want a snow day but the adults still need to go about their daily life and go to work. Although we aim to make contact with other local schools early in the morning, it remains the decision of each individual school about whether to open or not; this is why some schools will remain open whilst others close, as each school is unique. As a school we consider a few factors - Is it safe to travel for both staff and pupils? Can we make the entrances to the site safe? What is the weather forecast?

If we do need to close school, we will notify parents via text as soon as the decision has been made. We will also share it on Facebook and the school website. Therefore, we would ask all parents/carers to ensure that we have your up-to-date mobile number. Please visit the school office if you have a new number and need to update your contact details.

Please note that during periods of ice and/or snow, there will be occasions when the children are not able to go outside during playtime, as the surfaces may be unsafe for the children to run around on.

We ask that you all take care during these icy conditions and stay on any cleared pathways.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Christmas Performances 2025



We just wanted to say a HUGE well done to the children of Sherwood, who were absolutely amazing during our performances of 'Let's Jingle' - they sparkled and shone and were truly brilliant!

Also a great BIG thank you to all the parents/ carers and family members who came to watch the performances - it meant a great deal to both the children and staff, who put lots of time and effort into the shows.

Thank you again and another well done to the brilliant pupils of Sherwood!

Christmas Raffle Winners



Thank you to all those that entered our Christmas Raffle and a HUGE well done to all of the winners, who were announced before the Christmas break -

Bistro Live voucher for 6 people -	Ava
Wreath -	Lily
Cinema tickets -	Indy
Beauty Voucher -	Dolce
Tattoo £140 voucher -	George
Stags tickets x2 -	Nylah
Meadowhall voucher -	Mrs Simpson
Fashion Shop voucher -	Aurelia and Kaiden
Chesterfield football tickets x2 -	DJ
Coopers £30 voucher -	Piper
Christmas goody bag -	Amelia and Piper
Tealights -	Leo and Clayton
Chopping board -	Amelia
Beauty Basket -	Miss Lowe
Water bottles -	Lillie and Lily-Grace
Batman Q Pop -	Miley
Bayliss & Harding gift set -	Essie

Bottle of wine -

Stanley

Mrs Irving

Gracie-Leigh

Henderson

Amelia

Behaviour Policy Changes

We would like to make you aware of some trial changes we are making to our school's Behaviour Policy.

Over the next four weeks, we will be trialing the below changes to our Behaviour Policy, taking regular feedback from the pupils of Sherwood throughout this trial period. We will also ask for feedback from staff and parents/carers at the end of the four weeks.

Pupils will continue to receive reminders and prompts when behaviour concerns arise, but a key change is the outcomes for pupils if they receive Yellow Cards. Yellow Cards can be given for a one-off incident or for persistent unacceptable behaviour, where a child has received three Verbal Warnings. If a pupil receives a Yellow Card, they will have **5 minutes reflection time with the class teacher** at the next morning playtime to consider behaviours that resulted in the Yellow Card. Furthermore, two Yellow Cards do not automatically result in a Red Card (like they use to), but a Red Card may be given for persistent Yellow Card behaviours. Remaining elements, such as Verbal Warnings, Red Cards and Detentions have remained unchanged.

At Sherwood, we are committed to ensuring that every child's needs are met in a way that supports their wellbeing and inclusion. Where a child requires a tailored approach to managing behaviour, we will work collaboratively with parents and relevant agencies to create an individual plan. This plan will set clear, achievable targets aimed at improving behaviour over an agreed timeframe, while maintaining a positive and supportive environment. Although this may involve adapting aspects of the policy to meet the child's needs, we will continue to address unacceptable behaviour in a constructive and consistent manner.

These changes have been discussed with and explained to the pupils, but if you have any further questions or wish to offer feedback over this trial period, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.



Warsop Library Visits



This term we will be continuing our visits to Warsop Library. Children in Year 4 and Year 6 will visit the local library to enjoy stories, explore books and build a love of reading in a welcoming community space. Parents, who are DBS checked through school, are welcome to join us on these weekly trips. If you would like to come along, please contact the school office or your child's class teacher.

Please find the dates for each class visit below:

6th January - 6B

13th January - 6P

20th January - 4B

27th January - 4S

3rd February - 6B

10th February - 6P

PE Days/Uniform

As a reminder, 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 (especially at this time of year)
- Trainers

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.**

This term, the PE days will be:

Year 3 - Tuesday

Year 4 - Wednesday

Year 5 - Tuesday

Year 6 - Friday



MHST Parent Workshop


Nottinghamshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Children's Emotional Health & Wellbeing Webinar for Parents and Carers (Primary age)

This one and a half hour webinar aims to provide parents with a understanding of common mental health difficulties in young people. We will explore mental health difficulties such as anxiety and how this might present in primary aged young people. We will also explore how you can support a young person's mental health and how to refer to the MHST.

**Children's Emotional
Health & Wellbeing
Webinar**

Tuesday 17th March 2026
at 10:30-12



Parents can join via Web using this link:
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>
 by inputting the Meeting ID and Passcodes from the poster, or by scanning the QR code below. Please note, parents won't be able to join until the day.



Meeting ID: 362 625 135 315
Passcode: oj2VJ356

 Making a Difference
Trust | Honesty | Respect | Compassion | Teamwork

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) have asked for us to share with parents/carers an upcoming online workshop they're providing (to parents/carers).

The workshop takes place online on **Tuesday 17 March 10:30 - 12:00pm** via Microsoft Teams and is about Children's Emotional Health and Wellbeing. Please see the attached flyer for further information on the aims of this workshop and how to join.

Please [click here](#) to access our useful parent guide on how to download Microsoft Teams.

Year 6 Parent Event



Year 6 SATs Buster Hour

In May, Year 6 will be sitting their SATs assessments, along with all Year 6 children in the country. These tests will help determine the standard children are working at when compared to 'age related expectations'. We are inviting our Year 6 parents/ carers to join the children for a SATS Buster Hour! During this hour, we will explain a little more about the testing process, revision support and answer any questions you may have as well as the children showcasing their learning with you.

You will have the chance to ask any questions around the assessments and see what your child has been using in lessons to support their learning. You will be invited to have a go at these activities and test your child's (or your own) knowledge through a selection of SATs questions. These will be held across the two Year 6 classrooms so please attend the class of your child.

The session will take place on **Friday 16th January at 2:00pm** and will last for approximately one hour.

We look forward to seeing you at our Year 6 SATS Buster Hour!

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

The Year 6 Team

Year 6 CGP SATs Revision Guides

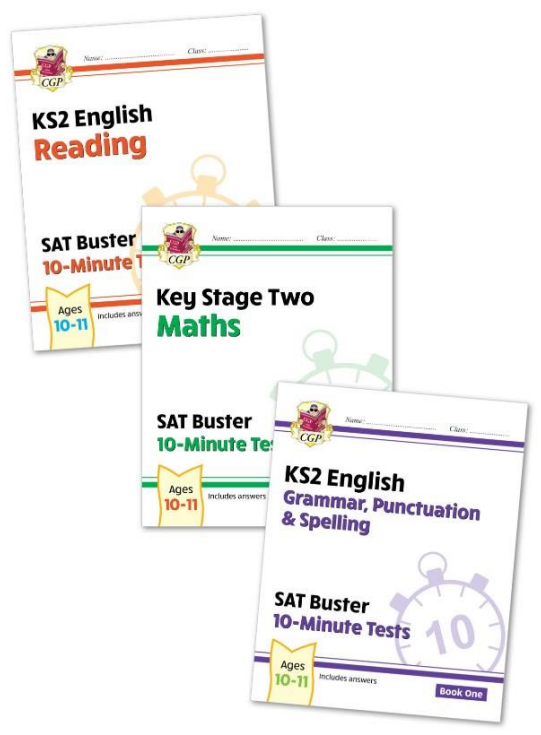
As per previous years, we are offering a CGP Revision Guide Bundle for you to purchase if you wish, which can be purchased on ParentPay: 3 revision guides for **£6.95!** This offer will only be available when ordered through the school as the standard RRP is £15.80.

All orders can be placed through your ParentPay account. The bundle includes 1 maths, 1 reading and 1 SPaG 10-Minute test booklet. These quick test booklets offer pupils the opportunity to get in extra practice at home before taking their SATs in May 2026. The deadline for ordering the CGP bundle is Monday 9th February 2026.

Once the orders arrive at school, we will distribute them and send them home promptly with your child. This is anticipated to be soon after half term.

For further information on the bundle, please follow the following link.

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/primary-books/ks2/maths-english/emxb24-complete-ks2-maths-and-english-10>



Autumn Year 3 Parent Event

Thank you so much to all the grown ups who attended our Year 3 event last term.

It was lovely to see so many of you. Although the weather was against us, we made the most of the space and it was great to see adults and children working together throwing and catching a range of balls and competing against each other to be able to throw and catch the most. In another room the children enjoyed showing how we use Supermovers in school

and some even joined in. We really appreciated your efforts. Lastly, in one room we shared our work on TT Rockstars. We are always getting involved in tournaments and aiming to beat our personal best and climb the rockstar ladder.

Hopefully this has given you a flavour of learning and skills practised in Year 3.

We cannot wait for you to join us again this term!

The Year 3 Team

Year 3

Spring Clubs

We're delighted to share the exciting range of lunchtime and after-school clubs running this term. These clubs offer children the chance to discover new interests, build skills, and enjoy time with their friends.

Parents must sign their child up for a club via ParentPay. Clubs will go 'live' on ParentPay for bookings/reservations on **Monday 12 January**. On ParentPay, you need to select the clubs you would like your child to attend and complete all the information. There will be a limited number of places available for each club, once all places have been filled you will no longer be able to apply.

If you have selected the club and completed the information your child has a confirmed place.

All clubs will start the week beginning Monday 19 January.

All after school clubs will finish at 4.15pm.

Please note there will be no clubs in the last week of term in the week beginning 23 March.



Monday

 **Colouring Club (Year 3)**

Lunchtime - 12:00 - 12:30

Staff: Mrs White

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

MONDAY

Tuesday

 **Homework Club**

Tuesday Lunchtime

Staff: Mrs Jackson

Location: Year 4 Corridor

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 Tuesday lunchtimes.

 **Athletics Club (Year 3 & 4)**

Tuesday After School

Staff: Mr B and Mrs Jackson

Running, jumping and throwing are the key fundamentals to all sports, so where best to perfect them than in our athletics club. Mr B will use each week to practise these skills through a variety of fun games and activities.

Netball Club (Year 5 & 6)

Tuesday After School

Staff: Mrs Naylor

Come and join our fun and exciting after-school Netball Club! Learn new skills, make friends, and work together as a team while keeping active. Whether you've played before or are brand new to netball, everyone is welcome!

Existing members are expected to return. If your child no longer wishes to attend, please inform the office.

Gardening Club

Tuesday After School

Staff: 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 and seedlings for around 14 different vegetables, weed, water and nurture growth. During the summer months, children will harvest and take home their crop.

Existing members are expected to return. If your child no longer wishes to attend, please inform the office.

Sports Leaders (Invite Only)

Tuesday Lunchtime - 12:00 - 12:30

Staff: Mrs Bradbury

This term our Sports Leaders will embark on new tasks, take more steps towards their leadership awards and, most excitedly, we will be welcoming our new Year 5 Sports Leaders.

Weekly sessions will ensure everyone is on track, provide opportunities to share ideas and help plan sporting events for the school.





Wednesday

Singing Club – Sherwood Singing Squad

Wednesday Lunchtime - 12:00–12:30

Staff: Mrs Hough-Lang

 Love to sing? Join the Squad! 

Do you enjoy music and want to share your voice with others? The Sherwood Singing Squad is open to all year groups and focuses on having fun, building confidence and making music together. No experience needed!

Duolingo Language Club

Wednesday Lunchtime - 12:00 - 12:30


Staff: Miss Hopkins

Learning languages with Duolingo is fun, and research shows that it works! With quick, bite-sized lessons including speaking, listening and writing, children earn points and develop real-world communication skills in a language of their choice. An ideal opportunity for language lovers to expand their knowledge.

Get Your Body Moving (Years 5 & 6)

Wednesday Lunchtime - 12:30–1:00

Staff: Miss White

Do you have lots of energy to burn? Or just enjoy dancing to your favourite tunes with your friends? Then come along and join us! 

Drama Club

Wednesday After School

Staff: Ms Payne & Mrs Beaumont

Come and explore the exciting world of acting, storytelling and performance. The club provides a fun and confidence-building space to express yourself and find your inner acting skills.

Existing members are expected to return. If your child no longer wishes to attend, please inform the office.

 *Limited places available.*

Art & Craft Club

Wednesday After School

Staff: Mrs Seals & Mrs Burton

Unleash your creativity in our Art & Craft Club! Students will explore a variety of fun techniques and materials to design unique pieces of art. From colourful paintings to imaginative crafts, every creation will have a chance to shine on display boards throughout the school. Join us to express yourself and make our school vibrant with your artwork!

WEDNESDAY

Thursday

History Club

Thursday After School

Staff: Mrs Bonsell

Hello history hunters! This term we're going to become real history detectives by learning the special skills historians use. Children will learn to ask questions about the past, analyse photographs and artefacts, use timelines, identify reliable sources and distinguish between

facts and opinions. Each week, detective skills will be used to solve historical mysteries and piece together stories from long ago.

Girls' Football Club

Thursday After School

Staff: School Football Coach and Mrs Bradbury

Would you like to learn the basic skills of football? Our coach is continuing their club for girls across the school. Existing members are expected to return unless they no longer wish to attend, and there are plenty of places for new members. This year we will be participating in friendly matches with link schools and celebrating *Player of the Week* in the weekly newsletter.

Gardening Club

Thursday After School

Staff: Mrs Johnson

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Existing members are expected to return. If your child no longer wishes to attend, please inform the office.



Friday

Book Club

Lunchtime - 12:00 - 12:30

Staff: Mrs Horton

If you like reading, chatting and relaxing, this club is for you. Come along on Friday lunchtime to share your love of books. **Everyone is welcome.**

Lego Club (Year 3 and 4)

Lunchtime - 12:00- 12:30

Staff: Lindsay Murphy

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



Attendance



The overall attendance for the last week of the autumn term was 90.1%

158 pupils had 100% attendance in the 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.

The last week's attendance winners were:

1st: 6P 97.3% **Superb**

2nd: 5BL 94.8% **Amazing**

3rd 3H 92.7% **Brilliant**

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 **SILVER (50)** Reading Award and showing an excellent level of dedication to reading at home:

Year 3: Renae









Birthday Books



Happy birthday and happy reading to these children:

Year 3: Finley, Harper & Joanne

Year 4: Ivy, Jack, Aliyah & Isla

Year 5: Jayden & Kian

Year 6: Aston, Jesse, Brooke, Amira & Karina

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.



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
Option 2	Jacket potato available daily, served with your choice of: baked beans & cheese Milk or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg				
Pudding	Classic iced '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.

Please see 'Week 1' menu for week beginning 5 January

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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