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Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary



This 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

Next week...

Monday 19 January - School clubs start this week

Tuesday 20 January - 4B Library Visit

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

Spring Term

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

Monday 9 February - Deadline for Year 6 parents/carers to order CGP Revision Guide Bundle

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

Tuesday 17 March 10:30am - MHST parent/carer Teams workshop for 'Children's Emotional Health and Wellbeing'

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)

Winter Water Safety

We have been asked by School Swimming and Nottinghamshire County Council to share the below information, this has already been shared with the children, but it would be beneficial if adults at home also reiterated this message -

We have been made aware of reports of children wearing school uniforms walking onto the ice of local ponds across the county.

Please speak with your children about how dangerous this is. Ice can appear safe but can break without warning. What may seem like showing off to friends can have devastating consequences.

Attached is the **Winter Water Safety Poster** and the following guidance:

Winter Water Safety Tips:

- Keep back from slippery banks
- Plan your walks in daylight or along well-lit paths
- Never go onto the ice

Children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on ice, and adults are at risk if they attempt to rescue them.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe this winter

Schools Swimming Team and Nottinghamshire County Council



Year 4 Residential to Sherwood Forest

Year 4

We're excited to let you know that there are still a few places available for our **Year 4 residential to Sherwood Forest!**

If you're considering it or would like to find out more before making a decision, we'd love to see you at our **information meeting.**

Wednesday 14th January

3:20pm

Top Hall

The meeting will be a great opportunity to hear about the activities, benefits for the children, and to ask any questions you may have. We hope you can join us!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Burton and Mrs Seals

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 entering the school premises and 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



REMINDER

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 RSHE Learning

In Year 6, as part of our RSHE unit, we have been looking at Health and how to keep ourselves healthy.

Over the Autumn term, the children gathered and discussed a lot of information and spent time thinking about how they keep themselves healthy. As our final piece before Christmas, the children created a 'Healthy Habits' piece to their own design. Here they recalled everything they had learnt and wanted to target the rest of the children in school as their chosen audience to read it.

They were very proud of their work and excited to share it with everyone - especially Mrs Horton!

Well done Year 6!

Spring Clubs

REMINDER

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.

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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.



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 **6P** for being last week's golden ticket winners and achieving an amazing **8** golden tickets!

Attendance



The overall attendance for last week was 94.2%

190 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.

The last week's attendance winners were:

1st: 5B 97.9% **Superb**

2nd: 3H 97.5% **Amazing**

3rd: 6B 95.8% **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/>



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!

Every week, our Class Teachers celebrate pupils who shine by demonstrating our Core Values—Accountability, Resilience, and Respect. Winners might show these qualities in their learning, during play or through their consistent attitude all week. It's our way of recognising and rewarding those special moments that make our school community thrive!

3H Lucas - For working hard and always being **respectful** and showing **resilience**.

3M Oliver - For being polite and **respectful** to adults and peers.

4S Millie - For showing **resilience** and determination in all lessons this week. Well done Millie!

4B Kiona - For working hard and showing **accountability** for learning - well done!

5B Lennie - For his **resilience** when working to understand main clauses.

5BL Ophelia - Showing **resilience** when starting a new school, settling in and making friends - well done!

6P Aston - Super **resilience** in learning adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators.

6B Evelyn - Thank you for starting back with gusto and determination. You always show huge amounts of **resilience**.



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 4: Aliyah, Essie & Honey

Year 5: Harriet & Cooper

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: Dolce & Ellis

Year 4: Pola, Honey & Darbie

Year 5: Abel, Aimee & Elexi

Well done to these children for earning their **DIAMOND (75)** Reading Award and showing an excellent level of dedication to reading at home:

Year 4: Honey

Well done to these children for earning their **GOLD (100)** Reading Award and showing an excellent level of dedication to reading at home:

Year 4: Michelle, Lyle, George & Isla

Year 5: Riley

Well done to these children for earning their **PLATINUM (125)** Reading Award and showing an excellent level of dedication to reading at home:

Year 4: Sam









Birthday Books



Happy birthday and happy reading to these children:

Year 3: Thaine, Piper & Erin

Year 4: Valerie & Kiona

Year 5: Theo

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.

Please see 'Week 2' menu for week beginning 12 January

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheesy Naan bread pizza Milk Gluten Bombay potatoes	All day brunch Nottinghamshire sausage Gluten Sulphur Dioxide & bacon with hash browns, baked beans & scrambled eggs Egg Milk	Roast gammon with Yorkshire pudding Milk Egg Gluten roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli & gravy	BBQ Chicken wraps Gluten with rice, cucumber & carrot sticks	Fish goujon tacos Gluten Milk with oven chips, sweetcorn, peas & tomato ketchup
W	Jacket potato available daily, served with your choice of: baked beans & cheese Milk or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg				
Pudding	Chocolate & orange cookie Gluten	New York cheesecake Gluten Soya Milk	Lemon drizzle sponge Milk Egg Gluten with custard Milk	Golden syrup flapjack Gluten	JimJam 'nut free' chocolate croissant Gluten Milk
AVAILABLE DAILY: Best of both bread, gluten & fresh fruit.					

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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