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Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary



This week...

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)

Next week...

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

Tuesday 10 February 3:20pm - Year 5 residential meeting for parents/carers in Top Hall

Friday 13 February - Last day at school

Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February - Half term holiday (school closed)

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

Spring Term

Monday 23 February - Children back at school

Tuesday 24 February - 6B Library Visit

Friday 27 February - Payment and permission due for Year 3 Perlethorpe trip

Friday 27 February 2.45pm - Y5 Parent Event

Monday 2 March - Careers Week

Monday 2 March 3.30-6pm - Parents evening

Tuesday 3 March 3.30-6pm - Parents evening

Tuesday 3 March - 4S Library Visit

Thursday 5 March - World Book Day

Friday 6 March - Careers Fair

Monday 9 March - Friday 13 March - British Science Week

Tuesday 10 March - 4B Library Visit

Monday 16 March -Year 3 trip to Perlethorpe

Monday 16 March - Year 6 Bikeability

Tuesday 17 March - Year 6 Bikeability

Tuesday 17 March - 6P Library Visit

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

Tuesday 24 March - 4B Library Visit

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)

Staff News



Some exciting news...

We would like to say congratulations to Mrs C. Jackson who is expecting a baby in June. We cannot wait to meet Baby Jackson!

What lovely news to start off this week's newsletter!

No Smoking or Vaping



A reminder to all of our parents that our school site is a NO SMOKING site, including vaping. Although we cannot stop parents from smoking or vaping outside the school perimeter, please be considerate to other members of our school community and avoid smoking or vaping near our school entrances.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Parents' Evening



Our spring term parents' evenings will be held on **Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd March**.

We will be conducting these in person, face to face in school. A letter will be sent home this week for you to request a convenient appointment time so keep an eye out and remember to check in your child's bag! Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

The Mental Health Support Team will also be present in school for the first hour on **Tuesday 3rd March** for parents to speak to regarding any advice or support they could offer for home around their child's mental health.

We look forward to seeing you all over the two dates.

Parents' Social Media Use

A reminder about responsible social media use

As part of our ongoing work on online safety, we encourage all members of our school community to use social media responsibly. Just as we remind our pupils to be kind, respectful and thoughtful online, we ask parents and carers to model the same behaviour.

Please avoid making posts/ posting comments that mention or identify other children or staff members and take care not to share anything that could cause upset or misunderstandings.

Thank you for helping us keep our community safe and respectful.



World Book Day

At Sherwood Juniors, we *love* books and reading! That is why World Book Day is one of our favourite days of the year.

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March**. This year, World Book Day will be linked to Careers Week and themed around *Matilda* and the idea of “When I Grow Up”. The day is designed to celebrate a love of reading, the power of words, and how reading and learning can support future careers.

Staff and children are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, a word of their choice (for example: *vibrant, athletic, heroic, artistic, fragile, mythical, fatigued* – the list is endless!), or, as we are linking it to Careers Week, an identifiable occupation, such as a police officer, builder, doctor, or vet.

There is no need to go out and buy anything extra; creativity is key. Please see the attached for ideas. If your child already has a World Book Day costume in mind, they are very welcome to wear it. Children dressed as characters or occupations are encouraged to choose a word that links to their costume. For example, Harry Potter could be associated with the words *courageous* or *heroic*.

If your child does not wish to dress up, they should come to school in their school uniform as normal.

Parents are warmly invited to stay on the Upper School playground in the morning to enjoy our character parade, where children will have the opportunity to show off their costumes.

If your child has a favourite book at home, we would love for them to bring it into school on World Book Day to share with others.

During the day, pupils will take part in a variety of exciting activities linked to books, poems, and future aspirations. They will also be invited to listen to an adult read their favourite piece of poetry - we hope this will inspire your child to discover their next exciting read!

Please also keep a look out for National Book Tokens, which will be sent home during the week beginning 9th February. To see the range of books available and where you can spend these £1 tokens, please visit:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/>

We can't wait to celebrate World Book Day with you!

WORLD BOOK DAY

Dressing Up Ideas for Parents

Some schools invite children to come to school in a costume for World Book Day because it's a fun way to encourage children (particularly reluctant readers) to engage with reading, to swap reading recommendations and to celebrate what they are reading at home.

There are lots of alternatives to dressing up. We suggest some [HERE](#).

Top tips for putting together a costume

- Choose a book your child is happy to talk about.
- Start with things you might already have – trackuits, t-shirts (inside out to make them plain) and pyjamas make a good base for a costume.
- Focus on the parts of the character that make them stand out - use facepaint or simple props to show these.

What if I/my child...

...doesn't have a book to share?
Try a costume that invites recommendations – a t-shirt with post-it notes or one you don't mind being written on.

... doesn't like dressing up?
Keep it simple with a character who wears everyday clothes, by focussing on a prop, or by using a badge instead.

... likes non-fiction?
Focus on what they like – could they share a fact, or the subject matter, or do they want to focus on the author?

...aren't any good at crafting?
Stick to everyday clothes and add small details to focus on key elements of the character – hats, ears, sticking things on t-shirts etc.

Support your child to read for pleasure.

- Listen to books being read aloud
- Ask for ideas on what to read next
- Have fun reading!

Take books home to read

Find your reading superpower

Choose the books YOU want to read

Make time to read

PTA or Class Rep Member?

Can you support your school by:

- Organising a costume swap or costume making workshop.
- Putting together class dressing up rails.
- Hosting a school dressing up rail or costume swap.

Year 5 Residential Meeting

Y5 - The Mill Residential

As the date for our Y5 residential approaches, we would like to invite you to a meeting in school on **Tuesday 10th February**. The meeting will take place at **3:20pm** in the **top hall**. This will be a great opportunity to find out what the children will be experiencing on their trip, ask any questions you may have, and meet with the staff who are staying with the children at The Mill.

If you are unable to make the meeting, any information given out on the day will be sent home for you.

We look forward to seeing you!

Regards,

The Year 5 Team



Careers Week



We are busy planning our Careers Week for the week beginning 2 March and we would really like some help.

We want to share with our children real examples of the different jobs of people in our community. Please could you take 5 minutes to complete this online form (using the link below or the QR code attached) to tell us about your actual job and your dream job. You don't have to give us your name and if you do, we won't tell the children whose job it is. There aren't any trick questions or difficult questions.

Thank you for your help.

Mrs Horton

[Careers Week – Fill in form](#)

The Meden Vale Marvels

We have been asked to share a wonderful opportunity from The Meden Vale Colts Football club- The Meden Vale Marvels!

Football should be available for everyone, irrespective of any additional needs.

Meden Vale Colts FC are proud to launch their 'Marvels' sessions, aimed at children and adults with pan-disabilities or Special Educational Needs.

Sessions will take place on Saturdays at Meden School and in time, the intention is to participate in the East Midlands Pan Disability League, where monthly events are held across three age groups: 7-11, 12-16 and 16+

This is an exciting new venture for the club, as they continue their hard work to create opportunities for all.

If your child is interested in taking part, please fill in the short form via the link below and someone from The Meden Vale Colts will be in touch - [Meden Vale Colts FC 'Marvels!'](#) . Alternatively, if you would like any more information, please contact Adam on 07825093472.

What a wonderful opportunity!



Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week 9th- 15th February 2026

The pupils will start the week with a school assembly to introduce the theme is '**This is my place**'. We will use this theme to focus on 'belonging' and the pupils will be involved in activities

in their classes. By the end of the week, each class will have completed lots of brilliant work around belonging to display in their classrooms - please feel free to take a close look when you come in for **Parents' Evening on 2nd and 3rd March**.

This week, the children will also be taking part in well-being workshops delivered to all classes by the Mental Health Support Team. This is all part of our RSHE curriculum. The aim of these workshops, along with our daily Take 5 sessions and our Well-being Wednesdays, is to support the children to be able to share how to look after their mental health.

Any questions around Children's Mental Health Week, please see your child's class teacher.



Year 5 Parent Event

We're delighted to invite you to our Year 5 Recorder Showcase on **Friday 27th February at 2.45pm**.

Over the past term, the children have been working hard learning to play the recorder, developing their musical skills and gaining confidence as performers. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their progress and hear the pieces they've been practising. The students are excited to share their musical journey with you, so please do join us for what promises to be an enjoyable afternoon of music-making.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Year 5 Team

Year 5

Donations Needed for Our Outdoor Learning Areas

We're excited to continue developing our outdoor learning spaces and would love your help! We're currently looking for **unwanted or spare items** that can be **safely** reused for creative play and learning, including:

- Pots and pans
- Pipes (metal and plastic)
- Garden tools such as shovels and secateurs
- Rope
- Wooden pallets
- Cutlery
- Wood offcuts
- Tools such as Hammers and Screwdrivers

If you have any of these items at home and no longer need them, we'd be very grateful for your donations. Please ensure all items are clean and in safe, usable condition. If you are unsure whether your items are suitable, please speak to Mrs Bonsell or Mrs Seals.

Thank you so much for supporting our learning environment and helping us turn everyday materials into wonderful learning opportunities!



Wildlife Watch



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watch**
www.wildlifewatch.org.uk




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Swap 'Screen Time' for Green Time
and enjoy outdoor activities on Titchfield Park and Quarry Lane and Oakham Nature Reserves.
If you're 7 to 13 years old, why not join us to find out more about the natural world at these events in 2026?

Saturday 7 February	Nature's Alarm Clock
Saturday 7 March	Wakey Snakey
Saturday 4 April	Aquatic Detectives
Saturday 2 May	Camp Fire
Saturday 6 June	Sounds of Nature

We are **Mansfield & Ashfield Wildlife Watch Group** and we meet on the first Saturday of the month
10.30 - 12.30 at
St. Mark's Church Hall, Nottingham Road,
Mansfield N618 1BP

Come and join in the fun - it's free but donations are always welcome. Remember to dress for the weather!

For more information or to book your first session, please contact Sarah Spurry, Watch Leader by email: mansfieldwatch@nottswt.co.uk or mobile on 07885169111

We welcome parents/guardians to accompany their children for their first few introductory sessions if required.

We have been asked to share information regarding the Wild Life Trust's Wildlife Watch:

Come and enjoy outdoor activities on Titchfield Park, Quarry Lane and Oakham Nature Reserves. If you're 7 to 13 years old, why not join us to find out more about the natural world at these events in 2026!

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What a wonderful opportunity to get outdoors!

Road Safety

After reports from concerned parents and local residents, we would again like to remind adults and children about taking care while driving near school, crossing the road and also around vehicles on or parked near the road. Whilst we have spoken to the children about this in school previously and reminded them to use the crossing and Crossing Patrol when crossing the road in front of school, whether they be on foot, bike or scooter, we would appreciate parents/carers doing this also.

We would also like to ask parents/carers not to park on the yellow lines in front of and behind the school building and to take great care when doing school drop-off and pick-up.

We would encourage our families to walk to and from school where possible to reduce the number of cars on the roads outside of school.

Thank you for your support with this matter.



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, 5BL & 4B** for being last week's golden ticket winners and achieving an amazing **10** golden tickets!

Well done to **5B** who are our current overall leaders in the race for the golden ticket £50 prize!

Attendance



The overall attendance for last week was 95%

185 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: 5BL 98% **Superb**

2nd: 4S 97% **Amazing**

3rd: 6B 96.3% **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 Nancy - For her bravery and her **resilience** always working hard to achieve her best

3M Grayson - Showing **resilience** in his work, great improvements in presentation

4S Evie - For always being **accountable** for her learning

4B Amelia - For showing **resilience** and determination even in the face of adversity

5B Myles - For showing **accountability** and **resilience** towards his learning

5BL Myles - For always being **respectful** and taking **accountability** for his actions

6P Bella - Excellent confidence in maths reasoning - showing **accountability** for her learning

6B Lacey - Superb **resilience** in her learning: she has made so much progress this week



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: Molly & Lacie

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: Daisy & Gabriel

Year 4: Mason

Year 5: Rosa, Gracie, Lottie & Libby

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: Willow

Year 4: Thea

Year 5: Adam

Year 6: Evelyn & Peyton

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

Year 6: Josie

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

Year 3: Kingsley

Year 4: Isla & Michelle

Year 5: Miah & Kayla

Year 6: Amira & Lillie

Well done to these children for earning their **RUBY (150)** Reading Award and showing an excellent level of dedication to reading at home:

Year 4: Jack

Year 5: Leo

Year 6: Amelia & Phoebe











Birthday Books



Happy birthday and happy reading to these children:

Year 4: Dakota & Annie

Year 5: Amelia

Year 6: Jacob

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 2 February

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheesy Naan bread pizza Milk Gluten with 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 wrap Gluten with rice, Carrot & cucumber sticks	MSC Fish fingers Fish Gluten with oven chips, sweetcorn, peas & tomato ketchup
Jacket potato available daily, served with your choice of: baked beans & cheese Milk or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg					
Pudding	Chocolate & orange cookie Gluten	Chocolate muffin Gluten Egg	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, Soya & 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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