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## Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary



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*This week...*

***Monday 10 November - Y5 Holocaust Centre visit***

***Monday 10 November - Year 6 Sleep Hygiene workshops with MHST***

***Monday 10 November - Consent and payment for Year 6 Trip to The One Call Stadium to be made by this date***

*Monday 10 November - MHST 'Children's Emotional Health and Wellbeing' webinar for parents and carers (5-6:30pm)*

*Tuesday 11 November - Remembrance Day*

*Wednesday 12 November at 2.15pm - RSHE Meeting for Parents*

*Thursday 13 November - Y3 Creswell Craggs*

*Friday 14th November - Children In Need*

*Friday 14 November - 5BL Swimming*

*Next week...*

*Monday 17 November - Author visit for Years 4 & 5*

*Tuesday 18 November 2:30pm - Year 5 Computing Showcase Parent Event*

*Wednesday 19 November - Year 6 MTFC trip*

*Friday 21 November - 5BL Swimming*

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

### **Autumn Term**

**Friday 19 December** - Last day at school (no swimming)

**Monday 22 December 2025 - Friday 2 January 2026** - Christmas holiday (school closed)

### **Spring Term**

**Monday 5 January 2026** - Children back to school

**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 March** - Last day at school

**Monday 30 March - Friday 10 April** - Easter holiday (school closed)

### **Summer Term**

**Monday 13 April** - Children back to school

**Monday 4 May** - Bank Holiday (school closed)

**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

**Friday 24 July** - Last day at school

**Monday 27 July** - INSET (children not in school)

**Tuesday 28 July** - School holiday (school closed)

## Parent Governor Vacancy

**Have you ever wondered what a school governor does or how you can get involved? Now is your chance!**

The governing body of Sherwood Junior School has a vacancy for a parent governor and is looking for a parent who has a child or children at the school. The term 'parent' relates to any person who has 'parental responsibility' as defined by the Section 576 of the Education Act 1996. If you have any queries about your eligibility as a parent, please contact the Headteacher for further advice.

We are looking for a parent who has the skills required to contribute to effective governance and the success of the school. Your skills may include personal attributes, qualities and capabilities, such as the ability and willingness to learn and develop new skills as well as skills you may have obtained through your work.

Governing bodies are responsible for a wide range of matters which come under three main headings:

- **Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;**
- **Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and**
- **Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.**

Governors need a strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children, the inquisitiveness to question and analyse, and the willingness to learn.

As an effective governing body, we seek to secure or develop within our membership as a whole, expertise and experience in

- analysing performance data,
- budgeting and driving financial efficiency,
- performance management and employment issues, including grievances. We seek to recruit and/or develop governors with the skills to work constructively in committees, chair meetings and to lead the governing body.

Our parent governors serve a four year term of office (even if your child leaves the school during this time). We meet three times per year (once per term) as a whole governing body and have an additional committee who usually meet once per term. There is an expectation within our code of conduct (copy available on the school website) that each governor will become a member of the committee and will take on additional responsibilities as a link governor. All governors are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct adopted by the governing body.

We offer a full induction package, a mentoring system and availability of in-house, central and on-line training packages. We also offer the opportunity for prospective governors to meet the headteacher/chair/other governors to discuss the role before completing a nomination form.

Parents/carers from Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds, from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community, and with disabilities, are usually under-represented on governing bodies and in the County. The school would like to encourage nominations from under-represented groups in our community.

**All new and re-appointed school governors are required to complete a declaration of eligibility form.**

If you wish to complete a nomination form to become a parent governor, you need to:

1. Check that you are eligible by reading the qualifications and disqualifications criteria (emailed to parents or available from the school office). Sign the declaration of eligibility form and return this with your completed nomination form.
2. Complete the nomination form (once you are satisfied that you are eligible to become a governor).
3. Include a statement, **up to 80 words**, about yourself, the skills and commitment you can bring to the governing body and why you would like to become a governor. You do not have to complete this section, but if you don't you may put yourself at a disadvantage if there is an election. All words over 80 will be deleted and not used in the election process. Please note that your words will be included on the ballot paper that goes out to all parents.
4. Each nomination must be received at the school by **10.00 am on Monday 17 November 2025**. It should be sealed in an envelope marked 'Nomination for Parent Governor' and may be delivered by hand, sent with your child, or by post to the school. Electronic nominations must be returned to the school office at [office@sherwood.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@sherwood.notts.sch.uk). A sealed ballot box will be available in the school for hand deliveries, details of its location will be found on a notice in the entrance to the school. The onus is on you to ensure that the nomination form is put in the box either by personal delivery or by sending it with your child.

Your nomination should be acknowledged by the Headteacher within two working days of the closing date. If you do not receive this acknowledgement, please contact the school.

In accordance with the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012, an elected member of the Local Authority (LA) or school staff who are paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in any consecutive twelve month period are **not** eligible for election or appointment as parent governors. However, they can vote in parent governor elections if they are parents of children attending the school and can be governors at another school.

An election will be held if more nominations are received than the number of vacancies. For the purpose of the election, ballot papers will be sent to all parents or carers with children at the school, together with any details that you and other nominees have provided. This procedure will be explained to you by the Headteacher should an election be necessary.

If you have any further queries about the role of parent governor, please contact the Headteacher of the school, other members of the school governing body or Nottinghamshire County Council Governor Services on telephone number **0115 804 4666**.



## Anti-Bullying Week Competition



This week, our school will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week, with the theme **The Power of Good**. This special week will focus on encouraging kindness, celebrating positive behaviour, and helping children understand the importance of treating others with respect.

As part of this week, we would like to invite children to take part in a creative competition to design their own Kindness Superhero who has the powers of kindness, respect and inclusion. A winner from each year group will be selected by the Friendship Ambassadors, a whole school winner will also be chosen and will feature on the schools anti-bullying display.

We look forward to a week filled with positivity and meaningful learning, and thank you for your continued support in promoting a caring and inclusive school community.

## RSHE Meeting for Parents



### REMINDER

On **Wednesday 12th November at 2.15pm** parents have the opportunity to find out more about RSHE in our school and to ask questions about the curriculum or events taking place this year. We are very interested in your opinions so I hope you will join us.

I hope to see you there and thank you in advance for giving up your time.

Mrs Horton

RSHE Lead

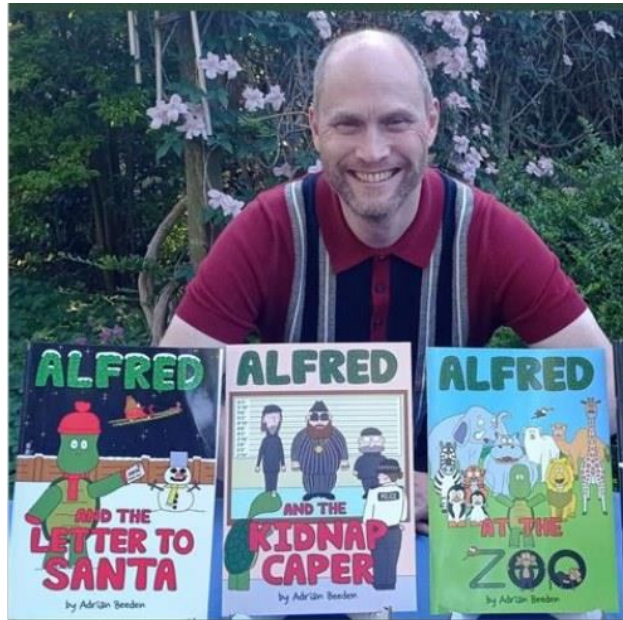
## Year 5 Parent Event



Year 5 would like to invite their grown-ups to a special Computing Showcase at **2:30pm on Tuesday 18th November!** This term, the children have been busy designing and coding their own games using Scratch, and they're excited to share their amazing work.

Come along to try out the games, see the creativity in action and you might even have a chance to create your own game! We look forward to seeing you there.

## Author Visit - Adrian Beeden



We are delighted to welcome Adrian Beeden, a fantastic children's author, to our school to work with Years 4 and 5 on **Monday 17th November**.

During his visit, Adrian will spend time with each class, sharing insights into his writing process and what inspires his stories. The children will also have the exciting opportunity to begin developing their own stories with guidance and tips from Adrian himself. It promises to be an inspiring and creative experience for all our budding young writers!

## Children In Need



### REMINDER

It's that time again - Children in Need - and the new School Council have organised for the school to take part on **Friday 14th November**. The theme this year is 'Challenge yourself 25' so each class will take on their own challenges throughout the day. From completing 25 laps of the

school playground, to balancing 25 rubbers on your head - our children (and staff) are up for any challenges coming their way.

The children are invited to wear yellow or spots, otherwise they will need to be in school uniform. We would also like to invite the children to **donate £1** for the Children In Need charity, which can be paid either on **ParentPay or cash donations** on the day.

## 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 **4B** for being last week's golden ticket winners and achieving an amazing **5** golden tickets each!

A super well done to **6B** who are our current leaders for the £50 prize for this half-term - the race is on!

## 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!

**3H Erin** - For super instructions and joined handwriting

**3M Lexi-Mae** - A super can-do attitude during Forest Schools

**4S Honey** - For coming back to school ready to learn

**4B Michelle** - For a fantastic work ethic and a beautiful watercolour painting of a poppy field

**5B Charlie** - For being an always child - works hard in everything he does

**5BL Jayden-Lee** - Coming back with a new attitude, working hard and joining in all lessons

**6P Valentin** - For being happy, enthusiastic and smiley

**6B Ella-Mae** - Showing a real maturity, listening carefully, being a great role model and a super gymnast



## Attendance



The overall attendance for last week was 91.5%

**189 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 & 6B - 95.5% **Superb!**  
2nd 3H - 94.8% **Wonderful!**  
3rd 4S - 94.6% **Fabulous!**

### **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: Lily-Mae, Joanne, Ava, Ellis, Luca, Gabriel, Amelia, Yuri, Lucas & Willow

Year 4: Thea, Isabella, Darbie, Isabella, Indy & Evie

Year 5: Kian, Lilly-Mae, Gracie-Leigh, Jayden, Elexi, Aimee & Cohen

Year 6: Brooke, Oakley, Pixie, Azuolas, Archie & Finley

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: Emine, Lexi-Mae, Aaron, Ava & Freya

Year 4: Lyle, Sam, George, Michelle, Isla & Jack

Year 5: Leo, Miah, Kayla & Riley

Year 6: Phoebe, Lucas, Jacob, Aurelia, Joslyn, Taylor, Ella-Mae, Amira, Harrison, Amelia & Josie









## Birthday Books



Happy birthday and happy reading to these children:

Year 3: Louie

Year 6: Valentin

## This Week's School Dinner Menu



**My School Menu**  
**Winter 2025 - 2026**  
**Week commencing**  
 10<sup>th</sup> November, 1<sup>st</sup> December,  
 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2<sup>nd</sup> February,  
 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 16<sup>th</sup> March

**Taste of India**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Option 1</b>	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	Chicken wraps Gluten with rice, cucumber & carrot sticks	Chicken goujon tacos Gluten Milk with oven chips, sweetcorn & peas
	Jacket potato available daily, served with your choice of: baked beans & cheese Milk or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg				
<b>Pudding</b>	Chocolate & orange cookie Gluten	New York cheesecake Gluten Soya Milk	Lemon drizzle sponge Milk Egg Gluten with custard Milk	Rice pudding Milk & jam Sulphur dioxide	JimJam 'nut free' chocolate croissant Gluten Milk

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1 - Please see 'Week 2' for week beginning November 10th

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.

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

## 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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