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## Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary



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*This week...*

***Monday 2 March - Careers Week***

***Monday 2 March - Year 6 Height and Weight measurements***

***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*

*Friday 6 March - Payment and consent due for Year 6 trip to Sherwood Forest*

*Next week...*

*Monday 9 March - Friday 13 March - British Science Week*

*Tuesday 10 March - 4B Library Visit*

*Tuesday 10 March 2.15pm - Mother's Day Celebration*

*Wednesday 11 March 2.15pm - Mother's Day Celebration*

*Thursday 12 March 2.15pm - Mother's Day Celebration*

*Friday 13 March 2.15pm - Mother's Day Celebration*

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

## **Spring Term**

**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)

**Friday 20 March** - Young Writers' - Ridiculous Writers Competition entries due by 12pm

**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 27 April** - Class Photographs (am)

**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)

### [Young Writers' Writing Competition- Ridiculous Writers](#)

**Young Writers' have just launched an exciting new writing competition to inspire 7-12 year-olds!**

**Ridiculous Writers takes away the fear of getting writing *right* and instead allows pupils to let their creativity and imaginations shine.**

They'll LOVE creating a silly character and then writing a story about it in up to 100 words!

They are not looking for perfection - perfection is boring. They want FUN. They want to see unique ideas, awesome creativity and a small glimpse into the wonder that is your child's imagination!

For the pupils who take part, their stories could be **published in a real book**, giving them a real boost of confidence and motivation to write, which they'll carry forward into their next piece of work. There are also **prizes to be won** for their favourite stories, and the **school with the best set of entries will win an incredible £1000!**

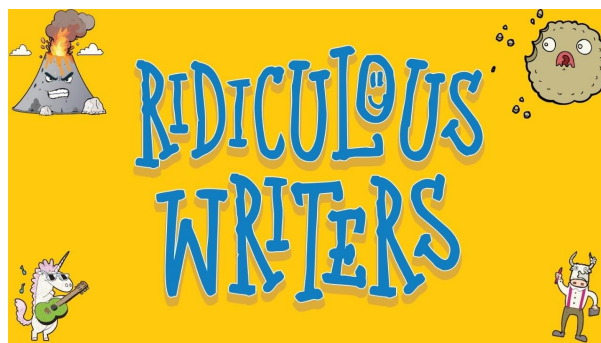
*So, if your child would like to take part, here are the rules:*

- Only one entry per pupil.
- They need to ensure their name, age and school name are included on the entry form (Initials or first names only can be supplied if necessary.)
- 100-word limit (this does not include the title).
- Pupils' stories must be their own work!
- Please note on the entry if there is anything they need to take into consideration when reading the work.
- UK entrants only.
- Free to enter.
- Copyright remains with the author.

Entry forms will be available from your child's class teacher from tomorrow (3.3.26) and must be returned to school by **12pm on Friday 20th March 2026** at the latest (your child's entry can be returned to their class teacher or to the school office).

If you have any questions about the competition, please see your child's class teacher.

Happy Writing Sherwood!



## World Book Day

### REMINDER

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*.

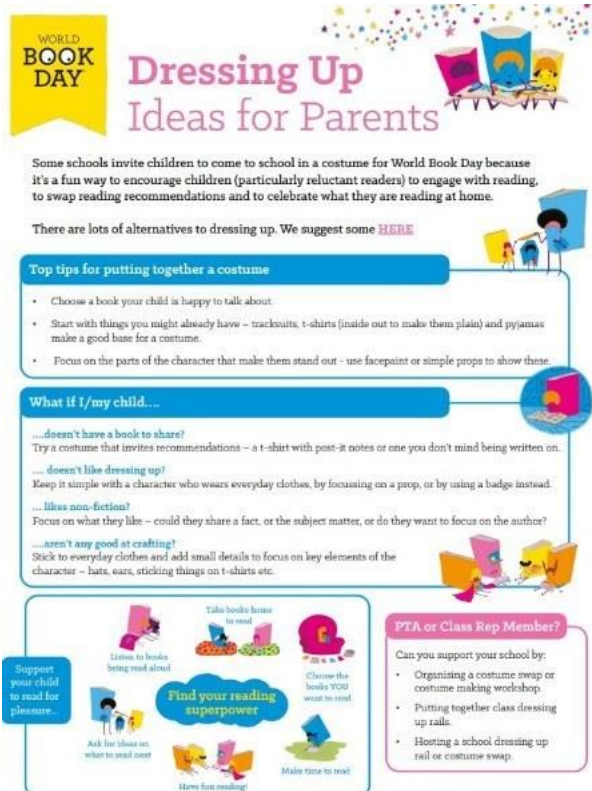
If your child does not wish to dress up, they should come to school in their school uniform as normal.

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!

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 - tracksuits, 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
- Take books home to read
- Ask for ideas on when to read next
- Have fun reading!
- Choose the books YOU want to read
- Make time to read!

**Find your reading superpower**

**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.

## Shaping Futures



We would like to remind parents/carers that we are very lucky to have the local childcare provider 'Shaping Futures' just down the street from our school site!

Shaping Futures is a family-owned company who provide childcare in and around Warsop. They have 2 nurseries, 1 of which has a [Breakfast, After school and holiday club](#) facility.

Their staff team is made up of mothers, qualified practitioners with over 9 years experience and positive male role models. And staff qualifications include BA Honours, Foundation degrees, Level 2 and 3 in Children and Young Peoples Workforce, Paediatric First Aid and Safeguarding. Individual staff hold additional qualifications such as Senco, Language Lead, Behaviour Management and they also have their own Sports Coach: all of whom are committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for your child.

With regards to what they can offer to the families of Sherwood -

- Collection from Sherwood Junior School at 3:20 pm. Your child is to be collected from Shaping Futures by 5:45 pm
- £5.00 per session and this includes a light tea, which may include a toastie, soup or a sandwich
- Cared for by qualified childcare staff, who cater for pupils up to Year 6

If you require childcare and would like to use Shaping Futures, please enquire using the contact details below or visit their website for more information ([Day Nurseries in Warsop - Shaping Futures](#))

Tel: 01623 844116

Email: [shapingfutwarsop@aol.com](mailto:shapingfutwarsop@aol.com)

### MDSA Vacancy



We are looking for a Midday Supervisor to join our busy, friendly and hardworking team. You will be working under the supervision of our Senior Midday Supervisor and our Senior Leadership Team. If you are looking for an exciting new challenge working in a rewarding environment, we want to hear from you!

If you would like to apply for this post, please email [office@sherwood.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@sherwood.notts.sch.uk) for an application pack or call the school office on 01623 842545 for further information.

## Sports Celebrations

This week we have more Sports Leaders who have achieved a new stage of the leadership scheme AND some of them are our new Year 5 members! Congratulations to **Riley, Poppy, Charlotte** and **Phoebe** for achieving your Bronze awards.

**We are also very excited to share some outstanding football achievements across the school this week:**

- Firstly, **Lyle** was selected to represent his team at the Wigan Academy - a very impressive and well-deserved selection.
- **Charlie**, who trains and plays with Adam Somes Elite Football Club, has also been scouted for a YD8 (an eight week Youth trial) with Doncaster Rovers - another super exciting opportunity and a testimony to the talent we have at Sherwood.
- Last but by no means least, congratulations to **Poppy**, whose talent for design landed her a win for her away kit design for her football club. We bet she cannot wait to see her team mates proudly wearing the kit she designed!

We love to celebrate every achievement of our pupils at Sherwood, so please don't hesitate to keep us up-to-date with anything your child accomplishes: from swimming badges to dance exams, we are proud to celebrate it all at Sherwood, via our newsletter and on our Sports Celebrations display in the school hall!

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Market Warsop FC

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A huge well done to Poppy, and thank you to everyone who took the time to draw, design, and get involved. 🙌🏻

We love seeing our young players putting real thought, time, and care into something that will be worn by the whole club next season.

Now it's over to [Market Warsop Merchandise](#) to work their magic and bring Poppy's vision to life! 🔥❤️💙

One club. One community.  
Up the Millers!



Write a comment...





## Player of the Week



Congratulations to **Darbie** and **Tayah** for their impeccable honesty during our tackling activity this week at Football Club.

A huge well done to **Sophie** for receiving Master Marker in Netball Club this week.

Well done girls!

## Meden Transition Sports Festival

Recently, we took a group of Year 6 pupils to Meden for a fun-filled Sports Festival as an additional transition opportunity. It was a great way for our children to visit Meden, experience the sports facilities and meet some current Year 9 pupils. One of our sports leaders, Evelyn, attended and this is what she had to say about it:

*'The Meden trip was so fun! We played benchball, football and dodgeball. My favourite part was when I got told I could be a Sports Leader when I'm in Year 9 to 10. Also, I loved making new friends and all the Sports Leaders were so nice and they led the games really well. I'm so happy I got to experience this: I feel a lot better about Meden now.'*

The children were a credit to Sherwood and themselves, which is no surprise!





## Clipstone Marseilles U12 girls

We have been asked to share information regarding an exciting girls' football opportunity with our parents/care and pupils: The Clipstone Marseilles U12 girls' team

*They are looking to recruit some new players (midfielders and defenders)! They play on Sunday mornings in the Nottinghamshire Girls' and Ladies' League. They also train on a Friday night at Garibaldi school. They have got a great group of girls and a great coaching team!*

What a brilliant opportunity - if you are interested, please contact the coaches using the details on the attached poster.

**CLIPSTONE GIRLS U12s**

# BE PART OF THE TEAM!



**Year 7 or Mid Level year 6 Girls**

We currently play in the Notts Girls League and are looking to add additional defenders/midfielders to a great group of girls.  
Coaches are qualified and we have fantastic support from the parents.

<p><b>Training:</b>   Fridays   6 P.M. to 7 P.M.          Garibaldi School          NG19 0JX</p>	<p><b>Matches:</b>   Sundays   The Lido Ground          NG21 9AB</p>
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**CONTACT: DAN 07814261188 • RICH 07710176737**

## Easter Family Fun Day- The Black Market Venue

Friends of VOTV with The Black Market Venue presents:

# Easter family fun day



**Saturday 4th April**  
**Open 12-4**  
 The Black Market Venue,  
 Warsop



**Cake stall**

**Tombolla**

**Refreshments**

**Raffle**

**Free children's craft table**

**Play passes available**

**Lots of local Stalls holders**

**Games and Activities**

Join us and the rest of voices of the vale for a hopping good time









We have been asked to share detail regarding an exciting upcoming Easter Event at The Black Market Venue (Warsop): a raffle, tombola and much more!

Please see the attached poster for all of the important details.

## Golden Tickets



Golden tickets are awarded by our Senior Leaders and SENCO (Mrs Simpson, Mrs Bradbury, Mrs Seals, Mrs C Jackson & Mrs Naylor) to individuals, groups or the whole class for demonstrating our school core values, including their attitude to learning and behaviour. Each of the 5 staff members have 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 golden ticket winners for last week and achieving an amazing **7** golden tickets!

Well done to **3M** who are our overall leaders and are therefore in the lead to win the £50 golden ticket prize!

## Attendance



The overall attendance for last week was 93.7%

**161 pupils had 100% attendance during 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: 4B 97% **Amazing!**

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

3rd: 6P 95% **Brilliant!**

### **Recent Illness or Concern**

Information on what to look for and when and where to seek help if you're concerned about an illness that your child may have recently developed (NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Health and Care)

[Child 5 - 11 Years](#)

### **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 Freya** - For 100% effort and **accountability** for her learning. Also, for a superb character description of Paddington Bear!

**3M Hugo** - For always being **accountable** in his learning.

**4S Arjan** - For always being **accountable** and showing **resilience** in his work.

**4B Brooklyn** - For increasing her effort and **accountability** across all subjects.

**5B Louis** - For showing **accountability** and **resilience** - a real improvement in attitude!

**5BL Tayah** - For showing **resilience** in her learning, soaking up all the knowledge, getting involved in lessons and gaining confidence.

**6P Billy** - For his **resilience** - for keeping trying and **accountability** - practicing his spellings and extra effort in his learning.

**6B Bob** - For his superb **resilience** and positive attitude.



## 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 5:** Maddison

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:** Evie & Cooper

**Year 5:** Aimee

**Year 6:** Oakley & Lacey

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:** Lola

**Year 6:** Peyton & Evelyn

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

**Year 3:** Kingsley

**Year 4:** Isla, George, Michelle & Lyle

**Year 5:** Riley

**Year 6:** Lillie, Sophie & Amira

Well done to these children for earning their **EMERALD (175)** Reading Award and showing an excellent level of dedication to reading at home:

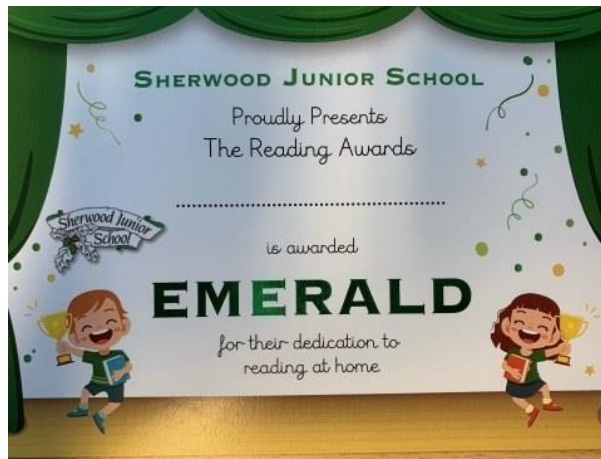
**Year 3:** Aaron & Ava

**Year 4:** Sam

**Year 6:** Amelia, Aurelia, Jacob, Phoebe & Sophie











## Birthday Books



Happy birthday and happy reading to these children:

Year 3: Gracie, Lily-Mae & Colby

Year 5: Kayla

## 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 3' menu for week beginning 2 March

**My School Menu**  
**Winter 2025 - 2026**  
**Week commencing**  
 17<sup>th</sup> November, 8<sup>th</sup> December,  
 14<sup>th</sup> January, 4<sup>th</sup> February,  
 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**Taste of Asia**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Option 1</b>	Chicken & tomato pasta Mustard Soya Gluten with garlic bread, Gluten Milk Soya & sweetcorn	Chicken & vegetable fajitas Gluten with smoky jacket wedges & tomato salsa Sesame	Roast pork with Yorkshire pudding Milk Egg gluten roast potatoes, stuffing Gluten carrots, broccoli & gravy	Nottinghamshire sausage hot dog Gluten Sulphur dioxide with pommes noisettes & crunchy vegetable sticks	Chip shop style fish 'n' chips gluten Fish with curry sauce Celery, Egg, Milk, Mustard, Soya, Gluten & peas
<b>PUDDING</b>	Jelly with a cookie Gluten	Iced carrot cake Gluten Egg Sulphur Dioxide	Chocolate Cracknell Gluten Milk	Butterscotch shortcake Gluten Milk Soya	JimJam 'Nut Free' Chocolate brownie Egg Milk Gluten

**AVAILABLE DAILY** Jacket potato available daily, served with your choice of: baked beans & cheese Milk or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg  
 Best of both bread Gluten Soya & fresh fruit.

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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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