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Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary



This week...

Monday 9 March - Friday 13 March - British Science Week

Monday 9 March - Year 4 Visit to The Carrs

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

Next week...

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 - Comic Relief - Wear something red and donate £1 either through ParentPay or cash donations

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

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

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

Spring Term

Monday 23 March - No school clubs this week

Tuesday 24 March - 4B Library Visit

Thursday 26 March - Easter service at Church

Friday 27 March - Deadline for British Science Week Poster Competition entries (to Mrs Murphy)

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 13 April - Payment/permissions for Year 4 trip to Bestwood Park to be given by today

Friday 17 April - 3H swimming starts

Monday 20 April - Year 4 trip to Bestwood Park

Tuesday 21 April - Wednesday 22 April - Year 5 residential to Mill Adventure Base

Monday 27 April - Class Photographs (am)

Friday 1 May - Deadline to order Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies via ParentPay

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)

A busy week at Sherwood!



From Parents' Evenings to World Book Day and an excellent Careers Week and Careers Fayre, it truly was a wonderful few days packed with exciting opportunities for our children.

We want to say a **huge thank you** to all parents and carers who attended Parents' Evenings, joined us for the World Book Day Costume Parade, or took part in Careers Week. Your enthusiasm and support made each event extra special for both the children and the staff. It was fantastic to see so many of you engaging with school life throughout the week.

We would also like to take a moment to recognise and **extend our appreciation to the staff teams** who worked incredibly hard to organise these events. They take a significant amount of

planning behind the scenes, and we are extremely grateful for the time, creativity and dedication that went into making them such a success.

We are so very lucky at Sherwood to have such a wonderful school community—children, families and staff alike!

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Parents' Evening Attendance

We were delighted with the fantastic turnout for our Parents' Evenings. Whether attending in person or by phone, **86% of our parents/carers took part**, and we would like to say a heartfelt thank you for your support and engagement in your child's learning.

Unfortunately, **14% of appointments were missed**, many without explanation. This is disappointing for both staff and pupils, as a great deal of time goes into preparing these meetings, and children are always eager to share their achievements and progress with you.

We understand that unexpected situations can arise, and we appreciate those who contacted us to rearrange or send their apologies.

If you still need to rearrange your child's appointment, please speak to their class teacher as soon as possible,

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Careers Week 2026



Thank you to all the people who contributed to our careers week either by filling in our anonymous questionnaire to help our children understand more about different careers or with your presence on the day - it was really appreciated.

This event was a great success. The enthusiasm and positive spirit of all our visitors rubbed off on our pupils and it helped make the learning productive and fun. Everyone was buzzing and both staff and pupils commented on what an amazing time they had!

Parents and carers, I hope your children have come home and talked about the visitors in school and that it has inspired some of our young people to think about what they might like to do in the future.

Many thanks again to everyone who gave up their time to inspire our children. We are so lucky to have such supportive parents and adults around us!

Mrs Horton

*The staff and pupils of Sherwood would also like to say a HUGE thank you to **Mrs Horton** for all of her hard work when arranging Sherwood Junior School's Careers Week 2026 - it was a great success, and we all had a wonderful time.*

Thank you, Mrs Horton!

World Book Day

A huge thank you to all of our pupils and staff for making this year's World Book Day such a fantastic celebration of reading. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and creativity across the school as children took part in a range of activities inspired by our theme, '**When I Grow Up.**'

Throughout the day, pupils explored poetry, thought about their future aspirations, and shared their ideas through their own writing and performances. We were incredibly proud of the way the children engaged with the activities, listened carefully to poems, and confidently performed their work. Their imagination, effort and willingness to participate made the day truly special.

Thank you also to our staff for planning engaging learning opportunities and to families for supporting the day and encouraging a love of reading at home. Events like these remind us just how powerful books and words can be in inspiring children's confidence, curiosity and dreams for the future.

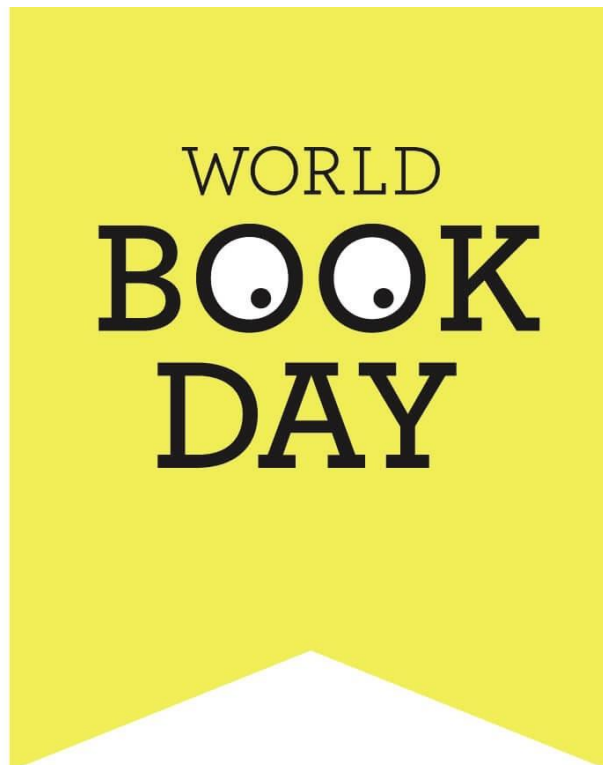
We captured many wonderful moments from the day, and **photos and videos will be shared very soon - so watch this space!**

We look forward to many more opportunities to celebrate reading together,

Mrs Seals

The staff and pupils of Sherwood would like to give a big thank you to **Mrs Seals** for organising our World Book Day 2026. It was a brilliant day and everyone loved it.

Thank you, Mrs Seals!



**Sherwood Junior
School**



Year 3

GPaS

Grammar, **P**unctuation and **S**pelling

Guide for Parents

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Year 4

GPaS

Grammar, **P**unctuation and **S**pelling

Guide for Parents

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Year 5

GPaS

Grammar, **P**unctuation and **S**pelling

Guide for Parents

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Year 6 GPaS

Grammar, **P**unctuation and **S**pelling

Guide for Parents

After Parents' Evenings last week, we'd like to remind parents that there are lots of useful resources on our school website to help you support your child's learning at home.

Grammar support is often a topic of conversation during Parents' Evenings. To help with this, we have our handy Year Group Grammar Guides available [here](#).

If you need any further support with grammar or any area of your child's learning, please speak to their class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support,

Sherwood Junior School

[NSPCC - Speak Out. Stay Safe.](#)

Dear Parent/Carer

NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. programme -

We are pleased to inform you that we are participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme this term. Speak out. Stay safe. is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to

help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child-friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age-appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom-based activities, which we have reviewed.

Parents and carers are asked to let school know if their child may have experienced anything (in the past or happening now), which may mean they need extra support before, during or after taking part in this programme.

Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe-

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

Parent/Carer support

Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers: www.nspcc.org.uk/parents.

Activities to extend learning at home, take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe: www.nspcc.org.uk/activities.

Online Safety Hub

For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more: www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety.

Childline

Under 12's Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content: www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7) OR www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11).

Talk PANTS with your children

Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.

I hope you find this information about the NSPCC and the Speak out. Stay safe. programme helpful.

Please do speak to your child's class teacher if you have any further questions.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep every Sherwood child safe and informed.



British Science Week



British Science Week is 6th to 15th March this year. The theme is curiosity.

In school we will have some special visitors, encouraging questioning and curiosity.

In addition, children are invited to take part in the National poster competition.

This year the British Science Week poster competition is linked to a real scientific research question. The UK government are thinking about how to build a positive future for children. They are keen to understand children and young people's own ideas on this, so they are asking:

What are children and young people's visions for a good/ positive childhood?

The British Science Association and the NUSTEM team at Northumbria University have teamed up with the Government Office for Science to help explore this question. To enter, they simply need to create a poster which fits in with the theme of

'Curiosity: What makes children's lives positive?

What will a positive childhood look like in the future for children your age?'

You are encouraged to think about what could make a 'good' or 'positive' childhood in the future.

What things make your life positive now?

You could ask other children in your class or school about what they enjoy and what makes their life good/positive. You might like to think about people, places, things, occasions, interests and activities.

What did a good/positive childhood look like in the past? Ask some grown-ups to tell you about what made their life good when they were children.

Imagine your own children, if you have them, in the future. What would a positive childhood look like for them? What will they be playing / doing / eating / learning/ thinking? Who will they be doing these things with?

What do children in other countries around the world enjoy? How is this the same or different to what makes your life positive?

Posters can be A3 or A4 and use lots of different materials, such as pencils, pens, paint, crayons, pipe cleaners, thread, wool, foil foam and pom poms, be as creative as you like! They could even be created digitally.

As a school, we can send in up to five of our amazing posters with a chance to win prizes!

We can't wait to see your fantastic work!

Deadline for posters is Friday 27th March, please hand in to Mrs Murphy.

Year 4 trip to Bestwood Park

Year 4 Trip to Bestwood Park on Monday 20th April 2026

On Monday 20th April, Year 4 will be visiting Bestwood Park to support their history topic. During our visit, the children will develop their chronological knowledge of British history and will learn about what life was like in Roman Britain. They will have the opportunity to dress in Roman armour and learn how to march as a unit, practice javelin throwing and so much more! As parts of our trip will be outside, please ensure children wear suitable footwear along with their full school uniform. All children need to bring a waterproof coat as well.

The cost of the trip per child is £18.00. Please make payment via ParentPay. You must also give consent for your child to attend the trip and provide an emergency contact number for the day of the trip via ParentPay.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties at this time and would like to discuss this, please contact the school office.

The coach will leave school at 9:15am so pupils will need to arrive on time to be registered prior to the trip. We will arrive back at school for the normal finishing time of 3:20pm, however if this changes significantly we will contact you by text.

Children will need a healthy packed lunch and drink (no fizzy drinks) in a bag or lunchbox. If your child receives free school meals and you would like school to provide a packed lunch, you will have the opportunity to order one via ParentPay.

Any parents with a DBS check carried out by school, who are available to support us on this day, please let us know.

Please make payment via your ParentPay account along with the necessary consent and contact details by **Monday 13th April 2026**.

Many thanks,

The Year 4 Team

Year 4

Comic Relief

This year we will be getting involved again with the Comic Relief Campaign - *Take Yourself Funny for Money!*

We will be therefore inviting children and staff to come to school in something red and donate £1 either through ParentPay or cash donations on **Friday 20 March 2026**.



Bikeability for Year 6

Year 6 Only

This is a final reminder that our Bikeability sessions will be held **next week** over 2 days: **Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March**.

It is imperative that we fill the minimum number of riders (10) for the sessions to run and as there have been a lot of the children expressing interest, we would greatly appreciate if the online consent form can be filled out as soon as possible.

This can be done following the link provided or the QR code.

<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/throw-stops-buy>

All riders require a **bike** with fully functioning breaks and a **helmet** to take part. If you do have any questions or queries, please contact the school office or Mrs Bradbury, who will be happy to help.



Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

We would like to remind parents that last week we sent out details regarding ordering Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies -

All of the Year 6 names will appear on the back of the hoodie within the number '26'. Samples of some of the colours for the hoodies can be seen in the school office, which you are welcome to come and look at, we will also be showing them to the children.

The price for a hoody is £15 - the cost has been subsidised by school to give everyone an opportunity to purchase one.

If you would like to order a hoody, please make the payment of £15 via your ParentPay account and confirm the colour and size you would like to order (the colour and sizes available were listed on the original letter - please see the school office if you have misplaced this).

Orders must be completed on ParentPay by **Friday 1st May 2026**. Any orders made after this date will not be processed and please note hoodies will come home with the children towards the end of the Summer Term 2026.

What a wonderful memento for the children to remember their time at Sherwood!



YEAR 6

Battle of The Bands - The Results

Congratulations Sherwood, another round of our school tournament is complete with some impressive scores! Here are your winners this week:

The Multipliers Arena - 5B vs 3M

5B won with 327 points

1st: Damien (3765 points)

2nd: Lily (2386 points)

3rd: Oliver (1560 points)

The Rockstar Rampage - 5BL vs 3H

3H won with 1376 points

1st: Emmanuella (36 096 points - WOW!)

2nd: Kayla (27 460points)

3rd: Kian (4630points)

The Multiples Showdown - 6P vs 4S

4S won with 4140 points

1st: Eric (46 481points - WOW!)

2nd: Isla (42 938points - WOW!)

3rd: Jack (9469 points)

The B Brawl: 6B vs 4B

4B won with 1525 points

1st: Michelle (17 215 points)

2nd: Sophie (15 371 points)

3rd: Lyle (15 141 points)

Thank you to the whole school for their hard work and effort this week, now on to the next one.

Starting **Wednesday 11th March - Friday 20th March**, we will be holding our next tournament.

4S vs 3H

4B vs 5B

5BL vs 6P

6B vs 3M



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 for an application pack or call the school office on 01623 842545 for further information.

Sports Celebrations

This week we have even more Sports Leaders to celebrate! A further 4 children have achieved their **bronze award!** They are storming their way through their challenges.

Congratulations to: Jacob, Clayton, Charlie and Amelia.



Player of the Week



Congratulations to Piper this week for her tremendous goal scoring accuracy and pacey striking in Girls Football club.

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 **8** golden tickets!

Well done to **4B** 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 94.8%

185 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: 3H - 97.1% **Amazing**

2nd: 6P - 95.8% **Brilliant**

3rd: 5BL 95.3% **Superb**

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 Colby - For his **accountability** in his work during World Book Day

3M Gracie - For being **respectful** during Careers Week and asking super questions of our visitors

4S Annie - For her **resilience** during World Book Day

4B Thea - Being extremely kind and helpful to her friends and a very **respectful** member of 4B

5B Evie - For working hard and being an absolute delight - and all-rounder - **respect, accountability and resilience!**

5BL D.J.- For always being ready to learn, being **respectful** to adults and trying his best - a lovely friend as well!

6P Mila - **Resilience** - trying her best with her neat handwriting with an injured finger, all without complaint!

6B Amelia - For always being **respectful** and thoughtful to everyone



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: Mufaro and Millie

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: Brooke

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

Year 6: Peyton

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: Rebecca

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

Year 4: Jack

Year 6: Sophie

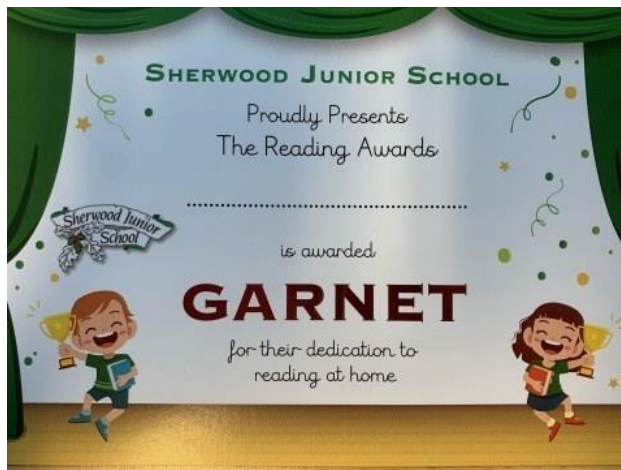
Well done to these children for earning their **SAPPHIRE (200)** Reading Award and showing an excellent level of dedication to reading at home:

Year 6: Hattie











Birthday Books



Happy birthday and happy reading to these children:

Year 3: Reavie

Year 4: Brooklyn & Robyn

Year 5: D.J

Year 6: Ava & Taylor

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 1' menu for week beginning 9 March



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

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Nottinghamshire County Council

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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