



SHAWFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations to our children

Shine Award:

Beech	George	Aspiration
Maple	Calum	Resilience
Rowan	George	Respect
Ash	Malakai	Resilience
Oak	Isla	Trust
Willow	Summer	Resilience



Congratulations to the following children for their achievements outside school:

Rowan	Rabshika	Swimming Level 3
Ash	Finn	Homework project
Willow	Olivia	Memory Walk

Dear Parents/Carers,

Message from the Head Teacher

We have introduced "Check In Circles" first thing for children on a Monday morning and therefore it is vital that children arrive to school on time. Check in Circles are an opportunity for the children to meet with each other and their class teacher. Circles encourage children to develop their relationships with each other. It is also a fantastic way for the adults working with your children to find out more about their teacher. Over the first couple of weeks, we have modelled to the children the importance of showing good listening skills. Teachers have asked the children to share their particular interests and their hobbies.

Meet the Teacher – Years 1 to 6

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend Meet the Teacher this week. It was lovely to see all classes bustling with adults and children. If you were unable to attend, we hope to be able to offer dates for other events during the school year. Please watch out for further communication in the coming weeks. PowerPoints used by class teachers will be available from the school website shortly.

Confirmed INSET Days 2023/24

We are pleased to announce the remaining INSET dates for this academic year:

- **Monday 25th September 2023**
- **Tuesday 26th September 2023**
- **Monday 22nd July 2024**
- **Tuesday 23rd July 2024**

Year 2 visit the Ash Ranges



On Friday, children from Year 2 walked to the Ash Ranges, this was to enhance their work in geography and think about how we use maps. We are incredibly lucky to have the ranges on our doorstep, and it was lovely to see the children exploring our local area - some for the first time! A big thank you to a number of parents and carers who were able to support and accompany the children and to Miss Taylor for making this trip possible.

Year 5 - Stone Farm Meeting

Monday 18th September

The first meeting for the Year 5 visit to Stone Farm (Monday 11th March to Friday 15th March 2024) will take place on **Monday 18th September at 6pm**. This meeting is open to both parents & pupils.

Start of the School Day

Gates open 8:40am

Gates close 8:50am

Registers 8:50am

Children will be marked late from 8:50 and will need to sign in via the School Office

Year R to meet School Staff at the Climbing Wall

End of the Day

Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 – 3:10pm

Year 3 and Year 4 – 3:15pm

Year 5 and Year 6 – 3:20pm

School Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness or other circumstances, can you please ensure that you either call or send a message into school via ParentMail. As part of the school's safeguarding arrangements, the School Office will call to explore reasons for absence from 9:30am onwards. The School Office will also issue text messages from lunchtime onwards if we have not been able to contact you. It is vital for school to know where the children are and when they will return to school.

Year 6 visit to Houses of Parliament

Monday 2nd October

Please be reminded that Year 6 will be attending the Houses of Parliament on Monday 2nd October. Please drop your child off at Ash Vale station promptly by 9:20am so that we are ready for the 9:39am train to depart. Before our afternoon workshop and tour, children and staff will undertake a treasure hunt/orienteering challenge in the Westminster area. Please ensure that you ensure that your child is sent into school that day in full school uniform and a coat if the weather is cold or wet. Your child will need to bring a packed lunch with them which needs to be in a small bag as they will be required to carry their belongings around with them at all times.

We will be on a later train, returning to Ash Vale station at 18:40. Please pick up your child from the station at this time. The visit will give them a valuable insight into the workings of Parliament which will benefit your child as they take on responsibilities during their time in Year 6,

Please ensure the form is returned by Wednesday 27th September (or Wednesday 20th September latest, if you would like your child to have a school packed lunch).

Harvest Festival – 13th October 2023

We will be holding our Harvest Festival on Friday 13th October and continue to support the work of the Farnham Foodbank. Receiving donations from schools goes a long way to ensure that they can continue to feed those in the local community who are in crisis, especially in these unprecedented times.

We would very much appreciate any non-perishable food items or toiletries but in particular, they have asked if Shawfield could collect the following items:

- Bags of rice
- Tinned Soup
- Savoury crackers

Please send your child in with any donations on the morning of the 13th October.

Is your Child in Year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by **31st October 2023!** Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or call 0300 200 1004.

Level 1 Bikeability – Year 4

Further to our Parentmail dated 4th September, If you would like your child to take part on the Level 1 Bikeability course, please enrol them online (link below) with the Surrey Cycle Training team by **no later than 9am on 30th September**.

https://surreycycletraining.online/public/school_training/111020/

KS2 Choir (Young Voices, O2)

For all children in Years 3-6, the new KS2 Choir will start on Wednesday 13th September. If your child would like to attend please ensure that you complete and return a club enrolment form sent home via Parentmail, even if they attended last year. Please be advised that there will be no choir w/c 25th September due to the 2 inset days that week.

Government Fruit Scheme – Year 3

Just a reminder to our current Year 3 parents that once your child enters Year 3, the Government's free fruit scheme no longer applicable. Children can bring in a piece of fruit for morning break. This can be in a named Tupperware container and placed in the child's classroom drawer.

Universal Infant Free School Meals – Year 3

Just a reminder to Year 3 parents, the Government's universal free infant school lunch is no longer applicable now your child is in Year 3.

Children have a choice of bringing in a packed lunch or have a paid school meal.

Cost of School Dinners from September

Please be advised that the cost of a school meal for children in **Years 3-6 rises to £2.50 per day** from 1 September 2023. Payment for school meals can be made online or via the office (cash or cheque only). If you would like to pay online and have not yet registered with Scopay, please let the office know and details will be sent to you.

Clubs

We are pleased to offer the following clubs – should you child wish to attend one or more of these club, please complete and return a club enrolment form so that we can keep accurate registers

Lunchtime Clubs:

KS2 Arts & Crafts (Wednesday) – Commencing 4th October

KS2 Bananagrams (Thursday) – Commencing 5th October

After School Clubs

KS1 Arts & Crafts (Monday) – Commencing 2nd October

Nature Club (Monday) – Commencing 9th October

Musical Theatre (Monday) – Commencing 2nd October

Netball Club (Monday) – Commencing 2nd October

KS2 Choir – Already running

Open Mornings

Please find below the dates of our open mornings for parents whose children are due to start primary school in September 2024 to visit the school. These visits give prospective parents the opportunity to have a tour of all the classrooms and an informal talk from leaders about Shawfield.

Friday 29 th September	10am (<i>fully booked</i>)
Wednesday 4 th October	10am
Thursday 12 th October	10am
Thursday 19 th October	10am
Tuesday 7 th November	10am
Thursday 16 th November	10am
Friday 24 th November	10am
Wednesday 6 th December	10am
Wednesday 10 th January	10am

There is a closing date of 15th January 2024 for admission in September 2024.

If you or any family or friends have children due to start school next year and would be interested in viewing the school please contact the School Office on 01252 320379 to book one of the dates above.

Lunch Menu

Please find attached our lunch menu for w/c 18th September (week 3).

SSA News

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Dear all, firstly a big thank you to everyone who helped and supported us this academic year. We still have some ice pop sales to go and we still need to review the final numbers but I believe we are on course to raise **over £3500 this year!** This is fantastic and I look forward to running even more events next year... did someone say DISCO? :)



Looking forward to next year we are hoping to hold our **AGM on either Wednesday 20th or 27th at 7pm** in the school hall **please save the date.** We look forward to welcoming new members and new families into our PTA, but we also say a fond farewell to those family's leaving for secondary school.

On behalf of the SSA one last big thank you for you all your support and I hope you all enjoy the summer break!

Community News

PlayRangers

Playrangers is a **free** outdoor community play service all about child-led play. The service has a focus on being outside in nature, being active, playful and creative.

PlayRangers has been delivering sessions to the children of Guildford borough for over 12 years and we want to encourage the next generation of children to make use of their local spaces!

Each of our 6 locations across the borough is held in a local park close to schools. Our website with more information of the project can be found here: <https://www.guildford.gov.uk/playrangers>.

Please see attached flyer about the PlayRanger scheme which is held after school, every other week commencing Tuesday 12th September at Coronation Gardens (opposite the Memorial Hall on Ash Hill Road).

Yours sincerely,

Mr Stephen Corcoran
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

DATE	TIME	EVENT
2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR		
Friday 29 th September	10am	Open morning for 2024 prospective parents
Monday 2 nd October	All Day	Year 6 visit to Houses of Parliament
Wednesday 4 th October	10am	Open morning for 2024 prospective parents
Thursday 5 th October	AM	School Photos
Friday 6 th October	AM	School Immunisation Team – Nasal Flu Vaccine (Yrs R – 6)
Thursday 12 th October	10am	Open morning for 2024 prospective parents
16 th – 20 th October	-	Level 2 (Yr 6) Bikeability
Thursday 19 th October	10am	Open morning for 2024 prospective parents
Friday 20 th October	PM	Break up for Half Term (<i>normal time</i>)
HALF TERM		
Monday 30 th October	AM	Children return to school
		Level 1 (Yr 4) Bikeability
Tuesday 31 st October		Level 1 (Yr 4) Bikeability
Tuesday 7 th November	10am	Open morning for 2024 prospective parents
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th Nov	-	Book Fair
Thursday 16 th November	All Day	Year 3 visit to Butser Ancient Farm
	10am	Open morning for 2024 prospective parents
Friday 24 th November	10am	Open morning for 2024 prospective parents
Wednesday 6 th December	10am	Open morning for 2024 prospective parents
Friday 15 th December	PM	Last Day of Autumn Term & Early Finish: 1:30pm for Years R – 2 1:40pm – Years 3 - 6
Monday 1st January, 2024	All Day	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 2nd January	AM	Children return to school
Wednesday 10 th January	10am	Open morning for 2024 prospective parents
Monday 29 th January	All Day	Young Voices, O2 - KS2 Choir
Friday 9 th February	PM	Break up for Half Term (<i>normal time</i>)
Monday 19 th February	AM	Children return to school
Friday 29th March	All Day	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
HALF TERM		
Monday 15th April	AM	Children return to school
Monday 6th May	All Day	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Friday 24 th May	PM	Break up for Half Term (<i>normal time</i>)
Monday 3 rd June	AM	Children return to school