



SHAWFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations to our children

Shine Award:

Beech	Theo	Respect
Maple	Ellie	Respect
Rowan	Rohaan	Trust
Ash	Abi W	Respect
Oak	Callum	Respect
Willow	Chase	Respect



Congratulations to our children for their achievements outside of school

Albi (Maple) Gymnastics

Myla (Maple) and Ivy (Beech) Summer Camp Medal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Message from Headteacher

It has been fantastic this week to welcome all the children back to school, and I hope that you all had a wonderful summer break. I have talked to children across the school this week about their summer breaks and the exciting activities, events and holidays they have taken part in over the last few weeks.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming our new children, especially in Year R and their families to school.

We have talked in assembly about the importance of getting into a good routine at the start of the year. This includes getting ready for school in the mornings and having the right resources prepared in class.



Our new attendance policy is up and running. **Where school is open and children are well enough, they must attend school every day and arrive on time.** We know that there are some unavoidable occasions when children do arrive late. Please ensure you come to the School Office with your children, as you will be asked to sign them in on the school's sign-in app.

The school will be telephoning and writing to you throughout the year to update you on your child's attendance. **Should you require any additional support with your child's attendance, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact Mrs Dixon to arrange a meeting.** In the newsletter, we are attaching a handy parent guide for attendance.



Over the school holidays, we completed some exciting building work. With the support of the school's PTA – the Shawfield School Association (SSA) - we have installed a resistance gym in the courtyard at the Upper Playground. I would like to thank everyone who has donated to school events and helped make this possible.

I would also like to thank Mr Tonks and the SSA committee for their continued hard work and determination. Fantastic projects like this would be impossible without our dedicated PTA. I know they are always looking for new members who can volunteer some additional time. Please look out for updates from the SAA via the School Newsletter and their own Socia Media channels.

I ask that the gym equipment not be used before or after school. The children will have access to the equipment during the school day, and a timetable for its use has been shared with all classes. Fingers crossed for better weather so that we can get the children outside at break time and lunch.

Please make sure you send your child to school with a named coat, as we will get them outside wherever possible.



Meet The Teacher

A Parentmail went out to all parents earlier this week to welcome them to meet their child(ren)'s teacher on the dates shown below.

Years 1 & 2	9am Wednesday 11 th September
Years 3 & 4	9am Tuesday 10 th September
Years 5 & 6	9am Monday 9 th September

Children are to be dropped off at normal time for registration. Parents are asked to wait outside their child's classroom, and once registration is complete, the class teacher will invite you into class.

Year R 9am Monday 23rd September
Parents to drop children on the playground at normal time, then sign in via the School Office

Year 6 – Visit to Houses of Parliament

Our Year 6 pupils will be visiting the Houses of Parliament for a tour and a workshop on the workings of Parliament and the democratic process.

Please can parents return their child's consent form as soon as possible.



Harvest Festival – Tuesday 15th October 2023

We will be holding our Harvest Festival on Tuesday 15th 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. 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 15th October.**

With the cost of living increasing, should anybody be in need of additional support, please contact Mrs Dixon, who can signpost families confidentially for additional help.

Attendance and Leave of Absence

As parents, you have a legal responsibility to ensure your child's attendance at school. During the academic year, pupils are at school for 190 days and at home for 175 days. Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

Please complete an Application of Leave of Absence for exceptional circumstances, if you want the Headteacher to consider your request for your child's leave of absence for exceptional circumstances. We may ask for proof to validate your request. This will need to be made at least two weeks in advance of any absence.

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for (10 school sessions) 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Medical and Dental Appointments - Leave of Absence Form

In line with the new Government Attendance Policy, a reminder that starting from this term, you will need to complete a Leave of Absence Form for all Medical and Dental Appointments and provide evidence to support the request. We would ask that, where possible, appointments are made outside of school time.

Clubs

KS2 Choir – Young Voices

CHANGE OF DAY

A letter was sent home prior to breaking up for the Summer to all parents of children who will be in Years 3-6 in September.

Please be advised that the KS2 choir will start on **Tuesday 11th September** so if your child is interested in joining and attending the Young Voices concert at the O2 in February 2025, please complete and return the parental consent sent out (or pick up from the office) so we can add them onto the club register.

All Other Clubs

Once dates and clubs have been finalised, a parent email will be sent with details of how your child can join.

Government Fruit Scheme– Current Year 3's

Just a reminder to Year 3 parents that the Government's free fruit scheme is no longer applicable. Children can bring in a piece of fruit for fruit break -and should put this in their tray

Universal Infant Free School Meals – Year 3's

The Government's universal free infant school lunch is no longer applicable.

Children can bring a packed lunch or have a paid school meal, which is currently £2.53 a day.

Lunch Menu

Please find attached the lunch menu for **w/c 9th September (Week 2)**.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Stephen Corcoran
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

Please see our school website calendar for up-to-date information about school events.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday 17 th September	AM	Playrangers Assembly
Tuesday 24 th September	All Day	Year 6 visit to Houses of Parliament
Tuesday 15 th October	AM	Harvest Festival Assembly
Wednesday 16 th October	All Day	Year 3 visit to Butser Ancient Farm (<i>details to follow</i>)
Monday 21 st October	AM	Individual School Photographs
Tuesday 22 nd October	AM	Nasal Flu Vaccinations (School Nursing Team)
Thursday 24 th October	PM	Break up for half term (normal finish time)
Friday 25th October	All Day	INSET DAY – No children in school
HALF TERM		
Monday 4th November	All Day	INSET DAY – No children in school
Tuesday 5 th November	AM	Children return to school
Thursday 14 th November	AM	Level 1 (Year 4) Bikeability (<i>details to follow</i>)
Friday 15 th November	AM	Level 1 (Year 4) Bikeability (<i>details to follow</i>)
Friday 20 th December	PM	Break up for half term (early finish)
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
Monday 6 th January	AM	Children return to school
Tuesday 4 th February	All Day	KS2 Choir - Young Voices at the O2 (Years 4 – 6)
Friday 14 th February	PM	Break up for half term (normal finish time)
HALF TERM		
Monday 24 th February	AM	Children return to school
Friday 4 th April	PM	Break up for term (early finish)
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Tuesday 22 nd April	AM	Children return to school
Monday 5th May	All Day	Public Holiday – No children in school
Friday 23 rd May	PM	Break up for half term (normal finish time)
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 2 nd June	AM	Children return to school
Friday 13 th June	AM	Group Class Photographs
Monday 21st July	All Day	INSET DAY – No children in school
Tuesday 22nd July	All Day	INSET DAY – No children in school
SUMMER HOLIDAYS		