



SHAWFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of what has been a wonderfully busy and festive term, I wanted to take a moment to express how incredibly proud I am of all our children here at Shawfield. It has been a term filled with hard work, creativity, and, of course, plenty of Christmas cheer.

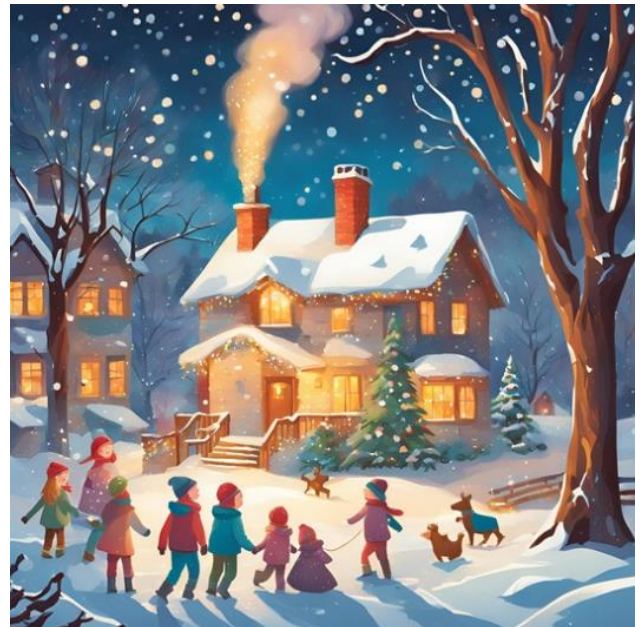
Our carol concert was a heartwarming success, with every child singing their heart out and spreading the festive spirit. The performances from our infant and reception children in their nativity plays were nothing short of magical. They worked so hard to learn their lines, songs, and dances, and their enthusiasm and joy were evident to everyone who came to see the shows.

We also had a fantastic Christmas Fun Day, filled with laughter, games, and festive activities that brought out the best in our children. It was a joy to see them so excited, whether they were making Christmas crafts, enjoying a fun game, or simply sharing moments of kindness with each other.

Our trip to the Church was also a special highlight, where the children had the chance to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and celebrate together. I know the service left a lasting impression on both the children and staff alike. Father Keith enjoyed the service, particularly the songs, and wished everyone a Happy New Year!

All of this would not have been possible without the hard work, dedication, and teamwork from our children, staff, and parents. I am so proud of how everyone has come together to make this term so memorable.

As we break for the Christmas holidays, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support throughout the term. I hope you all have a restful and joyful Christmas, and I look forward to welcoming the children back in the New Year for another exciting term ahead.



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 6th January 2025.

Christmas Winners

Congratulations to the winners & Runners-up of the Christmas Links and Hat competition which took part during the Christmas lunch on Thursday:

Christmas Links

1 st	Year 3	Rohaam
2 nd	Year R	Kaley
3 rd	Year 3	Yohanna

Runners up:

Year R	George
Year R	Casey
Year 1	Alex
Year 4	Rory
Year 4	CJ

Christmas Hats

Year R	Isla	Year 4	Charlie
Year 1	Leo	Year 5	Sofia
Year 2	Miles	Year 6	Noah
Year 3	Amelie		

Postcards

Congratulations to Imogen & Finn (Year 1), Ava (Year 2) and Zayn (Year 5) on receiving your postcards.



Lunchtime and After School Clubs (Not Paid For)

Lunchtime and After School Clubs (Not Paid for) will resume on Monday 20th January. A form to apply/reapply for places will be sent out the first week of term. Please note that Cookery Club is now full and all places have already been filled for both the Spring and Summer Term.

Open Mornings

We are pleased to announce that we have now scheduled Open Morning dates for parents whose children are due to start primary school in September 2025 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 10th January 10am

If you are unable to make our last tour date on 10th January, please contact the office to see if we can schedule a visit before Christmas or very early in the New Year. Admissions **closing date is 15th January 2025.**

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 or by email at: info@shawfield.surrey.sch.uk to book one of the dates above.

Railway Improvement Works – Shawfield Road 2 January to end of March 2025



We have been advised by Network Rail that they will be undertaking Railway Improvements Works to the bridge on Shawfield Road near Beeton's Avenue.

The works will take place during off-peak hours and will require them to either have temporary lane closures or close access completely for a period of time.

Whilst this should not affect your journey to school, as works will be kept to off peak, you may need to allow a little extra time for your journey.

Swimming Gala

If your child(ren) would like to take part in the Swimming Gala, please complete the parental consent form sent out on 20th November, or have your child collect a form from the office. Our first time trial will take place on 30th January at Farnham Leisure Centre.

Lunch Menu

Please find attached the lunch menu for **w/c 6th January, 2025 (Week 1).**

Yours sincerely,

Mr Stephen Corcoran
Headteacher

SSA School Disco

A letter went home with your child at the end of last week giving details of the SSA Disco taking place on Monday 20th January.

If you hold a School DBS and are able to help at either of these events we would be most grateful – just let us know on the return slip giving contact details.

School Fundraising

Please consider signing up to "Easyfundraising".

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=341686&invite=SUM2RN&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_source=easyfundraising-app&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=copy-link&utm_campaign=GPT-143-1

By using the Easyfundraising app to navigate to websites to do your online shopping, you will be helping to raise money for Shawfield School SSA at no extra cost to you - retailers will donate on your behalf out of their profits.

It is quick and easy to sign up and we would be very grateful for all additional help - feel free to pass the link on to your friends, family or even co-workers!

Many thanks, the SSA.

Farnham Foodbank

Over the Christmas and New Year, the Foodbank will be closed. The last Foodbank is on Friday 20th December and they reopen on Thursday 2nd January 2025.

Farnham Frontline Money Advice rejoins Farnham Foodbank on Wednesday 8th January.

FREE Online Family Learning Courses

Use the following link to enrol

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/family-learning>

Book before Christmas to avoid disappointment!

Understanding Neurodivergence/ADHD, Autism and others

- First Steps to Understanding My Neurodivergent Child (ADHD, Autism, and others)
- First Steps to Understanding Masking Workshop
- Develop Skills for Your Child's Sensory Needs (ASD, ADHD, and others)
- Supporting Your LGBTQ+ Child

Mental Health and Emotional Well-being

- Building Your Child's/Teenager's Resilience Workshop
- Help Your Child/Teen Manage Anxiety
- Developing Your Child's Self-Esteem Workshop
- First Steps to Understanding Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance

Reducing Conflict at Home

- Who's in Charge? First Steps to Understanding Child to Parent Violence
- Exploring Behaviour Strategies Course
- Use a Positive Approach to Build Your Child's Resilience Course

Social Skills and Relationships

- Helping Your Child to Develop Positive Friendships Workshop
- Supporting Your Teenager
- The Language of Relationship Education in Primary School

Early Childhood Development

- Learn, Play & Thrive - The Toddler Years
- Using Play, Songs, and Stories to Support Your Child's Early Communication Skills

Promoting Education

- What's Happening in School - Grammar, Spelling, and Punctuation (Years 1-6)
- Maths - How to Support Your Child's Learning
- Understanding Phonics Workshop

ESOL-Specific Courses

- Understanding What is Taught in Your Child's Primary/Secondary School (including ESOL Parents)
- Your Child's Primary/Secondary School Workshop for ESOL Parents
- Read with Your Child for ESOL Parents Workshop
- Raising Your Bilingual Child Workshop
- How to Talk About Your Neurodivergent Child for ESOL Parents

Life Skills and Routines

- Helping Your Child to Develop Positive Bedtime Routines Workshop
- Successful Cooking in a Neurodivergent Family (Getting Started, Cooking is Fun, Knife Skills)

Nutrition and Healthy Eating

- Healthy Family Meals Under £5.00
- Healthy Lunchbox for School
- Help I Have a Fussy Eater Workshop
- Simple Spring Meals on a Budget

Literacy and Communication

- Boost Your Child's Literacy Skills
- Bring Stories to Life and Share with Your Child
- Building Your Child's Concentration Workshop

Special Courses for Hongkongers BN(O)

- KS2 English Grammar and Maths (Families) for Hongkongers BN(O)
- KS3/KS4 Secondary Education in England (Families) for Hongkongers BN(O)
- Education in England (Families) for Hongkongers BN(O)

Dates for your Diary

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday 6 th January	AM	Children return to school
Friday 10 th January	10am	Open Morning for Prospective Parents (2025 intake)
Monday 13 th January	AM	Year 6 Depart on their Hindleap Warren Residential
Friday 17 th January	PM	Year 6 Return from their Hindleap Warren Residential
Monday 20 th January	PM	SSA School Disco
Monday 27 th January	All Day	Year 1 visit to Gilbert White's House
Tuesday 28 th January	AM	Year 2 visit to Farnborough Air Museum
Thursday 30 th January	AM	Swimming Gala Practice Session (1)
Tuesday 4 th February	All Day	KS2 Choir - Young Voices at the O2 (Years 4 – 6)
Thursday 6 th February	AM	Swimming Gala Practice Session (2)
Thursday 13 th February	PM	Swimming Gala
Friday 14 th February	PM	Break up for half term (normal finish time)
HALF TERM		
Monday 24 th February	AM	Children return to school
Monday 17 th March	AM	Year 5 Depart on their Stone Farm Residential
Friday 21 st March	PM	Year 5 Return from their Stone Farm Residential
Tuesday 1 st April	AM	Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons (<i>details to follow</i>)
Wednesday 2 nd April	AM	Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons (<i>details to follow</i>)
Friday 4 th April	PM	Break up for term (early finish)
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Tuesday 22 nd April	AM	Children return to school
	AM	Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons (<i>details to follow</i>)
Wednesday 23 rd April	AM	Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons (<i>details to follow</i>)
Tuesday 29 th April	AM	Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons (<i>details to follow</i>)
Wednesday 30 th April	AM	Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons (<i>details to follow</i>)
Monday 5th May	All Day	Public Holiday – No children in school
Tuesday 6 th May	AM	Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons (<i>details to follow</i>)
Wednesday 7 th May	AM	Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons (<i>details to follow</i>)
Tuesday 20 th May	AM	Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons (<i>details to follow</i>)
Wednesday 21 st May	AM	Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons (<i>details to follow</i>)
Friday 23 rd May	PM	Break up for half term (normal finish time)
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 2 nd June	AM	Children return to school
Tuesday 3 rd June	AM	Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons (<i>details to follow</i>)
Wednesday 4 th June	AM	Years 2 & 5 Swimming Lessons (<i>details to follow</i>)
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		