SW Newsletter

Friday 23rd October

Headteacher's Newsletter

Celebrating an Incredible First Half Term!

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic first half term we have had at Shirley Warren Primary and Nursery School!

As we reach the October half-term break, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on everything we have achieved together and celebrate the hard work, determination and successes of our wonderful children, staff and families.

This half term has been about raising expectations, building aspirations and working together as a school community. Across the school, we have seen children demonstrating greater independence, resilience and pride in their learning. Our expectations are higher, our ambitions are greater and our children are rising to the challenge!

There is so much to celebrate and I am incredibly proud of the positive start we have made to the academic year.

Learning, Aspiration and Achievement

It has been wonderful to see our children settle so positively into their new classes. From our youngest learners in Nursery and Reception to our oldest pupils in Year 6, children have shown enthusiasm, engagement and a growing determination to achieve their very best. Our focus on high-quality learning, teamwork and raising aspirations is beginning to shine through. Children are taking greater pride in their work, challenging themselves and demonstrating our school values of Respect, Aspiration, Resilience and Teamwork.

One particularly exciting achievement has been our improvement in home-school reading. Reading at home has increased by an incredible 165% since the start of the academic year! This is a fantastic achievement and demonstrates what we can accomplish when school and families work together. Thank you to every parent and carer who is supporting their child to develop a love of reading.

Our Year 6 pupils have also completed their first set of mock assessments. These have provided an important starting point from which we can celebrate their progress and identify targeted support to help every child succeed. We have been particularly inspired by their resilience, maturity and high aspirations. They have approached this challenge with a fantastic attitude and we could not be prouder of them.

Celebrating Our Children

This half term, we introduced our very special Golden Book, recognising children who have received a Headteacher's Award. These awards celebrate children who have gone above and beyond, whether through their learning, behaviour, kindness, determination or demonstration of our school values. Each child's achievement is recorded in our Golden Book and the reason for their award is shared and celebrated during assembly. It has been a real privilege to recognise so many children and I look forward to seeing our Golden Book fill with even more wonderful achievements over the coming months!

We have also appointed our new Year 6 Sports Leaders and Librarians. Children applied for these important leadership roles, showing courage, responsibility and a desire to contribute to school life. Congratulations to everyone who was successful. We cannot wait to see the positive difference you make across our school!

Attendance, Punctuality and Rainbow Raffles!

Our whole-school attendance this half term is 93.3%. While we know there is still work to do to reach our attendance ambition, we have been encouraged by the improvements in punctuality following the introduction of our new morning routines on the playground. Children are arriving, lining up and getting ready for learning with greater confidence and independence. This means a calmer, more purposeful start to the school day and more valuable learning time. Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting these routines and making every effort to ensure children arrive at school on time, every day. We have also loved celebrating attendance through our 'In It to Win It' day. It has brought excitement and smiles to our school community and is a wonderful way to recognise the importance of coming to school regularly. Seeing the children's faces when the ice cream van arrived and enjoying an ice cream with their friends is a moment we will all cherish forever.

Next half term, we will continue working together towards our attendance target of 95.4%. Every day really does count!

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Bringing Our School Community Together

One of the highlights of this half term has been the many opportunities to welcome our families into school and strengthen our partnership with you. We began the year with our Meet the Teacher events, giving families the opportunity to meet staff, understand classroom expectations and establish positive relationships.

More recently, our Parents' Evenings provided valuable opportunities to discuss children's progress and agree meaningful targets for their next steps in learning.

Yesterday, we were delighted to welcome families into classrooms for our Parent Share of Learning celebration. It was wonderful to see children proudly sharing their books, achievements and learning from across the half term. These moments are incredibly important in helping children recognise just how much they have achieved and in building their confidence and aspirations.

We were also pleased to welcome MP Satvir Kaur to our school this half term. Opportunities like these are important in showcasing our school community, celebrating our children and sharing our ambitions for Shirley Warren.

Our recent coffee mornings and second-hand uniform sales were wonderful examples of our community coming together. Thank you to everyone who donated, purchased uniform or came along to support the event. Making school uniform more affordable and accessible is so important and we are delighted that the sales were a success.

A Very Special Thank You to Our Parents

I would also like to share a particularly thoughtful gesture from some of our parents, who organised a staff raffle to thank our amazing team for their hard work. What a wonderful act of kindness!

Our staff work incredibly hard every day to support, nurture and inspire the children at Shirley Warren. To have that effort recognised by our families means so much.

On behalf of the entire team, thank you for this lovely gesture and for the kindness, encouragement and support our parents and carers continue to show us. It really is appreciated.

Looking Ahead

As we head into the half-term break, I want to say how proud I am of everything we have achieved together.

This has been a half term of change, challenge, determination and progress. We have worked hard to establish consistent routines, raise expectations and build a positive culture where children feel safe, supported and inspired to succeed.

There is still much to do and we are ambitious about what comes next. But the foundations we are building together are strong and I am excited about the journey ahead.

Most importantly, I want every child at Shirley Warren to know that **we believe in them, we are proud of them and we have the very highest aspirations for what they can achieve.**

Thank you to our wonderful staff for their commitment and teamwork, to our parents and carers for their continued partnership, and, above all, to our brilliant children for making Shirley Warren such a special place to be.

I wish you all a happy, safe and restful half term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 2nd November** , ready for another exciting half term of learning.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Ship
Headteacher



Celebrations

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These pupils received the most green TrackIts this week!

TrackIt Light

Shining Example

Zandra (RDH)
Bonnie-May (RH)
Mara (1H)
Luna (1J)
Finley (1B)
Jasmine (2T)
Ahmed (2C)
Zaviyar (3L)
Krystian (3H)
Zachary (4LB)
Mateus (4T)
Lourenco (5D)
Theo (5P)
Ayanan (6W)
Leo (6S)





Celebrations

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Our 100% attendance HEROs

RH:
Azlaan
George
Sameerah
Alina
Yasin
Augustus
Leah
Rafied
Zoey
Inigo
Bonnie-May
Erik
Sebastian
Olivia-Debbie

RDH:
Marcus
Amaya
Juancho
Ivy-Isobel
Dominic
Levi
River
Summer
Caleb
Jack
Harley-James
Zandra
Charlie

1H:
Frielle
Ibraheem
Ezekiel

1J:
Zohaan
Alasdair
Larisa
Ellis
Thomas
Ivy-June
Dany
Jamilla
Luna

1B:
Zubair
Alonzo
Maisie
Finley
Layla
Lucas
Emma
Thinuja

2T:
Osamn
Bianka
Jasmine
Dylan
Gracie
Hassan
Stefan
Alfie

2C:
Chiemerie
Nasir
Olly
Kaelen
Nathan
Ahmed
Joseph
Emilia
Bonnie
Tazwar

3L:
Zaviyar
Idres
Zarina
Emmanuel
Olivia
Kenny
Evolette
Anna
Charlie
Aliyah
Akbar
Christabel
Jayden
Kali

3H:
Mustafa
Jerone
Jasmine
Krystian
Jamilla
Skye
Joey
Lena
Talia
Marwa
Meghan
Asghar
Joshua
Theo
Ori

4T:
Bettina
Eveline
Mark
Nathan
Anitah
Theresa
Tommy
Henry
Sayul
Miles
Olivia
Bella
Mateus
Mason
Anna
Bintu
Bianca
Amaya
Jack
Bailey
Zara

4LS:
Thati
Amira
Mia
Skye
Chisimdi
Cruze
Shandhy
Miggy
Yousef
Johnacel
Aria
Miro
Julka
Natalia
Immanuel
Alisson
Nivesh
Trevor
Riley

5P:
Hosna
Lexi-Mai
Meshach
Jack
Murtala
Primo Mateo
Olivia
Marvel
Lucas
david
Paul
Kara
Helena
Aleks
Johnny
Aiyah
Theo
Calvin
Molly
Olivier
Marcel

5D;
Kenzo
Jason
Dwayne
Jett
Kierra
Mason
Faisal
Kassandra
Grace
David
Ladi
Nelson
Maja
Lily
Jackson
Yuvan
Fatima
Zion
Aflie

6W:
Zahra
Zac
Ayanan
Jorgie
Amanda
Sofia
Jason
Phoebe
Emilia
Lanaya
Saoirse
Jonathon
Anaya
Mia-Elloise
Richabella
Lanz
Nataile
Ashmita
Lili

6S:
Oliver
Esmea
Pio
Julienne
Emily
Lilly
Annabelle
Katelyn
Hoi Tung
Igor
Irie
Kobi
Sneas
Mikolaj
Jayden
Emelia
Alexander
Karl
James
Lexi
Liliana
Leo
Ayden

These pupils have been at school every day on time this week!

Attendance

Friday 23rd October

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every Day Counts at Shirley Warren!

Every day. Every moment. Every child.

PUNCTUALITY

School opens at 8:35am

After 8:45am

Your child will be marked Late (L).

After 9:00am

Your child will receive a U code, which counts as an unauthorised absence for the entire morning session.

Being late can mean children miss important learning, interventions, assemblies and key information for the day ahead.

IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT

If your child is unable to attend school, you must contact the school office as soon as possible on the first day of absence.

If we do not hear from you, you may receive:

- Phone calls
- Text messages
- Emails
- Home visits

HOME VISITS

If your child has been absent for 3 consecutive school days and we have not received a satisfactory reason for their absence, we will carry out a home visit.

ATTENDANCE MONITORING

We monitor attendance closely throughout the year.

96%

BELOW 96% ATTENDANCE

You will receive a letter to make you aware of the drop in attendance and offer support where needed.

90%

BELOW 90% ATTENDANCE

This is classified as Persistent Absence and may result in further meetings and support plans.

96%+ ATTENDANCE = BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS

Good attendance helps children make progress, build friendships and develop confidence.

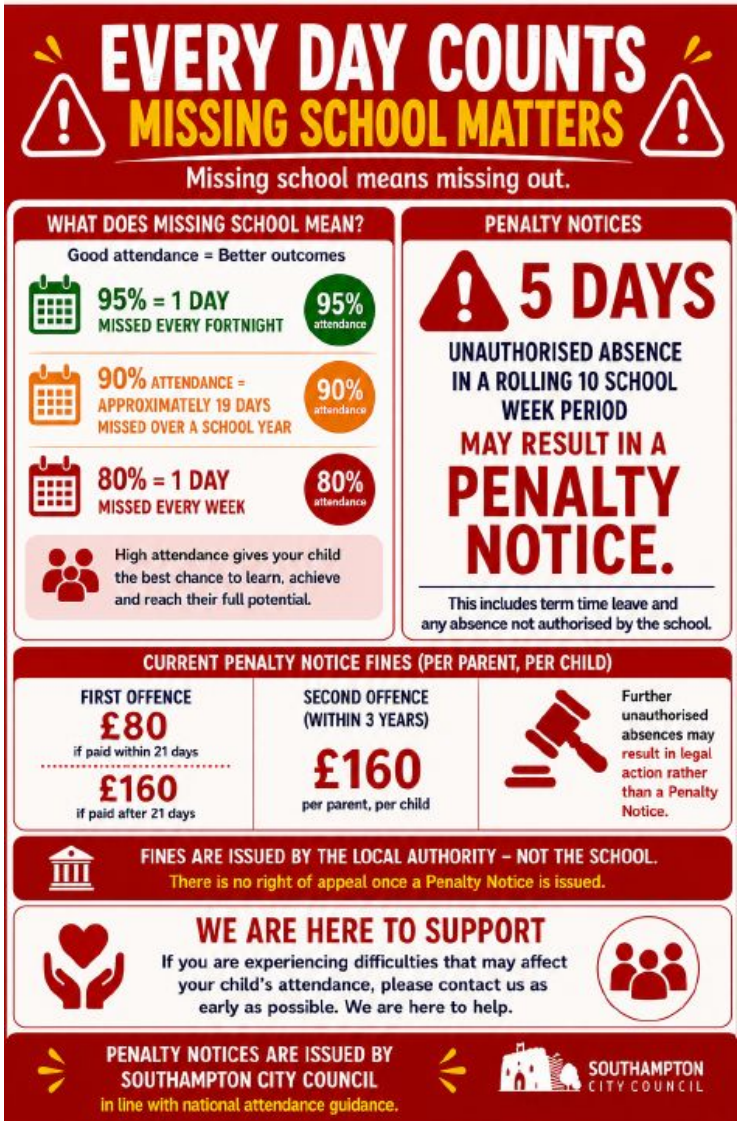
Attendance

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This week's attendance:

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
RDH	88%	RH	91%
1B	96%	1H	77%
2C	91%	2T	88%
3H	88%	3L	90%
4L	96%	4T	98%
5D	96%	5P	98%
6S	98%	6W	87%





Wellbeing

Friday 23rd October

Shirley Warren Primary & Nursery School

LOOK AFTER YOURSELF DURING THE HOLIDAYS

HAPPY KIDS BRIGHTER DAYS!

BE KIND TO YOURSELF

GET ENOUGH REST



A good night's sleep helps you feel happy, focused and ready for fun!

STAY ACTIVE



Move your body, play outside and try something new. Being active boosts your mood!

EAT WELL



Enjoy healthy foods and try to drink plenty of water to keep your body and mind feeling great.

SPEND TIME WITH PEOPLE WHO MAKE YOU HAPPY



Enjoy time with family and friends. Good relationships help you feel safe and supported.

DO THINGS YOU ENJOY



Make time for the things that make you smile – whether it's reading, music, art, gaming or something else you love!

TALK ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS



It's okay to feel happy, worried, excited or upset. Talk to a trusted adult if you need help – they are always there for you.

TRY NEW THINGS



The holidays are a great time to try something new and build your confidence!

TAKE TIME TO RELAX



It's important to have quiet time too. Take a break, breathe and enjoy the simple things around you.

BE KIND



Be kind to others and remember to be kind to yourself. You are amazing just the way you are!

HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SAFE HOLIDAY!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU BACK AT SHIRLEY WARREN PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL!

Safety at Halloween

Friday 23rd October

Shirley Warren Primary & Nursery School

HAVE A SPOOKTACULAR AND SAFE HALLOWEEN!

BE SEEN!



Wear bright colours or reflective strips so drivers can see you.

GO WITH A GROWN-UP



Always go trick-or-treating with a parent, carer or trusted adult.

STAY TOGETHER



Keep with your group and never go off on your own.

CHECK YOUR TREATS



Wait until an adult has checked your sweets before you eat them.

BE POLITE AND RESPECTFUL



Only visit houses with Halloween decorations and always say "Thank you!"

STAY SAFE NEAR ROADS

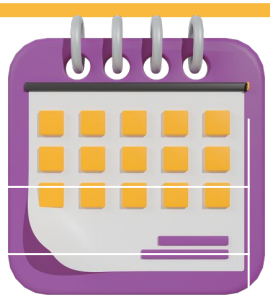


Look and listen for traffic, use safe places to cross and hold a grown-up's hand.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN FROM EVERYONE AT SHIRLEY WARREN PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL!

Dates for your diary

Friday 23rd October



Some dates to be confirmed and some will follow:

Friday 23rd October	Non school uniform day (Rainbow Raffle)
Friday 23rd October	Last day of Autumn 1
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October	Half term
Monday 2nd November	First day of Autumn 2
Wednesday 4th November	EYFS Diwali Celebrations Day
Thursday 5th November	Coffee Morning & Second Hand Uniform Sale
Friday 13th November	Children in Need Pyjama Day
Friday 25th November	Flu Immunisation Day
Thursday 3rd November	Coffee Morning
KS1 Nativity	Wednesday 16th December
Carols on the Steps	Wednesday 16th December (5pm)
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 17th December
Christmas Dinner	Thursday 17th December
21st December - 1st January 2027	Christmas Holidays
29th January 2027	INSET Day
15th - 19th February 2027	Half Term
Friday 19th March 2027	INSET Day
Friday 26th March 2027	Bank holiday- school closed
29th March - 9th April 2027	Easter Holidays
Friday 21st May 2027	INSET Day
31st May - 4th June 2027	Half Term
Friday 2nd July 2027	INSET Day

Safeguarding is our absolute priority. Please act on any concerns that you have about any children that you know. If you have a concern about a child or young person and you think they need help, contact the Children's Resource Service on 02380 83 3004 (Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm and Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm) or 02380 23 3344 (weekends, Bank Holidays and outside of office hours). Anyone can make a referral. At Shirley Warren, Mrs Ship is the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) while Mr Lyon and Miss Cassar are Deputy DSLs. Please remember, anyone can make a referral and safeguarding is everyone's concern.