

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Shining a Light on Shenington C. of E. (VA) Primary School

AUTUMN TERM:
VALUE OF THE MONTH: BRAVERY

Our Vision: Let Your Light Shine' Matthew 5:16 - Linking to Excellence through Endeavour.



Proud Head Teacher Moments

This week I was so proud of:

Hallie-Fai with her Maths today.

My Leading Lights This Week



Class 4 for helping with planting plants in our pots.

We have asked the children to do drawings of "Let Your Light Shine". We will be selecting them at random and sharing them here every week. This week's drawing is by Isla in Class 2.

PARENT NEWS

NEW MESSAGE FROM MISS REYNOLDS AND THE TEAM

Dear Parent,

It has been another busy week in school. I am so proud to visit each class and see their learning. All of the children have blossomed and developed in just a couple of weeks and have settled in to the routines and rhythms of school life already. The Music coaches, who are in school on Fridays, are already planning Christmas productions - it is never too early to think about the festivities in our books. Roll on "Last Christmas...."

Sports Day 2027:

Thank you for your patience. Following the heat wave, we wrote to you in the Summer to explain that we wanted to take some time to review the arrangements for next academic year's Sports Day before setting these dates.

Throughout all of my years here, it has been traditionally held in late June. With the heatwave, we have decided to move it to earlier in the Summer term. The teaching staff have decided to try running this in May. Therefore, the planned date will be 21st May. It will be run in two slots- Key Stage 2 (Classes 3 and 4) between 1-2pm. Then Key Stage 1 (Classes 1 and 2) between 2-3pm, just in case it is warm then we are already limiting the time outside.

The Reserve Sports Day will be 28th May. Whilst we recognise that there is a Target Assembly booked for 28th May, we are also aware that this is usually a quieter one. Therefore, if we have to use the Reserve Sports Day, we will run Class 3 and Class 4 events 1-2pm. Target Assembly will be at 2pm. Then Sports Day will be run for Classes 1 and 2 between 2-3pm. If we do not need to use the Reserve Sports Day, then Target Assembly will remain at 2.30pm. We hope that this reduces parents taking additional time off work.

Children can choose to be in the competitive races or the creative races. They will choose which set of races closer to the day. Whichever Sports Day is used, for those choosing the competitive races, the sprint race will be held (again) at 8.15am to avoid the hottest part of the day.

To summarise:

Planned Sports Day 21st May: 1-2pm Class 3 and Class 4, 2-3pm Class 1 and 2.

If Sports Day runs on 21st May then Target Assembly will be 2.30pm on 28th May as planned.

Sprint Races at 8.15- 8.45am if it is going ahead on 21st May.

Reserve Sports Day 28th May: 1-2pm Class 3 and Class 4: Target Assembly at 2pm: 2-3pm Class 1 and Class 2.

Sprint Races will be 8.15-8.45am - if this day is used.

Macmillan Coffee Morning:

We celebrate the start of term and support this worthy cause. Refreshments and cake will be available at drop off. If you are an "early bird" attending Breakfast Club, please let us know and we can have the kettle on early. We appreciate donations of cake/cakes but please include ingredients as part of the new allergy requirements. If you are attending with your child, then you will be responsible for food choices. If your child is attending without you then please email the school with your requirements. If we do not receive any communication, then we will have to assume that you do not want your child to participate.

The refreshments will be set up around the back of the school site. If it is wet, then we will be in the hall. Please remember to wear green.

We usually support the community with a litter pick. This will be on site and around the village if it goes ahead.

As always, treasure your weekend and treasure precious family time together.

Warm Wishes,
Sarah and Team x

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2026

Please note we are hosting our Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 25th September at drop off. We are accepting cake donations from parents for this event. Due to the change in policy on allergies in school, we will require a full ingredients list with your cake donation. Please can you drop off your cake donations to the school office on Thursday 24th September with a full ingredients list attached.

We are accepting donations for the refreshments offered at our coffee morning. We are accepting both cash and online payments. Online payments can be made using the link below. This will be available on Friday morning.

Please remember that it is non-school uniform, wearing green. We look forward to seeing you there.

<https://cm26.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/cm26001781>

To find out what has happened this week in school, please visit our class pages and latest news slideshow on our school website!

Class Pages: [Class Pages | Shenington Church of England Primary School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](#)

Latest News: <https://www.shenington.oxon.sch.uk/latest-news>

Links to Class topic webs and newsletters:

[Class 1 Curriculum | Shenington Church of England Primary School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](#)

[Class 2 Curriculum | Shenington Church of England Primary School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](#)

[Class 3 Curriculum | Shenington Church of England Primary School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](#)

[Class 4 Curriculum | Shenington Church of England Primary School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](#)

Day	Time	Year Group	Event	Place/ Venue	What to Remember	Consideration
Tuesday 22 nd September 2026	Afternoon	Foundation	Forest School	Forest School	Welly boots or walking boots. Long sleeves and trousers need to be worn.	Please bring in forest school clothing appropriate for the weather and a carrier bag.
Wednesday 23 rd September 2026	Morning	Year 3 and Year 4	Swimming	Spiceball Leisure Centre	Please Remember swimming kits, towel and swim hats/caps.	Swimmers to bring all swim shorts and costumes in a bag and will get changed at the Leisure Centre.
Friday 25 th September 2026	All Day	Whole School	Non-school Uniform	In School	We are wearing green for Macmillan.	
Friday 25 th September 2026	8.30am	Whole School	Macmillan Coffee Morning	In School	Please remember cake donations need to have a full ingredients list.	Both cash and online donations are accepted. Please see box above for further information.
Friday 25 th September 2026	End of Day	Whole School	Pre-loved Uniform will be out	School Hall		Please come into the office and we will arrange for you to have a look. Help yourself to anything you might need.

SCHOOL ELECTIONS

	Class One	Class Two	Class Three	Class Four
School Council	Xander Dorothy	Ronnie Nova-Lily Lucien	Margot Evie-Jai	Maia Miles
Sports Council	Class 3 & 4 only	Class 3 & 4 only	Hamish Rupert Ethan	Ralphie
Eco Warriors	Deniz Hallie-Fai	Matilda H Arthur F	Victor Delfina	Ted
Digital Leads	Harris Beau Thomas	Otto Otis	Millie Reuben	Oscar Aaliyah-Hope
Mental Health Ambassadors	Melanie Cyrus Isabella	Darcie Sam	Hunter Jessica	Joseph Lukmaan Louie
Prefects	Florence Chloe	Ardie Isla	Samuel George	Archie
Leading Lights	Phoebe Emily Athena	Arthur L Barney	Eloise Ewan	Oliver Georgia
Librarians	Alaska	Alfie Lyla	Ryan Alfred	Elyne Isla
Head Boy (Will alternate each week and will be Mental Health Ambassadors when not Head Boy)	Class 4 only	Class 4 only	Class 4 only	Joseph Lukmaan Louie

Class 1 also have classroom monitors. These are: Joy and Finlay.

WEATHER CHANGES

Please remember that all children need sun hats, raincoats and water bottles every day. PE kits need to be in school every day.

Our Vision**'Let Your Light Shine' Matthew 5:16- Linked to Excellence through Endeavour**

'Let your light shine,' Matthew 5:16 is our school scripture. This scripture is designed to inspire a new generation of Shenington pupils to fulfil their potential and Endeavour for Excellence. Below is some background on the scripture.

During the Sermon on the Mount, found in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus addresses a crowd and reveals eight blessings (known as The Beatitudes). He then goes on to talk to the crowd about salt and light. Jesus explains: "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 **In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven**". Matthew 5:14-16

Mrs. Wright - RE/SIAMS Lead

Miss Sarah Reynolds (Designated Safeguarding Lead Person)

Class 1 (Foundation/Year 1) - Mrs Wright

Class 2 (Year 1 and Year 2) – Mrs Vlahos

Class 3 (Year 3 and Year 4) – Miss Linton

Class 4 (Year 5 and Year 6) - Miss Reynolds

Attendance - Requirements of Schools

We wish to make parents aware that since September 2022, the DfE requirements of schools with regards to attendance has changed and schools are focusing on it even more. Please be aware that we are now required to seek more clarity about medical involvement when a child has been absent for an illness for more than just the odd day. This focus also includes making unannounced home visits for absence. This is the information provided by the Attendance and Engagement Team and is a requirement on schools as part of our safeguarding processes. Schools are required to have regular sight of children. Please understand if we seek further documentation or clarity or arrive unannounced (if your child's absence exceeds a certain number of days and we have not seen them). Our aim is to maintain positive relationships with our families but we are also at the forefront of implementing these requirements.

Term Dates

Term Dates for School Year 26/27 are available on our website and also in the calendar below. We hope that these will help in organising trips and holidays outside of term time.

Proposed dates for Academic Year 2026/2027

Draft dates and may be subject to change due to latest DofE Guidance at the time.

	Green – Church Service	Red – Target Assembly	Orange – New
2026			
September			
25 th	Macmillan Coffee Morning – Cake and tea at drop off. Non-uniform wearing green. Cake donations please.		
October			
2 nd	2.30pm Harvest Church Service. Please bring food donations for Banbury Food Bank. Parents are welcome to join us in Church. Every Class will perform, park at the school, pick up from church.		

5 th	NSPCC Kindness Challenge Week
5 th	3.30pm – ICT Workshop and IT safety
10 th	World Mental Health Day
13 th	October Film Event – Non-uniform for all.
23 rd	Drop off- Open Morning – books will be out in class, parents welcome.
23 rd	2.30pm Target Assembly at school. Parents Welcome.
23 rd	Non-uniform for all.
23 rd	Break Up – End of Term 1
November	
2 nd	First Day of Term 2- Clubs and Breakfast club start
2 nd	3.30pm – Parents Surgery. Chance to drop in and chat to class teacher.
6 th	2.30pm – Class 4 assembly in school – Parents of Class 4 welcome.
11 th	Remembrance Day
13 th	Children in Need – 9am Village Ramble – Parents and well-behaved dogs welcome. Non-uniform wearing spots for Pudsey.
16 th - 20 th	Anti-Bullying Week
15 th -21 st	Road Safety Week
December	
30 th Nov- 4 th	Children to deliver invites to village community for KS2 production.
4 th	Dress Rehearsal for Class 4 Production to the school and village, costumes needed in school.
4 th	2.30pm – Christingle Church Service – join us in church, park at the green pick up from the church. Every class will perform.
7 th	Book Online for Parents Evening in January
10 th	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children in school.
11 th	Class 4 Performance. 12.45-1pm Start (TBC).
11 th	2.30pm Target Assembly at school. Parents Welcome.
14 th	9am – Dress Rehearsal Nativity Performance for Class 1 and 2 to school and villagers. Costumes in school please. Parents can stay and help with changing at drop off.
14 th	11am – Dress Rehearsal for Class 3 production to the school and village – costumes needed in school.
15 th	Class 2 Performance 9.15am – Parents asked to stay and help with changing at drop off.
15 th	1.30pm – Class 3 Performance
16 th	9.15am – Nativity Performance for Class 1 parents only. Parents asked to stay and help with changing at drop off.
18 th	Open Morning at drop-off – books will be out in each class. Parents are welcome.
18 th	Father Christmas visiting.
18 th	Christmas Lunch in school. Non-Uniform for all dressing up in finest frocks and outfits for dinner.
18 th	2.30pm Christmas Panto, Carol Service (it is lots of fun).
18 th	Break Up – End of Term 2 – Cloakrooms to be cleared.
2027	
January	
4 th	Inset Day for Staff

5 th	First Day of Term 3- Breakfast and After school clubs start.
8 th	School New Year's Disco – 1-3.15pm
12 th	3.30pm – Phonics Session for Parents – Class 1&2
13 th	Parents Evening – 3.30-6pm TBC
14 th	Parents Evening - 3.30-5.30pm TBC
22 nd	2.30pm – Class 3 Assembly in school. Parents of Class 3 welcome.
25 th	Possible Class 4 Residential Meeting 3.30pm. Please ensure you attend – important forms distributed.
February	
1-7 th	Children's Mental Health Week
5 th	2.30pm Valentine's Church Service. Join us in church – every class will perform – park at the school and pick up from church.
5 th	NSPCC Number Day
8 th	3.30pm – Parents IT Safety Workshop
9 th	Shrove Tuesday. Pancake race at drop off. Parents welcome.
8 th	Safer Internet Day (Online Safety Day)
12 th	Non-Uniform Day.
12 th	Drop off – Open Morning – books will be out in classes, parents welcome.
12 th	2.30pm – Target Assembly in school. Parents welcome.
12 th	Break Up – End of Term 3. Cloakrooms Cleared.
17 th	Random Acts of Kindness Day
22 nd	First Day of Term 4- Breakfast and After School Clubs start
March	
4 th	World Book Day – Dress up linked to book character.
9 th	Film Night 3.15-5pm. Non-uniform for all
5 th -14 th	STEM Week
12 th	Class 2 Assembly in school 2.30pm. Parents of Class 2 welcome.
19 th	Comic Relief – Wearing Red. Events organised by sports council.
19 th	Easter Church Service 2.30pm. Every class will perform. Parents welcome park at school and pick up from church.
20 th	International Day of Happiness
21 st	World Poetry Day
25 th	Open Morning – Drop Off. Books will be out in each class, join us for refreshments. Parents welcome.
25 th	Non-Uniform for all.
25 th	Egg Roll 9.05am. Each child will need to bring an egg and decorate it. Parents welcome to take part too. Easter Bonnet Parade – Hats to be made in school.
25 th	2.30pm Target Assembly. Parents Welcome.
25 th	Break Up – End of Term 4. Cloakrooms Cleared.
26 th	Good Friday – Bank Holiday. School site closed.
April	

7 th	World Health Day
12 th	First Day of Term 5- Clubs start
May	
3 rd	Early May Bank Holiday – School site Closed.
7 th	2.30pm – Class 1 Assembly in School. Class 1 parents welcome.
10 th - 13 th	Key Stage 2 SATs - Year 6
14 th	2.30pm Pentecost Church Service. Every class will perform, parents welcome. Please park at the school and pick up from church.
21 st	Planned Sports Day. 1-2pm Class 3 and Class 4. 2-3pm Class 1 and Class 2. Sprinting races will be held at 8.15am.
24 th	Year 6 Bikeability sessions in school.
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28 th	Non-Uniform. Drop off - Open Morning. Book will be out in each class – join us for refreshments, parents welcome.
28 th	Reserve Sports Day. If this is required Class 3 and 4 will be held between 1-2pm, Target Assembly will be at 2pm and Class 1 and Class 2 races will be between 2-3pm.
28 th	2.30pm Target Assembly in school. Parents welcome. Please see box above.
28 th	Break Up – End of Term 5. Cloakrooms cleared.
June	
5 th	World Environment Day
7 th	First Day of Term 6- Breakfast and After school clubs start
7 th – 18 th	Multiplication Check Week Year 4
7 th	Book Online for Parents Evening on Arbor – Dependent of release dates of SATs results.
14 th – 18 th	Phonics Screening Check Week - Year 1
14 th	1.15pm - New Foundation Parents Administration Day
29 th	Film Night 3.15-5pm - non-uniform for all.
July	
5 th	New Foundation Transition Day TBC
6 th	SATs released TBC
6 th	Garden Party 1.30pm – Dress up in summer Frocks and chance for instrumentalists to play. Parents Welcome.
7 th	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm TBC – Depending on SATs results release dates.
8 th	Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm TBC – Depending on SATs results release dates.
9 th	School Production – TBC – will be outside, bring blankets to sit on.
9 th	Activity Day – Non-Uniform wearing house colours.
12 th	Move Up Day TBC
16 th	Year 6 Leavers Service 9am in church. Parents welcome please drop off at village green. Followed by T shirt signing and Adults vs children football match in school. Year 6 will need a spare top if they wish to use one to be signed in school.
16 th	Target Assembly / End of Year celebration at 2pm. Parents welcome will be outside, bring blankets to sit on.
16 th	Break up – End of Term 6. Cloakrooms cleared.
19 th	Inset Day for staff.
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21 st	Inset Day for staff.
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Inset Days for 2026/2027 Academic Year

Monday 4th January 2027
Monday 19th July 2027
Tuesday 20th July 2027
Wednesday 21st July 2027

Term Dates for 2026/2027 Academic Year

Term

Autumn Term	2 September – 23 October
October Half Term	26 October - 30 October
Autumn Term	2 November – 18 December
Christmas Holiday	21 December – 4 January
Spring Term	5 January – 12 February
Spring Half Term	15 February – 19 February
Spring Term	22 February - 25 March
Good Friday Bank Holiday	26 March – School Closed
Easter Holiday	26 March - 9 April
Summer Term	12 April - 28 May
Early May Bank Holiday	3 May – School Closed
Late Spring half-term	31 May - 4 June
Summer Term	7 June - 16 July

Just a reminder that our links to our School Policies are listed below:

School Emergency Closure Procedures

<https://www.shenington.oxon.sch.uk/emergency-closure/>

Foods in School - Healthy Schools

<http://www.schoolfoodplan.com/actions/school-food-standards/>

Doors

<https://www.shenington.oxon.sch.uk/safeguarding/>

Cyberbullying

<https://www.tvrru.co.uk/resource/cyber-bullying-advice-sheets/>

School Uniform

<https://www.shenington.oxon.sch.uk/school-uniform-1/>

Mobile Phones

<https://www.shenington.oxon.sch.uk/safeguarding/>

Parent Code of Conduct

<https://www.shenington.oxon.sch.uk/parent-conduct/>

We have an open-door policy and always welcome feedback from parents at any point. Please feel free to come and talk to myself or teaching staff. Details of our Complaints Procedure can be found on the school website.

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