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:

Class 1 for being amazing when we had visitors from Oxfordshire County Council in their class this week.	**My Leading Lights This Week** 	Class 3 for being so patient when their bus was slightly delayed during swimming this week.

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 Matilda H.

PARENT NEWS

NEW MESSAGE FROM MISS REYNOLDS AND THE TEAM

Dear Parent,

Our Macmillan Coffee morning was a great success. Thank you all for your contributions and donations. It was lovely to see you all enjoying the picnic benches purchased using funds raised by parents.

During a visit from the Early Years Team from Oxfordshire County Council our staff were praised, as was the classroom and outdoor provision and equipment. The feedback also included a focus on snacks. Going forward, any parent sending their child in with a fruit snack need to ensure that it is cut up.

This week Class 4 learnt about fire safety from a talk with Oxfordshire Fire Brigade. This was followed by a live online author session. All of the classes have enjoyed continuing with their topic work.

Please see book bags for paper correspondence. We are required to provide paperwork for each individual parent. We request that you shred any additional paperwork after you have returned your forms to school. Please reuse the envelope to return your forms to reduce waste.

We also wish Mr Wright well as he goes back to university next week. We have enjoyed the time he has spent with us and hope to have him working with us again later in the year.

Next week, we will enjoy our first church service of the year. We support the village Harvest Church Service. It has long been a tradition for our school community to donate a non-perishable food item which will be used to decorate the church for their Sunday service. To help with staffing, please could parents bring their donation directly to church this year. However, if you are unable to attend the church service, you can bring it when you collect your child at the end. If you are unable to attend the church at all then please send it in with your child to hand in to the class teacher. Food contributions will be donated to the Sunshine Centre's Food Bank.

This weekend enjoy the sunshine and remember to treasure family time together. It is the most precious gift.

Warm Wishes,

Sarah and Team x

OCTOBER FILM TREAT NIGHT – TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2026

Letters for our Film Night event on Tuesday 13th October 2026 have been sent home in book bags today. Please note the deadline for consent forms and Arbor payments is Monday 5th October at 5pm. Both the consent form and payment is required to take part. The cost of the event is £2 per child. Payment has been set up on Arbor under 'Clubs' as 'October Film Treat Night' and is available from 4pm on Friday 25th September 2026. Please contact the office if you experience any problems.
All children will be able to wear non-school uniform on the day. We will be wearing blue, yellow and white or smurf related items to celebrate the smurfs.

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-primarysite.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-primarysite.net)

Class 2 Curriculum | Shenington Church of England Primary School (secure-primarysite.net)

Class 3 Curriculum | Shenington Church of England Primary School (secure-primarysite.net)

Class 4 Curriculum | Shenington Church of England Primary School (secure-primarysite.net)

Day	Time	Year Group	Event	Place/ Venue	What to Remember	Consideration
Tuesday 29th 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 30th 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 2nd October 2026	2.30pm	Whole School	Harvest Festival Church Service	Holy Trinity Church, Shenington	We are collecting donations for Sunshine Centre Food bank. Please bring donations to church for service or at pickup.	Parents are welcome, each class will perform. Please park in the school car park and walk down to the church. Pickup will be from church at 3.15pm. Children taking part in Study Club will be walked back to school by staff and pickup will be as normal at 4pm.
Friday 2nd October 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.

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			
October			
2nd	2.30pm Harvest Church Service. Please bring food donations for Food Bank. Parents are welcome to join us in Church. Every Class will perform, park at the school, pick up from church.		
5th	NSPCC Kindness Challenge Week		

5th	3.30pm – ICT Workshop and IT safety
10th	World Mental Health Day
13th	October Film Event 3.15-5pm – Non-uniform for all.
23rd	Drop off- Open Morning – books will be out in class, parents welcome.
23rd	2.30pm Target Assembly at school. Parents Welcome.
23rd	Non-uniform for all.
23rd	Break Up – End of Term 1
November	
2nd	First Day of Term 2- Clubs and Breakfast club start
2nd	3.30pm – Parents Surgery. Chance to drop in and chat to class teacher.
6th	2.30pm – Class 4 assembly in school – Parents of Class 4 welcome.
11th	Remembrance Day
13th	Children in Need – 9am Village Ramble – Parents and well-behaved dogs welcome. Non-uniform wearing spots for Pudsey.
16th- 20th	Anti-Bullying Week
15th-21st	Road Safety Week
December	
30th Nov-4th	Children to deliver invites to village community for KS2 production.
4th	Dress Rehearsal for Class 4 Production to the school and village, costumes needed in school.
4th	2.30pm – Christingle Church Service – join us in church, park at the green pick up from the church. Every class will perform.
7th	Book Online for Parents Evening in January
10th	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children in school.
11th	Class 4 Performance. 12.45-1pm Start (TBC).
11th	2.30pm Target Assembly at school. Parents Welcome.
14th	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.
14th	11am – Dress Rehearsal for Class 3 production to the school and village – costumes needed in school.
15th	Class 2 Performance 9.15am – Parents asked to stay and help with changing at drop off.
15th	1.30pm – Class 3 Performance
16th	9.15am – Nativity Performance for Class 1 parents only. Parents asked to stay and help with changing at drop off.
18th	Open Morning at drop-off – books will be out in each class. Parents are welcome.
18th	Father Christmas visiting.
18th	Christmas Lunch in school. Non-Uniform for all dressing up in finest frocks and outfits for dinner.
18th	2.30pm Christmas Panto, Carol Service (it is lots of fun).
18th	Break Up – End of Term 2 – Cloakrooms to be cleared.
2027	
January	
4th	Inset Day for Staff
5th	First Day of Term 3- Breakfast and After school clubs start.

8th	School New Year's Disco – 1-3.15pm
11th	3.30pm – Phonics Session for Parents – Class 1&2
13th	Parents Evening – 3.30-6pm TBC
14th	Parents Evening - 3.30-5.30pm TBC
22nd	2.30pm – Class 3 Assembly in school. Parents of Class 3 welcome.
25th	Possible Class 4 Residential Meeting 3.30pm. Please ensure you attend – important forms distributed.
February	
1-7th	Children's Mental Health Week
5th	2.30pm Valentine's Church Service. Join us in church – every class will perform – park at the school and pick up from church.
5th	NSPCC Number Day
8th	3.30pm – Parents IT Safety Workshop
9th	Shrove Tuesday. Pancake race at drop off. Parents welcome.
8th	Safer Internet Day (Online Safety Day)
12th	Non-Uniform Day.
12th	Drop off – Open Morning – books will be out in classes, parents welcome.
12th	2.30pm – Target Assembly in school. Parents welcome.
12th	Break Up – End of Term 3. Cloakrooms Cleared.
17th	Random Acts of Kindness Day
22nd	First Day of Term 4- Breakfast and After School Clubs start
March	
4th	World Book Day – Dress up linked to book character.
9th	Film Night 3.15-5pm. Non-uniform for all
5th-14th	STEM Week
12th	Class 2 Assembly in school 2.30pm. Parents of Class 2 welcome.
19th	Comic Relief – Wearing Red. Events organised by sports council.
19th	Easter Church Service 2.30pm. Every class will perform. Parents welcome park at school and pick up from church.
20th	International Day of Happiness
21st	World Poetry Day
25th	Open Morning – Drop Off. Books will be out in each class, join us for refreshments. Parents welcome.
25th	Non-Uniform for all.
25th	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.
25th	2.30pm Target Assembly. Parents Welcome.
25th	Break Up – End of Term 4. Cloakrooms Cleared.
26th	Good Friday – Bank Holiday. School site closed.
April	
7th	World Health Day

12th	First Day of Term 5- Clubs start
May	
3rd	Early May Bank Holiday – School site Closed.
7th	2.30pm – Class 1 Assembly in School. Class 1 parents welcome.
10th- 13th	Key Stage 2 SATs - Year 6
14th	2.30pm Pentecost Church Service. Every class will perform, parents welcome. Please park at the school and pick up from church.
21st	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.
24th	Year 6 Bikeability sessions in school.
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28th	Non-Uniform. Drop off - Open Morning. Book will be out in each class – join us for refreshments, parents welcome.
28th	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.
28th	2.30pm Target Assembly in school. Parents welcome. Please see box above.
28th	Break Up – End of Term 5. Cloakrooms cleared.
June	
5th	World Environment Day
7th	First Day of Term 6- Breakfast and After school clubs start
7th – 18th	Multiplication Check Week Year 4
7th	Book Online for Parents Evening on Arbor – Dependent of release dates of SATs results.
14th – 18th	Phonics Screening Check Week - Year 1
14th	1.15pm - New Foundation Parents Administration Day
29th	Film Night 3.15-5pm - non-uniform for all.
July	
5th	New Foundation Transition Day TBC
6th	SATs released TBC
6th	Garden Party 1.30pm – Dress up in summer Frocks and chance for instrumentalists to play. Parents Welcome.
7th	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm TBC – Depending on SATs results release dates.
8th	Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm TBC – Depending on SATs results release dates.
9th	School Production – TBC – will be outside, bring blankets to sit on.
9th	Activity Day – Non-Uniform wearing house colours.
12th	Move Up Day TBC
16th	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.
16th	Target Assembly / End of Year celebration at 2pm. Parents welcome will be outside, bring blankets to sit on.
16th	Break up – End of Term 6. Cloakrooms cleared.
19th	Inset Day for staff.
20th	Inset Day for staff.
21st	Inset Day for staff.

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.tvvru.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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