WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

AUTUMN TERM:
VALUE OF THE MONTH: SHARING

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:

Foundation Stage children for joining the rest of the school on the "big" playground.	**My Leading Lights This Week** 	Year 1 to Year 6 children for caring for the Foundation Stage children during playtime.

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 Alfie in Class 2.

PARENT NEWS

NEW MESSAGE FROM MISS REYNOLDS AND THE TEAM

Dear Parents,

The penultimate week is completed. Yet another successful week of learning. Our Foundation Stage children have enjoyed joining the rest of the school on the big playground at playtimes and lunchtimes this week. It is heart-warming to see the older children helping and supporting them and all of the children playing together.

Letters for next week's Target Assembly have been sent home in book bags today. We look forward to seeing you on Friday in the school hall.

We are delighted that two new picnic benches have arrived which means that we now have twelve benches to replicate the number of benches inside. This means that the whole school can eat outside when the weather is warmer. Thank you for your parent funds towards these. Adding up the costings of the trip to the Arboretum for Class 3 and 4 last year, the trip to the Butterfly farm for Class 1 and Class 2 last year, the whole school trip to Hill End last year, the hoodies for Year 6 Leavers 2026, and the trip for Year 6 Leavers in Summer 2026, £7581.76 has been spent. For the balance of £2456.24 of parent funds, we would like to propose giving £600.00 towards the residential bus in Class 4 for Summer 2027 as well as paying for this year's Year 6 Hoodies and the end of year trip for our Year 6 (we expect this trip to be between £95 - £100). We would like to use any remaining funds towards paying for our new school library to have a bespoke art work installation/ graphic display. Please let us know your thoughts by the end of the school day, next Friday 23rd October.

Congratulations to Miss Wright and Miss Linton who completed another half marathon at the weekend and thanks to the staff for their care and support as they have hobbled around school this week.

We look forward to welcoming you at Open Morning next Friday. Please ensure you arrive by 8.45am. Books will be out so that you can sit with your child and share their learning this term. For those early birds who attend Breakfast Club, you are welcome to pop in too.

As always, please treasure family time together this weekend. It is precious.
Warm Wishes,
Sarah and Team x

POPPIES – ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We have received our poppies to raise money for the Royal British Legion in school. These will be available for purchase at drop off and pickup from Monday.

PARENT GOVERNOR UPDATE

Kayleigh Lewis and Jamie Ferney have been elected. Thank you to all the candidates and to all the parents for your responses. Our school was fortunate to have such a range of skills to be considered and endeavour to embrace and utilise all skills within our school. The governing board are looking forward to welcoming our new elected governors who will be joining the governing board which has a collective responsibility; governors do not act as individuals. School continues to have an open-door policy, should you have any matters that you wish to discuss, please continue to use the required processes and procedure to do this.

ICE POLES

As part of clearing out freezer space, we will be giving out ice poles to the children at some point next week.

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)

Our website is currently under construction so will not be updated until this has been completed in October.

Day	Time	Year Group	Event	Place/ Venue	What to Remember	Consideration
Tuesday 20th October 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 21st October 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 23rd October	All Day	Whole School	Non-uniform	In School	Non-uniform for all to celebrate the children's hard work this term.	
Friday 23rd October 2026	8.30am	Whole School	Open Morning	In School	Parents are welcome to join us. Books will be out in all classes. Refreshments will be provided.	Parents of children attending Breakfast Club are welcome in at 8am.
Friday 23rd October 2026	2.30pm	All Year Groups	Target Assembly	School Hall	Parents are welcome to join us in the school hall.	Target letters went out today in book bags for children who will be receiving an award.
Friday 23rd 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			
October			
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
17th	Banbury United Matchday
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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