WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

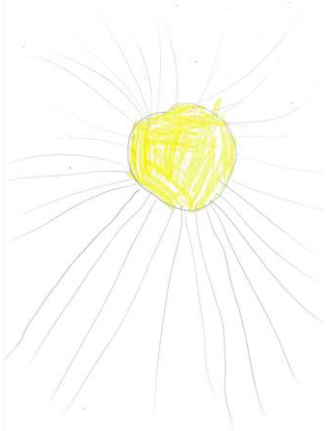
AUTUMN TERM:
VALUE OF THE MONTH: SHARING

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:

all of our families and staff for a lovely open morning.	**My Leading Lights This Week** 	all of our children for a wonderful first term.

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 Wilf.

PARENT NEWS

NEW MESSAGE FROM MISS REYNOLDS AND THE TEAM

Dear Parent,

Well, it has been another busy week here in school and learning continues to flourish. The children continue to thrive. Well done to the Foundation children for completing their first full term in school. We are all so proud of each and every one of them. It was so lovely to see so many of you during Open Morning. The children and staff are always so proud to share books and learning. We are all so proud of the children for achieving their First Target certificate.

Although the statutory requirement is for children to be able to swim 25m by the end of Key Stage 2, we will be moving swimming across other classes to help encourage all of the children to learn to swim. Next term, Class 2 and some Year 4 children will go swimming. Please look on Arbor under the trips section for payment details. We will review this each term and send other groups across the year. This will also help to spread the cost of swimming across the school. If your child was in Class 3 swimming this term and is not swimming, we will endeavour to ensure they have another opportunity to swim at some point across the year.

Each class have completed Christmas card designs for a competition organised by Matthew Barber of Thames Valley Police. They have also completed a design which will be used to create items (cards or tags etc.) for you to purchase. Details will be sent after the half term break. Class 4 have included the message on theirs which says "Sending Love", as part of PHSE work on grief and bereavement which is now part of the upper Key Stage 2 curriculum. They hope that this provides items to send to all families during the festive period.

Please can you ensure that you have signed up for after school clubs by the start of the new term. This helps our administration staff and reduce the demands on their workload having to call parents on the first day back. Thank you to all of our staff who help with our amazing club provision. To safeguard pick up arrangements, external coaches are not involved in pick up arrangements as they do not know all of the parents. For many of the support staff, this also includes them incurring their own child care costs to help here. We are blessed to have such a committed team. Just a reminder that children need to attend the whole session of the club they are attending except in an emergency due to staffing capacity.

Similarly, please ensure that you booked your child's school dinners ahead of the start of term even if you are entitled to universal free school dinners. Please note that due to the food supplies we will need to feed any late dinner orders on the first day back with a jacket potato. This is because there are always plenty of potatoes!

As we break up for half term, we just wanted to thank you all for your support and care. Teaching your children and being part of their development is an honour and all of the staff take such pride and joy from their contributions towards this. As a school we are truly blessed to have such an amazing team.

As always, treasure precious family together. Enjoy the half term break.
Warm Wishes,
Sarah and Team x

FLU IMMUNISATION – TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

The school nurse team will be carrying out the flu immunisations for the children on Tuesday 3rd November 2026. We have been informed that only 63.5% of parents have responded to the consent form provided in previous newsletters. Please note that you need to respond to the form to provide consent or to opt out of the flu programme. Please see the consent form that has be re-attached to the Newsletter email. Please note the consent form link will stop working the day before immunization is due to take place.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS – THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

The children will have their individual school photos taken on Thursday 5th November by our school photographer. Please note that children with siblings will also have a photo taken together. Children with pre-school siblings can have their photos taken together at drop-off.

FOREST SCHOOL WATERPROOFS

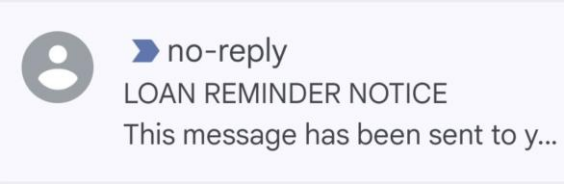
As the weather is becoming more changeable and wet, please can we ensure that children doing Forest School in school and in clubs have waterproof clothing with them to put on for each session.

CPR SESSION

Following on from our notice in previous newsletters please see the link below for further information regarding the CPR training session being run in Tysoe Village Hall by Warwickshire Hearts on Saturday 5th December.
https://www.tysoevillagehall.org.uk/page/cpr

LIBRARY BOOKS OVERDUE REMINDER EMAIL

It has been brought to our attention that the emails from our external library system looks a bit like spam. For clarity, please see the image below as to what the email will look like. This will only be sent if your child's library book is overdue.



HARVEST DONATIONS AT THE SUNSHINE CENTRE

Please see the message below from the staff at the Sunshine Centre in Banbury:

On behalf of The Sunshine Centre, I would like to thank you and your school for the harvest donation to our Community Larder.
With the increase in the need of our larder, donations like yours really make a difference and go directly to the families and individuals in our community needing a little help to get by.

Kindest Regards,

Kelly Dela Pena
Social Media & Communications Coordinator

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
Monday 2nd November 2026	All Day	Whole School	First Day of Term 2	In School		Breakfast Club and After school clubs start.
Monday 2nd November 2026	3.30pm	Whole School	Parents Surgery	In School		Parents are welcome to drop in and chat to class teacher.
Tuesday 3rd November 2026	Afternoon	Whole School	Flu Immunisation	In School	Please see note above for further information.	Please provide your consent to take part by clicking the link from the Newsletter flyer. The consent form will close the day before the event. Please note if you do not wish your child to take part you still need to respond on this link.
Tuesday 3rd November 2026	Afternoon	Foundation	Forest School	Forest School	Welly boots or walking boots. Long sleeves and trousers need to be worn. Please bring waterproofs with you.	Please bring in forest school clothing appropriate for the weather and a carrier bag.
Wednesday 4th November 2026	Morning	Class 2 and some Year 4 children.	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. Swimming letters went out today for those children taking part. Class 2 children will need to sign the consent form if they have not been this term. Please return this to the office by Tuesday 3rd November 2026.
Thursday 5th November 2026	Morning	Whole School	Individual School Photos	In School	All children will have their school photo taken individually and with siblings.	Children with pre-school siblings are invited to come in first at drop off.
Thursday 5th November 2026	9.30-2pm	Class 4	Rugby Festival	Banbury Rugby Club	Children will need PE Kits, water bottle, coats and packed lunch. Please cancel any	Please see letter that went home yesterday in book bags for more information.

					hot meals on Arbor in advance.	
Friday 6th November 2026	2.30pm	Class 4	Class 4 Assembly	School Hall	Parents of Class 4 children are welcome to join us in the school hall.	
Friday 6th November 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			
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.		

5th	Individual School Photos by School Photographer - Children with pre-school siblings are invited to come in first at drop off.
5th	Class 4 Rugby Festival at Banbury Rugby Club 9.30-2pm.
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	
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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