# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

### AUTUMN TERM:
### VALUE OF THE MONTH: REMEMBRANCE

**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:

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| Jessica and Evie-Jai for helping to organise the new chalks at lunch time play. | **My Leading Lights This Week**  | Georgia and Joseph for helping with poppy merchandise before and after school. |

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 Nova-Lily.

# PARENT NEWS

## NEW MESSAGE FROM MISS REYNOLDS AND THE TEAM

Dear Parent,

It has been a great start to the second term and the children have settled in well to this term's learning. We are always so proud of each child. Attendance letters for each child have gone home in book bags today.

Class 4 enjoyed attending a Rugby Tournament. Staff described their behaviour as exemplary. Thanks to staff who helped with transportation in their own cars. Class 4 also enjoyed sharing their learning with their families during their class assembly this week.

The school photographs went well yesterday. The photographer will be processing the images for consideration. Once she has finished this, we will update you further.

We have welcomed Miss Hussain on her placement with us from Oxford Brookes University this week.

On Tuesday, we informed you that we had received the images back of the children's drawings for you to consider purchasing Christmas items. We are delighted to let you know that the office staff have managed to push the deadline back to Friday 13th November 2026. Please ensure you order your items before then as the window will close after this.

Next week, the whole school will commemorate Remembrance Day. Class 4 will walk to the Alkerton Memorial to mark the 11am silence with the village community. The rest of the school will mark the 11am silence in school together.

On Friday, please join us for the Children In Need Ramble. We are planning to go on a ramble within classes around the village. We will be leaving school as soon as possible after 8.45am, so please send wellies and warm layers, and a change of shoes and clean socks for their return to school. Parents and well-behaved dogs are welcome to join us, all dogs must be kept on a lead and under the supervision of an adult. Please assemble at the school gate just before 8.45am.

As always we wish you a peaceful weekend and remember to treasure precious family time together.

Warm Wishes,

Sarah and Team x

## CHILDREN IN NEED FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2026

Children in Need is on Friday 13th November 2026. We are wearing non-school uniform all day with spots for Pudsey.

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To raise money for Children in Need this year, School Council is leading our participation in the Strictly 26 Step Dance Challenge. In the lead up to Friday 13th November, the whole school will be learning dance steps for a final performance in order to raise awareness and funds for Children in Need. On Friday we will perform our completed dance routine as a school! This will an internal event.

If you would like to sponsor our dance challenge and donate to Children in Need, please see our Just Giving link. Thank you for your support!

Donations to Children in Need are welcome through our Just Giving Page in the link below:
**https://challenge.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraising/shenington-cofe-primary-school-fundraising-page**

## CLASS 1 – MESSAGE FROM MRS WRIGHT

With the changing weather, please can Class 1 children remember to bring outdoor trainers every day and blue joggers for outside P.E. Thank you.

## NSPCC PANTS TALK – CLASS 1 AND CLASS 2

Next week, we will be having our NSPCC Pants Talk in Class 1 and Class 2. We will be using anatomical language to describe intimate areas and talking about the importance of privacy. They may wish to discuss this further with you when they come home. Thank you.

## 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 |
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| Tuesday 10th 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 11th November 2026 | Morning | Year 1, Year 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. |
| Wednesday 11th November 2026 | 11am` | All Year Groups | Remembrance Day | In School | | School will hold a minute of silence at 11am. |
| Wednesday 11th November 2026 | 11am | Year 5 and Year 6 | Village Remembrance Service | Alkerton War Memorial | | Class 4 children will walk down to the Alkerton war memorial to join the village remembrance service. |
| Thursday 12th November 2026 | 9.15-12pm | Year 5 and Year 6 | Orienteering Event | Wykham Park School | Children will need PE Kits, water bottle, coats and healthy snack. Children will be back in school in time for lunch. | Please see letter that went home yesterday in book bags for more information. Please return your consent form to the school office by Wednesday 11th November 2026. |
| Friday 13th November 2026 | All Day | Whole School | Children in Need | In School | Donations to be made through Just Giving page link. More details in the box above. | Non-school uniform for all, wearing spots for Pudsey. |
| Friday 13th November 2026 | As soon as possible after 8.45am | Whole School | Village Ramble | Shenington | Children to wear Wellies or comfortable walking shoes. | Parents and well-behaved dogs welcome. Please meet us by the gate for 9am. |
| Friday 13th 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 |
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| **2026** | | | |
| **November** | | | |
| 11th | Remembrance Day | | |
| 12th | Class 4 Orienteering Event at Wykham Park 9.15-12pm. | | |
| 13th | Children in Need – Village Ramble: Leave as soon as possible after 8.45am – Parents and well-behaved dogs welcome. Non-uniform wearing spots for Pudsey. | | |

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| 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. |
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| **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 |

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| 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.<br>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. |
| 25th | Year 6 Bikeability sessions in school. |
| 28th | Non-Uniform. Drop off - Open Morning. Book will be out in each class – join us for refreshments, parents welcome. |

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| 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 | |
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| 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 |

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| 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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