

Sherwood Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back to School for the Summer Term! There's a wealth of Curriculum enrichment planned for the term ahead, including: two residential visits, numerous Sports fixtures, a variety of Educational Visits, the Lancashire Dance Final, a House Performing Arts Competition, Sports days and more! Please look ahead on our [website calendar](#) for key dates for your diary and follow each event through our [website gallery](#). Pictured here: Y3 are introduced to life in Roman Britain this week.

READY FOR SUMMER!



Over the Easter break, we installed air conditioning in our EYFS unit and our Year 3 classrooms to improve the quality of our teaching and learning environment in the warmer months ahead. We also installed automatic, energy saving lighting to support our 'It's Up to Us' action plan!

THE SHERWOOD CURRICULUM

Please visit your child's [class page](#) for details of our Summer Term Curriculum and details of the key vocabulary for this term.

STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS

The Statutory Assessment window opens this term, with the following assessments taking place:

[Year 1 Phonics Screening](#)

[Year 4 Multiplication Check](#)

[Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests](#)

Please visit your child's class page and Curriculum Newsletter for further information. Details of the non-statutory assessments for Year 2, can also be found on the [Year 2 class page](#). Thank you.



RESIDENTIAL VISIT CONSULTATION

This term we will be seeking your views on our programme of Outdoor Adventurous activity and Residential Visits. Due to rising costs, it is vital that we gather your views before planning for the Academic Years ahead. Please take part in the questionnaire when available on the School Spider App. Thank you!

FUNDRAISING BAKE SALE - MONDAY



We are fundraising on Monday for our **KS2 playground development** and **Ronald McDonald House Charity**. The Ronald McDonald House Charity provides vital support and 'home away from home' accommodation for families of children at Manchester Children's hospital. We have had a number of families supported by this charity in recent years and I am proud of our young Y5 bakers who would like to send their support and gratitude to the charity. **Cakes will be on sale at breaktime for £1.** If you are able to donate baking – that would also be wonderful (nut-free baking please). Lots of key information enclosed for the term ahead and our most recent copy of Sherwood news, written by our young writers. Yours, Mrs J Lumb.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

We are pleased to offer our children the following before and after school enrichment opportunities this term. There are lots of opportunities for our children to be active and creative!

Registration opens on Tuesday 23rd April at 6pm through the School Spider App. Please book **one club only** on Tuesday, if places remain open for other clubs, please wait until Friday 26th April to book additional clubs. Once a club is fully booked, the form will disappear from the app. Thank you!

Day	Time	Club	Year groups	Drop Off/Collection Point
Tues	8am	Netball	Y5-6	Junior Yard
	3.30pm	Players in Education	EYFS-6	Y5/6 Cloakroom
	3.30pm	Y6 English Booster	Y6	Y5/6 Cloakroom
	3.30pm	Coding with Codey Bolts	Y5	Y5/6 Cloakroom
Wed	8am	Ju-Jitsu	Y1 – Y6	Main Entrance
	3.30pm	Y6 Maths Booster	Y6	Y5/6 Cloakroom
	3.30pm	Tag Rugby	Y4-5	Y5/6 Cloakroom
Thurs	8am	Tennis	Y3-4	Junior Yard
	8am	Dance	Y3-6	Main Entrance
	Lunchtime	Chess	Y6	Class 5MH
	Lunchtime	Lego	Y1-6	Class 2KH
	Lunchtime	Pupil Newspaper	Y6	Class 6KS
	3.30pm	Cricket & Rounders	Y3-4	Y3/4 cloakroom
	3.30pm	Performing Arts	Y2	Y1-2 Cloakroom
Friday	8am	Tennis	Y5-6	Junior Yard
	8am	Gymnastics	Y1-2	Y1-2 Cloakroom
	8am	Multi-skills	EYFS	EYFS/Infant Yard
	3.30pm	Cricket & Rounders	Y5-6	Y5/6 Cloakroom
	3.30pm	Art	Y3	Y3-4 Cloakroom

Our KS2 children are requested to wear their PE kits to school on a day on which they are attending a sporting enrichment club, thank you! EYFS, Y1 and Y2 children attending Gymnastics or Multi-skills may wear their own sports kit/clothes and bring their uniform to change into. Thank you!

Please note:

- Tennis coaching commences w/b 22nd April.
- Year 6 Booster sessions finish w/b 6th May.
- Year 5 are invited to join Netball Club from 14th May.
- There will be no Jujitsu club on Wednesday 15th May due to the delivery of Year 6 Statutory Assessments.

Thank you in advance to our team of teachers and support staff for delivering such a fantastic programme of activity this term!

DINNER MONEY

The cost of school meals for Summer 1 is £72.50, which is for 5 weeks and 4 days. Please make payment via ParentPay. Thank you.

PERFORMING ARTS AND MUSIC ENRICHMENT

Players in Education will be back this term and Music tuition is available from Rocksteady or BMA Music. Please [click here](#) for details (Parents – External) .

SPORT COACHING

If your child has expressed an interest in Tennis Coaching or Jujitsu, please [click here](#) for registration details.

ASTHMA CARE

We have drafted a [new Asthma Care Policy](#), that is now available on our website. If your child has asthma, we would appreciate your feedback. Please share your feedback through the School Spider form. Thank you!

SUMMER TERM UNIFORM

Our pupils are welcome to wear our optional [Summer Term uniform](#) from April to July. Please [click here](#) for details. Please note that gingham shorts or play suits are not part of our uniform policy. We also request that children do not wear sandals to school.

Looking ahead to the warmer weeks, we request that parents and carers review our [Safety in the Sun](#) guidance. Thank you!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Our Key Stage 2 pupils (Y3-Y6) are asked to attend School in their PE kit on the following days for Summer 1:

Tuesday: Year 4

Wednesday: Year 6

Friday: Year 3 and Year 5

This timetable will remain in place until 24th May 2024. **We've added PE days to our calendar for your reference.** Our Foundation Stage and Years 1 and 2 pupils will continue to need their PE kits in School all week please. All children in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 require a pair of black pumps please.

WELCOME TO SPRING!

ANIMALS

Spring is a fascinating adventure. It releases all sorts of interesting animals. It's a special time of year where things like sheep and chickens all give birth to their offspring - like lambs, chicks, piglets and more. It's not all about new-born animals though. Animals like bats and frogs start to hibernate to get their winter sleeps.

FLOWERS

Flowers also symbolise the start of Spring. It is the start of flowers blooming and revealing their bright, vivid colours. In Spring, there are many flowers like daffodils, bluebells and snowdrops but if you didn't know - the most special is the tulip. It represents spring and it is said that it is sent to mean happiness and good wishes.

OUTDOORS

Going outside in Spring is a beautiful thing; you get to see all sorts of nature. Not only is it good for looking at, but it's good for our mental health and bodies too. Spring is a great time of the year to go on holiday. In the countryside, you will get the experience for yourself of the amazing world and nature.



Go Outdoors!



As it gets closer to spring, more flowers begin to bloom. We should try to play outdoors more, for example go for walks, play sport, have a barbecue and even relax in the sun. Down below are the top 5 walking places around Preston to enjoy...

1. Preston Guild Wheel
2. Bamber Bridge to the River Ribble
3. Nicky Nook Hill
4. Brockholes
5. Avenham and Miller Parks

If you want to find more places to walk, click here onto this link to start your adventure.



Walking in these areas, can give our brains the fresh air that they need. Try not to stay cooped up indoors playing video games. Go outside and play and enjoy the time and fresh air you need. Exercise outside in the sun, have a picnic, go bird watching and watch the new flowers bloom in your garden. There's plenty to do!

Don't stay inside all day, go outside and play!

Gardens

In your garden, you might spot...

1. Daffodils
2. Grape Hyacinths
3. Bearded Irises
4. Dutch Crocuses
5. Primroses
6. Bloodroots

These are some examples but you might spot more. Click here to explore new flowers and start a hunt to find them.



New Year, New Badge!

The theme for this year's Book Drop books was diversity, and the same theme is for our badge this year. In 2024, the children will get the opportunity to earn a new badge. It will have a subject of diversity and encourage the children to respect everyone's beliefs and understand that everyone is unique. The badge says: 'We are Sherwood Each of us Unique, as one Family we all Thrive and Excel Together'. There are a series of challenges the children have been set. The KS1 children will be doing a wonderful performance for the badge as the first task. The performance will be themed around how special we are.

For the next task, every child will create a poem about being different. All these poems will go together to create a class poetry anthology. Another task the students will be set is 'I am...' artwork.

The final task in an exciting one for KS2. The houses (Finney, Park, Singh and Rigby) will compete in a performing arts competition and the winning house will move one place up the 'house points rainbow ladder'.



YOU ARE SPECIAL



Spotlight on... Ranvir Singh

Ranvir Singh is another of Sherwood's House mascots. She is a television presenter born in OUR city, Preston.

Childhood

Ranvir was born into a Sikh family in Preston, on the 11 August 1977 and has 2 older sisters and went to Kirkham Grammar.

Career

Ranvir went to UCLAN, and she got married to Ranjeet Singh Dehal and had a son. She became a television presenter and appeared on many popular shows like Strictly Come Dancing, The Big Picture and Fabulous Lives of Bollywood Wives. She works for BBC news and now lives in the Chiltern Hills.

STRICTLY COME DANCING

At the age of 44, Ranvir took part in the 2020 series of **Strictly Come Dancing** and was partnered with the professional dancer Giovanni who was 30 years old at the time.

RANVIR SINGH'S QUOTE

"The dance I'm most looking forward to doing is the one with the cape, I think it's called the Paso Doble?" Even though this quote sounds like an unusual sentence someone would say, but it is very famous in the town of Preston and with fans of Strictly!

