



Sharnford Weekly Newsletter

*"Many hearts make our School
nourishing,
flourishing and fruitful."*



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Friday 29th August 2025

MESSAGE FROM MRS BOYD-HOPE

It has been lovely to welcome back our school families, and to hear from the children all about their Summer holidays!

We've certainly been getting back into the swing of the school routine this week and it's good to see that the children haven't forgotten everything over the Summer break!

Exciting times are happening already next week as we welcome our EYFS children on Monday, have our Meet the Teacher event on Tuesday, and then our Y5/6 children are off to Caythorpe Court for their residential on Wednesday. We hope the weather treats them kindly!

Have a lovely weekend!

Celebrations

A fantastic well done to our Sharnford Superstars: Sunaina, Harry, and Jasper and well done to Elliot and Carter for their achievements outside of school.



Thank you and farewell

We're sad to say that over the Summer, Miss Freestone decided to leave us. Luckily for her, but sad for us, she found a position much closer to home. We just want to say a huge thank you to Miss Freestone for all her hard work and commitment to the children and school over the last three years; we'll miss you!



SPOTLIGHT FOR NEXT WEEK

MONDAY -

Choir
Football afterschool club Y3-6

TUESDAY -

Meet the Teacher event 5.30pm

WEDNESDAY -

Y5/6 Caythorpe Residential

FRIDAY -

Y5/6 return from Caythorpe

Updates

Our curriculum newsletters have been sent out so you can see what areas the children are covering over the Autumn term. Electronic copies of these are on our [website](#), along with other information such as how to help at home, recommended reads, spelling lists and much more!



We have also sent out our [Home-School Partnership](#) which outlines expectations for children, school and parents/carers.



Our homework and behaviour policies have also been updated and sent via email today. A link to view these on our website can be found [here](#).



Don't forget we have Meet the Teacher on Tuesday **next week**. Teachers will be delivering a presentation at 5.30pm and will be repeating this at 6.00pm.

MEET THE TEACHER

This Week's Worship...



Looking In



Looking Out



Looking Up



This week we have been reminding ourselves of our values and our vision. We wish for all our children to feel valued as part of our Sharnford family, and to learn how to value others in return.

"I am the vine and you are the branches. If you stay joined to me, and I to you, you will produce plenty of fruit." John 15:5



Safeguarding



Safeguarding the children in our school is our number one priority. We have a duty of care towards every child and take this responsibility very seriously.

We have strict child protection and safeguarding procedures which we must adhere to at all times. Our staff attend regular safeguarding training and are trained to identify signs and symptoms of abuse, ranging from neglect, witness of substance abuse (alcohol or drugs), to aspects such as physical and emotional abuse.

We listen to, and take seriously, anything the children tell us, as even one-off incidents can emotionally or physically harm a child long term.

Equally we may receive information from a concerned neighbour or member of the community and this too, must be reported or acted upon.

On occasion we may need to report our concerns to Social Services. Please be assured it is not our intention to 'point the finger' or to upset parents or carers, we are required to follow our procedures to ensure children are protected from harm or from a potentially harmful situation.

We would also urge any members of the public who witness anything they feel is a safeguarding matter outside of school, to contact 0116 305 0005 and report what they have seen/heard. This can be done anonymously.

If your child receives an injury at home, please inform a member of staff when you bring your child into school. Equally, we would also urge you to inform us of events at home that may affect your child in school, such as separation, bereavement, anxiety or feeling overwhelmed.

Attendance

IMPORTANT! (WHY?)

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year.

The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

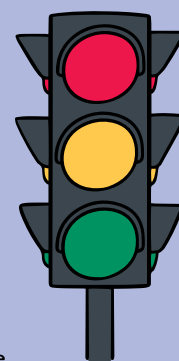
Primary Education sets the foundation for further education and is fundamental for your child's academic achievement, wellbeing and wider development.

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on academic achievement
95% - 90%

Cause for concern

100% - 96%
Excellent



Please read more information here;

[Why is school attendance so important and what are the risks of missing a day?](#)

We currently have a HLTA Vacancy here at [Sharnford Primary School](#) and a Teacher vacancy at [Ullesthorpe Primary School](#)



There are also vacancies with our catering providers, Taylor Shaw. Positions based at [Gilmorton Chandler](#), [John Wycliffe](#) and [St Mary's, Bitteswell](#)

Term Dates - Academic Year 2025-26

AUTUMN TERM
Tuesday 26th August 2025 - Thursday 16th October 2025 (Bank Holiday Monday 25th August 2025)
HALF TERM
Monday 27th October 2025 - Friday 19th December 2025
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
SPRING TERM
Tuesday 6th January 2026 - Friday 13th February 2026
HALF TERM
Monday 23rd February 2026 - Friday 27th March 2026
EASTER HOLIDAYS
SUMMER TERM
Monday 13th April 2026 - Friday 22nd May 2026 (Closed for Bank Holiday Monday 4th May)
HALF TERM
Monday 1st June 2026 - Thursday 9th July 2026
SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Teacher days:

- Thursday 21st August 2025
- Friday 22nd August 2025
- Friday 17th October 2025
- Monday 5th January 2026
- Friday 10th July 2026