



# Newsletter

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School diary at <http://www.shipleysprimary.com/calendar.html>

Dates – a paper copy of the key term dates is available in the school office and on the website.

## Connectivity and communication

Thank you for bearing with us during this difficult period of little or no internet and no phones. There is no doubt that it has had a wide impact. There are elements of the curriculum that have not been taught because they are web based. Children have been out of routine and it has been a huge challenge. We are working with West Sussex to prevent any future disruption.

We are assured it is now fixed. I would like to thank the teachers, the children and the families for being so patient during the last two weeks. There will be a period of catch up while we process the backlog of e-mails and jobs but we hope to restore everything as soon as possible.

## Harvest service

The Harvest service will take place at St Mary's Church on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am. Parents are very welcome to join us for the walk to church, we will be leaving school at 9.00am. As in previous years, we are collecting Harvest gifts for Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice. Preferred items are:

cake mixes or cake decorations for the children's activities

biscuits and squash

tea bags, coffee and sugar for the visiting families

Tins – specifically tinned tuna and baked beans

Please note that Chestnut Tree House is a completely NUT FREE zone



This year we are also going to donate some of the items to Horsham Matters Foodbank. If you prefer to send a tinned or packet food item, we are happy to accept it.

## Cake sale

The School Council, in conjunction with Sycamores class, are running a cake stall on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October after school in aid of the Galapagos Islands Conservation Trust.

## Curriculum enhancement

Year 4 had a wonderful day at Fishbourne Roman Palace learning all about life in Roman times. Many thanks to the Parochial Church Council and the St Julian's Fund who helped us with the cost of the train fare using sustainable transport is important to us.



Sycamores class thoroughly enjoyed the Viking drama workshop with Rainbow Theatre. Thank you to FOSS for supporting the workshop costs.



Ash class also took part in a Poetry in nature workshop funded by West Sussex Young Arts. They will be doing recordings of some of their poetry next week.

**Parents Evening**

Parents Evenings are Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 3:30-5:30 pm and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 4:00-6:00 pm. These appointments are available to book on MCAS. If you are unable to access MCAS, please inform the office and they will book the appointment for you.

**School Photographer**

The School Photographer will be here on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

**Guinea Pigs**

The Guinea Pigs need a holiday! If you would like to look after the Guinea Pigs during the half term holiday then please let either the office or Mrs Dodd (Oaks) know.

**Family services at St Mary’s Church, Shipley**

This is a short informal service lasting for 45 minutes and including tea and coffee afterwards.

Please let us know if your child(ren) would like to do a reading or a prayer at the service.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 10.00am - Harvest Festival

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am – Family Service

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 6:00 pm – Carol Service

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 5:00 pm – Crib Service

The church is always looking to welcome new members of the choir – young or old.



**READING REWARDS**

	<b>RUBY</b>	<b>EMERALD</b>	<b>AMETHYST</b>	<b>DIAMOND</b>
WILLOWS	Rose			
OAKS	Abe, Esther	Alice D, Ollie M, Rhys, Theo, Oscar		
ASH	Lilian			
SYCAMORES	Brodie, Rosie, Sonny			



## GOLDEN BOOK

When a child does something amazing, we like to celebrate the event in Friday's assembly.

- WILLOWS - Sydney for painting a beautiful apple in R.E.  
Nelly for creating amazing repeating patterns in maths.
- OAKS - Oscar for having a fabulous attitude to learning.  
Esther for great reading all term.
- ASH - Macy for a beautiful poem about nature.  
Lilian for always working hard and trying her best in everything she does, all with a smile on her face.
- SYCAMORES - Rosie for hard work during Maths completing the bus-stop method.  
Alice for working hard to improve her spellings.

Staff have golden tickets to give to children in Willows and Oaks. All golden tickets are put into a weekly draw. This week's winner is Oscar

Kind regards  
Jen Harvey and Jill Phillips

**DIARY DATES**  
**AUTUMN TERM/SPRING TERM 2024/2025**

**OCTOBER**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Harvest Festival Service 9:30 am at St Mary's Church.

Parents invited to attend

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October

FOSS – Rags to Riches Clothing Collection

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Parents Evening 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

School Photographer in School

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Parents Evening 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

FOSS Autumn Disco TBC

**FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**INSET DAY**

**MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER–FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER**

**HALF TERM**

**NOVEMBER**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Return to School

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Ash Class Swimming Starts (6 weeks). Details to follow

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Sycamores Class Assembly 9:00 am. Parents invited to visit classes afterwards

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Remembrance Day Service at School 10:05 am. Parents invited to attend

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Anti-bullying week starts

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Ash Class Assembly 9:00 am. Parents invited to visit classes afterwards

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Children in Need – Pyjamas/Onesie day for a donation

Oaks Class Assembly 9:00 am. Parents invited to visit classes afterwards

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Willows Class Assembly 9:00 am. Parents invited to visit classes afterwards

**DECEMBER**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Evening Performance of *Simply the Nativity* 6 pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Morning Performance of *Simply the Nativity* 9:15 am

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Afternoon Performance of *Simply the Nativity* 2:00 pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Christingle Service at St Marys Church 2:00 pm. Parents invited to attend

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Cracker Lunch

**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**LAST DAY OF TERM**

**MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

**TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**SPRING TERM STARTS**

**FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

**SPORTING EVENTS**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Year 6 Talented Athlete (selected pupils only)

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

KS2 Cross Country 2:00-3:30 pm (selected pupils only)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Y5/6 Quicksticks Hockey 3:30-5:00 pm (selected pupils only)