



The Sherwood Newsletter

Resilience Equality Self-confidence Positivity Empathy Co-operation Tolerance

Friday 7th November 2025

Article 29: Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

Article 38: You have a right to protection in times of war. If you are under 15, you should never have to be in an army or take part in a battle.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome children back to school this week, refreshed and ready for a busy half term ahead!

We believe that children who attend school regularly are more likely to feel settled in school, maintain friendships, keep up with their learning and gain the greatest benefit from their education.

Our whole school attendance figure is currently **94.3%**, which is below national expectations. We really appreciate your support in bringing children to school on time every day as this helps us to work together to support your children.

Minor illness should not be a reason for staying at home. If your child attends school when feeling slightly under the weather, do let a member of staff know and we will monitor them and contact you if we think they need to go home. If you aren't sure whether to send your child to school, please contact our admin team and we will be happy to talk this through with you.

Individual medical needs, which may impact on attendance are taken into account when reviewing attendance. Should absence rates fall below 90%, our EWO may become involved, which can lead to fines and further involvement of our partners at Merton LA. **Headteachers are no longer able to authorise holidays under any circumstances.**

We would like to say a big thank you for supporting your children to attend school and engage so well with their learning. We know that this reflects the value our families place on children learning in school every day. At The Sherwood, we have very high expectations of all children and want them to achieve their full academic potential and to develop social and emotional skills to help them become happy, confident individuals.

Do speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance if you are concerned about your child's attendance or any other aspect of their school life so that we can support you.

We are able to refer families to our Early Help Co-ordinator, Annabel Hill, who can help direct you to services available in Merton. We can also make referrals, or you can refer yourself, into the Education Wellbeing Service - there are leaflets attached to this newsletter which give more detail about this.

We are looking forward to continuing to work together, to support best attendance and learning.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Samouel



- Resilience
- Equality
- Self-confidence
- Positivity
- Empathy
- Co-operation
- Tolerance



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



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Sherwood Recreation Ground

I am delighted to share that the Sherwood Park Recreation Ground's playground will be refurbished over the next few weeks!

The work will start on Monday 10th of November and is expected to take approximately two to three weeks to complete, weather dependant.

The subcontractor undertaking the work will close the playground for the duration of the work so please be advised that children will not be able to use the playground while these works are undertaken.

Please see below the 2D plans.

We are also pleased to share that work on our Playzone has been approved and will begin in spring 2026. We are delighted that, along with the fantastic scooter park that opened earlier this year, facilities for local residents are being updated and improved for children and families.

Sherwood Recreation Ground - Play Area Additions

1 ARCHED AGILITY BEAM

2 BALANCE BEAM

3 STEPPING STONES

4 WOBBLE BOARD

5 12 STEPPING FLOWER POSTS LINKING TRAIL ITEMS

6 MULTI-PLAY UNIT

7 TWO BAY SWING
TWO x FLAT SEATS & 1 x POLYETHYLENE HARD BASKET SEAT

Customer L.B. Merton	Date: 21/07/23	Revision: REV-8 (29/08/2025)	Active Landscapes Ltd Unit 39 Goulds Close, Milton Keynes, MK1 1EO Tel - 0800 170 1190 Email - info@activelandscapes.co.uk
Project Sherwood Recreation Ground - Play Area Additions	Scale: 1:200 @ A3	Sheet: 1 of 1	Notes: Concept layout

ACTIVE LANDSCAPES
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Autumn Term Calendar Dates

Event	Date	Time
Focus Week: 'The Fish Who Could Wish'	3-5 September	All day
Meet the Teacher Years 1-3	Monday 15 th September	9.00 – 9.30 a.m.
Meet the Teacher Years 4-6	Tuesday 16 th September	9.00 – 9.30 a.m.
Year 6 PGL Meeting for Parents / Carers	Tuesday 16 th September	3.30 – 4.00p.m.
Genes for Jeans MUFTI Day	19 th September	All day
Growing Against Violence Workshops for Year 5 & 6 – So Social Media & Friend vs Friendly	19 th September	All Day
Year 6 Transition to High School Meetings	Thursday 18 th September	9a.m. & 5.00p.m.
Coffee Morning for Parents & Carers	Thursday 25 th September	9.00a.m. Main Hall
Focus Week: Harvest Festival	22-26 September	All week
European Day of Languages	Friday 26 th September	All day
Focus: Black History Month	1st – 31st October	All October
Focus Week: Art & Black History	6 - 10 October	All week
4 Birch Swimming	6 – 17 October	2 Weeks
Year 2 (a.m.) and Year 5 (p.m.) Author Visit - New Wimbledon Theatre	7th October	a.m. and p.m.
Phonics & Early Reading Parent/Carer Workshop (EYFS & KS1)	Wednesday 8 th October	3.30p.m. Main Hall
Year 6 Author Visit New Wimbledon Theatre	Friday 10th October	p.m.
Focus Week: Democracy & The Rule of Law	13 - 17 October	All week
Year 6 Bikeability Training	13-17 October	All week
Year 5 & 6 Football Competition	17th October	All day
Half Term: 27 - 31 October		
Focus Week: Kindness & Anti-bullying 'Choose Respect'	10-13 November	All week
4 Maple Swimming	3 – 14 November	2 Weeks
Year 6 PGL Residential	5 – 7 November	3 Days
'Children in Need' MUFTI Day	Friday 14 th November	All day
EYFS Christmas Performance	Tuesday 2nd December	9.30a.m.
Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) Christmas Show	Tuesday 9th December	9.15a.m.
LKS2 (Year 3 & 4) Christmas Singalong	Wednesday 10th December	9.30a.m.
UKS2 (Year 5 & 6) Carol Concert	Friday 11th December	1.30p.m.
Open Afternoon	Monday 15 th December	3.20 - 4.00p.m.
End of Term	Friday 19 th December	2.15p.m.



Star of the Week!

Friday 17th October 2025

Week Beginning 20th October 2025

1 Rose	Veeraj	He has been chosen for being such a helpful, hardworking member of Year One. He comes into the classroom with a big smile, is always ready to learn & enjoys school.
2 Sunflower	Nanielly	She always puts in an incredible amount of effort to every piece of work. She thoroughly enjoyed writing independently, finding adjectives to create expanded noun phrases.
3 Fir	Emmalee	She showed amazing resilience and determination. Even after hurting her knee, she kept going with a positive attitude and continued to work hard. Well done & keep it up!
3 Willow	Lanwe	She enjoys coming to school and starts every day with a big smile! She has good independent skills and enjoys being given responsibility in the classroom. Well done!
4 Birch	Linaz	She has tried her hardest to listen carefully, engage with discussion and as a result has produced her best maths work so far this year. Keep it up, great growth mindset!
4 Maple	Zahaib	He has only been at The Sherwood for a short time, however he's made a 'big' impression already and has settled in really well. He always demonstrates our core values
5 Beech	Lleyton	He has truly shone in everything he's done! He has shown incredible enthusiasm and focus, especially during our maths lessons. Well done, we are so proud of you!
5 Elm	Hamzah	He has been working very hard since the beginning of Year 5, always trying to improve his work. All his books are neatly presented and he takes a pride in all he does.
6 Chestnut	Dusint	He is an excellent mathematician who always completes his work to the highest standard and actively asks for challenges to push himself even further. Well done!
6 Oak	Jumeirah	This hard-working and happy girl is a delight to have in the classroom. Jumeirah puts in 100% in all lessons and her books are presented beautifully. Keep up the hard work!

Week Beginning 3rd November 2025

1 Rose	Amiyah	She has been working hard to answer as many questions as possible this week, working on her number bonds and coming up with lots of words to describe Traction Man!
2 Sunflower	Rome	Every time I look at Rome, he has been trying to impress me with his positive attitude to his work. This week he tried so hard in English writing sentences to describe Beegu.
3 Fir	Dani	He has shown great perseverance and a positive attitude towards learning. He has shown our behaviour values by being kind, respectful, and safe this week in class.
3 Willow	Preston	He shows enthusiasm in all lessons and always tries his best. He loves being helpful in & likes doing jobs and helping others with their work. He is one of the kindest pupils.
4 Birch	Tiffany	For the care and attention she gives to every lesson she takes part in. Her outstanding handwriting and presentation make every piece of work she makes a pleasure to read.
4 Maple	Amelie	She listens to the coach's instructions so that she can perfect her swimming in the big pool. She is an incredible role model, not just for the class, but for the whole school.
5 Beech	Rosabela	She never gives up and always tries her very best in everything she does. She has shown brilliant progress by using concrete resources to deepen her understanding.
5 Elm	Mia-Rose	Her work is always beautifully presented and a pleasure to mark. In English she has been making detailed notes to help her write a character profile of Ernest Shackleton.
6 Chestnut	Saloni	She has shown great enthusiasm and focus, fully engaging with all of the activities. Her willingness to take part, listen carefully, and support others has made a real difference.
6 Oak	Sofia M	She has taken part in every activity with enthusiasm, curiosity & a willingness to try her best. Her respectful attitude, teamwork & consistent effort have made her a joy to have in class.

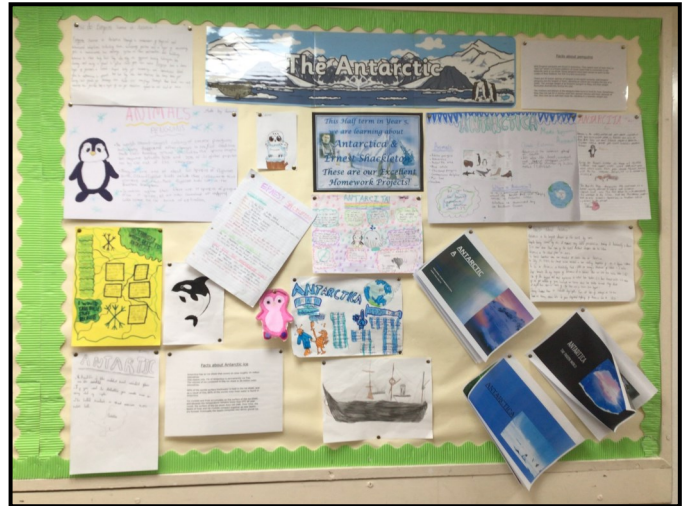
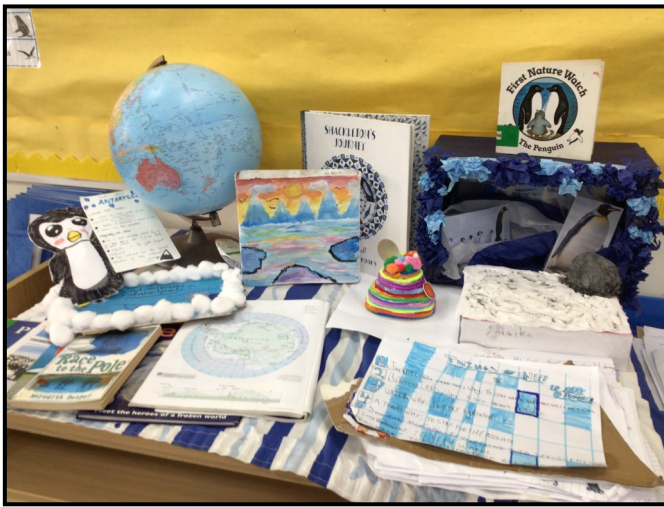


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This half term Year 5 are learning about Antarctica. Here are some of the amazing homework the children have produced. They have researched famous explorers and Antarctic animals, made models of shelters and the ship 'Endurance' and created excellent pictures. Well done Year 5, what an amazing start to our new topic!





Christmas Lunch Menu



Festive Roast Turkey

Chicken Chipolata , Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy

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Christmas Tagine with a Puff Pastry Crust

Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy

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Jacket Potatoes served with Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise

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Roast Potatoes

Peas

Carrots

Cranberry Bread

Desserts

Chocolate, Orange & Cranberry Brownie served with Ice Cream



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Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Promoting Positive Behaviours

Want to reduce challenging behaviour and enjoy more positive moments with your child?

Join our workshop for parents and carers of children aged 0-5.

Learn simple, effective ways to encourage good behaviour through the power of praise, positive attention, and play.

This workshop will give you tools you can use straight away to create a calmer, happier home.

DATE / TIME

Tuesday 18th November
1.00-2.00pm



Scan the
QR code
or
[click here](#)

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to either event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code.

You can also check out our other events by [clicking here](#)

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

DATE / TIME

Thursday 20th November
6.00-7.00pm



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Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Building Resilience in Primary School Children

Practical advice for parents who are open to thinking about their role and what they can do to help develop resilience in their child.



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Wednesday 19th November
8.00-9.00pm



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ONLINE PARENT/CARER WEBINARS

Jointly run by **Off The Record** and **Croydon Drop In**

Join us online for the following free workshops. Sign up via Eventbrite by scanning the QR code below. Cameras and microphones can be turned off.



Supporting your Child with Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA)

Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 1:30pm

Helping your Child with Anxiety and Worries

Tuesday 18th November 2025 at 1:30pm

Helping your Child with Behaviours that Challenge (Primary age)

Tuesday 25th November 2025 at 1:30pm

Introduction to Neurodivergence

Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 1:30pm

Supporting your Young Person with Low Mood

Tuesday 9th December 2025 at 1:30pm



TALK TO US

OFF THE RECORD



**Are you OK
Croydon?**



**You Talk,
We Listen**
Croydon Drop In



WORRIED ABOUT THEM?

Our trained advisers can offer tailored support if you're worried about a change in your child's behaviour or emotions.

Contact YoungMinds Parents Helpline on
0808 802 5544.

🌟 This free and confidential service is open to all parents and carers.

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Scan QR code
to find out how.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What age range do you offer advice for?

We provide free, confidential advice to all parents and carers of young people aged 0-25.

What kind of issues do you support with?

Our advisers are equipped to support you with anything that your child is going through. Including school avoidance, behavioural challenges, worry, ADHD, low mood and much more.

Is there a long wait time on the calls?

We aim to answer our calls as quickly as possible. But if there is a queue you can select the option for a call back within two working days or chat with us online.

What can you support me with?

Our service provides free, practical advice on how you can support your child's mental health. No matter what your child is going through, we are here to guide you when they need you the most.

How can I access the helpline?

You can call our Parents Helpline for free on 0808 802 5544, speak to us online by scanning the QR code on the back of this leaflet or learn more by visiting: www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline

What happens when I contact you?

However you contact us, you will receive specific guidance from one of our expert advisers that will help you to understand your child's behaviour and give you practical advice on what to do next. All conversations are confidential.

Please note that we cannot advise on medication, counselling / therapy treatments or diagnose mental health conditions.



IS YOUR CHILD GOING THROUGH A TOUGH TIME?

Call our Parents Helpline on
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or visit youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline

Free language translation and interpretation services are available.

YOUNGMINDS



15,000+ parents and carers supported last year

89% of helpline users felt more confident after a call

"The person I spoke to was so helpful. She listened and signposted me to a wealth of other resources at a time when I was so distressed I had no idea which way to turn. For the first time, I felt as though there was someone out there for me – who could help me through all this." – Helpline caller

No matter what your child is going through, we're with you.

Learn more



HEDGEHOG DISCOVERY AFTERNOON

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY FOR AN ENGAGING MIX OF:

ARTS &
CRAFTS

SHOWINGS OF THE
AWARD-WINNING FILM
'THE LITTLEST HOGLET'

INTERACTIVE
LEARNING



JOIN US ON
SUNDAY 26TH
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BETWEEN
1.30PM TO
4.30PM

AT
SHERWOOD
PARK HALL,
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This event is funded by our SpaceHive Crowdfund campaign
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Helping Children Feel Confident, Calm & Happy

Support For Parents/Carers

WHAT WE OFFER:

- Friendly, practical **1:1 advice and support** for parents
- **6-8 week parent sessions** with proven strategies
- **Free online webinars** on children's wellbeing
- Resources and **recorded workshops** to use anytime

- **Calmer routines** and **fewer conflicts** at home
- Children feel **more confident** in new or social situations
- Children **learn to cope with worries** and **build resilience**
- **Parents feel supported**, reassured, and not alone

HOW IT HELPS:

WHAT PARENTS SAY:

*"The **support was fantastic** - I **felt listened** to and encouraged."*

*"We now **have calmer routines** at home and my **child is happier** at school."*

*"I'd **recommend this service** to any parent."*

Scan the QR code to find out more and sign up
speak to your child's school for more information

We also have an Eventbrite page where parents and carers can **book upcoming workshops and webinars** and a youtube channel with recorded resources, available through the QR code



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For more information, please go to:
<https://swlstg.nhs.uk/education-wellbeing-service>,
or email the team at EWSinfo@swlstg.nhs.uk



The Sherwood School Term and Holiday Dates 2025-26

AUTUMN TERM Monday 1st September - Friday 19th December

INSET Days Monday 1st September

Tuesday 2nd September

Children Begin Wednesday 3rd September

Half Term Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

Term Ends Friday 19th December

SPRING TERM Monday 5th January – Friday 27th March

INSET Day Monday 5th January

Children Begin Tuesday 6th January

Half Term Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

Term ends Friday 27th March

SUMMER TERM Monday 13th April – Monday 20th July

(May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May)

INSET Days Monday 13th April

Monday 20th July

Children Begin Tuesday 14th April

Half term Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

(Spring Bank Holiday on Monday 25th May)

Term Ends Friday 17th July

INSET Days 2025-26

1 - Monday 1st September 2025

2 - Tuesday 2nd September 2025

3 - Monday 5th January 2026

4 - Monday 13th April 2026

5 - Monday 20th July 2026



The Sherwood School



Breakfast Club

7.30am drop off, breakfast served before 8am

£8 per session
(£6.66 with tax-free childcare)

After school Club

3.45pm—4.30pm pick up

HALF session

£6 per session

(£4 with tax-free childcare)

4.30pm- 5.30pm pick up

FULL session including food

£12 per session

(£10 with tax-free childcare)

For more information and to book please contact us on

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Or visit our website

www.thesherwoodschool.co.uk/breakfast-and-afterschool-clubs