



# The Sherwood Newsletter

Resilience Equality Self-confidence Positivity Empathy Co-operation Tolerance

Friday 3rd October 2025

**Article 30:** You have the right to practice your own culture, language and religion.

**Article 2:** No child should be treated unfairly on any basis.



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- Co-operation
- Tolerance

## Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy week, with our children participating in a number of workshops and our Rights Respecting Schools Gold Re-accreditation earlier this week. This was a very positive experience with children clearly able to explain the purpose and benefits of learning about our rights and the importance of respecting the rights of others. We will write to you in due course, once we have received the report from the RRS assessor.



We are delighted to share with you that The Sherwood School, with support from the London Borough of Merton, has been successful in securing funding from the Football Foundation to develop a brand-new Playzone in the multi-use games area that links our school playground with Sherwood Recreation ground.

This project will provide a modern, refurbished space for children to enjoy sports, and will be available for community groups to book and use.

Planning for the Playzone has begun, and you may have seen the notices up around the current multi-use games area. We will keep you updated as the project progresses. The illustration below gives an indication of what this amazing resource will look like. Local organisations will be able to hire the space to use in the evenings, at weekends and during the holidays, which will provide our community with a wider range of local sports-related activities.

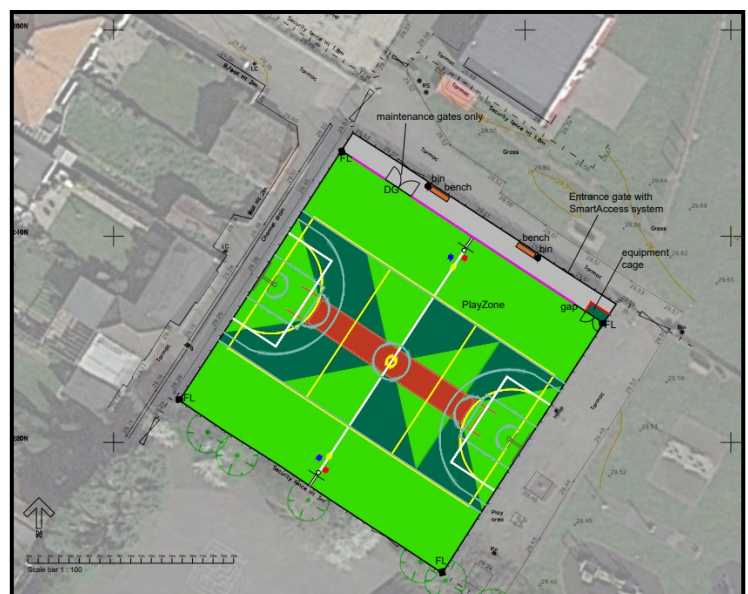
Parent and carer consultations will take place on Wednesday 15th and Monday 20th October.

All appointments will be face to face in school or via a telephone call. Do look out for further information on how to book your slot via MCAS in the next week or so. If you need help booking your appointment, please speak to the class teacher or email us at:

[adminoffice@sherwood.merton.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@sherwood.merton.sch.uk)

Best Wishes,

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## Star of the Week!

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### Week Beginning 22nd September 2025

1 Rose	<b>Jayden</b>	He has been nominated for being such a positive, supportive and kind member of the class who is always willing to help others, answer questions and try his best.
2 Sunflower	<b>Amanda</b>	She is confident in the classroom and puts her hand up to answer questions and share her knowledge. She has a positive attitude to her learning and always listens carefully.
3 Fir	<b>Januksan</b>	He shows outstanding effort every day! He has worked wonderfully in a group to create an imaginative poster for European Languages Day, demonstrating great teamwork.
3 Willow	<b>Rakshan</b>	He is a positive member of the class, making friends quickly. He has good independent learning skills, is organised & ready to learn, starting each day with a big smile.
4 Birch	<b>Aksaran</b>	For the care and attention he gives to every lesson he takes part in. His outstanding handwriting and presentation make every piece of work he makes a pleasure to read.
4 Maple	<b>Mateo</b>	He wrote an excellent newspaper report about a robbery in Ancient Egypt, including all the features! He has also been incredibly kind to the new members of the class,
5 Beech	<b>Obaapa</b>	This week, she shone brightly in English by completing her very own myth, using the correct techniques & even including fronted adverbials to add detail to her writing.
5 Elm	<b>Pritika</b>	Since joining the class, she has shown she already follows our school values. She is ready, respectful and safe. She has worked so hard and presents all her work neatly.
6 Chestnut	<b>Shakai</b>	He is always the first one to arrive in the morning, and it has been wonderful to see how much happier and more focused he is in the classroom. Great positive attitude!
6 Oak	<b>Abdul</b>	This hardworking boy is an excellent role model for the Sherwood values and a pleasure to teach. He demonstrates a growth mindset and resilience in all lessons

### Week Beginning 29th September 2025

1 Rose	<b>Aiza</b>	She has been nominated for being a kind, helpful and positive member of Year 1. She has come in with a big smile, helped her friends & worked hard to challenge herself.
2 Sunflower	<b>Papa</b>	He is always one of the first children to start his work! Whatever the subject, he sets upon it with determination and tries his best Papa is a great class ambassador, too
3 Fir	<b>Jahleyah</b>	She has shown great determination and effort in her work this week! I am extremely proud of her resilience during maths - she always tries her best and never gives up!
3 Willow	<b>Zoya</b>	She is a proud RRS Ambassador & confidently shared her opinions during our meeting with Unicef. She follows the class charter & demonstrates our Sherwood Values.
4 Birch	<b>Finley</b>	For being a fantastic Rights Respecting Schools Ambassador, participating in our Gold Re-accreditation this week. You answered the questions with care & thoughtfulness.
4 Maple	<b>Nora</b>	She always sets a great example, be it helping others in the classroom, playing with her friends in the playground or being a shining example of how to try your hardest!
5 Beech	<b>Athulya</b>	She comes into school every day ready to learn and always puts 100% effort into her work. Her presentation is outstanding – always neat and beautifully done. Well done!
5 Elm	<b>Antoni</b>	He is taking his role as a RRS ambassador very seriously and is knowledgeable about children's rights and how these can be respected. He is kind and helpful to everybody.
6 Chestnut	<b>Abi</b>	She is a wonderful role model, always gives her best effort, takes pride in her work and shows real determination to succeed. She also has a fantastic sense of humour!
6 Oak	<b>Cadence</b>	For always demonstrating our Sherwood values and being a positive role model in the class. She is always ready, respectful and safe. Cadence works really hard in lessons.



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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 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00 – 9.30 a.m.
Meet the Teacher Years 4-6	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00 – 9.30 a.m.
Year 6 PGL Meeting for Parents / Carers	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30 – 4.00p.m.
Genes for Jeans MUFTI Day	19 <sup>th</sup> September	All day
Growing Against Violence Workshops for Year 5 & 6 – So Social Media & Friend vs Friendly	19 <sup>th</sup> September	All Day
Year 6 Transition to High School Meetings	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	9a.m. & 5.00p.m.
Coffee Morning for Parents & Carers	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00a.m. Main Hall
Focus Week: Harvest Festival	22-26 September	All week
European Day of Languages	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Half Term: 27 - 31 October</b>		
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 <sup>th</sup> November	All day
EYFS Christmas Seasonal Celebrations: precise dates to follow.	Week commencing 1 <sup>st</sup> December	
Key Stage 1 & 2 Christmas Seasonal Celebrations: dates to follow.	Week commencing 8 <sup>th</sup> December	
Open Afternoon	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	3.20 - 4.00p.m.
End of Term	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15p.m.



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## Year 2 DT

This week children in Year 2 made windsocks. They spent the last few weeks researching about windsocks then designing their own ideas. Children were really engaged putting their design into action!





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Yesterday, Year 5 had an incredible opportunity to step back in time to 776 BC and immerse ourselves in the fascinating world of Ancient Greece using VR headsets. We explored groundbreaking inventions, learned about important figures such as Pythagoras and Hippocrates, and discovered the origins of the Olympic Games. The workshop also brought to life the stories of the Greek gods and goddesses, alongside mythical creatures that shaped ancient beliefs. It was an unforgettable journey that blended history, mythology, and innovation making Ancient Greece feel real right before our eyes!





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The children in Year 6 really enjoyed their Victorian Drama Workshop this week! An actor from the Drama Hut came and delivered a fantastic session as Siri Bernardo (the wife of Dr Bernardo). Through a variety of drama activities, the children enriched their learning about the Victorian era.



*I thought she was a great actor, and at first I thought she really was Siri Bernardo!*



*I enjoyed the drama and working with my friends to recreate different scenes.*



# 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 26<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER

BETWEEN  
1.30PM TO  
4.30PM



AT  
SHERWOOD  
PARK HALL,  
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This event is funded by our SpaceHive Crowdfund campaign  
[www.spacehive.com/help-the-hedgehogs-in-mitcham](http://www.spacehive.com/help-the-hedgehogs-in-mitcham)



## Goodbyes and Goodnights Parent/Carer Group

**Do you find it hard to get your child through the school/nursery gate?**

**Does your child struggle to separate from you?**

**Are you worried that things will get worse when your child transitions to the next school year in September?**

**Join our free, 4-session parent group to connect with other parents**

**What parents have said:**

**All sessions  
Mondays from  
10:30am - 12:00pm**

**22<sup>nd</sup> September  
29<sup>th</sup> September  
6<sup>th</sup> October  
13<sup>th</sup> October**

**Location:  
Wilson Hospital  
(Wellbeing Centre)  
Cranmer Road,  
Mitcham CR4 4TP**

Free on-site parking  
Transport links

*I think it went really well and think it should be easy access for all parents.*

*Useful tips, Q&A between other parents and the two facilitators*

**Scan the QR code or  
Click here to sign up**



*I didn't feel judged about what I was going through. The advice was broad but I felt like I could apply most of it to my son.*

**LIMITED SPACES  
AVAILABLE**



# MINI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 2025



## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE EXTENDED



Great news for all our young readers – the Summer Reading Challenge has been extended until Saturday 20 September! This gives children a little extra time to enjoy their books and complete the challenge.

There's still plenty of opportunity to finish reading six books and collect the rest of the rewards too before collecting a medal and certificate!

Don't miss out on being added to the prize draw where we will be giving out big prizes as listed below:

- ◆ Nintendo Switch
- ◆ Samsung tablet
- ◆ New Wimbledon Theatre tickets to Robin Hood
- ◆ Family tickets to Christmas at Kew
- ◆ Merton Fireworks tickets
- ◆ Birthday party at Cannons Leisure Centre
- ◆ Family ticket to Chessington World of Adventures
- ◆ Scooter
- ◆ Flip out voucher
- ◆ Karaoke machine
- ◆ Instax camera
- ◆ Bocketts Farm tickets for two
- ◆ AFC Wimbledon gift bundle
- ◆ Polka theatre tickets to The Firework-Maker's Daughter
- ◆ Family board game bundle
- ◆ Go Ape adventure for two
- ◆ Deen City Farm animal encounter

## NATIONAL CODING WEEK

15 September - 21 September

Get ready to dive into National Coding Week, happening from Monday 15 September to Sunday 21 September - a UK-wide celebration of coding and digital literacy for all ages.

Whether you're a complete beginner or just curious about coding, this is your chance to explore the digital world in an inspiring, hands-on way.

Throughout the week, we're offering a variety of free Scratch coding and LEGO Spike sessions. It's a fantastic opportunity to sharpen your technology skills, unleash creativity, and learn how code powers the apps and tools we use every day.

**BOOK NOW**

## SEPTEMBER EBOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Click the title to read more!



➔ READ MORE

### READ VIA:



## Online Resources

Merton Libraries offer a range of free online resources, including eBooks and eAudiobooks to assist with school work and reading for pleasure.

Need help? Merton Library staff are always ready to assist.



## READING EGGS



Discover the joy of reading with Reading Eggs - free through Merton Library Service!

This fun and interactive online programme is designed to help children learn to read through one-on-one lessons tailored to their individual pace. With engaging activities, rewards, and step-by-step progress, Reading Eggs builds confidence and makes learning to read an enjoyable journey for every child.

Sign up today by speaking to library staff and start your reading adventure!



# 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



SCAN ME

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



## The Sherwood School Term and Holiday Dates 2025-26

**AUTUMN TERM** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

**INSET Days** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

**Children Begin** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

**Half Term** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Term Ends** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

**SPRING TERM** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**INSET Day** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January

**Children Begin** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

**Half Term** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

**Term ends** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**SUMMER TERM** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

(May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May)

**INSET Days** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

**Children Begin** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

**Half term** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

(Spring Bank Holiday on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May)

**Term Ends** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

### **INSET Days 2025-26**

1 - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

2 - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

3 - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

4 - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

5 - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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

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