



The Sherwood Newsletter

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Friday 19th September 2025

Article 28: You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

Article 23: You have the right to special education and care if you have a disability, so you can live a full and independent life.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a brilliant first few weeks at school and children are now nicely settled into our routines and expectations. We hope that you are finding the new 'My Child at School' app easy to use, but please ask our office staff for help if you have any questions.

It's great to see children wearing the correct uniform and I do hope you picked up some spare items at our recent 'Meet the Teacher' events and that you found this helpful.

This week we celebrated World Democracy Day and children voted for the School Council representatives. The children are excited to begin their role and we already have some important events lined up for them, including our UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools re-accreditation and our Governor Open Day.

We were delighted to be invited to attend the launch of Junior Parkrun at Cricket Green School a couple of weeks ago, with some of our keen runners from year 6 even making an appearance on the [BBC](#) lunchtime and evening news!

Do come along to meet our Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner at a coffee morning on Thursday 2nd October.

This is a great opportunity to find out how the Education Welfare Service can support you and your family to help your children develop confidence and self-esteem. You will also be able to meet our Early Help Co-ordinator, Annabel Hill. We will be in the main hall from 9.00a.m. and look forward to seeing you there.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Samouel



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Star of the Week!

Week Beginning 1st September 2025

1 Rose	Sabrina	She has had a wonderful start to the year! She has confidently come into the classroom with a big smile on her face every day and has settled with enthusiasm.
2 Sunflower	Miyah-Li	She has been involved with every carpet time by sharing her good ideas with the class and has got on carefully with all her work. She always shows she is ready to learn.
3 Fir	Hassan	He is kind, thoughtful and resilient! He consistently has a positive, can-do attitude, and is a resilient learner. Well done 'Happy Hassan', you are a great member of Fir Class!
3 Willow	Ariel	She is helpful and kind and tries her best. She makes good choices and has a positive attitude, always listening carefully to instructions so she can complete her work.
4 Birch	Willow	She has been nominated to be the first star of the week because she has shown a great attitude and growth mindset. She takes pride in her presentation too. Well done!
4 Maple	Jason	He has been nominated to be the first star of the week because he has shown a great attitude and growth mindset. He has worked sensibly and quietly to complete his work.
5 Beech	Madhav	He gets on with tasks straight away & always gives his best effort. He is a wonderful teammate, supporting his talk partner to understand, showing patience & kindness.
5 Elm	Jason	He has come back to school after the summer holidays with a positive and mature attitude. He is focused and ready to learn in every lesson. He takes a pride in his work.
6 Chestnut	Wilson	He has started the year with a great attitude and a positive approach to learning. He contributed to our P4C discussion with thoughtful comments, expressing his ideas clearly and confidently. Well done Wilson, keep it up!
6 Oak	Masuma	This cheerful girl has greeted me with a big smile every day this week and her positive attitude and enjoyment has been wonderful to see. She has shown great engagement

Week Beginning 8th September 2025

1 Rose	Mustafa	He has had a brilliant week in Year One! He has been nominated for being a positive member of the class, always willing to help others, answer questions & try his best.
2 Sunflower	Travis	He is helpful and kind and tries his best. He displays excellent behaviour and always goes the extra mile with his work. He makes good choices and has a positive attitude.
3 Fir	Ibrahim	Ibrahim has demonstrated being respectful by always listening to his peers. He is cooperative & always tries his best. Well done, you are a great member of Fir Class.
3 Willow	Riyana	She has settled in quickly and always follows the class charter. She has good independent skills and enjoys being given responsibility in the classroom. Well done!
4 Birch	Jake	He has shown a great attitude and a desire to improve his learning. He always joins in class discussions and encourages others ideas by building on them. Well done!
4 Maple	Dharun	He hasn't just been focussing on having exemplary presentation in all his books, but he has also completed every piece of work set and more. Keep up the excellent work!
5 Beech	Dajen	He is a polite, respectful, and hardworking member of our class who always makes sure he gets on with his work straight away and goes above and beyond expectations.
5 Elm	Saria	She is confident to share her ideas with the class. This week she has made great contributions during the start of our topic 'The Ancient Greeks'. Keep up the great effort!
6 Chestnut	Elbea	She has been well-organised and ready to learn in all lessons, always working hard to complete the tasks to the best of her ability. It has also been very pleasing to see her beginning to make some contributions to our class discussions
6 Oak	Jalal	He has been a great role model this week with his excellent behaviour both in class and in the playground. In lessons, he works very hard and it is lovely to see how he



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Star of the Week!

Week Beginning 15th September 2025

1 Rose	Yashoda	She has confidently come into the classroom with a big smile on her face every day this week and has worked hard in her writing, reading and phonics. We are so proud!
2 Sunflower	Arham	He is always first to start his work and puts in lots of effort to do his best. I was impressed with his English writing retelling the story of 'Tadpoles Promise'. Well done!
3 Fir	Alaaya	She has been chosen as Star of the Week for her hard work & outstanding effort in all lessons this week! She has worked hard to include fantastic adverbials in her writing.
3 Willow	Immanuel	He has settled in quickly and always follows the class charter. He has good independent skills and starts each day with a smile. He tries his best in all lessons - well done!
4 Birch	Tiffany	For being an exemplary role model for others and always being ready, respectful and safe. She has worked very hard on her writing and produced great work - well done!
4 Maple	Lola	She has really stood out amongst her classmates as a pupil who is making an excellent effort with her learning. She has contributed to class writing with fantastic ideas.
5 Beech	Charles	One of the most impressive things about him is his dedication to reading - makes sure he reads six times every week! This fantastic effort is helping him shine in his writing.
5 Elm	Dheera	He has made an excellent start writing his own Greek myth. He presents his work neatly and has great ideas. He handed in great homework, showing his motivation to learn.
6 Chestnut	Abinitha	For her fantastic attitude towards learning and the kindness she shows to everyone in the class. She always sets a wonderful example and her positive qualities have led to her being elected as our School Council representative.
6 Oak	Amaia	This week, she has shown creative flair in her writing, composing an excellent beginning to a historical narrative, and in science she showcased great knowledge of electri-



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Wear Jeans and Change Lives this September





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Second-Hand Uniform & Lost Property Available

We currently have a large quantity of second-hand uniform and unclaimed lost property from last academic year.

Unfortunately, we do not have the space to store these items, so they will be available for families to take **free of charge** from the school foyer throughout the coming week.

Any items not collected by Friday 26th September will be donated to charity.

We encourage you to take a look and make use of what it available.





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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 Maple Swimming	6 – 17 October	2 Weeks
Phonics & Early Reading Parent/Carer Workshop (EYFS & KS1)	Wednesday 8 th October	3.30p.m. Main Hall
Focus Week: Democracy & The Rule of Law	13 - 17 October	All week
Half Term: 27 - 31 October		
Focus Week: Kindness & Anti-bullying 'Choose Respect'	10-13 November	All week
4 Birch 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 Seasonal Celebrations: precise dates to follow.	Week commencing 1 st December	
Key Stage 1 & 2 Christmas Seasonal Celebrations: dates to follow.	Week commencing 8 th December	
Open Afternoon	Monday 15 th December	3.20 - 4.00p.m.
End of Term	Friday 19 th December	2.15p.m.



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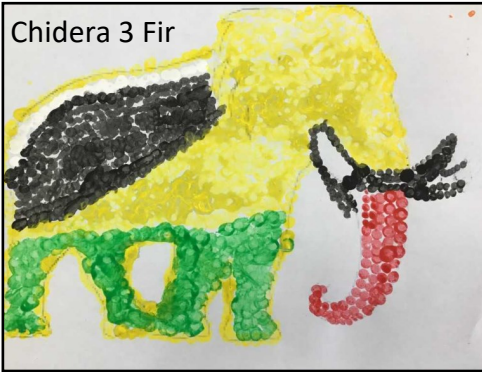
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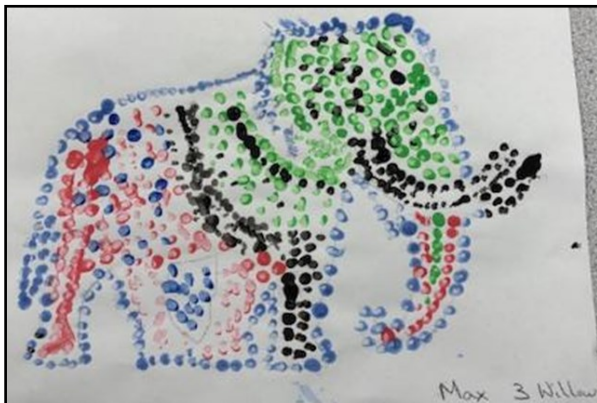
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In Year 3, we have been experimenting with pointillism and created our own 'prehistoric pointillism' art work.

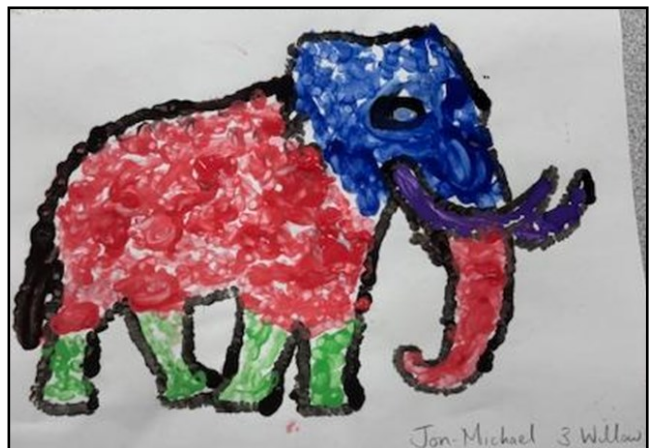
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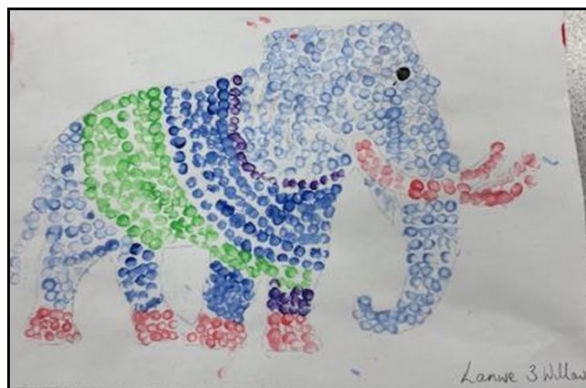
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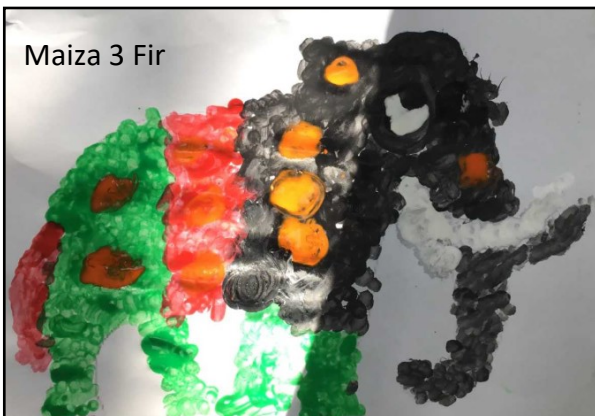


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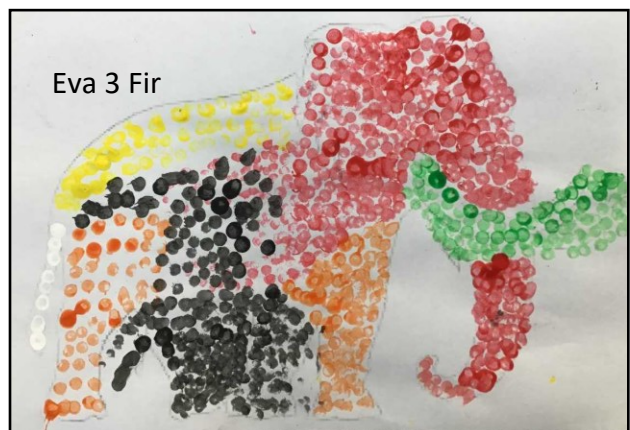


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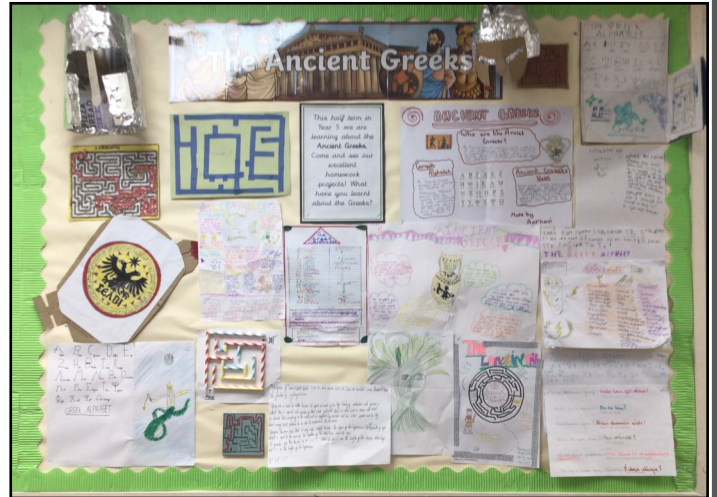
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Year 5

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Year 5 Have made an amazing start to our topic 'Ancient Greeks'! So far we have looked at the geography of Greece and where it is located. We have begun to read some Greek myths including Perseus and Medusa and Theseus and the Minotaur. In Art, we have created excellent designs for Greek pottery, The children have also added to their learning by bringing in some wonderful homework! Well done Year 5, you have learnt so much already!





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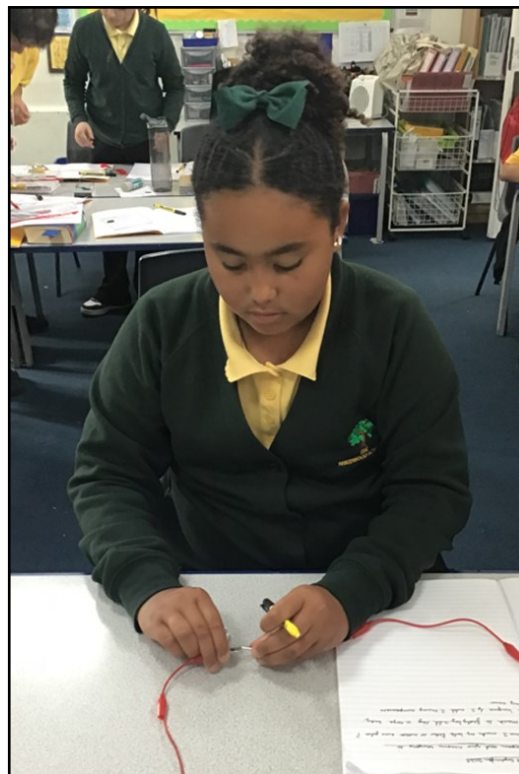
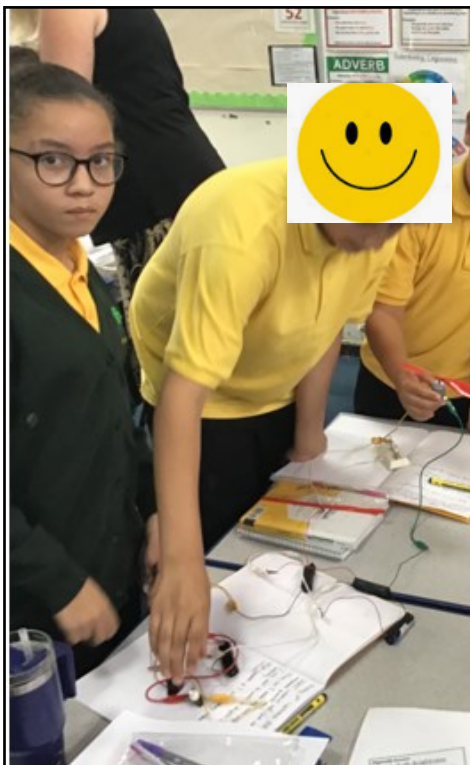
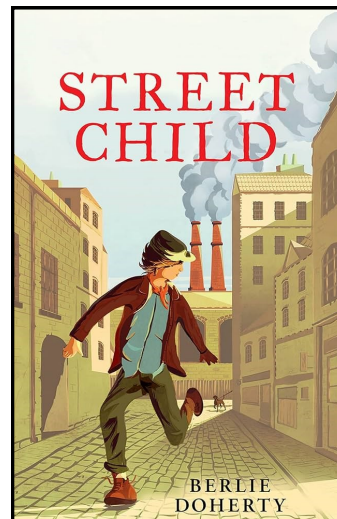
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The children have had a fantastic start to Year 6!

They are enjoying their new topic in history, the Victorians, and they have also shown great enthusiasm in their science lessons where are learning about electricity and have completed electrical circuits.



The children are acting out parts of the Victorian narrative Street Child which we are reading in class.



Full concentration on making circuits!

Merton Education Wellbeing Service

Parent & Carer Coffee Morning Introduction to the Merton EWS & Building Your Child's Confidence

We are an early intervention and prevention service, supporting children, young people and families to build their emotional understanding, wellbeing and resilience.

This coffee morning will focus on

- Understanding what it means to have confidence and to lack confidence.
- Some practical tips and strategies to support your child with their worries, and help them to face their fears and build confidence.
- Introducing our service and the types of challenges we can support parents with.



DATE / TIME

Thursday 2nd of October 2025

09:00 - 10:00

LOCATION

Sherwood School - Hall

Join us for our coffee morning. This will be an opportunity to hear more about what we do and how we can support you, as well as answer any questions that you may have.

For further information, you can speak to Mrs Samouel



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**

**22nd September
29th September
6th October
13th 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



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



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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

Finance@sherwood.merton.sch.uk

Or visit our website

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