



The Sherwood Newsletter

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Friday 19th December 2025

Article 42: You have the right to know your rights.

Article 31: You have the right to play and relax by doing things like sports, music and drama.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for coming to our Christmas Fair. We raised an amazing **£759.00** - a fantastic result!

We hope you enjoyed our Christmas performances last week. We are very proud of the children's wonderful singing and acting as well as their respectful behaviour & confidence. Children across the school performed brilliantly, from our Early Years' sweet Nativity play, our Key Stage 1 super 'Ralph the Reindeer' show and KS2's Christmas Singalong and Carol Concert! Each and every performance was special and full of joy!

It was great to see so many of you at our open afternoon on Monday - we hope children were able to share their favourite pieces of work with you.

We are also proud to share our validated Key Stage 2 results for 2025. We are very pleased with these fantastic results, which are the product of everyone's hard work and the excellent standard of education we provide at The Sherwood!



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Key Stage 2	Summer 2025 Validated Results			Comparative Data 2025 (unvalidated)	
	EXS+	GDS	Average Scaled Score	National EXS	Merton EXS GDS
Reading	81%	23%	105	75.1%	82.2%
Writing	74%	9%		72.3%	73.0%
GPS	81%	26%	105		
Maths	77%	19%	103	74.1%	81.2%
R/W/M	64%	14%		62.2%	68.3%
R/W/M	71% - disadvantaged pupils (30% of cohort)				

Children will be bringing home the gift of a book today, thanks to fundraising events such as our Christmas Fair. We hope children enjoy them over the holiday season and wish all our families a restful break and hope that you are able to spend some quality time with family and friends.

Best wishes for the New Year 2026! We look forward to seeing everyone back in school at the usual time of 8.40a.m. on Tuesday 6th January. *Mrs Samouel*



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Star of the Week!

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Week Beginning 8th December 2025

1 Rose	Kajori	She is a kind and hardworking member of Year One who is always ready to learn and challenge herself, consistently encouraging others to do the same. Keep up the effort!
2 Sunflower	Janusya	She wrote a persuasive piece of writing to save the endangered Red Pandas! She has been mastering the two times tables and has a very positive attitude to learning.
3 Fir	Naevia	She always shows respect towards her classmates and adults, setting a wonderful example for others. We were proud of the resilience she showed during assessments.
3 Willow	Max	He has been making a great effort to listen carefully and try his best in all lessons. He is enjoying his learning more and is starting to enjoy challenging himself too. Well done
4 Birch	Linaz	She has tried really hard to be organised and has put 100% into her presentation and improved the quality of her work across all subjects, but especially English and maths.
4 Maple	Habibah	She has so much enthusiasm for everything she does; in fact, her enthusiasm is wonderfully infectious in our classroom - this was evident in our Christmas Singalong.
5 Beech	Saara	She is a kind, positive and bubbly member of our class. She brings joy and energy to every lesson, always greeting others with a smile and showing kindness to everyone.
5 Elm	Skyla	has been working hard on improving her work rate and presentation. She has been trying to improve her weekly spelling score and this week she got 10/10! Well done!
6 Chestnut	Eduard	He has particularly excelled in science, showing a clear understanding of how the different parts of the blood function and what contributes to a balanced, healthy diet.
6 Oak	Leya	This kind and thoughtful girl is an excellent role model of our Sherwood Values. She has really grown in confidence & now takes a more active role lessons - well done!

Week Beginning 15th December 2025

1 Rose	Yashoda	She has had a wonderful week and shown a brilliant work ethic! She has been nominated for being such a positive and supportive member of Year One. Very well done!
2 Sunflower	Gedeon	He follows all the classroom rules, is a kind friend and his behaviour is superb! He has worked really hard at being the first to be on task at starting his independent work.
3 Fir	Kavell	For having 100% attendance for the past three weeks! He has shown great determination and responsibility by attending school every day. This is a huge improvement!
3 Willow	Emily	For coming to school every day & becoming more confident in the classroom. She always follows the class charter & is kind to everyone. Well done 'Excellent Emily'!
4 Birch	Lois	Because of her brilliant attitude to learning. We have been looking at the features of a non-chronological report & created our own. She has worked hard on her presentation.
4 Maple	Hashir	Because he uses literary devices such as rhetorical questions, conjunctions, but more importantly he puts his own individual mark on his writing. Keep up the great work!
5 Beech	Bianca	For her consistently kind and helpful nature. She especially shone during our Christmas card making activity, where the snow globe design was quite tricky. Well done!
5 Elm	Yusuf	This hardworking boy always tries hard in all he does. He presents his work neatly and with care. He listens carefully to instructions to achieve his best. He is a kind friend too!
6 Chestnut	Avanthika	has a wonderful, cheerful personality and her warm smile brings happiness to everyone around her. She approaches each day with positivity and enthusiasm - well done!
6 Oak	Sofia L	She is a great role model for all the Sherwood Values: she is respectful to both adults & peers and her learning behaviour in class is excellent. She works hard in all lessons.





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The School Council wanted to collect donations to help support the people in Jamaica recover after the terrible hurricane caused devastation. Many people were left without power, clean water, or essential supplies.



Thank you for your kind donations which were delivered to Merton Civic Centre to start the journey to helping those who need it. Every contribution — big or small, will make a real difference to families rebuilding their lives.





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**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
FROM YEAR 3!!**





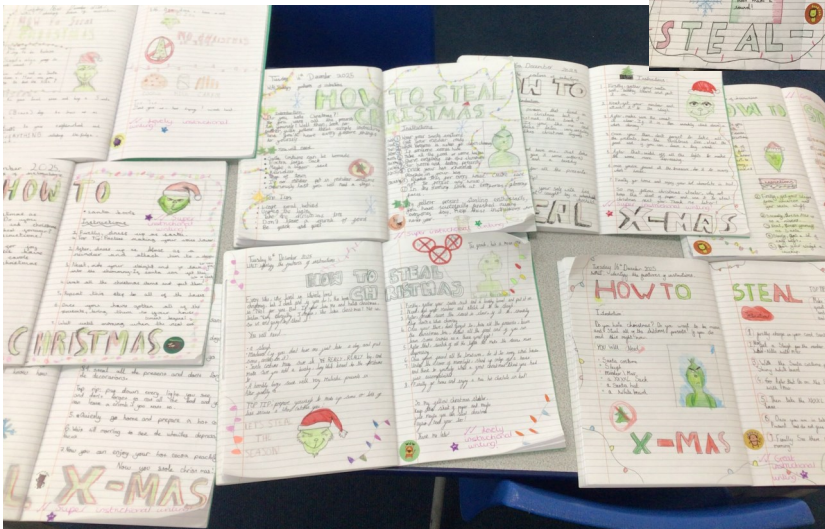
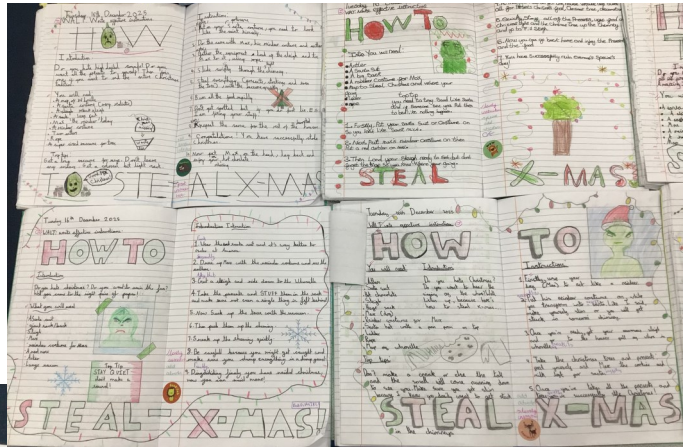
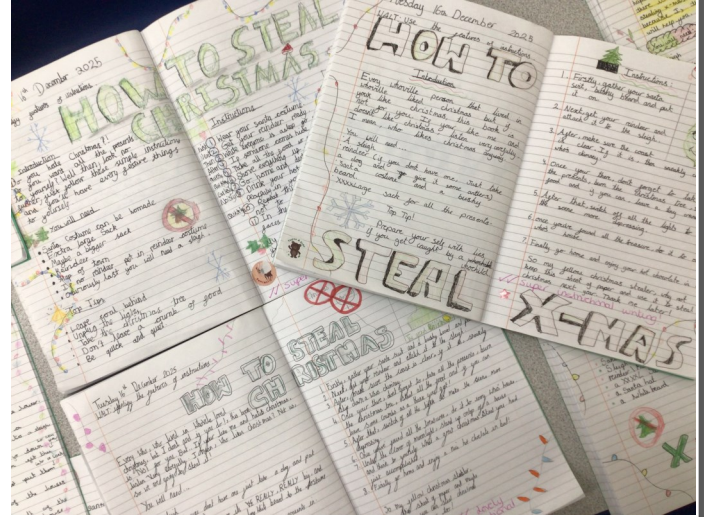
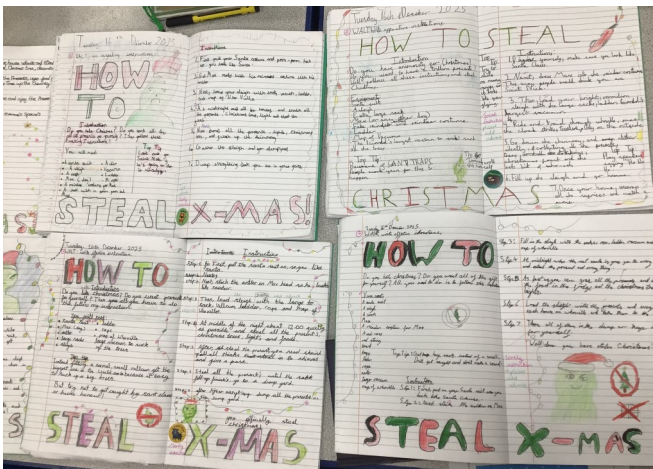
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Year 5

This week Year 5 have been writing some amazing instructions inspired by 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas' by Dr. Seuss. They have used lots of features including an introduction, what you will need list, top tip and imperative verbs. They put a lot of effort into presenting their work beautifully and are all proud of the results!



You are invited to

THE POLLARDS HILL CHRISTMAS TREATS

20th December
2pm to 4pm

Venue:

Pollards Hill Library,

South Lodge Avenue, CR4 1LT

FREE CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM THE

Don's Local Action Group and the

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.



Councillor Joan Henry



Chief SM Shah





FREE Kids Meal at Polka Theatre on Tasty Tuesdays

Polka Theatre Café, 240 The Broadway, Wimbledon, SW19 1SB

Tasty Tuesday starts from 10.30am

- **Tuesday 23rd December**
- **Tuesday 30th December**

We know how challenging the school holidays are. That's why Polka Theatre have teamed up with Dons Local Action Group, to offer FREE kids meal boxes in the Polka Café on those Tuesdays above!

To receive your free kids meal please let café staff know that you are here for Tasty Tuesday.

Parents will also be offered a FREE tea or coffee.

Please let café staff know of any allergies when ordering.

Why not stay and play in Polka's free indoor and outdoor play spaces?

Education
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Parent/Carer Webinars

Primary Spring Term Schedule

Scan the QR code to sign up to any of these
free local NHS webinars for Primary parents & carers

We also provide free 1:1 early support
for parents of primary aged children
to support their child's common
worries and anxieties, or support
children's everyday challenging
behaviours.

Speak to your school to find out more.



Promoting Sibling Harmony

26TH January 7.00-8.00pm

27TH January 1.30-2.30pm

9TH February 7.00 - 8.30pm

10TH February 1.30 - 3.00pm

Supporting Siblings of Children with SEND

*(For parents & carers of children
aged 7 years and above)*

Supporting common child anxieties and worries including around exams

24TH March 1.00 -2.00pm

26TH March 7.00 -8.00pm

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Early Years Spring/Summer Term Schedule

Scan the QR code to sign up to any of these
free local NHS webinars for nursery/reception parents & carers

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**Feeding and its
difficulties in the
Early years**

14TH January 6.00-7.30pm

23RD February 8.15 - 9.30pm

27TH February 12.00 - 1.00pm

**Starting early - how to help
your child learn practical
skills at a young age**

**Managing big feelings in
small people; tantrums,
aggression & how to
respond**

20TH April 8.00 - 9.00pm

24TH April 12.00 - 1.00pm

What can help your child improve their sleep?



What is
sleep
hygiene?

Understanding
sleep and
neurodivergence



Criteria:

- Parent of child aged 5-17
- Waiting for Neurodiversity screening for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) and/or ASD (Autism Spectrum disorder) under the CAMHS NDT SPA Team

Register interest here:

Workshops Registration of
Attendance



- **3 sessions over 4 weeks**
- **1 hr on Microsoft Teams**
- **Sessions for parents**
- **Limited spaces -first come first serve basis!**

What helps your child manage big feelings?

Building calming strategies

Support that works at home and school

Encouraging positive ways of handling difficult situations

Helping your child name their feelings safely



Emotion Regulation Information:

- CRITERIA - primary and secondary school age children waiting for ND screening for ADHD and/or ASD under the CAMHS NDT SPA Team
- 20 places max so first come first serve basis!
- 1 hour weekly for 5 weeks on Microsoft Teams
- 12:30PM for parents/carers
- Led by NDT SPA

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What helps your child feel safe, calm and understood?

Support shaped around your child and their needs

Improving quality of life, not to 'fix' but rather to support making positive changes

Understanding what your child's behaviour is telling you

Building strengths and skills to support your child, not focusing on problems



Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) / Behaviour Management Information:

- CRITERIA - parents of primary and secondary school age children waiting for ND screening for ADHD and/or ASD under the CAMHS NDT SPA Team
- 20 places max so first come first serve basis!
- 1 hour weekly for 6 weeks on Microsoft Teams
- 12:30PM for parents/carer
- Led by NDT SPA

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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

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Or visit our website

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