

Friday 10th October 2025

Autumn term 1: issue 5

A poem for World Mental Health Day

It's okay to have a hard day,
With feelings that get in the way.
A puzzle or a tangled thought,
A battle that you never sought.
But feelings are like clouds in the sky,
They float right through and then float by.
They don't stay sad or angry long,
They're just a feeling, right or wrong.
So when you're feeling down or blue,
There's always someone there for you.

A teacher, friend, a grown-up kind,
Who'll help to ease your worried mind.
You're strong and brave, a wonder, too,
With special things that only you
Can do and be, with all your might,
A shining, happy, happy light!
Remember to be kind and true,
To yourself and to others, too.
For in this world, we're all unique,
With unique ways to play and speak.



Individual School Photos

Individual school photos will take place on
Tuesday 4th November.

Online Safety

Please visit the website below for useful information on how to keep your child safe online:
<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

Parent consultations are taking place next week on:

15th October
16th October

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

You can now book your appointment via Arbor.
We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating your child's learning and achievements with you.



Year 4 Stay and Learn

It was all fun and multiplication games in Dormouse Class yesterday! Parents/carers and pupils challenged themselves to solve multiplication calculations. Multiplication tables are very important and children in Year 4 will complete the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) later in the year.

Visit this website to practise: <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Don't forget Times Table Rock Stars too!

Thank you to everyone who joined Year 4's Stay and Learn.



Hello Yellow - World Mental Health Day 2025

We had a fantastic time today taking part in World Mental Health Day!

Staff and pupils wore yellow to school - Shenley was shining brightly! We took part in a special assembly and completed some activities in class to help us know and understand our feelings, and enhance a positive mindset.

We want to share the resources which YoungMinds offer to support parents and carers if you ever need help and advice to support your children.

These include:

*online resources (www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/)

*a phone line: open 9.30am-4pm (0808 802 5544)

*an online chat for parents and carers to speak to trained professionals if you're concerned about your children's mental health (www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline/)



What is Black History Month?



Black History Month is celebrated in the UK every October. It began in the 1980s, to recognise the history, achievements, and contributions of Black people in Britain. Each year has a theme, and the 2025 focus is 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride', which celebrates strength, resilience and progress. The month aims to help everyone learn more about Black history, challenge racism, and celebrate diversity in our communities.

Standing Firm
in Power and Pride

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At Shenley, Black history and inspirational people, past and present, are recognised and taught throughout the year as children embark on their Shenley learning journey. However, October is a nationwide event to learn about and celebrate Black history.

We will be hosting a Black History Month assembly and Watford FC are visiting later this half term to lead workshops with UKS2 that focus on this year's theme:

Standing Firm in Power and Pride.

Please get in touch with your child's class teacher if there is a story, information or photos that your child would like to share with their class, or if you are able to support our Black History Month or curriculum work in any other way (e.g. visiting school to share a story).

Please see this link for further information and resources:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zym3n9q>



Making learning real!



We need you! Can you help?

To bring learning to life, make it memorable and meaningful, and support children's aspirations, we would like to have a pool of people in the community who we could invite in to do a short talk or 'question and answer' session with classes.

You may want to talk about your job or a topic you are very knowledgeable and passionate about

e.g. the local area, fitness, animals, history...

It may be something you could bring in to share with children to inspire them and support their learning

e.g. historical artefacts, photographs...

If you would like to get involved and be part of our 'pool', please email the school office providing us with the following information:

***which pupil you are related to in school**

***job/topic to share with the children (please tell us as much as you can).**

We would be very grateful for your help and can't wait to learn from you!



Healthy Snacks and Packed Lunches

At Shenley, we encourage healthy eating.

If your child is in KS2 we encourage you to send in a healthy snack for your child to enjoy at morning break time - our days are very busy and children need to stay full of energy! Fruit and vegetables snacks are provided for children in EYFS and KS1.

If your child goes swimming during the school day, please provide an extra healthy snack as they get very hungry! Snacks such as crisp, cereal bars, chocolate and cake must not be provided.

Please remember that we are a nut free school. **Please do not send in any nuts or products containing them. Thank you for your support and understanding.**

Whether squeezing it in before the school run in the morning or before bed on busy midweek evenings, preparing your child's lunchbox can seem like just another thing on the list.

School meals are a great choice, but if you do make a packed lunch for your child then please click on the link below for a range of quick, easy, healthier lunchbox ideas and tips.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

School Uniform Discount Code







The school uniform provider 'My Clothing' aims to continue supporting families and is pleased to be able to offer another discount period that runs until the end of the year:

<https://myclothing.com/>

Code: 10%myc2025

Expires: 31st December 2025



Class	Star of the Week	Headteacher's certificate
 Hedgehog class	Lenny	Gaby
 Fox class	Tillie	Reggie
 Stag class	Eric	Lennon
 Dormouse class	Orion	Keira-May
 Otter class	Emily	Juniper
 Squirrel class	Alea	Myla



The class with the best attendance (95.5%) this week was Dormouse Class - well done!

Shenley Primary School NURSERY and RECEPTION Parent tours 2026 - 2027 intake

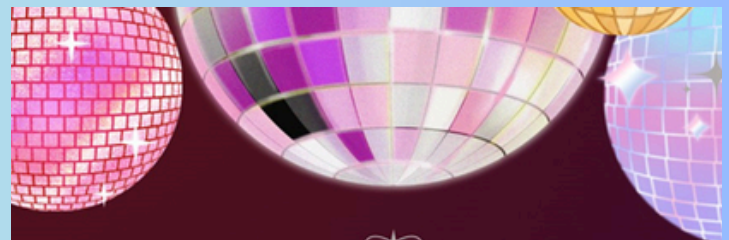


Date	Time
Wednesday 5 th November	1.30pm
Monday 10 th November	1.30pm
Thursday 13 th November	1.30pm
Thursday 20 th November	1.30pm
Monday 1 st December	9.30am
Wednesday 3 rd December	9.30am
Thursday 8 th January	9.30am



Please call our school office to book your place: 01923 855864

Applications are open from 3rd November - 15th January on the Hertfordshire Gov website



SCHOOL DISCO £5

NOVEMBER 7TH 2025

RECEPTION, YEAR 1,2&3 3:30-4:45
YEAR 4,5&6 4:45-6

SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED
TICKETS ON SALE 6TH AFTER SCHOOL OR ON THE DOOR

Attendance

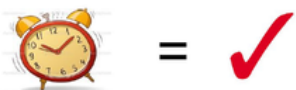
As you will be aware, schools are required to closely monitor children's attendance at school and contact families individually if their child(ren)'s attendance is a concern. We would like to take this opportunity to remind all our families that, for the sake of their social skills, friendships, progress and attainment, it is absolutely vital for children to be at school as much as possible, and that they should only be kept away from school when they are definitely not well enough to attend.

Holidays must not be taken in term time and even if we are informed in advance, we are not able to authorise absence of this nature.

School begins at 8.45am. Please ensure your child arrives on time.



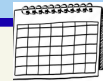
Every minute counts



Lateness = lost learning
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Dates for your diary



Please keep checking this section of the newsletter as dates may be added or amended.

October:

13th - Blue Cross dog safety assembly

15th - parent consultations

16th - parent consultations

17th - Watford FC Black History Month workshops for UKS2

23rd - 9am Year 3 (Stag Class) Stay and Learn for parents/carers

24th - finish school at 3.15pm for the half term holiday. We return to school on Monday 3rd

November at 8.45am.

Half term: Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October.

November:

3rd - return to school at 8.45am

4th - individual school photos

14th - Children in Need - wear something spotty

20th - 9am Y1/2 (Fox Class) Stay and Learn for parents/carers

27th - 9am EYFS (Hedgehog Class) Stay and Learn for parents/carers

- non-uniform for tombola donations

December:

11th - Beauty and the Beast panto for the whole school to watch

12th - Christmas Fair

15th - KS2 Christmas Carol Concert at St Martin's Church (for KS2 parents/carers to attend)

17th - Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

19th - Last day of term. School finishes at 2pm.

Christmas Holiday: Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January.

Return to school on 5th January 2026 at 8.45am.

Noticeboard

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Join us for the launch of a Windrush Exhibition that will be taking place at 96 Shenley Road throughout October.

96 Shenley Road, WD6 1EB
Saturday 4 October 2025
1.30 pm to 3.30 pm

Free launch event includes:
 Windrush exhibition
 African Drumming workshop
 Arts and Crafts workshop




OCTOBER 2025 ACTIVITIES

SESSIONS FOR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE AND SIBLINGS

Date	Sessions	Time
2nd Thu	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4+ yrs	10.30-12.00
2nd Thu	Trampolining-Gosling sports centre 5+	17.30-18.30
3rd Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	11.00-12.30
4th Sat	Free Family Football Drop-In Birchwood	16.00-17.00
10th Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
10th Fri	Youth Group 16+	18.30-20.30
11th Sat	Soft Archery 8+ Birchwood	16.00-17.00
18th Thu	Trampolining-Gosling sports centre 5+	17.30-18.30
18th Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	11.00-12.30
18th Sat	Basketball 8+ Birchwood	16.00-17.00
21st Tue	Roller skating Campus West	18.00-19.30
22nd Thur	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4+ yrs	10.30-12.00
24th Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	11.00-12.30
24th Fri	Skateboarding Pioneer Club Age 9+yrs	17.30-18.30
25th Sat	Free Family Football Drop-In Birchwood	16.00-17.00
29th Sat	Train Club FK Hub Age 12+	12.00-14.00

POTENTIAL KIDS
 BOOKINGS at potentialkids.org.uk/events

PK Hub & Garden
 Sports & Social Activities
 Tutoring
 Mentoring
 Therapies
 1:1 & Group Work
 Alternative Provision Provider
 EOTAS

OUR OFFER
 Communication, Learning & Social Support for All

Demerol Bubbles
 Visit us here

Fony Days
 (holidays only)

For further information on any of our Activities or Educational Services please email us at info@potentialkids.org

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AZURE HALLOWEEN CAMP

HOBLETTS MANOR INFANTS SCHOOL
 10AM - 3PM
 £28
 THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER
 (sibling discount available)

BOOK NOW AND CHECK IF YOU DARE

FANCY DRESS ← **BEST DRESSED GETS A PRIZE**
 DANCE & TUMBLES
 POM POMS
 STICKERS
 SKELETON MUSICAL STATUES
 CHEER GAMES
 TUMBLE TRACK - AIR ROLLER - BEAMS

AZURECHEERLEADING@GMAIL.COM - 07802 792 232



Apple Day

SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER 12-4pm

Walled Garden, Shenley Park

Many different varieties of apple to try and buy, have a go at making apple juice, apple juice to buy, tombola, sweet stall, craft stalls, apple shy and apple bobbing, art competition.

A fun day out for all, £1 per person entry. Under 2s free.
 Dogs welcome on a lead.
www.shenleypark.co.uk




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MULTI-SPORTS PROJECT!

COME AND JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF FUN, GAMES AND SPORTS!
EVERY SATURDAY FROM OCTOBER 11TH
10:00 - 12:00

BRING YOUR ENERGY, SMILES, AND MAYBE A WATER BOTTLE TOO - WE WILL TAKE CARE OF THE REST
 KIDS OF ALL ABILITIES - COME AND GIVE IT A GO!

REGISTER TODAY

BOOK ONLINE: empower-youth-ventures.classforkids.io | INFO@EVY.COM | 07954 896856

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