



Shenley News



Friday 3rd July 2026

Summer term 2: issue 5

This week has been another great week at Shenley. I have visited every class and have been impressed with everyone's hard work and valued behaviour. Squirrel Class has been away on their residential at Runway's End. The children have had so much fun and I look forward to sharing more about their time away next week. Miss Wheeler

ART THERAPY

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SHENLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Supporting children's emotional wellbeing through creativity

MEET RUTH BRADLEY

Ruth Bradley brings over 20 years of experience in primary education as a Teacher and Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo). She is a qualified Art Therapist, registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), and trained in Drawing and Talking.

Ruth is passionate about helping children feel understood, supported, and confident, enabling them to thrive both emotionally and academically.

WHAT IS ART THERAPY?

Art Therapy is a creative and therapeutic approach that helps children express thoughts and feelings through art when words can be difficult. Using drawing, painting and other creative activities, children can explore emotions, build resilience, develop confidence, and learn positive coping strategies in a safe and supportive environment.

Art Therapy can be particularly beneficial for children experiencing:

- Anxiety or worries
- Friendship difficulties
- Low self-esteem
- Emotional regulation challenges
- Bereavement or loss
- Trauma or significant life changes
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs

INDIVIDUAL ART THERAPY SESSIONS

We are exploring the opportunity to offer individual Art Therapy sessions at Shenley Primary School from **AUTUMN TERM 2026**.

Sessions would take place during the school day in a confidential, nurturing environment designed to support children's emotional wellbeing and personal development.

INTERESTED?

If you feel your child may benefit from Art Therapy and would like further information, please contact the **SCHOOL OFFICE** to register your interest.

What children have said:

- "When you make art, it can take your mind off the bad stuff. This can help you feel safer."
- "In art therapy you get to make anything you want. It can help you change your behaviour and calm down."
- "Doing art can make you comfortable, then when you go back to class you're still comfortable."

Helping children feel understood, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential.

Art Therapy is a state regulated profession. Art Therapists are registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and work in line with the British Association of Art Therapists (BAAT) professional standards.

Recognised by the British Association of Art Therapists (BAAT) as an effective way to support children's emotional and mental wellbeing.

CREATIVITY • EXPRESSION • HEALING • GROWTH • CONFIDENCE

ShenFest!

Shen Fest!: CHANGE OF DATE

Our PTA are working incredibly hard to organise a fun-filled summer celebration for us - thank you PTA!

Our Shen Fest summer fair will now take place on

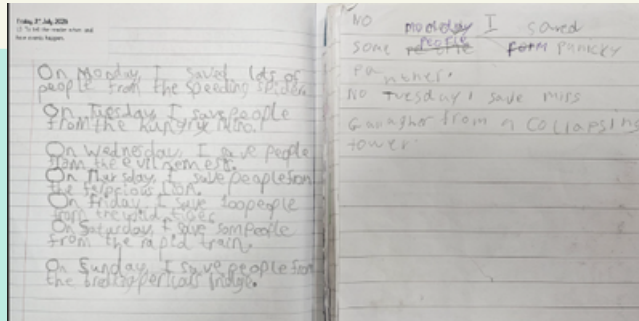
Thursday 16th July (3.15pm - 5pm).

The PTA will be sharing information soon so please keep your eyes peeled!

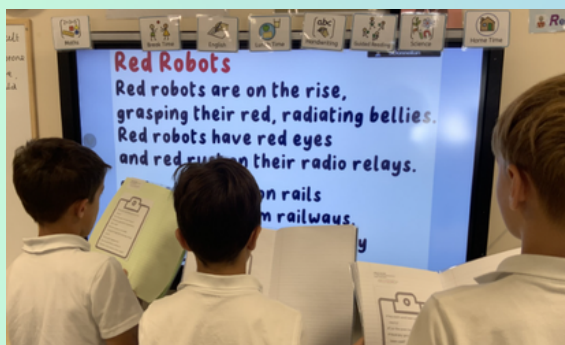


The children in Fox Class have been writing about the book 'SuperJoe Does Not Do Cuddles'.

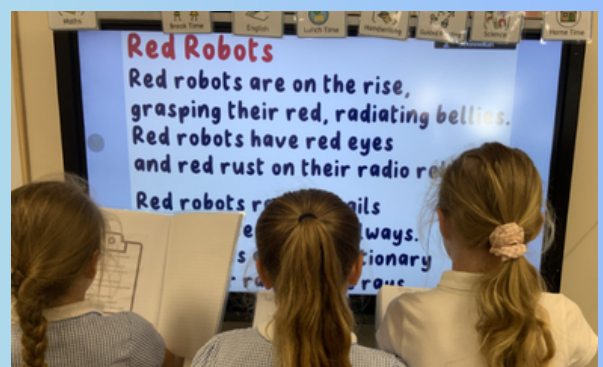
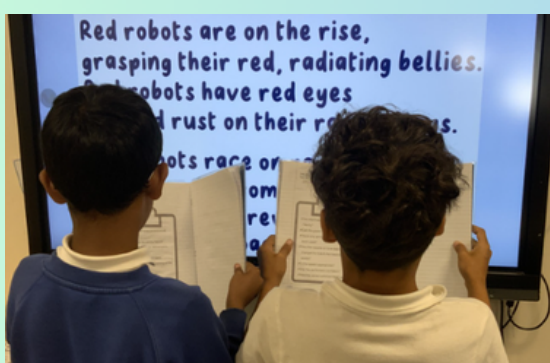
They have been writing a diary as if they are superheroes, remembering to use capital letters for the days of the week.



Dormouse Class were looking at shapes and lines of symmetry. They really enjoyed practising making their own polygons out of pipe cleaners and then working together to figure out how many lines of symmetry they could identify. Then, today they looked at different symmetric figures, and used mirrors to complete different reflections. They even had a go at questions with multiple lines of symmetry!



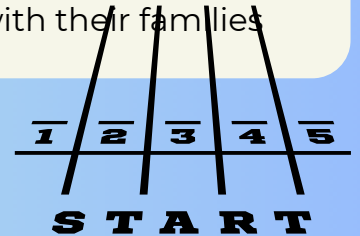
The children in Stag Class have been busy in their English lessons. They performed tongue twister poems focusing on intonation and expression and they acted out poems using body language.



Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 7th July at 10:30am. The school gates will open from 10am to allow time for everyone to arrive and get settled. The morning's activities will run until 12pm, after which families are warmly invited to stay for a picnic lunch on the school field.

Following the picnic, children will return to class for registration at 1pm. After they have been registered, children may go home with their families if you wish.



Celebrations!

Class	Star of the Week	Headteacher's certificate
	Leo	Presley
	Stanley	Aubree
	Bonnie	Myla
	Jaxon	Zara
	Teddy	Lacey



Whole school attendance this week was

89.9%



The class with the best attendance (**95.6%**) this week was **Dormouse Class** - well done for winning the attendance trophy!

Come & try!

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Thursday 16 July 2026



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Dates for your Diary

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



July:

Tuesday 7th: Sports Day

Thursday 9th: Children meet their new teachers during the school day

Tuesday 14th: Year 6 production (including Year 5) - 1.30pm

Wednesday 15th: Year 6 production (including Year 5) - 6pm

Thursday 16th: school reports sent home

Shen Fest (3.15pm - 5pm)

Friday 17th: Year 6 fun day

Hedgehog Class visit to the RAF museum

Fox Class and Stag Class visit to Tring

Tuesday 21st: Year 6 trip to Sky Studios

Summer holiday - last day of the school year is Wednesday 22nd July 2026

INSET day: Thursday 23rd July 2026 (children do not attend school)

Noticeboard



FAMILIES DAY

Saturday 4th July 2026
12pm – 4pm
Meadow Park, Borehamwood



DOG SHOW

The Beauty Barks Dog Show

1:00pm Waggiest Tail	12:15pm
1:30pm Looks Like Their Owner	1:30pm
2:00pm Junior Handler 6 To 16 Years	2:45pm
2:30pm Best Rescue	4:00pm
3:00pm Most Handsome Boy (Mr Borehamwood)	
3:30pm Prettiest Girl (Miss Borehamwood)	
4:00pm Best in Show	

Entertainment

12:05pm Borehamwood Rock Choir	
12:30pm Borehamwood Brass (at the Band Stand)	

Free Kids Rides

JOHN LAWSON'S CIRCUS



THE BOREHAMWOOD BITES BACK FOOD FESTIVAL

ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL



Sunday 5th July 2026
11am – 4pm
Meadow Park, Borehamwood

- International Food Stalls
- Free Big Top Circus
- Free Kids Rides
- Farmers & Craft Market

JOHN LAWSON'S CIRCUS

12:15pm
1:30pm
2:45pm
4:00pm

FREE ENTRY

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JUNE - OCTOBER
10AM - 2PM
CIVIC OFFICE CAR PARK

FARMERS AND CRAFT MARKET

ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

Sunday 28th June

Sunday 5th July
(Special Market as part of the Food Festival in Meadow Park)

Sunday 26th July

Sunday 23rd August

Sunday 27th September

Sunday 25th October



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MONDAY TO FRIDAY
3RD TO 7TH AUGUST & 17TH TO 21ST AUGUST
8:30AM, 9:00AM, 9:30AM, 10:00AM, 10:30AM

In the summer holidays, we run intensive courses with short, daily lessons on five consecutive days. For beginners these daily sessions help non-swimmers overcome their nerves and for confident children who are already able to swim, they progress quickly, learn new strokes and skills.

Parents really notice the big difference these intensive courses have on their children's swimming ability and we are always very proud of just how progress they make. All our lessons are fun and we ensure that every child is given personal attention. Many children enjoy making some new friends too.

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