



Shenley News



Friday 11th September 2026

Autumn term 1: issue 1

Welcome back to a new school year! Our Shenley stars have made a fantastic start and have already wowed us with their positive attitude and enthusiasm as they settle into their new classes.

This week, we have revisited our school values and rules, and it has been wonderful to see them being put into action across the school. We are very proud of the way our children have embraced the start of the new academic year.

We have an exciting term ahead, with lots of opportunities for learning, growth and celebration. It has been wonderful to see so many of you at this week's Meet the Teacher sessions. We look forward to welcoming Hedgehog Class parents and carers to their session next week. Thank you for your continued support as we begin another fantastic year together.

Miss Wheeler



Safeguarding at Shenley Primary School

Shenley Primary School is committed to the safeguarding of all pupils and takes seriously any breaches of the legislation. If you are concerned about any of our children, please come and talk to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL).



Miss Georgie Wheeler
Headteacher
DSL



Miss Adrienne Azzopardi
Deputy Head
Deputy DSL



Miss Claire Gallagher
Class Teacher / SENDCo
Deputy DSL

Remember:
Any concern about a child is important and worth reporting.
Sometimes the little things fit together to create a bigger picture and you could have the final piece in the jigsaw.

RECOGNISE – RESPOND – REPORT – REFER (0300 123 4043)



Shenley Primary School is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

As a school, we have ensured that members of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Leads) known as Key Adults, have been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care. The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. On 24th May 2024, Royal Assent was granted to The Victims and Prisoners Act. The Act placed Operation Encompass into Law. This places a statutory obligation on police forces to share Operation Encompass notifications with schools. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and through Operation Encompass we will be able to.

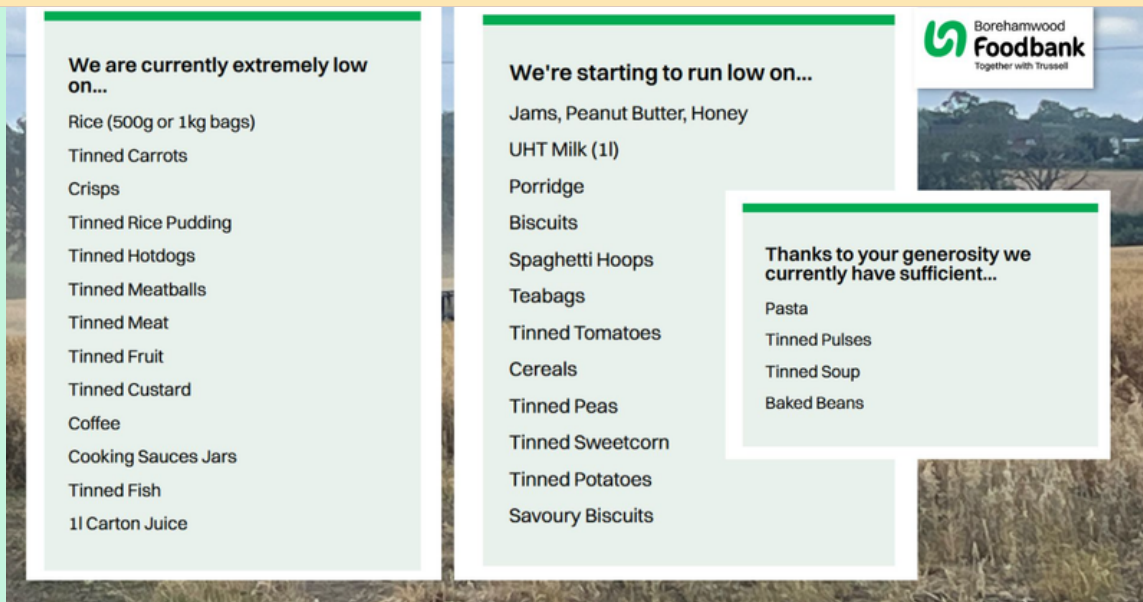
Harvest Donations: Borehamwood Foodbank collection

From Monday 21st September, Shenley Primary School (along with our friends at St Martin's Shenley) will be collecting donations for Borehamwood Foodbank.

We would be very grateful for any contributions you are able to make.

Please see the list below for the items currently needed by Borehamwood Foodbank. Donations can be brought into school from Monday 21st September and will be collected in classrooms. The final day for donations is Friday 25th September.

Thank you for your generosity and support.



We are currently extremely low on...

- Rice (500g or 1kg bags)
- Tinned Carrots
- Crisps
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned Hotdogs
- Tinned Meatballs
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Custard
- Coffee
- Cooking Sauces Jars
- Tinned Fish
- 1l Carton Juice

We're starting to run low on...

- Jams, Peanut Butter, Honey
- UHT Milk (1l)
- Porridge
- Biscuits
- Spaghetti Hoops
- Teabags
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Cereals
- Tinned Peas
- Tinned Sweetcorn
- Tinned Potatoes
- Savoury Biscuits



Thanks to your generosity we currently have sufficient...

- Pasta
- Tinned Pulses
- Tinned Soup
- Baked Beans



Join us for our PTA Tea and Coffee Morning: 17th September

This September, we will be hosting a PTA Tea and Coffee Morning at 9am on Thursday 17th September to warmly welcome new families to our school community and encourage everyone to get involved with our fantastic PTA. Whether you are full of ideas, would like to lend a hand or simply want to find out more, we would love to see you there. Your input and enthusiasm can make a real difference, and we welcome all suggestions for future events and activities. If you would like to learn more or get involved, Miss Azzopardi is the school's contact for the PTA and will be happy to answer any questions.

We look forward to seeing you next week!



School Car Park and Parking

A polite reminder that families are asked not to use the school car park unless you are a blue badge holder or you have prior agreement from the school.

Thank you for helping us keep the site safe for everyone.

Also, we would like to kindly remind everyone to be considerate when parking during drop-off and pick-up times, and to be mindful of our neighbours. Please ensure that you do not park in the private road, Monarch Walk, across residents' driveways, or on pavements, as this can cause significant inconvenience and safety concerns. We appreciate that parking space is limited, and it may be necessary to park a little further away and walk a short distance to the school. Additionally, we ask that engines are not left idling while waiting. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping to keep our community safe and respectful for all.

Morning drop off and the climbing frame

Adults bringing children to school must remain with their children until the classroom doors open. The only exception are children in Squirrel Class who have travelled to school by themselves.

It is important that children do not use the climbing frame before or after school - this is for their safety. Thank you for your support.



Hedgehog Class has had a super start to the new school year! Our new Hedgehogs have settled in brilliantly! Everyone has had a wonderful week full of fun and getting to know one another.



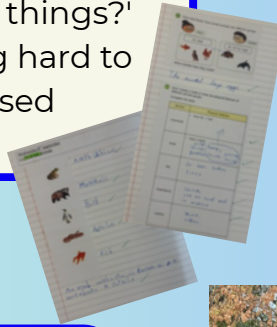
The children in Fox class have been exploring the number 10. They have found as many ways as they can to represent the number. They have risen to the challenge - 'can you find a way that someone else hasn't thought of?'



Stag Class has been exploring the adventures of Hermelin the Mouse Detective in English. In maths, the children have been exploring place value and how to represent numbers in different ways. Stag Class has also been exploring The Stone Age, and how our skeleton provides support and protection to our bodies.



In science, Dormouse Class has started their topic on 'Living Things and Their Habitat's and will be answering the big question 'How many different ways can we group living things?' This week, they have been working hard to identify and group animals based on their characteristics.



Squirrel Class has been rounding integers with increasing confidence! They have displayed excellent listening skills and have been practicing their maths oracy with superb effort.



Otter Class has wowed Miss Azzopardi with their valued behaviour and superb organisational skills - what a fantastic start to the year! They had a brilliant Forest School session this week too.

Celebrations!

Class	Star of the Week	Headteacher's certificate
	Finley	Scout
	Skylar	Theodore
	Whole class	Amaia
	Teddy	Zayan
	Jack	Aliyah
	Max	Harper F



Whole school attendance this week was

92.3%

The class with the best attendance **(98.5%)** this week was **Dormouse Class** - well done for winning the attendance trophy!



Dates for your Diary

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



September:

Monday 14th: Hedgehog Class (EYFS) meet the teacher information meeting for parents/carers at 9am
 Monday 14th - Friday 25th - Otter Class swimming lessons
 Thursday 17th: PTA Tea and Coffee Morning at 9am
 Monday 21st - Friday 25th - Harvest festival donations for Borehamwood Foodbank

October:

Black History Month
 Monday 5th - Harvest assembly for children
 Thursday 8th - World Mental Health Day assembly for children
 Friday 9th - Hellow Yellow (for World Mental Health Day) - wear yellow to school
 Tuesday 13th - Parent consultations
 Thursday 15th - Parent consultations

Inset day: Friday 23rd (children do not attend school)

Half term: Monday 26th - Friday 30th

November:

Monday 2nd: Children return to school at 8.45am
 Thursday 5th - Squirrel Class stay and learn at 9am
 Monday 9th - Remembrance Day assembly for children
 Thursday 12th - Dormouse Class stay and learn at 9am
 Friday 13th - Children in Need (details to follow)
 Monday 16^h - Odd Socks Day to start Anti-Bullying Week
 Thursday 19th - Anti-bullying Week assembly for children
 Thursday 26th - Otter Class stay and learn at 9am

Friday 27th - Occasional Day - school closed

Monday 30th - Hanukah assembly for children

Noticeboard

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Ready to unlock the secrets of healthy eating on a budget?

Date: Thursday 24 Sep '26 Time: 12:30 - 1:30pm

Join us for a **FREE** one-hour workshop to get practical tips from our nutritionists. During your time with us you can:

- Discover low-cost healthy swaps
- Understand the importance of meal planning
- Get tips to stick to your shopping list and budget
- Learn about different cooking methods
- Ask questions and get free resources!

Secure your **FREE** spot today

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Sign up to our **FREE** masterclass

How to support children with a limited diet?

Date: Monday 28 Sept '26 Time: 5:30 - 6:30pm

This one hour session will be led by our nutritionists who can help you understand more about limited diets and offer their expert support. By signing up, you can:

- Share challenges and tips with liked-minded parents/carers
- Join an informal, inclusive and non-judgemental atmosphere
- Get lots of practical tips you can use for your family

This is available to all parents, whatever your child's age.

Secure your **FREE** spot today

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