



Shenley News



Friday 18th September 2026

Autumn term 1: issue 2

I have felt incredibly proud of our school this week. A visitor commented on the positive atmosphere, wonderful attitudes and excellent behaviour they experienced throughout the school - a fantastic reflection of our whole school community. Our Shenley stars are really taking our school values to heart and putting our behaviour curriculum into practice every day, helping to ensure that we are ready, safe and respectful. It has also been a busy week beyond the classroom. Otter Class started swimming lessons while some of our pupils represented the school at a maths event. All of these children have been fantastic role models, showing our school values and representing our school brilliantly in the wider community. Well done everyone - you have given us lots to be proud of!

Miss Wheeler

Curriculum Information Pages

This week, we emailed you the curriculum information pages for this half term. These are a really useful resource, giving you an overview of the learning that will be taking place over the coming weeks, as well as sharing other important information. We hope you find them helpful in keeping up to date with your child's learning. The curriculum information pages can also be found on the school website.



School Uniform and PE Kits

Our Shenley pupils are looking very smart - thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform, including the appropriate PE kit on their PE days. Please remember that if your child wears a tracksuit for PE, it should be plain black, with no logos and no hood.

We would also kindly ask that all items of school uniform, including coats, are clearly labelled with your child's name. This makes it much easier for any lost items to be identified and returned to their owner.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our pupils look smart and ready for learning!

Shenley Primary School is taking part in

YOUNGMINDS Hello Yellow

On Friday 9th October, we will take part by:

- *wearing something yellow to school.
- *having an assembly to learn how we can look after ourselves and others.
- *completing some fun activities in class to help us know and understand our feelings, and enhance a positive mindset.

Homework and Sticky Questions

Homework information was shared by teachers during Meet the Teacher sessions at the start of term (this information has been emailed to you too). Homework was set today with 'Sticky Questions' being introduced. On Fridays, your child will come home with a philosophical puzzler stuck to their jumper. Please talk to your child at home about the question, ready for them to bring their thoughts back to school.

Each class will then discuss the question during the school day.

We have introduced Sticky Questions to enhance oracy opportunities for our Shenley children.



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...

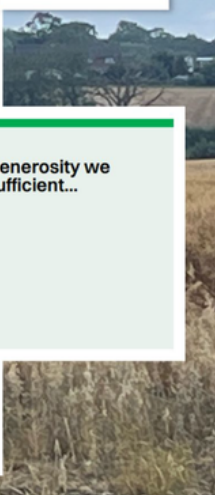
- Rice (500g or 1kg bags)
- Tinned Carrots
- Crisps
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned Hotdogs
- Tinned Meatballs
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Custard
- Coffee
- Cooking Sauces Jars
- Tinned Fish
- 1l Carton Juice

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



Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are taking place this half term on 13th and 15th October.

Appointment booking will open via Arbor at 5.00pm on Monday 21st September 2026.

Please refer to the letter sent out previously for further information.





Our Hedgehogs have been busy practising their pencil grip - a very important skill!
Lots of children have been busy forming letters too.
Hedgehog Class has had another week full of fun and exploration.

This week in Stag Class, the children have been working hard on planning their narrative based on Hermelin the Mouse Detective with great success.

In maths lessons, the children have been exploring numbers up to 1,000 and how to understand them, using manipulatives, drawing representations of problems and finally writing the calculations.

In computing this week, Stag Class continued their work on typing and learnt how to use the shift key to create capital letters.



Otter Class enjoyed making a splash in the first week of swimming! Miss Azzopardi has already been able to see the amazing progress they have made in the swimming pool - well done to all the Otter Class swimmers! Miss Azzopardi is also very proud of the way the children have been able to power through in the afternoons to complete their maths and English learning. We are very proud of you Otter Class!

PE & Forest School Timetable

Autumn - first half term

PE DAYS					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Afternoon	Fox	Stag		Hedgehog	
	Stag	Dormouse			Squirrel
On PE days children are to wear their PE kit into school					
FOREST SCHOOL DAYS					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Afternoon	Dormouse	Fox	Hedgehog	Otter	
Forest School sessions are outdoors, so please provide suitable clothing and footwear for the children to change into.					

Celebrations!

Class	Star of the Week	Headteacher's certificate
	Roni	Dion
	Leo	Penelope
	Halle	Lilah
	Bonnie	Artem
	Keira-May	Zara
	Ayesha	Blake



Whole school attendance this week was

90.8%

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



Beezee
by maximus

**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!

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to sign up

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Beezee
by maximus

**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 like-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.

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