Shenley News

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What a wonderful week we have had! We have enjoyed a fantastic range of fun, engaging and informative learning experiences, and have been delighted to welcome lots of visitors into school along the way.
It's been especially lovely to receive so many compliments about our children's valued behaviours and the warm, nurturing environment we are so proud of. A huge well done to everyone for playing their part in making our school such a special place to be!
There is lots to celebrate, so read on to discover more about all the wonderful things we have been getting up to this week!
Mrs Barone





Could You Lend a Helping Hand?

We are reaching out to our wonderful school community to ask for a little support. One of our families would benefit from some help with the morning school run. The family lives close to school and would be extremely grateful if someone could help by collecting their child and bringing them to school in the mornings.
If this is something you feel you may be able to help with, or you would simply like to find out more, please get in touch with the school office.
Thank you for your kindness and for always looking out for one another within our school community.

Library Launch!

Over the past few months, our fantastic volunteers, Louise and Sarah, have been working incredibly hard to sort, organise and create an updated and enhanced library for everyone to enjoy!

We are so grateful for the time, care and enthusiasm they have poured into this project. Thanks to their hard work, our library is now an even more inviting and inspiring place for everyone to explore, discover new favourites and get lost in a good book!

Louise also led a brilliant assembly, introducing everyone to how the library is organised and sharing lots of helpful tips on how to make the most of this wonderful space.

A huge thank you to Louise and Sarah for making such a fantastic difference! We can't wait to take the next step by introducing our very own Library Champions from Otter Class. Exciting times ahead!











Louise said, “I really enjoyed meeting all the children and talking to them about the new organisation of the library. I was very impressed by how beautifully behaved the children were, and how keen and curious they were to hear about what has happened. They were excited to tell me their ideas and share their thoughts.
I am looking forward to returning to Shenley soon!”

Can you help?

We’d love to add a fantastic selection of comics to our school library! If you have any comics at home that you’ve finished reading and would be happy to donate, we’d be delighted to give them a new home on our library shelves. Simply drop them off at the school office. Thank you so much for your support and for helping us make our library even more exciting for everyone!



Anti-bullying Week 2026!

This week, we came together to mark Anti-Bullying Week, kicking things off with a splash of colour and lots of smiles for Odd Socks Day! A big thank you to everyone who joined in and celebrated what makes us all unique.

Miss Azzopardi led a fantastic assembly to launch the week, helping us think about the importance of kindness and respect. On Thursday, Sahil from the Mental Health Support Team joined us to deliver another really informative assembly, sharing valuable messages with the children.

It has been a wonderful opportunity to remind ourselves that strength in kindness matters, every day!



We were also delighted to welcome one of our school governors, who joined us for the occasion.

They commented:

"It was lovely to see how engaged the children were during the assembly delivered by the Mental Health Team, and how confidently they could talk about ways to ask for help and where to go for support, when I visited classrooms afterwards!"

Otter Class Design and Technology

Otter Class had fun creating arches of different heights and measuring how much weight they could hold.

They explored different ways to make unsupported arches stronger.







Santa Fun Run

Our School Council, with the support of Miss Gallagher, will be hosting our first ever Santa Fun Run to raise money for Herts Young Homeless. They have been very busy planning the event and will be sending out information very soon.





Police Talk

We were joined by Hertfordshire Constabulary who gave a very informative and important talk to Otter Class and Squirrel Class. They provided pupils with important information about personal safety, peer pressure, and where they can seek help and support if needed.

The children had many of their questions answered, including:

- Is your uniform and equipment heavy?
- What age did you decide to become a police officer?
- Do you have a police dog?

The children showed excellent listening and engagement. Well done Year 5 and Year 6!

Hedgehog Class: Forest School

Hedgehog Class had a fantastic Forest School session this week. They explored seasonal changes as we move from autumn into winter. They were lucky enough to spot a beautiful rainbow over Shenley too!



Celebrating Success

This Shenley star competed in the London British Gymnastics competition. She competed in the 8-10 division for Tumbling where she placed Gold 1st with a score of 56.5 against 10 other competitors! Well done - we are so proud of you!



Celebrations!

Class	Star of the Week	Headteacher's certificate
Hedgehog class	Francie	Mila
Fox class	Denis	Maryanna
Stag class	Toni	Sofia M
Dormouse class	Frankie	Yusuf
Otter class	Fran	Aria
Squirrel class	Harvey	Max

ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance this week was

94.5%

The classes with the best attendance **(97.8%)** this week were **Dormouse Class and Otter Class** - well done for winning the attendance trophy!



Dates for your Diary
Please keep checking this section as dates may be added or amended.

November:
Thursday 26th - Otter Class stay and learn at 9am
Friday 27th - Occasional Day - school closed
Monday 30th - Hanukah assembly for children

December:
3rd December - Christmas Fair
-Stag Class stay and learn at 9am
8th – EYFS + KS1 Christmas show to families (1.45pm)
11th - Santa Fun Run for Herts Young Homeless (information to follow)
14th - Pantomime for whole school during the day (Cinderella)
-KS2 carol concert (6pm) at the church
16th – Christmas jumpers and Christmas lunch
17th – class parties
18th – break up for Christmas at 2pm

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