



Shenley News



Friday 24th October 2025

Autumn term 1: issue 7

It's hard to believe we have already reached the half term break! What a fantastic start to the school year it's been. I would like to thank you for the warm welcome and ongoing support.

I wish you a restful and enjoyable week ahead. I'm already looking forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 3rd November at 8.45am for another exciting half term!

Miss Wheeler

Assemblies this Week

Miss Azzopardi led an exciting Diwali assembly where children learnt about Diwali. Diwali is a Hindu festival known as the 'festival of lights' because houses, shops and public places are decorated with small oil lamps called 'diyas'.

Miss Gallagher led a powerful Black History Month assembly, celebrating achievements, culture and inspirational people.

In today's assembly, we were thrilled to announce the newly elected Shenley School Council for the year ahead and present them with their gold badges. This enthusiastic group of students will play a key role in representing their peers, sharing ideas, and helping shape our school community. I am excited to work with this fantastic team and can't wait to see the positive contributions they will make throughout the year.

As we begin the new half term, our School Council will meet to develop their action plan for the year. This is an exciting opportunity for the school councillors to set their goals.



After School Club

Our After School Club recently held a Pumpkin Design Competition and the creativity on display was nothing short of amazing!

From quirky characters to intricate designs, each entry showcased originality and imagination. A huge well done to everyone who took part - you made it tough to choose the winners! Please see the winning designs below.



Parent/carer Questionnaire

We value your feedback — it helps us shape the next stage of our journey and continue improving the educational experience at Shenley Primary School.

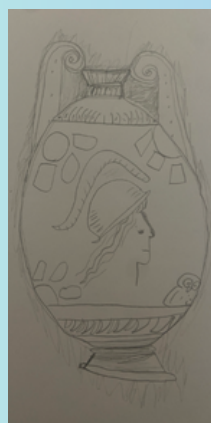
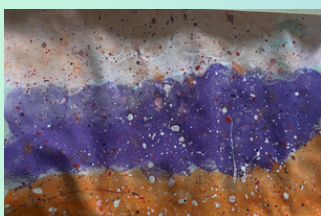
If you haven't already done so, please take a few moments to complete our short parent questionnaire here: [Parent Questionnaire](#)

Responses are anonymous, and names are optional.

Deadline: 7th November 2025

Coats

As the weather turns colder, please ensure your child wears a school jumper or cardigan, and brings a coat each day. All uniform must be clearly named.



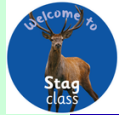
Dormouse Class studied Greek patterns called meanders. They also looked at a modern artist called Theodoros Stamos, and decided to incorporate both styles of art into their own masterpieces!



Fox Class went on an Autumn Hunt around the school. The children found signs of autumn and even enjoyed making 'snow' angels in all the fallen leaves.



Otter Class thoroughly enjoyed their maths lessons this week, consolidating their multiplication and division skills. They multiplied and divided numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. In addition, they started to learn about square and cube numbers - keep up the great work Year 5!



Year 3 had their Stay and Learn session this week. They explored four different games to play using only a number flip chart. The games were fun, fast and focused! These games are designed to help children develop their number confidence and understanding of place value. The children were so well behaved and such enthusiastic mathematicians!



Squirrel Class has been working hard completing their final piece of artwork, bringing to an end their unit focussing on birds (you may remember the Stay and Learn lesson!) and the work that has been produced is amazing. In their English lessons, they have just completed their persuasive writing unit and there are some very interesting arguments for putting things into Room 101. Topics range from spiders to VAR!





This week Early Years have been learning about Diwali. They created stick puppets and retold the story of Diwali. They found out about how people celebrate, coloured Rangoli patterns and wrote Diwali cards to send to their friends and family.



Upcoming Events

Poppy Appeal – week commencing 3rd November

Poppies and other items will be available in school, for the children to buy from Monday 3rd to Friday 7th November. Please send your child/ren in with some money, if you would like to donate to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Individual Photos – Tuesday 4th November

Don't forget the school photographers will be taking individual school photos on the first Tuesday back after half term (4th November). Please ensure your child comes in wearing full school uniform on this day.

PTA School Disco – Friday 7th November

Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3 - 3.30pm to 4.45pm – Years 4, 5 & 6 - 4.45pm to 6pm
Tickets cost £5 and will be on sale in the playground after school on Thursday 6th November or on the day at the door.

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

There is a vacancy for a parent governor on the governing body, for full details and how to vote please see [Ballot Letter](#) and use the [Ballot Paper](#) to vote. The votes will be counted at 9am on Friday 7th November.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Each family will come home with a shoebox today provided by the Radlett Rotary Club, who are collecting items to send to children in Moldova, Romania, and Ukraine for Christmas. If your family would like to take part in the Shoebox Appeal, please fill your box with appropriate items (see <https://www.rotaryshoebox.org/>) and return to school by Monday 1st December.

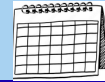


| Class | Star of the Week | Headteacher's certificate |
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|  Welcome to Hedgehog class | Mila | Leo |
|  Welcome to Fox class | Sofia | Kende |
|  Welcome to Stag class | Yusuf | Bonnie |
|  Welcome to Dormouse class | Keira May | Poppy E |
|  Welcome to Otter class | Isla | Ayesha |
|  Welcome to Squirrel class | Kylan | Rikie |



The class with the best attendance (97.9%) this week was Stag Class - well done for winning the attendance trophy!

Dates for your diary



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

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

November:

3rd - return to school at 8.45am

- Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - poppies on sale

4th - individual school photos

7th - school disco

- parent/carer questionnaire deadline
- parent governor election

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 day 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




Remembrance Sunday Service

9th November, 10am
St Martin's Church, Shenley

After the service we will process down to the Shenley War Memorial to join the wider community for **10.50am.**

www.stmartinschurch.co.uk



Beezee FAMILIES

FREE Healthy Lifestyle support for families in Hertfordshire

Our FREE 12 week in-person and online programmes start on w/c 19/01/26 in person 12/01/26 online

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| BOREHAMWOOD Aberford Park Community Centre, WD6 1PN 4:30 - 6:30pm | WATFORD Holywell Community Centre Chaffinch Lane, WD18 9QD 5:30 - 7:30pm | STEVENAGE Oval Community Centre SG 1 5RD 5:30 - 7:30pm | WALTHAM CROSS St Joseph's Church 204 High Street, EN8 7DP 4:30 - 6:30pm |
| ** NO SESSION ** | HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Hobletts Manor Junior School HP2 5JS 5:00 - 7:00pm | HATFIELD Birchwood Avenue Primary School, AL10 0PS 5:00 - 7:00pm | ** NO SESSION ** |
| ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 5 - 8) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 6:30 - 7:30pm | ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 5 - 8) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 6:30 - 7:30pm | ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 9 - 12) 5:30 - 6:30pm | ** NO SESSION ** |

Sign up today!
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 Hertfordshire




COMMUNITY TRUST HOLIDAY CAMPS

Tuesday 28 to Friday 31 October
 Boys & girls aged 4-14 years old
 Boreham Wood FC's 4G astro pitch



AZURE HALLOWEEN CAMP

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

BOOK NOW AND CHEER IF YOU DARE

FANCY DRESS
 DANCE & TUMBLES
 POM POMS
 STICKERS
 SKELETON MUSICAL STATUES
 CHEER GAMES
 TUMBLE TRACK - AIR ROLLER - BEAMS

AZURECHEERLEADING@GMAIL.COM - 07802 792 232

BEST DRESSED GETS A PRIZE



POTENTIAL KIDS

OCTOBER 2025 ACTIVITIES

SESSIONS FOR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE AND SIBLINGS

| Date | Sessions | Time |
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| 2nd Thu | Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4+ yrs | 10.30-12.00 |
| 2nd Thu | Trampoline-Gosling sports centre 5+ | 17.30-18.30 |
| 3rd Fri | Welcome Space Community Drop-In | 15.00-16.30 |
| 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 10+ | 18.30-20.30 |
| 10th Sat | Soft Archery 8+ Birchwood | 16.00-17.00 |
| 10th Thu | Trampoline-Gosling sports centre 5+ | 17.30-18.30 |
| 17th Fri | Welcome Space Community Drop-In | 10.00-12.30 |
| 18th Sat | Basketball 8+ Birchwood | 16.00-17.00 |
| 24th Thu | Roller skating Campus West | 18.00-19.30 |
| 27th Thu | Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4+ yrs | 10.30-12.00 |
| 28th Fri | Welcome Space Community Drop-In | 10.00-12.30 |
| 28th Fri | Skateboarding Pioneer Club Age 9+yrs | 17.30-18.30 |
| 29th Sat | Free Family Football Drop-In Birchwood | 16.00-17.00 |
| 29th Sat | Train Club FK Hub Age 12+ | 12.00-14.00 |

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




CANDICE CONWAY THEATRE SCHOOL

Inspiring the next generation!
 DRAMA CLUB

| Tuesday - Lunch Club | Year 1 to Year 6 | 12.15pm to 1pm | £4.50 per child/per session |
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| Autumn Term - 6 weeks Start of term: 11 th November 2025 Continued on: 18 th , 25 th November, 2 nd , 9 th December Last class on: 16 th December 2025 | | | |
| CALLING ALL YOUNG PERFORMERS! JOIN OUR DRAMA CLASS FOR A MAGICAL JOURNEY WHERE CHILDREN LEARN, GROW, AND SHINE TOGETHER IN A FUN AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT. THIS CLASS IS DESIGNED TO HELP DEVELOP: PERFORMANCE SKILLS, STAMINA, EXPRESSION AND CHARACTERISATION AND CHARACTERISATION THIS TERM, ALL CHILDREN WILL BE WORKING TOWARDS OUR EXCITING SUMMER SHOW, TAKING PLACE IN SUMMER 2026! IT'S A BRILLIANT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CHILD TO BUILD CONFIDENCE, IMPROVE STAGECRAFT, AND BE PART OF SOMETHING TRULY SPECIAL. IF YOU'D LIKE YOUR CHILD TO TAKE PART, PLEASE BOOK A SPACE VIA OUR WEBSITE: WWW.CANDICECONWAYTHEATRESCHOOL.CO.UK | | | |
| BOOST CONFIDENCE, DEVELOP CREATIVITY AND HAVE FUN WITH FULLY TRAINED AND DBS CHECKED TEACHERS. 07903672216 THEATRESCHOOL@CANDICECONWAY.CO.UK WWW.CANDICECONWAYTHEATRESCHOOL.CO.UK | | | |

