



Shenley News



Friday 5th December 2025

Autumn term 2: issue 5

Over the past few weeks, Miss Gallagher and I have had the pleasure of visiting every classroom to see adaptive teaching and inclusion in action. It has been a true joy to watch our Shenley stars fully engaged in their learning and embracing challenges. The creativity, resilience and enthusiasm we have seen across the school are a real credit to both our pupils and staff.

Christmas arrived at Shenley this week! A very big thank you to Classic Gardens for our Christmas tree!

Next Friday it is the Christmas Fair - we hope to see you there!

Have a wonderful weekend,
Miss Wheeler



Christmas Performances

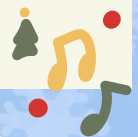
Across the school, everyone has been busy rehearsing for the upcoming performances. This week, we shared reminders about our Christmas performances:

Key Stage 2: Monday 15th, 6:00pm start at the church
(KS2 children to return to school at 5:30pm)

EYFS & Key Stage 1: Tuesday 9th, 1:30pm start

We are very excited to welcome you to these festive celebrations and to see our pupils shine.

As always, we kindly remind families to follow our photo and video rules to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all.



Christmas Concerts Reminder

As we approach the festive season, we are delighted to invite you to enjoy our upcoming Christmas concerts.

Please note that while you are welcome to take photos and videos during the performances, we kindly ask that any images or recordings featuring staff or children other than your own are not shared electronically or posted on social media.

This helps us ensure the privacy and safety of our school community.

Thank you for your cooperation and support -
we look forward to celebrating with you.



To start the week, Rev Sarah led a brilliant assembly all about Advent. The children then had the opportunity to make their own Christingles, each one a symbol of hope.

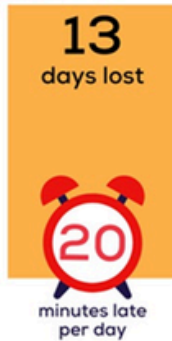
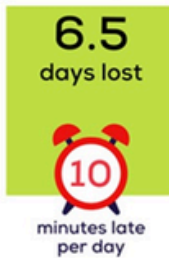
Thank you to Rev Sarah and Linda for leading an exciting and informative assembly, and for their help on the day! A big thank you to Mr Donnellan too for getting involved in the fun!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!



Every school day counts **BUT every minute is equally important!**



The class with the best attendance (**98.6%**) this week was **Stag Class** - well done for winning the attendance trophy!

Reading Challenge



Christmas Reading Challenge

Even Father Christmas takes a moment to enjoy a good book at this time of year! With the chilly winter weather keeping us indoors, what better time to snuggle up and read?

This holiday, we're setting you a festive reading challenge:

Where can you be caught curled up with a good book?

- Snuggled on the couch?
- Cosy in bed?
- Out on a winter countryside walk?
- Under the Christmas tree?

We'd love to see your photos! Please upload your reading snapshots to **Class Dojo**, and we'll create a special school display to show all the wonderful places we've been caught reading.

We can't wait to see your fabulous photos.

Happy Reading! 📖 🌟

Class	Star of the Week	Headteacher's certificate
	Anthony	Loukas
	Archie	Theodore
	Charlotte	Zayan
	Zara	Jaxon
	Albie	Isla
	Freddie	Alea

Christmas Lunch - 17th December

Please see the Christmas Lunch menu below.



Dates for your diary



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

December:

- 9th - EYFS and KS1 Christmas performance - 1.30pm
- 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

AZURE CHEERLEADING Club

Wednesday LUNCHTIME

YEAR 1 - YEAR 6
12:00 - 12:45
7th Jan - Mar 25th
11 weeks - £66
(no class feb half term)

SIGN UP NOW

Book Now:
07802 791 232 / AzureCheerleading@Gmail.com

CANDICE CONWAY THEATRE SCHOOL

Inspiring the next generation!

LUNCH DRAMA CLUB

Tuesday	Year 1 to Year 6	12.15pm to 1.00pm	£4.50 per week/ per child
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Exciting News - CCTS Lunch Time Drama Club is coming to Shenley Primary School!
We're thrilled to announce that the Candice Conway Theatre School will be launching a brand new Lunch Time Drama Club at Shenley starting this Spring Term on 6th January 2026, running until 24th March 2026 (half term = 10th to 20th February)

- Calling all young performers!
- A magical journey where children learn, grow, and shine in a fun, supportive environment.
- Who? Year 1 - Year 6
- When? Tuesdays, lunchtime
- What your child will gain:
 - Build confidence
 - Develop performance skills
 - Explore imagination & characterisation
 - Improve stamina & stagecraft
 - Be part of a fun, supportive group

Join Us!
We would love to welcome your child to the CCTS Drama Club at Shenley!
To secure your child's place, please drop us an email on: theatreschool@candiceconway.co.uk

Spaces are limited, so early booking is recommended!

Payment Options:
Payment can be made via BACS and we also accept children's vouchers and ten-time children's.

BOOST CONFIDENCE, DEVELOP CREATIVITY AND HAVE FUN WITH FULLY TRAINED AND DBS CHECKED TEACHERS.

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Beezee FAMILIES

FREE Healthy Lifestyle support for families in Hertfordshire

Our FREE 12 week in-person and online programmes start on week commencing 19th January 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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 SG1 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) 6:30 - 7:30pm	ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 9 - 12) 5:30 - 6:30pm	** NO SESSION **

Sign up today!

02030@beezee.co.uk
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Hertfordshire

Our programmes are for children above their stated weight, see our website for more information.

Meet father christmas church farm ardeley

Selected dates in December

Festive Farm Entry includes
Christmas Activity Pack + Festive Woodland
Walk the farm & see the farm animals

Meet Father Christmas
Father Christmas in his outside grotto (includes a quality toy)
Meet the Elves
Write a letter to Father Christmas
Write a wish for the Wish Tree
Bag up reindeer food & carrot to take home to Rudolph

Additional Activities
Santa Paws - bring your beloved pooches to meet
Father Christmas include treat & toy
Harvest your Own Christmas Tree
Festive Tractor & Trailer Ride
Feed the farm animals

Book online www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk

This is an outdoor event so plenty of fresh air. Wrap up warm & wear wellies!

CHURCH FARM, ARDELEY
A Free Range Experience

JOIN US FOR

Breakfast with Santa

DECEMBER 13TH & 20TH
FROM 9AM - 11AM

£15.95 PER CHILD INCLUDES:
- KIDS BREAKFAST & JUICE
- ACTIVITY PACK & BOOK
- MEET SANTA HIMSELF!

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Gratitude Christmas Grotto & Santa's Shop

Join us for a magical celebration filled with joy, fun and festive cheer!

SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER
Session 1: 1-3pm | Session 2: 4-6pm

Venue: Sky Studios Elstree (see reverse for map of site)
Parking: Panattoni Unit 2

- Fun, Games & Activities
- Festive Music
- Visit Santa's Magical Grotto
- A Gift For Every Child Attending
- ALL FOR FREE!

To book a session please call or Whatsapp Barbara at 07769111256

Let's share the Christmas magic!

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