

Friday 30th January 2026

Spring term 1: issue 4

Mr Donnellan and I had a brilliant time looking at science at Shenley this week. It was fabulous to see children engaged in their learning and working like scientists. Across the school, a range of investigations were being conducted from predicting and observing what items float or sink in Hedgehog Class to investigating thermal insulators in Otter Class. We were very impressed by the use of scientific language and careful observation skills. Well done Shenley stars.

Have a lovely weekend everybody!

Miss Wheeler

Playground

On Monday, our front playground had a fantastic makeover. Our School Council kicked off their first project of the year by selecting brand-new playground markings - and they chose brilliantly! The playground now bursts with a vibrant woodland theme featuring all our class animals, along with a lively 'What's the Time, Mr Wolf?' area.

These designs are all about sparking imagination, encouraging movement and making playtime even more fun.

Well done School Council and thank you to Mrs Lang for your help.



Assembly

We were very fortunate to welcome Rabbi Lebrecht this week who led a wonderfully engaging assembly. He talked to us about the Jewish festival of Tu B'Shevat (Tu Bishvat) - the celebration of trees.

He also commented on the excellent behaviour he saw throughout the school which was a lovely reflection of our pupils' enthusiasm and respect, and everyone demonstrating our school values.



Stag Class has been using lots of the different techniques they have been learning in their art lessons to create a bold animal collage.

They have used colour mixing, chalk, oil pastel techniques and blending to create a stunning composition. Well done Stags!



Football - a message from Mr Hill

On Tuesday afternoon, Miss Buffery and I had the pleasure of taking 16 children from years 5 and 6 to Borehamwood Football Club to take part in a tournament organised by Borehamwood.

The girls' team was in a group with seven other teams and played amazingly and were unlucky not to make it out of the group stages on goal difference.

The boys team made it out of the group of six, and through to the final where they unfortunately lost.

Both teams demonstrated our STARS values throughout the tournament supporting each other during games and congratulating opponents after the games were finished.

Well done to all who took part, and thank you to the staff and parents that were able to come along and support our teams.



Science at Shenley

We were so pleased to see such wonderful valued behaviour across the school!
 We felt a real buzz of excitement, engagement and scientific thinking within the classrooms.
 It was fantastic to see mini-enquiry questions being used to guide science learning and help children think deeply. Questions included "What is the best material to use to insulate a cup?" in Otter Class to "Will it sink or float?" in Hedgehog Class.



Celebrations!

Class	Star of the Week	Headteacher's certificate
	Lenny	Lucas R
	Darla	Orfeas
	Lilly-May	Leo
	Vinnie	Keira-May
	Blake	Ava
	Whole class	Daniel



The class with the best attendance (**97.2%**) this week was
Otter 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.

January:

Thursday 8th: Year 5 wassailing trip

February:

Monday 2nd: High Sheriff of Hertfordshire visit

Friday 13th: break up for half term (3.15pm finish)

Half term holiday: Monday 16th - Friday 20th

Monday 23rd: return to school at 8.45am

Thursday 26th: 9.05am - Year 6 Squirrel class assembly for parents/carers to attend

March:

Thursday 5th: 9.05am - Year 5 Otter class assembly for parents/carers to attend

Wednesday 11th: parent consultations

Thursday 12th: parent consultations

Thursday 19th: 9.05am - Year 4 Dormouse class assembly for parents/carers to attend

Thursday 26th: 9.05am - Year 3 Stag class assembly for parents/carers to attend

Friday 27th: break up for the Easter holiday (2pm finish)

Easter holiday: Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April.

INSET Day: Monday 13th April (children do not attend school)

April:

Tuesday 14th: children return to school at 8.45am

Book Fair: 14th April to 20th April


Thursday 23rd: 9.05am - Year 1+2 Fox Class assembly for parents/carers to attend



Thursday 30th: 9.05am - Hedgehog Class assembly for parents/carers to attend

DANCE

SHENLEY DANCE CLUB

Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm Year 1-6



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3:15-4:15pm



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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 - 16th 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
Where: Tuesdays, lunchtime
What your child will gain:

- 🌟 Build confidence
- 🌟 Develop performance skills
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- 🌟 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 an email on: theschool@candiceconway.co.uk

Spaces are limited, so early booking is recommended.

Payment Options:
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