

Friday 13th February 2026

Spring term 1: issue 6

I cannot believe we are at the end of spring term 1 and half way through the school year! It has been jam-packed with fantastic learning experiences and valued behaviour. We are incredibly proud of our Shenley stars and their commitment to their learning. Have a brilliant half term; we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 23rd February.

School Attendance Matters!

Regular attendance = better learning, wellbeing and friendships!

- Our attendance target is 96%
- Pupils must attend every day unless they are too ill - see NHS guidance
- Report school absences by 9am each day: call 01923855864 or email admin@shenley.herts.sch.uk
- Holidays in term time cannot be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances
- Dental and medical appointments should be made outside of the school day where possible
- Arriving late after 9.15am will be recorded as an unauthorised absence

What happens if your child is absent?

Each day of absence	The school office will contact the parent/carer if the office has not received a message reporting child's absence by 9am.
When attendance falls below 93%	The school office may send a letter to the parent/carer on the importance of attending school.
When attendance falls below 90%	The school office may send a letter to the parent/carer on the importance of attending school. Parent/carers may be asked to provide medical evidence.
10 unauthorised sessions in 10 weeks	The school will send a notice to improve letter.
When there is no improvement after 3 weeks	An application for a fixed penalty notice may be made.



<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/626669cb8fa8f523b7221b98/UKHSA-should-i-keep-my-child-off-school-guidance-A3-poster.pdf>



The class with the best attendance (92.2%) this week was **Dormouse Class** - well done for winning the attendance trophy!

Shrove Tuesday Assembly
Today, Rev Sarah visited us and led a brilliant assembly all about Shrove Tuesday!



Safer Internet Day 2026

This week, we celebrated Safer Internet Day 2026! Mr Donnellan, our Computing Subject Leader, led a brilliant assembly. The assembly provided us with top tips on how to keep safe online and highlighted the advantages and disadvantages of AI. Thank you Mr Donnellan!



Safer Internet Top tips for Children and Families

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-young-people>
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Parking

We politely ask parents and carers to park considerately and to respect our neighbours during drop-off and pick-up times.

Please do not park in Monarch Walk as it is a private road.

We also ask that you do not leave car engines running outside the school gates.

Exhaust emissions contain a number of harmful gasses including carbon dioxide, which is bad for the environment, as well as a range of other harmful gasses which are linked to asthma and other lung diseases.

We thank you for your support in keeping our community safe and well.



Children's Mental Health Week 2026

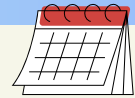
We had a fantastic assembly yesterday all about Children's Mental Health Week 2026!

Dormouse Class and Otter Class had a fantastic morning sharing their published writing with each other. It is so important to have a real life audience!
The children's work was fantastic and they were so supportive of each other.
Well done Year 4 and Year 5!



Dates for your diary

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



February:

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
- World Book Day (information to follow)

Wednesday 11th: parent consultations

Thursday 12th: parent consultations

Week starting 16th - Book Week

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

BEAVERS

TIME FOR FUN

For fun, friendship and activities that get you thinking as well as doing.

1st Radlett Beavers Scouts welcome boys and girls aged 6-8 years old to join our Colony. Please visit our website for more information. To join email Jackie.glover@elstreescouts.org.uk

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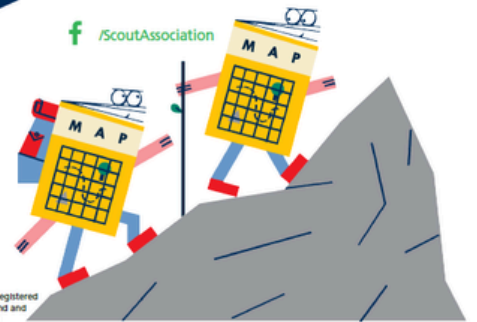
LEAP FORWARD

We've been helping young people have the time of their lives for nearly one hundred years. Be part of another century of fun and friendship and as much adventure as you can handle.

1st Radlett Cub Scouts welcome boys and girls aged 8-10 to join our Cub Pack. Please visit our website for more information. To join email Jackie.glover@elstreescouts.org.uk

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