



# Shenley News



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Autumn term 1: issue 1

Welcome back!

On behalf of the entire Shenley Primary School staff, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the start of a new school year. It has been wonderful to see all our Shenley children and families this week. Everyone has settled in seamlessly - our school is full of lots of happy children who are already impressing staff with their hard work and positivity. For those of you whose children have attended our school in the past, welcome back! For those of you whose children are starting their Shenley journey with us, we are delighted to have you as part of our school community. Across the school, there is a real buzz as the children are ready and raring to go with their learning; there have been lots of happy faces and beaming smiles. I have been blown away by everyone's enthusiasm and beautiful manners - keep it up Shenley!

It has been a real joy to see children together in assemblies exploring our value of 'kindness' and celebrating one another in today's celebration assembly.

I am in the playground at the start and end of the school day, so please do come and say hello. I am very excited for the year ahead, and celebrating our Shenley children's achievements and successes with you.

The Shenley team is excited to work with you and looks forward to a rewarding and successful year ahead.

Miss Wheeler



**We need you! Can you help?**

**To bring learning to life, make it memorable and meaningful, and support children's aspirations, we would like to have a pool of people in the community who we could invite in to do a short talk or 'question and answer' session with classes.**

**You may want to talk about your job or a topic you are very knowledgeable and passionate about e.g. the local area, fitness, animals, history...**

**It may be something you could bring in to share with children to inspire them and support their learning e.g. historical artefacts, photographs...**

**If you would like to get involved and be part of our 'pool', please email the school office providing us with the following information:**

**\*which pupil you are related to in school**

**\*job/topic to share with the children (please tell us as much as you can).**

**We would be very grateful for your help and can't wait to learn from you!**



## Apple tasting at Shenley Park

Children in years 4, 5 and 6 will be visiting Shenley Park on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Children in years 1 /2 and 3 will be visiting Shenley Park on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

They will be given the opportunity to taste some delicious apples and play in the walled garden. The visit will take place during the school day so please drop off and collect your child at school at the normal times.

Please ensure your child wears full school uniform and brings their coat (clearly named). Please provide a change of shoes (in a named bag) for them to wear when they visit Shenley Park (e.g. wellies).

We are really looking forward to this exciting experience!

## Start of Term Information and Reminders

As we begin the new school year, here are a few important reminders to help keep everyone safe, organised, and ready to learn:

**Nuts/nut products:** We are a nut free school to ensure the safety of all our pupils. Please do not send your child into school with any food items containing nuts, such as cereal bars, Nutella, peanut butter sandwich filling or similar products.

**Jewellery:** Hoop earrings, rings, necklaces and bracelets should not be worn in school. Stud earrings can be worn.

**Playground Safety:** For everyone's safety, we kindly ask that children do not use the climbing frame before or after school, and that bikes/scooters are not ridden in the playground during drop-off and pick-up times. Please do not bring dogs into the playground. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our school a safe and happy place for all.

**Labelling Belongings:** Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named so that lost items can be returned easily.

**Water Bottles:** Children should bring a water bottle filled with water each day to stay hydrated throughout the school day.

## Harvest Collection

As part of our Harvest celebration, we will be collecting items for Borehamwood Foodbank and would be very grateful for your help.

If you are able to support, please bring in any items you are able to donate from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Items will be stored in your child's classroom before being delivered to Borehamwood Foodbank by our friends at St Martin's Shenley. The final date to donate items is Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Borehamwood Foodbank needs...

### We are currently extremely low on...

Rice (500g or 1kg bags)  
Tinned Carrots  
Crisps  
Tinned Rice Pudding  
Tinned Hotdogs  
Tinned Meatballs  
Tinned Meat  
Tinned Fruit  
Tinned Custard  
Coffee  
Cooking Sauces Jars  
Tinned Fish  
1l Carton Juice

### We're starting to run low on...

Jams, Peanut Butter, Honey  
UHT Milk (1l)  
Porridge  
Biscuits  
Spaghetti Hoops  
Teabags  
Tinned Tomatoes  
Cereals  
Tinned Peas  
Tinned Sweetcorn  
Tinned Potatoes  
Savoury Biscuits

Reverend Sarah from St Martin's Church is coming in to lead a whole school Harvest assembly which we are really looking forward to!





Our Foundation Stage children have truly blown us away! From the moment they stepped through the door on their very first day they showed such courage and confidence. The classroom has been buzzing with energy as they've explored their new environment - and their imaginations are already shining brightly!  
We are very proud of the incredible start they have made.



Our Year 1 / 2 class has truly wowed us - the children are absolute superstars! Not only are they fantastic role models for others, but they are also showing maturity and responsibility as they move around the school with care and confidence. They are making excellent choices every day and embracing their learning with excitement. We have been impressed by the enthusiasm the children have shown as they delve into their brand-new science project, all about materials - what an inspiring start to the term.



Stag Class has had a brilliantly creative start to Year 3. The children worked like artists on Thursday, producing fantastic still life masterpieces, and also musicians playing the glockenspiels!  
There is a real zest for learning in Stag Class - keep it up!



Year 4 has hit the ground running this term with an exciting and active start to this year! Highlights so far include diving into their swimming lessons and getting stuck in with Forest School. With so many opportunities to learn, move and explore, it is already shaping up to be a fantastic year!



Otter Class has made an exceptional start to the new school year. The children have knuckled down and are wowing us all with their mature attitude towards their learning and positive approach to school life. They are thoroughly enjoying their guided reading sessions and had fun planting bulbs to brighten up our school. Well done Year 5!



What an exciting start for our fabulous Year 6 pupils! They have been busy brightening up our school grounds by planting a beautiful array of flowers and bulbs - what a colourful contribution to our community! They also made a splash as they began their swimming lessons with great enthusiasm. To top it off, Year 6 took part in the Crucial Crew workshop, learning important life skills including keeping safe and how to support others. They were taught how to do CPR correctly using 'Baby Shark' to help keep the correct rhythm (who knew 'Baby Shark' could help keep someone alive!). What a fantastic way to kick off their final year at Shenley - we are so proud already!

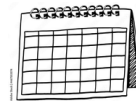


Class	Star of the Week	Headteacher's certificate
	Skylar	Anthony
	Penelope	Leo
	Zayan	Lilly-May
	Charlotte	Shanmith
	Harvey	Daria
	Tommy-Lee	Daniel



The class with the best attendance (97.2%) this week was Fox Class - well done!

# Dates for your diary



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

## September:

- 15th - Harvest Borehamwood Foodbank collection begins
- 16th - Dormouse, Otter + Squirrel Classes (Y4, 5 + 6) - Shenley Park apple tasting trip
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Fox and Stag Classes (Y1/2 + Y3) - Shenley Park apple tasting trip
- 24th - Waste 3Rs assembly and workshops for the children
  - last day to donate items for the Borehamwood Foodbank collection
- 25th - 9am Year 6 (Squirrel class) Stay and Learn for parents/carers (information to follow)
- 30th - drama workshops for the children

## October:

- 1st - nasal flu vaccine
- 2nd - 9am Year 5 (Otter Class) Stay and Learn for parents/carers (information to follow)
- 9th - 9am Year 4 (Dormouse Class) Stay and Learn for parents/carers (information to follow)
- 15th - parent consultations (information to follow)
- 16<sup>th</sup> - parent consultations (information to follow)
- 23rd - 9am Year 3 (Stag Class) Stay and Learn for parents/carers (information to follow)
- 24th - finish school at 3.15pm for the half term holiday. We return to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 8.45am.

## Noticeboard



**LOKO DANCE**  
**SHENLEY DANCE CLUB**  
Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm Year 1-6

BOOK HERE

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Louisekochdance@aol.com

## Netball Club

Years 4, 5 & 6

For Boys and Girls

- ❖ After school on Fridays 3.15pm to 4.30pm
- ❖ Bring trainers, tracksuit and water bottle
- ❖ Run by netball coach Amber Questrel
- ❖ £10 per half term, payable in Arbor



**AZURE CHEERLEADING CLUB**

Shenley year 1 - year 6

Monday after school  
3:15 - 4:15pm  
14 weeks  
8th Sept - 15th Dec  
(excluding 27th October half term)

£110

**SIGN UP HERE**

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