

Important Notice

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INSET DAY

The school is closed to all children tomorrow (Friday 10th October) and (Monday 13th October).
The Nursery will be open as usual.

Thank you for all your kind donations towards our Harvest Festival collection. Sandy came in from the Salvation Army and delivered a lovely Harvest assembly to our children. All donations will go towards supporting local families in need this Christmas.



Harvest Festival

Parents Evening: Date for your Diary

Tuesday 4th November 3.40pm—6pm

Each appointment will be 10 mins. These will be face to face appointments.

Thursday 6th November 3.40pm—7pm

Each appointment will be 10 mins. Telephone appointments only.

These will be bookable via your child's MCAS account, under Parents Evening. If you can no longer keep your appointment, please could you ensure you cancel it to allow other parents to book and please can only 1 person within the family book the appointment to avoid double bookings.

Bookings are now LIVE!

Halloween Pit Stop Free Treat for Families!

Looking for a fun and friendly place to stop during your trick or treating adventure? Come along to the Halloween Pit Stop @ St James Road Methodist Church in Shirley (SO15 5HE), just outside *Make and Brew* on Friday 31st October from 5.30pm—7.30pm.

We'll have 1000 FREE Hotdogs and drinks, craft activities, Live Music and a giant bouncy castle— all completely free and open to everyone!

It's a lovely way to take a break, enjoy some tasty food and have fun in a safe and welcoming space. Whether you pop by for a few minutes or stay a while, we'd love to see you!



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9th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year group visits to Shirley Library

We are excited to let you know that we have scheduled visits to Shirley Library; The timings will be 1.20pm until 2.05pm and the next lot of children will go at 2.10pm until 2.55pm. The Library is an important part of Shirley as a community and the purpose of the visits, is to develop the love of reading.

We have booked a block of dates so far, with more to follow in the Spring Term and Summer Term:

- Year 3 – Monday 20th October 2025
- Year 2 – Wednesday 22nd October 2025
- Year R – Monday 10th November 2025
- Year 1 – Wednesday 12th November 2025
- Year 6 – Monday 17th November 2025
- Year 5 – Wednesday 19th November 2025
- Year 4 – Monday 24th November 2025

If your child has a Library card and they wish to take it to the Library when their class visits, to take out a book, they are more than welcome to.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Prudence

Shirley Library

Year 2: RVCP In-House Visit

As part of Year 2's Autumn 1 topic, the children will be learning about Florence Nightingale. The class are really excited to have the opportunity to have a visitor from Royal Victoria Country Park coming into school on **Tuesday 14th October 2025** to provide an immersive workshop to our children.

The contribution to this visit is payable on your child's MCAS app under Trips and Visits.



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Share My Learning

Dates for your Diary



We would like to invite parents in to share in their child's learning in an event called

'Share My Learning'

If you would like to stay and look at some of your child/rens work, the timings will be

3.30pm – 4pm on the dates below.

Autumn 1

Tuesday 21st October
Thursday 23rd October

Spring 1

Tuesday 10th February
Thursday 12th February

Summer 1

Tuesday 19th May
Thursday 21st May

If you would like to attend one of these sessions, please collect your child/ren and come to Reception to sign in. This is your opportunity to view your child's work; any details about your child's education and progression, will be discussed with you at Parents Evenings.

YEAR 1
Phonics Screen Information Session
Thursday 23rd October
9-9.45am

with Miss Harvey

PLEASE COME ALONG!
IF YOU ARE NOT AVAILABLE, FEEL FREE TO SEND ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER.

WHAT IS THIS FOR?

- Find out about what the Phonics Screening Check is.
- Learn how we support your child in being ready for the check.
- Find out how you can support your child at home with their reading.
- Join your child in class to share a book.



SEN Coffee Afternoon

Thursday 23rd October

2.30pm – 3.30pm

Mrs Meenaghan kindly invites parents and carers to join her for a drop in SEN Coffee Afternoon on Thursday 23rd October.

Come in and grab a refreshment in our Main Hall between 2.30pm – 3.30pm and meet some members of our Inclusion Team.



We look forward to seeing you

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Avon Tyrrell

Language of the Week Sinhala

There are 3 children who speak Sinhala (also known as Sinhalese) in our school.

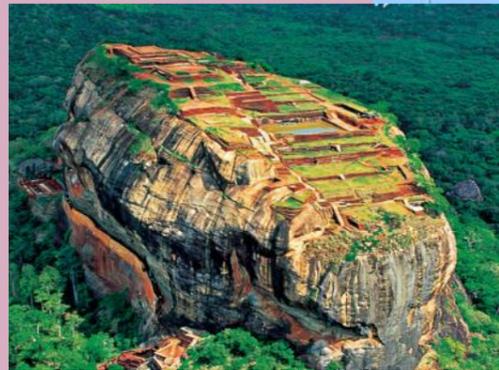
Can you guess where Sinhala is spoken?

Facts about Sri Lanka:

- Population: 21.44 million
- Capital: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
- It's a small, tear-drop shaped island
- It is the largest cinnamon exporter in the world
- It is the second largest tea exporter in the world

Facts about the Sinhala/Sinhalese language:

- The sentence structure in Sinhala follows the subject-object-verb order like other Asian languages in comparison with English where the order is subject-verb-object.
- Sinhala has fifty-eight letters, but daily, only thirty-eight of those are used.
- The old texts of Buddhism were written in Sinhalese.



Sigiriya Lion Rock is an ancient rock fortress known for its massive column of rock that reaches nearly 200 metres high. The site dates back to the reign of King Kasyapa (477—495 AD)



Curry and rice



Dosa



Milk toffees

There are still places available to go on our Year 6 Residential to Avon Tyrrell in December.

The date we have booked is Monday 1st December to Friday 5th December 2025. The children will leave school on the Monday morning and return to school at approximately 3pm on the Friday.

The price of the trip includes transport, food, accommodation and the cost of various activities which will include: archery, climbing, zip wire, tree top trail, problem solving, discovery walks, adventure course, pioneering, campfire, kayaking and a disco.

If you would like your child to attend the residential, then please log onto your MCAS app and go to Trips and Visits and you will find the residential there including the cost. If you click on it and add to the basket, you will have the option to pay in the instalments we have set out or to add them all to the basket and pay for them in one go. The deadline for all payments will be 17th November and must be all paid up before your child can attend.

Year 6 Residential

Compliments, complaints or concerns: We would like to encourage parents and carers to approach our school with any compliments, complaints or concerns by following the process set out in our [Compliments Policy and Procedure](#) and [Compliments Form](#). We value informal meetings and discussions and aim to resolve all issues informally with open dialogue and mutual understanding.

With a concern: raiseaconcern@wordsworthprimary.co.uk

This email address is monitored daily, during term time, by the Senior Leadership Team.

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Arts and Humanities Day

Saturday 8th November

The University of Southampton would like to invite as many students, families and Southampton locals as possible, to our next event, which is Arts and Humanities Day on Saturday 8th November. It's a free event and is open and suitable for all. Each year the festival presents a vibrant program. Our free family-friendly event features engaging hands-on activities, workshops, talks and exhibitions. This year the event will be back at the Southampton Cultural Quarter, Sir James Matthews Building, in collaboration with the University of Southampton's branch of the ESRC Festival of Social Science, John Hansard Gallery, SeaCity Museum and Southampton Library plus many more community partners.

To find out more information about this event, please click here: [Arts and Humanities Day](#)

Year 6 Secondary School Admissions

The deadline for school applications will be **31st October 2025**; any submissions after this date will be a late application.

Calpol/Ibuprofen

If you have given your child Calpol, Calpol Plus or Ibuprofen prior to them coming to School, please let Mrs Venturas know or the School Office in case they need to come to first aid during the school day so we know they have already received medication.



Attendance Class Award This Week

This weeks winners were Lynxes (96.60%) and Eagles (96.84%).

The children that accepted the awards on behalf of their classes were Yoona (Lynxes) and Luke (Eagles) who are this weeks attendance star monitors.

The stars and certificate will be on proud display in their classrooms for the rest of this week.



PE

On the day your child has PE, please:

- ensure they are wearing appropriate footwear, e.g. trainers, or they have them in school to change into
- long hair is tied back
- earrings are removed if your child is unable to remove them in school themselves.



At Wordsworth in Key Stage 2 we use a reading program called Accelerated Reader by Renaissance.

A letter is being sent home for parents to access AR and check on their child's progress in reading. Children will be completing star reading quizzes which give children a reading level. Your children will read books at this level and complete a short quiz to see if they have understood the book they have read. As parents you can keep up to date on the progress.

Please look out for these letters.

Inside	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Year R PE	Year 2 PE			Nursery PE
PM	Year 3 PE	Year 5 PE	Year 1 PE	Year 6 PE	Year 4 PE

OUTSIDE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Year 1 PE				
PM	Year 2 PE	Year 4 PE	Year 3 PE	Year 5 PE	Year 6 PE