

Essex County Council

Sheering Church of England Primary School

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Attendance: 92.75%

Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year. Thank you for your support in your preparations for your children's return to school. They have all come in with enthusiasm and confidence and are looking smart in their uniforms. We would like to welcome our new Reception children to Sheering School and also welcome the children, and their families who have joined us this week.

At the end of last year, I had informed you of the restructuring (moving from four classes to three) which was going to happen in September. I am pleased to say that, so far, the arrangements for Copeland and Durrington classes have been successful where each year group has had the support, the care and lessons delivered at the appropriate levels. We have decided to keep the names and identities of Copeland and Durrington classes and the three year groups have also enjoyed their sessions together.

I am also pleased with how the children in Fitzwalter and Quickbury classes have settled. The children are all enjoying their new classes, especially Fitzwalter classroom which Mr Hume decorated over the summer holidays.

The class timetables and the long term plans for each year group are on our website.

On the first of our training days, the staff completed the first aid training refresher course. The reminders that came from the course were to cut up grapes and cherry tomatoes if you are sending them in packed lunch boxes and that we are a nut-free school. The advice now for all grazes is that they should be cleaned, dried and covered rather than letting them air dry.

Priorities for the Year

Our main areas of development for Sheering school this year are;

- The school's financial stability / sustainability (i.e. raising pupil numbers, wraparound care, securing future financial stability)
- Curriculum; including curriculum planning, teaching and learning and achievement with a focus on writing and achievement in the foundation subjects
- Behaviour, attitudes and wellbeing.

Wraparound Care and After School Clubs

We have sent out ParentMails this week for you to sign up for the Breakfast Clubs, which will commence on Monday September 8th. You can sign up at any time for these sessions, but we ask that you give us at least 24 hour's notice. Breakfast club runs from 8:00-8:45am. In addition to this, we are now offering Reading Club sessions from 8:20-8:45am without breakfast, but at a cost of £2 a day.

Thank you for your responses to the Twilight sessions (after school). There are still sessions available for this month; please can you book those sessions in advance as well.

Twilight Sessions	3.15pm-4:15pm	£5.00	Light snack
	3.15pm-5:00pm	£7.00	Light snack
	3.15pm-6:00pm	£9.00	Light meal

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In addition, there will still be after school clubs. These will run from 3:15pm-4:00pm and there is no charge here. However, if you are late to pick your child up, they may be put into one of the Twilight sessions and there will be a charge. The letters for after school clubs will go out next week.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

The class teachers may have already invited you to attend a short meeting for you to meet them, to hear about expectations for the year and for you to ask questions. If you are unable to attend, you will receive information from the meeting and there may be the opportunity for a short meeting with your child's teacher at another time.

Copeland class: Thursday 11th September 2:30-2:50pm

Durrington class: Thursday 11th September 2:50-3:15pm

Fitzwalter class: Wednesday 10th September 2:45-3:15pm

Quickbury class: Tuesday 9th September: 2:45-3:15pm

Achievement from Home

Home: Mya and Leo were very proud of their Reading Challenge certificates and medals after reading many books over the summer. Leo also achieved his Learn to Swim Stage 3 certificate and badge. Lyra was very proud of the trophy that her dance quartet were awarded; Maisie, Sienna, Sylvia and Olivia were really pleased for their medals for netball and Owen told us all about his medal which he achieved during the summer holidays.

School: Max, Elliana, Elsie-Mae, Isaac, Mya, Harlee and Olivia all worked hard on Maths Shed and/or Spelling Shed over the summer holidays.

Roll of Honour

Children who have been generous in their care for others.

Copeland & Durrington: George has been a great friend and he has reassured anyone who has felt unsure.

Fitzwalter: Mia has been really kind and caring to a Year 3 child, she has included them at playtime and lunchtime.

Quickbury: Edith and Sophia have been looking after the other children by showing them the class routines.

Birthdays

This morning, we sang the birthday song to Leo who was 7 years old on Wednesday.

Letters/Parentmail Home:

Class newsletters via Dojo

Wraparound care

Dates

Please note these dates are subject to change if necessary.

Week beginning 8th September: Breakfast Club (8:00-8:45am) and Reading Club (8:20-8:45) begin

Sunday 14th September: Welcome service for Copeland class at St Mary's church, Sheering (11:00am)

Week beginning 8th September: Twilight (After school clubs) begin

Thursday 2nd October: Harvest Service in church 9:15am

Friday 24th October: Non-pupil day

Monday 27th-Friday 31st October: Half term holiday

Monday 22nd December: Christmas holidays

Have a good weekend,

Lorna Stephenson

Headteacher