

# Sheering Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter 3, Autumn 2, Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Attendance

Attendance this academic year to date: 94%

Weekly attendance:

Reception/year 1/year 2: 89%

Year 3&4: 99%

Year 5&6: 91%

### Changing Class Names

We wanted to let you know that we will be updating the names of our classes. This small change will help bring greater consistency across the school and strengthen pupils' sense of identity and belonging within their year groups.

The new names will be simple, easy for children to remember and will support smoother communication between home and school. Although the names are changing which children will remain with the same classmates, teacher and classroom, so there will be no disruption to their learning or daily routines.

Reception/year 1/year 2 = Acorns class

Year 3&4 = Birch class

Year 5&6 = Oak class

### Curriculum update

We are delighted to share that we are now using the CLPE Power of Reading programme across the school. This nationally recognised approach places high quality children's literature at the heart of English teaching, inspiring pupils to think deeply, talk confidently about texts and develop a genuine love of reading.

Through carefully chosen whole-class books, children will explore rich language, engage in meaningful discussion, respond creatively and build strong foundations for writing. The programme supports vocabulary development, comprehension and wider cultural understanding.

We are excited about the impact this will have on pupils' reading enjoyment and progress, and look forward to sharing their learning with you over the term.

### Dates for your diary

New Parent tour on Tuesday 16th Nov 9:30am - please let friends and family know we are holding a tour for parents of reception children who will be starting school in September 2026.

Photographer in school on Friday 19th November - please dress children in smart, clean uniforms.

### Sports coach and after school sports club

We have employed a sports coach through Sporting4schools. The sports coach will come into school on Monday afternoons to run a lunchtime club to prepare children for sporting competitions, teach two PE curriculum sessions and run an after school club.

To give children a taste of what's to come, a sports coach from the company is coming into school on Tuesday next week. All the children will participate in a multi-sports PE lesson.

There will be a £5 charge for the after-school club which we hope to start the week beginning 24th November (to be confirmed). Kindly note, if your child is eligible for the pupil premium grant, the charge is reduced to £2:50 (please consult with Miss Ebdon in the office).

### Coats

Thank you for sending coats into school for your child to wear during breaktimes and lunchtimes as the weather turns colder.

As soon as the rain stopped today, we were able to let those children with a coat outside for some fresh air.

From Monday, we will ring home and request parents bring a coat in before breaktime, if it has been left at home. Please try to remember so we don't have to disturb you at home or work, thank you.

### Pencil cases and stationery

To help us maintain a calm, organised and safe learning environment, we kindly ask that children do not bring their own stationery items into school.

We provide pens, pencils, rulers, rulers, colouring pencils and resources children need for their lessons. When children bring their own equipment, it can cause distractions, comparisons between pupils and difficulties if items are lost or broken.

Thank you for supporting us to keep classrooms focused, inclusive and well-resourced for every child.

### **Healthy Eating**

A huge thank you to many parents who have already supported our healthy eating approach by ensuring children do not bring crisps or sweets into school. We really appreciate your help.

Please continue to send fruit, vegetables or other healthy options for snacks and packed lunches. This helps children stay focused, energised and ready for learning throughout the day.

### **Staff absence**

We are currently managing some staff absences and have put appropriate cover arrangements in place to ensure continuity for pupils. Thank you for your understanding and for supporting the school as we maintain a calm and consistent learning environment.