

Shirland Primary School

Autumn 1 : Newsletter
September 2025



Welcome Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see the return of the children this week and to welcome our new families and children too.

We make every effort to support you and your family, so please call the school office or catch a member of staff on the gate in the morning or after school if you have any concerns.

On behalf of the Shirland Team, I hope that your children have a wonderful first half term.
Miss Vessey

SAVE THE DATE – PTFA PANTO

The whole school will be going the Christmas Panto in Mansfield on **Tues December 2nd**. This is an afternoon performance so the children will be back in school approx 5pm. Details to follow.

Key Dates - Autumn 1

Please look on the website for all dates for the year and ParentHub for further information.

Date	Information
Wed 10 th - 12 th Sept	Dukes Barn - Year 5/6 Residential Trip
Tues 16 th Sept	British Values Day : Democracy School Council Elections
Thurs 18 th Sept	Young voices auditions (3.30-4.15pm)
Thurs 25 th Sept	EYFS phonics meeting (9 - 9.30am)
Fri 26 th Sept	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Thurs 2 nd Oct	CENSUS
TBC	SEND coffee morning
Friday 3 rd Oct	National Poetry Day
Mon 6 th Oct	Individual school photos
Tues 7 th Oct	KS1 phonics meeting (3.30-4pm)
Fri 10 th Oct	World Mental Health Day
w/c 13 th Oct	Black History Week
w/c 20 th Oct	RE week
Mon 20 th Oct	Rev Simpson visit
Wed 22 nd Oct	ADHD awareness day
Thurs 23 rd Oct	Flu Vaccinations
Mon 27 th Oct - Fri 31 st Oct	HALF TERM - School closed
Tues 4 th Nov	British Values Day - Rule of Law
Tues 11 th Nov	Remembrance Day / Year 3 Trip Creswell Crags
Tues 11 th and Wed 12 th Nov	Parent's evening

Welcome

Mrs Warner and Miss Callon

both members of staff will be working in EYFS, supporting our youngest children. Mrs Warner will continue to cover Mrs Dolman's maternity leave in the new year.

A Fond Farewell

Mrs Cartledge has been an amazing member of the EYFS team, but sadly left during the holidays to return to her previous career in housing. She has many fond memories of Shirland Primary School and she will be greatly missed by the staff and children.

We wish her lots of luck and happiness in her new career.

WATER BOTTLES



Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school with their name on.

Plain or clear flavoured water only please.

WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL

We currently have children in school who have extreme allergic reactions to nuts. If someone has a nut allergy, it is not just eating nuts that can

cause a severe anaphylactic shock. Just touching nut products or the packaging of nuts can trigger breathing and swallowing difficulties. Even lip balms and hand creams can have nut traces which, in the past, has resulted in a child with an allergy becoming seriously ill. **We cannot have nuts of any form in school.**

We ask that you do not send your child to school with nut products. This includes products like peanut butter, Nutella and other chocolate spreads, some cereal bars, biscuits, cookies and sauces. This is not an exhaustive list so please check packaging carefully. Thank you for your cooperation.



Classes

Year Rec: Mrs Kerry, Mrs Dolman, Mrs Warner, Mrs Harry and Miss Callon

Year 1: Miss Key and Mrs Smith

Year 2: Mr Smith, Mrs B Pilkington and Mrs Stirling

Year 3: Mrs Bambrick, Miss Brooks and Miss Callon

Year 4: Mrs Mullett, Mrs Sheffield and Mrs Rosochacki

Year 5: Mrs Banks and Mrs T Pilkington

Year 6: Mr Halksworth, Mrs Rosochacki and Mrs Telford

Attendance

School gates are open at 8.50am and school starts at 9.00am prompt. School finishes at 3.15pm.

Late arrivals need to access school through the main entrance and will be monitored.

PLEASE LABEL ALL SCHOOL CLOTHING WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME, INCLUDING SHOES.

School Parking

The school car park is for staff only. When parking on the street, please be mindful of our local residents and ensure you are not blocking entrances and driveways. If you need to park in the school car park please call the office beforehand.

WELCOME

INSET DAYS 2025 / 26

September 4th and 5th 2025

January 9th 2026

May 22nd 2026

July 23rd 2026

A warm welcome to our new starters and their families. We hope you have a happy and wonderful journey at Shirland Primary school.



Clubs

We currently offer a range of FREE activity 'after school' clubs for children. They will change each half term and be for different age groups. Thank you to the team who do this voluntarily.

Shirland Primary School Musical Club

Due to Mrs Dolman taking maternity leave next year, there will not be a performance this academic year. However, it is planned for our school to perform 'Matilda' the following year when Mrs Dolman returns.

This year we will be taking a choir to Young Voices and auditions will be on Thursday 18th September, details to follow.

Class Council

Class Councillor elections will be held on Tuesday 16th September. This is a long-term commitment but a wonderful opportunity to represent the children's voice in school and help shape the things we achieve at Shirland. Further details to follow.

Sports club – Monday and Friday

Amber Valley School Sports are working with us again this year on Monday and Friday each week. We will be able to offer an after school sports club on these days. We will aim to cover all year groups throughout the year. Details will be sent via ParentHub.

Autumn 1 : starting Monday 15th Sept

Monday – Multi sports Year 3 and 4

Friday – Multi sports Year 5 and 6