

Shirland Primary School

Spring 1 2026 : Newsletter



Welcome Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and that the children are fit and well for a new term.

The workmen have been incredibly busy over the holiday and the temporary classrooms are almost ready for us to move in to. We are just waiting for the finishing touches to be completed before we can begin to move furniture and resources inside. As soon as we are given the go ahead, we will inform you of our plan to move in. This will involve school being closed to pupils for a short period of time. This is exceptional circumstances and I apologise in advance that this may be short notice, but I aim to give you as much notice as I possibly can.

This is an important term for the children, so please continue to support your children with reading, maths skills and wider opportunities.

Kind regards,

Miss Vessey



Last term the i-vengers in year 3 carried out a survey to see which were the most popular apps used by the junior children. In year 5 and 6, the children use YouTube, Roblox and WhatsApp the most. In year 3 and 4 the children use YouTube, Roblox and Minecraft the most.

The children have been made aware that the age rating for WhatsApp is 13 years+. However, due to a rising number of incidents and inappropriate conversations taking place between the year 5 and 6 children on WhatsApp, we have watched a video about how to use WhatsApp safely and had lots of discussions around appropriate conversations and privacy settings. You can also watch this video with your child by following this link

[Whatsapp privacy Videos](#)

This term the International Safer Internet day is planned for Tuesday 10th February. This will focus on the use of AI and how it can affect our well-being.

INSET DAYS

INSET 2025/2026: Friday 9th January 2026, Friday 22nd May 2026
Thursday 23rd July 2026,

INSET 2026/2027: Friday 4th September 2026, Monday 2nd November 2026, Friday 8th
January 2027, Friday 28th May 2027, Monday 26th July 2027



Thank you to the PTFA for raising £1185.50 and for everyone's support at the 2025 Christmas Fayre.

Key Dates - Spring 1 and 2

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

Date	Information
Mon 5 th Jan	Return to school
Fri 9 th Jan	INSET DAY - school closed to pupils
Mon 12 th Jan	Times Table Rockstar Day
Tue 13 th Jan	British Values - Individual Liberty
Mon 19 th Jan	Tough Rower - KS2
Mon 26 th Jan	Young Voices Birmingham with Musical Club
Thur 5 th Feb	Year 4 - Parent Lunch DNA Science Visit
w/c 9 th Feb	Mental Health week
Tues 10 th Feb	Internet Safety Day
Wed 11 th Feb	DNA Enterprise Day (Year 2)
Thurs 12 th Feb	Mental health and wellbeing day / family writing morning
Fri 13 th Feb	School closes for half term holiday
Mon 23 rd Feb	School reopens Year 5 Bikeability
Tues 24 th Feb	British Values - Tolerance
Tues 3 rd Mar	DNA Joint Concert
Thurs 5 th Mar	World Book Day / family reading morning
Mon 9 th March	Science week - Planetarium
Wed 18 th Mar	Year 3 / 4 performance - 9.30am and 2.15pm
Thurs 19 th Mar	Chocolate Bingo - PTFA event
Mon 23 rd Mar	Rock Steady Concert - 2.30pm
Tues 24 th Mar	Parent consultations
Wed 25 th Mar	Parent consultations
Fri 27 th Mar	Year 6 Trip to Beaumanor Hall Year 3 - Parent Lunch School closes for Easter holiday
Mon 13 th Apr	School reopens

School Parking – A polite reminder

The school car park is for staff, expected deliveries and visitors only, including the disabled parking bay. Unfortunately, it is too dangerous for parents to use on a regular basis, to park or use as a turning circle. Pulling in and blocking the entrance and exit of the school car park is also a safety issue.

Any parents currently using the car park are doing so with prior agreement.

If you need support, please contact the school office before parking your vehicle.