

Monday 7th September

Welcome Back

On behalf of all staff, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to school. We are delighted to begin a new academic year and are looking forward to supporting your children's learning and development.

Our team has been working hard to prepare engaging lessons and exciting opportunities for our pupils. We appreciate your ongoing support and cooperation as we work together to provide the best possible educational experience for every child.

Christian Value Term 1

Thankfulness

'Always be thankful.'
1 Thessalonians 5.16

THINK TOGETHER **Words of Wisdom**

"God gave you a gift of 86,400
seconds today.
Have you used one to say **thank** you?"
Anon

Celebration Assemblies

Come and join us on Fridays at 2.30pm



Children in Reception (Willow and Cherry) will be coming next term – look out for information from Mrs Kearns

Welcome to new staff

As you know we have had some new faces start at Shrivenham and just this week two more faces have joined the team.

This term we welcome:
Mr Robins – Deputy Head
Mrs Kearns – EYFS lead
Miss Braid – Year 2
Miss Roe – Year 5
Mrs Dunford – HLTA
Mrs Magill – TA

Please make sure you say hello when you see our new team members.

New Class Information

This year, we would like to offer an invitation to an online meeting with the class teacher during w/c 14th September (see dates below) and a chance to pop into the classroom in the same week straight after school.

Class teachers will provide details and TEAMS links via dojo.

This is an opportunity for you to meet the teachers and share expectations for this year.

School Hours

School gates open at 8.25am
Classroom doors open at 8.30am
School gates closed at 8.40am
School gates open at 2.55pm and close at 3.20pm
Any late arrivals, please report to the main office.

Scooters and Bikes

A reminder that electric scooters and bikes are not permitted in school grounds.

If children are riding bikes to school, they **MUST** have a helmet on. **ONLY** children who have passed Bikeability can ride to school without parental supervision. All other children (below Year 6) need parent/guardian when riding to and from school.

All bikes and scooters **MUST** be dismounted at the school gate.

Mobile Phones and smart watches

A few reminders about mobile phones and smart watches and new processes due to National guidance to all schools:

- Mobile phones **WILL** be turned off and in school bags before entering the school site
 - Mobile phones **WILL** be collected by the class teacher on the door in the morning
 - Only Year 5 and 6 will be permitted to bring phones into school **IF** they walk home on their own.
 - Phones will be **LOCKED** in a cupboard in school.
 - Phones will be given back to the children as they leave school.
 - Phones **WILL NOT** be switched on until the children leave the school gates.
 - **ALL** smart watches need to be used for time only and not messaging
- NEW POLICY WILL BE ON THE WEBSITE BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK

Communication

- Termly Newsletter with dates
- Website – class pages, key information, policies, dates/calendars, letters
- Class Dojo – Every Monday update plus class information

Communication Policy:

<https://www.shrivenhamschool.co.uk/attachm>

DRINKS, SNACKS AND LUNCHES

WE HAVE CHILDREN WITH SEVERE NUT ALLERGIES IN SCHOOL AND THEREFORE ASK FOR VIGILANCE IN SENDING IN 'NUT FREE' OPTIONS

We encourage a balanced snack and lunch at school.

Reception, year 1 and Year 2 receive a healthy snack provided by school and an option of Milk as well.

Year 3 – 6 need to bring in a snack to school. For this, we **strongly encourage** something healthy such as:

- Cereal bars
- Cheese
- Yogurts
- Crackers
- Fruit or Vegetables

We **discourage** chocolate and crisps at breaktimes.

Every child needs to have a water bottle in school and preferably water in the bottles. We do not allow fizzy drinks, concentrated fruit juice, hot drinks or energy drinks.

Calendar Dates

Dates	Activity
07.09.2026	Reception in school 8.30 – 1.00
08.09.2026	Reception in school 8.30 – 1.00
09.09.2026	Reception in school FULLTIME 8.30 – 3.00
11.09.2026	CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 2.30 – Parents sign in at OFFICE
14.09.2026	Parent online meetings and Open Classrooms – see Class Dojo for TEAMS link and dates for open classrooms 14 th Year 3 and 4 @4pm 15 th Year 6 @4pm 16 th Year 5 and Year 2 @4pm 17 th Year 1 and Reception @4pm
18.09.2026	CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 2.30 – Parents sign in at OFFICE
25.09.2026	CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 2.30 – Parents sign in at OFFICE
30.09.2026	Harvest at St Andrews – parents invited Year 1, 2 and 3 children leading the service
02.10.2026	CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 2.30 – Parents sign in at OFFICE
w/c 5.10/2026	Cambrian Learning Trusts Art's Week
09.10.2026	CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 2.30 – Parents sign in at OFFICE
13.10.2026	SEND parent meetings – in hall
16.10.2026	CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 2.30 – Parents sign in at OFFICE
w/c 19.10.2026	PRAYER SPACE at St Andrews – children only
22.10.2026	CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY – NO PARENTS
26.10 – 30.10	HALF TERM
02.11.2026	TD DAY – no children in school
03.11.2026	WELCOME BACK – Term 2
06.11.2026	NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY
10.11.2026	SCHOOL PHOTOS – INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING
11.11.2026	Remembrance Service in school – no parents
12.11.2026	SEND Coffee morning
13.11.2026	Children in Need – Wear something Yellow or spotty
14.11.2026	CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 2.30 – Parents sign in at OFFICE
16.11 – 20.11	ANTI – BULLYING WEEK
16.11.2026	Odd Socks Day
17.11 – 24.11	Book Fair in School
20.11.2026	CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 2.30 – Parents sign in at OFFICE
w/c 23.11.2026	Assessment week
27.11.2026	CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 2.30 – Parents sign in at OFFICE
01.12.2026	Advent Service in school – no parents
03.12.2026	SEND parent updates – phone calls
04.12.2026	CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 2.30 – Parents sign in at OFFICE
11.12.2026	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
11.12.2026	NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

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15.12.2026	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Play @ 2pm
16.12.2026	Reception Nativity @ 2pm
17.12.2026	Carols around the tree @ 4.30pm
18.12.2026	CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY – no parents
18.12.2026	1.05pm FINISH
21.12 – 01.01	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
04.01.2027	TD DAY
05.01.2027	WELCOME BACK TERM 3
Other key dates pencilled in for the year	
12.01.2027	Parents' Evenings
14.01.2027	3.30 – 6.30
15.01.2027	Young Voices
Term 3 onwards	Swimming – dates and payment information coming on a separate letter in term 1 Year 3, 4, 5 and non-swimmers Year 6
04.02.2027	NSPCC Number Day
04.02.2027	SEND Parent Meetings – in hall
09.02.2027	Safer Internet Day
11.02.2027	Year 6 Class Assembly 1.45pm
15.02 – 19.02	Half Term
04.03.2027	World Book Day
w/c 08.03.2027	Year 5 Bikeability
10.03.2027	SEND Coffee morning
11.03.2027	Year 4 Class Assembly 1.45pm
19.03.2027	Red Nose Day
24.03.2027	Easter Service – St Andrews – parents invited Year 4, 5, 6 leading this service
25.03.2027	Year 3 Class Assembly 1.45pm
26.03 - 09.04	Easter Holidays
13.04.2027	Parents' Evenings
15.04.2027	3.30 – 6.30
28.04.2027	Year 2 class assembly (both classes together) 1.45pm
30.04.2027	Purple Up Day!
w/c 10 th May	Year 6 SATS week
18.05.2027	SEND Parents Meetings
26.05.2027	Year 1 Class Assembly 1.45pm
31.05 – 04.06	Half term
07.06.2027	TD DAY

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w/c 08.06.2027	SPORTS WEEK
10.06.2027	Sports' Day and Picnic 10 – 1.00
22.06.2027	OPAL Parents stay and play session 1.30 – 2.45
30.06.2027	Shuffle up am
01.06.2027	Year 5 Class Assembly 1.45pm
07.07 – 09.07	Year 6 Residential
08.07.2027	SEND Parents Meeting
14.07.2027	Shuffle up am
15.07.2027	Reception Class Assembly (both together) 2pm
16.07.2027	SEND Coffee morning
19.07.2027	Year 6 Leaver's at School – parents
21.07.2027	Year 6 Leaver's Service at Church – parents
22.07.2027	LAST DAY 1.05pm FINISH