

We are halfway through this term already
and it is flying by!

The children have settled well; especially
our new reception children!

Mrs De La Mare and I completed a writing
learning walk this week and we were
impressed by the children's vocabulary and
engagement! Well done team!

School Hours

School gates open at 8.25am
Classroom doors open at 8.30am
School gates closed at 8.40am

Lessons start at 8.40am

Any late arrivals, please report to the main
office.

Swimming

We are keen to have as many children as
possible confidently swimming before they
reach year 6. We will be having lessons at
The Rec in Highworth.

This academic year we have booked the
following 45mins sessions (6x per year
group):

- Year 3 Swimming: 09/01 – 13/02
- Year 4 Swimming: 27/02 – 17/04
- Year 5 (and non-swimmers in Y6)
Swimming: 15/05 – 22/05, 12/06 –
26/06

Thank you to FOSS for covering the cost of
the pool hire and swimming teachers. We
will be asking for contributions from parents
for the coach hire. More details to follow in
Term 2.

IT equipment

We are now fully up and running with our new
computing curriculum with 60 new
Chromebooks and 50 android tablets.

We are developing one of the spare classrooms
as an IT Suite. The children currently have
lessons in here and are enjoying the new
computing curriculum.

We are grateful to have Cat Boaz (IT lead) from
the trust central team working with us
alongside Mrs Jefferies at Shrivenham.

Defibrillator

We have a defibrillator onsite which is registered
with The Circuit: <https://www.thecircuit.uk/>

Finally a Field!

After a summer of treatment, we are thrilled to
say we are able to use the school field! This
was opened today.

The wildflower area and banks will be
'managed' and re-seeded soon and hopefully
the thistles will not return in the quantity there
is now!

Class Dojo



As well as achieving house points in school,
children are able to earn dojo points to linked to
character and our school rules. You will be able
to see this for your child via the dojo app.

Cambrian Trust Events

Our trust enrichment lead has arranged a year of events for children across the trust. We will endeavour to send children to all of the events. For some events there has been transport provided, for others we will need to ask parents to help us to get there.

Letters will go to the individual children attending each event and we will share the photos on Class Dojo.

Terms	Event	Year Group
1 – 2	Cross Country	3 – 6
	Tag Rugby	5 – 6
	Boccia	3 – 6 for children with SEND
	Goalball	3 – 5 for children with SEND
3 – 4	Swimming gala	5 – 6
	Mixed Football	5 – 6
	Mixed netball	5 – 6
5 – 6	Mini Tennis	5 – 6
	Quad Kids	3 – 4 and 5 – 6
	Cricket	5 – 6
	Quad kids	R – 2

URGENT Coaches needed!

Can you help?

We are keen to get our own football, tag rugby, netball and hockey teams up and running. We could also accommodate other sports if you have additional ideas.

We are looking for parents to volunteer running clubs for our children at Shrivenham. The field is now open and the pitches will soon be painted and goals up! We have a MUGA with small nets for hockey and a netball court and posts.

Are you able to offer support and run a sports club for us?

If you are, please contact Mrs Williams and we will talk through the volunteer process and safeguarding checks that need to take place.

Pupil Leadership Teams

We are excited to share with you that this term we are relaunching Pupil Leadership Teams. This initiative is designed to give our children meaningful opportunities to develop their leadership skills, contribute to school life, and have their voices heard.

The Pupil Leadership Teams will include groups such as School Council, Eco Team, Play Leaders, Friendship Ambassadors and Spiritual Ambassadors. Each team will have clear roles and responsibilities, working together with staff to support projects, represent their peers, and help us continue to make Shrivenham School a positive, inclusive, and inspiring place to learn. Through these teams, pupils will be able to:

- Share ideas and feedback about school life.
- Work on projects that make a real difference to our school and community.
- Develop teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills.
- Take pride in representing their classmates and leading by example.

Over the coming weeks, pupils will be invited to apply for or be nominated to join one of the leadership teams. We will encourage them to think carefully about their strengths, interests, and the contribution they would like to make.

We are very proud of our pupils and look forward to seeing them grow as leaders.

Calendar Dates

Dates	Activity
24.09.25	Year 5 Anglo – Saxon Trip
26.09.25	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
30.09.25	Cambrian cross country evening TBC
03.10.25	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
06.10.25	Harvest Service at Church 1.30pm TBC, parents welcome
07.10.25	Cambrian Year 5/6 TAG Rugby – a selected group
10.10.25	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
10.10.25	Flu Vaccinations
10.10.25	World Mental Health Day
15.10.25	Year 5/6 Fire Safety Talk
17.10.25	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
20.10.25	Diwali
21.10.25	RIAT STEM challenge day – Year 5
21.10.25	Parents' evening 3.30 – 6.30 – more info to follow
23.10.25	Parents' evening 3.30 – 6.30 – more info to follow
23.10.25	Last day of school – normal finish time
23.10.25	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
24.10.25	TD Day
03.11.25	TD Day
04.11.25	Welcome back to Term 2
05.11.25	Phonics Workshop – Reception and Year 1 parents 2.30pm
06.11.25	Phonics Workshop – Reception and Year 1 parents 9.15am
07.11.25	No Celebration Assembly
10.11.25	Odd socks day
10.11.25 – 14.11.25	Anti-Bullying Week – Power for Good
11.11.25	Remembrance
14.11.25	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
18.11.25 – 24.11.25	Book Fair
21.11.25	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
25.11.25	Cambrian Boccia event TBC
28.11.25	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
01.12.25	School Advent Service for the children
04.12.25	Irock concert
05.12.25	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
09.12.25	Cambrian Mini Speaks evening Year 5 – trust organised
09.12.25	Reception/Year 1 Nativity 1.30pm
11.12.25	Reception/Year 1 Nativity 1.30pm
12.12.25	Christmas Jumper Day
15.12.25	Year 2/3 Christmas Play 1.30pm and 6pm
16.12.25	Year 4 – 6 Christmas Carols around the tree 4.30pm
19.12.25	No Celebration Assembly
19.12.25	Last day of school 1.05pm finish