



# Shirley Infant School Weekly Communications

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**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

## **Head Teacher Message**

Dear families,

PSHE is such an important part of our ethos within the school and our teaching. It has been a focus and valued for so many years.

Teachers use a range of oracy-based strategies, including a philosophy for children approach. Here children are encouraged to think more deeply through critical, creative, collaborative, and caring thinking skills. We follow the National Curriculum and Development Matters curriculum for our PSHE teaching. The following documents are also used to ensure we meet all the requirements of PSHE:

[Relationships education \(Primary\) - GOV.UK](#)

[What do children and young people learn in relationship, sex and health education – The Education Hub](#)

If your child is worried about anything in school or are worried about the topics we discuss in school, please remind them to ask any adult in school for bubble time. If you have any questions related to our PSHE curriculum, please ask for a meeting with Mrs L Smith who is our PSHE Leader.



## **Messages:**

**Dual Language book donations** – we would still love any donations please

**Joint Schools Safeguarding Leaflet** – See attachments



## **Numbots**

Over half term it would be a great time to use our Numbots app to support your child practising their fluency maths skills.



**Park Run** – We are excited to share that Park Run is **BACK!** Our first park run of 2025 will be on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February. We are so grateful to Mr Phillips for taking on the flag and running the event for us every week until Mrs Lubbock- Smith returns. Thank you for your patience whilst we waited for all the paperwork and DBS clearances. Look forward to seeing you the first week back.

**Please do not forget INSET Day on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** – the school is closed to the children.

Congratulations to Alex and Halle for their winning posters for our clean air banner. Please try to adhere to our park and stride and look out for their fabulous banner.

# Coming up in your year group...

## Year R



**Celebration event** – We hope you loved your child sharing their hospital day experience with you. We loved their imagination and how they developed their language skills whilst they were being so creative in their hospital.



The children are loving our new "Boxitechs" area. They are exploring being creative and making lots of different things out of cardboard boxes. Please can you donate any cardboard boxes you have. We kindly ask for cereal boxes that previously contained nuts. This area is an addition to our classroom so please keep donating boxes throughout your child's time in Year R. Thank you for your support.

**Reminder Parents' Evening 5th and 6th of March** - don't forget to book your appointment. Bookings will open at 6pm on 17/2/25 and close at 9am on 28/2/25 via My Child at School.

## Year 2

**Spellings** - Thank you for the hard work you have put in to support your child with learning their spellings. The children are now ready to implement these into our writing non-negotiables. This means we expect to see these words spelt correctly in their writing now. Please continue to practice at home with them using the words in a simple sentence. It is so important that they now spell the words in a sentence and not on their own. The spelling tests have **now stopped** in Year 2.

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## Year 1

We had have such a wonderful half term learning about all things Space. The children have been real superstars and should feel really proud of themselves.

We will assign E-books on the E library for over half term. New reading targets will be in the reading diaries following our assessments this week.

Wishing you a wonderful half term

**Victorian Day 21st March** - more information to follow after half term

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**Weekly Attendance** Whole School Attendance for last week – 96.2%

Schools target attendance this week is -

97%



99%

99%

95%

97%

94%

96%

95%

95%

94%

If your child is not in school, we miss them greatly and will call to see how they are.

The school's Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

DSL: Mrs C Gregory

Deputy DSL: Mrs L Watts

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# School Messages...

## FOSIS Shirley Infant School Tea Towel Fundraiser

Orders can be made by the following link:

<https://forms.gle/iLVZrQY8Rbe5ucQr5>.

All orders to be made by Tuesday 18th February please.

## Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings for the infant school are scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 3:30 – 6:30pm. Bookings will open at 6pm on 17/2/25 and close at 9am on 28/2/25 via My Child at School.

Instructions on how to book using the MCAS website or MCAS Parent App are available here:

[How to book Parents Evening appointments using MCAS – Bromcom – Documentation Centre](#)

## SchoolGrid Dinner Orders

SchoolGrid are updating their ordering system to include digital allergy-specific menus, improved nutritional data, and packed lunch options for school trips. The upgrade will occur from Friday 14th February, with no expected disruptions. Meal pre-orders are not available during the upgrade but are anticipated to reopen over half term. Full integration of the new system is expected by the end of April 2025.

For any questions, please contact Dolce Customer Care at [customercare@dolce.co.uk](mailto:customercare@dolce.co.uk) or 01942 707709.

We look forward to welcoming children back to school on **TUESDAY 25th February** after our staff training day on Monday. Enjoy your half term!

## 2025-26 Term Dates and INSET Days

Term	Starting	Ending
Autumn 1	3 September	24 October
Autumn 2	3 November	19 December
Spring 1	5 January	13 February
Spring 2	23 February	27 March
Summer 1	13 April	22 May
Summer 2	1 June	22 July

### INSET Days

Wednesday 3rd September 2025  
Friday 10th October 2025 (Trust Inset)  
Monday 13th October 2025  
Friday 28th November 2025  
Monday 2nd February 2026  
Friday 6th March 2026 (Trust Inset)  
Friday 26th June 2026

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# Community messages...

EVERY  
CHANCE  
Opportunities  
Inclusive  
Adapt

EVERY  
DAY  
Understanding  
Consistent  
Ambitious

## Southampton Libraries Half Term Activities

The February half-term is nearly here! Southampton Libraries have plenty of free, drop-in craft activities on offer in addition to their [regularly scheduled events](#). Please note we do ask that parents/guardians stay for the duration of the sessions.

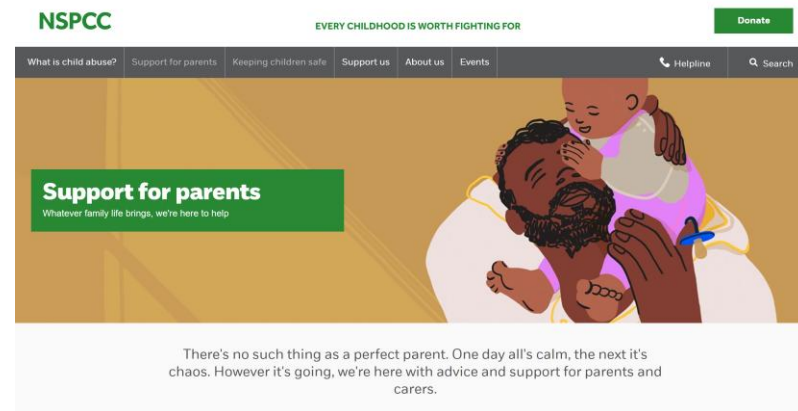
## Family Hubs - What is Understanding Behaviour?

Understanding Behaviour is two 2-hour workshops for parents/carers of children aged two or over. The workshops cover topics such as how the brain works and the needs behind behaviour. In this video, Family Hub Support Worker Amy Reid discusses what is involved in the programme and the benefits families have seen from taking part. [Watch the video here](#).

### Understanding Behaviour

Blackberry: 24 to 31 March, 9.30 – 11.30am

Find out more about parenting and community programmes at Family Hubs or complete the referral form [on our website](#).



[Support & advice for parents | NSPCC](#)

**We know things can be hard at times and everyone needs a little support. There are some really useful support guides on the NSPCC website. Click the link above**

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