



Shirley Infant School Weekly Communications

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Friday 20th September 2024

Head Teacher Message

Dear families,

We are looking forward to our newly painted playground to be completed next week. School Council worked with Ms Longman last year on improving the grounds for the children as they identified this was an area of the school that they wanted to improve. We have used the PE funding to have the playground markings updated. They worked hard on the design and thinking about the play opportunities the marking could bring their peers.

It was lovely to see so many families at the Year R curriculum evening. Thank you for the coming.



In assemblies over these weeks and the next few weeks we have been sharing the importance of Bubbletime and using this strategy to ask an adult for time to talk about a worry. Please encourage our child to use this strategy to share with staff if something is worrying them. They can ask any adult in school for Bubbletime. This tool enables them to ask for help without having to share what the subject is in front of others. We have also been thinking about our values and our learning behaviours in and around the classrooms. We look forward to our next assemblies learning about democracy within our British values.

Messages:

Please see attached with this newsletter an Attendance poster from Hamiwc and the Infant School. We appreciate you taking the time to read this.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



The Shirley Infant School Harvest Festival will be taking place on the morning of Thursday 3rd October. We will be joined by the 'Children and Families Team Leader' from St James' by the Park and will be singing our harvest songs to celebrate this seasonal event.

We would appreciate donations of dried and tinned food and toiletries, which will be given to the Basics Bank at Southampton City Mission (please do not donate any perishable products). Please bring food donations into school on WEDNESDAY 2nd October. These can be handed to your child's class teacher or alternatively put straight into a donations box in the office area. You can follow the link below to find out which food and toiletries are in particular demand.

<https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate>

Coming up in your year group...

Year R

PE – We start PE next week. Please can you have your little ones PE kits in school if you have not already manged to. Please make sure all items are labelled. You will see in your handbook what is needed for your PE kit.

Life Long Ago Workshop – 24th September

Plea - If you have any crates, short sanded small pieces of wood or old swimming noodles we would love them for our areas. We are also looking to enhance the maths areas in the Autumn term if you have any wooden lift and place puzzles or shape sorters, we would really be able to use them.

Year 2

All in it together Year 2 Curriculum Workshop – This will be a virtual session (Zoom link to be sent out on the day) see dates sheet. We would like to invite you to attend our virtual workshop which will discuss how we will teach your children to read, write and apply their early maths skills

Little reminder – We have lost of children who have not brought n their PE kits yet. Please can you make sure they bring one in from next week. If you need support please speak to Karen Allen who will be able to support you. Please remember your child must have their long hair tied back. If your little one is wearing stud earrings, these need to be taped at home or children need to be able to tape the earrings themselves.



Year 1

All In It Together Year 1 Curriculum Workshop – This will be a virtual session (Zoom link to be sent out on the day) see dates sheet. We would like to invite you to attend our virtual workshop which will discuss how we will teach your children to read, write and apply their early maths skills. We will also discuss phonics and the Year one Government Phonics screen.

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Weekly Attendance Whole School Attendance – 96.6%



100%	100%	93%	97%	97%	92%	99%	96%	96%
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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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Messages...

School Travel Policy 2025 – 2026

Please be advised that the School Travel Policy 2025-2026 consultation was launched on 9th September and Southampton City Council would like to hear your thoughts on the proposals and any impacts or alternative suggestions you would like them to consider.

All documents are available on the SCC website

at: www.southampton.gov.uk/schooltravelserviceconsultation

It is a 7-week consultation period that will end on Monday 28th October at 5pm.

Year R Open Mornings

We are holding open days for families that have a child starting in year R in September 2025.

Friday 11 October 2024 9:15am and 11:00am,

Saturday 12 October 2024 11:00am and 12:00pm.

Tuesday 15 October 2024 9:15am and 11:00am.

Wednesday 8 January 2025 9:15am

To book on to one of the sessions please click on the link below or visit the school website for more information. Please feel free to share this information with anyone you know who has a child due to start school in September 2025.

[Open Days for 2025 Year R Admissions - Shirley Infant School](#)

Polite Reminder

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Thank you for prioritising the safety of our pupils.

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FOSIS News

FOSIS AGM will be held on Tuesday 24th September.

INFANT SCHOOL CAKE SALE will be held on Monday 30th September.

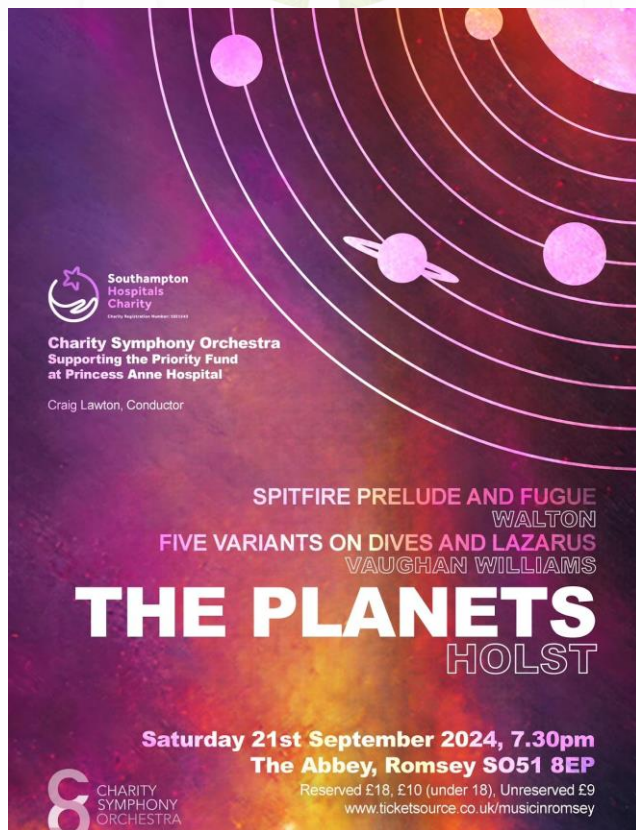
Please see the FOSIS page of the Infant school website for more information


School Milk From Cool Milk

Please see with this email a letter about registering for school milk with our milk provider, Cool Milk.

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Messages Continued ...



 **Southampton Hospitals Charity**
Charity Registered Number: 1050244

Charity Symphony Orchestra
Supporting the Priority Fund
at Princess Anne Hospital


Craig Lawton, Conductor

SPITFIRE PRELUDE AND FUGUE
WALTON

FIVE VARIANTS ON DIVES AND LAZARUS
VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

THE PLANETS
HOLST

Saturday 21st September 2024, 7.30pm
The Abbey, Romsey SO51 8EP

 **CHARITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Reserved £18, £10 (under 18), Unreserved £9
www.ticketsource.co.uk/musicinromsey



CAMHS
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

SOUTHAMPTON MHST

NHS Solent NHS Trust

You're invited to our upcoming workshop on...

INTRODUCTION TO ANXIETY IN CHILDREN

The Mental Health in Schools Team are an NHS service who work in schools across Southampton.

Our workshops are informal, non-judgemental, spaces where you can find out more about the topic, take away some practical tips, and meet other parents/carers in similar situations.

Meet the facilitator - Nikki
Hi, I am excited to meet you at the workshop.



All children experience anxiety but for some children this can start to impact their wellbeing.

It can be difficult for parents/care givers to know how best to support children to overcome challenges.

This workshop is for parents and caregivers to understand more about what anxiety is and learn some tools which help with managing anxiety.



Monday 23rd September, 9-10am.
Shirley Infant and Junior School.

Please email Karen Allen so that we have a rough idea of numbers. karen.allen@shirleyschools.co.uk

 **MENTAL HEALTH IS IMPORTANT**