



Shirley Infant School Weekly Communications

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Friday 25th October 2024

Head Teacher Message

Dear families,

We have had such a fabulous half term, and we are so proud of all the children. Every one of them has made steps in progress individual to them. This has been a delight to watch them. We hope you have loved seeing some of their achievements in the celebration events.

In assembly's this half term we have been reflecting and thinking about Clever Never Goes and how we stay safe using our internal radars in different situations. We have built on this with e-safety and applying this learning online too. We have been thinking about our right to an education and how this is not always the case for all children. We have been learning about our British values and how these build into our school community around democracy, Rule of Law, tolerance and individual liberty.

You will have received a link for our Governor Parent Voice Questionnaire today. We would really like to hear from you so we can reflect on what we do at our school.

Have a safe and happy half term



Messages:

Lost Property

As we are getting close to the end of term, please can we remind all parents to check the lost property for any missing items. We have had a lot of lost coats recently, please ensure all items are named so they can be returned promptly. Any items that are not collected will be recycled.

Park run 3

Thank you to all the volunteers and parents who took part this week. Well done to Mr Segun too who was very quick this week. Well done to Joel in Moles who was so motivated and had a huge smile as he crossed the finish line. I look forward to seeing you all the first Tuesday back after half term.

Parent Survey

We value your feedback and would love to hear your thoughts. Please take a few minutes to complete our parent survey by 6th November 2024. Your views are important to us and will help us improve our school community. Thank you!

[Shirley Infant School Parent Survey October 2024](#)



Coming up in your year group...

Year R

Reading book reminder

Please can we ask for your little one to have their reading book and diary in their book bag each day. It is important that we can support them reading this book at school and at home to help build fluency.



Year 1

Tuesday 5th November - Zoolab – In school, no action required

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Year 2

Shirley Junior School Open Morning and Afternoon

Open Morning Tuesday 5th November – 11am to 12pm

Open Afternoon Thursday 7th November – 2 to 3pm

Thursday 14th November – Titanic trip to Sea City Museum

Friday 13th December – Year 2 mother Goose performance

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Weekly Attendance Whole School Attendance – 93.5%



98.8%	93.3%	89.5%	89.2%	94.8%	86.2%	98.3%	96.3%	94.6%
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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

Community Messages...

Light Up Drama – Half Term Workshop

Dare to make your spookiest nightmares come alive with Light UP youth theatre this October! Work alongside theatre professionals to devise, direct, and perform your own horror story. This workshop for 7-14's will include:

Playing fun games

Creating characters

Directing and devising an original story

Making props

Performing to family and friends in a studio theatre!

The workshop will be held at Maskers Theatre Company, a professional theatre venue. After a day of creating and rehearsing, you will perform to family and friends with full stage lights, sound, plus costume and prop items.

To learn more and book, visit: [WHAT'S ON | Light UP](https://www.lightupdrama.org.uk/WHAT'S-ON/Light-UP)

[lightupdrama.org.uk](https://www.lightupdrama.org.uk) Should you have any questions, please email the team at info@lightupdrama.org.uk

2025/2026 Cohort Year R Open Mornings

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

Wednesday 8 January 2025 9:15am

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](#)

October Half Term Activities



The October half-term is nearly here! We have plenty of free, drop-in craft activities on offer in addition to the regularly scheduled events. Please note we do ask that parents/guardians stay for the duration of the sessions.

Halloween craft / Shirley Library / Monday 28 October / 10.30am to 11.30am / suitable for ages 5+

Paddington Bear crafts / Central Library / Monday 28 October / 10.30am to 12.30pm / suitable for ages 4+

Monster Making / Bitterne Library / Monday 28 October / 10.30am to 12.30pm / suitable for all ages

Awesome Garden Craft / Shirley Library / Monday 28 October / 2pm to 3pm / suitable for ages 4+

Awesome Garden Craft / Lordshill Library / Tuesday 29 October / 2.30pm to 3.30pm / suitable for ages 4+

Halloween houses / Woolston Library / Wednesday 30 October / 10.30am to 12.30pm / suitable for ages 5+

Halloween houses / Bitterne Library / Thursday 31 October / 1pm to 3.30pm / suitable for ages 5+

Monster making / Woolston Library / Friday 1 November / 10.30am to 12.30pm / suitable for all ages

Community Messages...



Halloween at Tudor House – Southampton

Thursday 31st October 2024 10am - 5pm

Join us for the Spooktacular Halloween Family Day!
Enjoy FREE admission to the most haunted house in Southampton and take part in loads of spooky and fun family activities throughout the day, including creepy crafts, gruesome games and a haunting trail!

[Book a spooky ghost tour](#) (Recommended for children age 6+) Join one of our ghost hunters to discover the spooky stories of Tudor House as you creep up into the dark attic and down into the dingy cellars. * Charges apply for some activities.

<https://tudorhouseandgarden.com/>
Thursday 31 October 2024 10am - 5pm

Sea City Museum – Southampton – October Half Term Activities

It's never too early to start planning fun activities for the spookiest time of the year! Pick from a range of our Halloween themed activities for all ages! There'll be lots of fun things to do, including creepy crafts, gruesome ghosts and even some magical wizardry!

Activities include:

Mon 28 Oct to Fri 1 Nov – [Culture Club for Kids October Half Term](#)

Mon 28 Oct to Tue 29 Oct – [October Art School \(7 – 13yrs\)](#)

Mon 28 Oct – [Wizard School \(6yrs+\)](#)

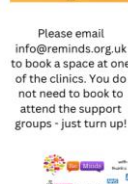
Tue 29 Oct – [Wizard School \(6yrs+\)](#)

Wed 30 Oct – [Art for All: Spooky Fruit Press Printing \(6yrs+\)](#)

Wed 30 Oct – [Tour for All: Scary and Spooky Southampton Walking Tour](#)

Thu 31 Oct to Fri 1 Nov – [Art For All: Clay Pumpkins \(5yrs+\)](#)

Next week at Re:Minds... 4th-8th November 2024



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Fireworks - Friday 8 November 5pm - 7pm

We are running our fantastic fireworks event again and it's sure to sell out. To all those who have volunteered - thank you so much - we have filled all our volunteer slots.

Here's the main ticket sale link: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sjs-ptfa/index.cfm>.

It will go live at **6pm Sunday 27th October 2024**, nothing will show before then, don't forget to set a reminder!

Ticket prices:

Adults £6

Children (3-18) £4

Children and infants (0-2) Free but please still select tickets as they count in our numbers

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