



# Shirley Infant School Weekly Communications

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**RESPECT.**  
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## **Friday 13th September 2024**

### **Head Teacher Message**

Dear families,

You may have noticed we have a path being installed around Acorn Class. We would like to thank FOSIS and yourselves for raising the money to complete this project. Having a path to support access in the winter months will support the use of the classroom. We look forward to the third stage which is installing electricity.

As shared, we have been working on our communication systems and developing them with the ever-changing needs of our community. We have put together a home school communication flowchart and a 'how to talk to staff if I am concerned my child needs additional support'. We hope these documents support you with the school systems. Thank you again for your voice through parent forum and enabling us to work on these systems.

The children will be using their pupil voice soon to participate in our school council elections. They will be able to put themselves forward to be considered soon. This experience enables children to understand a part of our citizenship curriculum and understanding their democratic right to have a say and use their voice to make change.



### **Whole School Dates:**



You will find attached the calendar for the year with all the dates and events you need to know about. We have worked hard to try to have everything on the calendar for your forward planning. Please note we will strive to ensure there are minimal changes, however, we may need to change dates or events if there is a health and safety reason ie, staff numbers, weather etc. We know dates and communications have been up and down whilst we were changed to different electronic systems, however, please know we never intentionally set out for these. Like you in your fields of work in an extremely ever changing environment of a school things can be missed. We are grateful to the parent forum and yourselves for raising the questions but also giving us time to solve it so it works for the day to day running of the school and yourselves.

### **Messages:**

We would ask and remind our families to please ensure children are in the correct school uniform. Please see the uniform policy on the website or your handbook. Children are asked to wear a plain white t-shirt as part of their uniform. Can we also ask that cycling shorts if worn are used for under dresses or skirts they are not considered part of our uniform. If any families need support with this, please see Karen Allen or pop round to our second hand uniform shop on the Juniors side. Thank you for your support as a uniform enables children to feel part of the school.



# Messages...

## Teamspirit Clubs for September 2024

**LEARN**

**PLAY**

**ENJOY**

**AFTER  
SCHOOL  
CLUBS**

Action packed with a variety of sports and activities each session. Team Spirit fun for everyone!

Full info on each club on the bookings page.

**MONDAY: HIGH 5 NETBALL AND BASKETBALL**  
**TUESDAY: YR R/1 FOOTBALL**  
**WEDNESDAY: MULTI-SPORTS**  
**FRIDAY: YR 1/2 FOOTBALL**

**BOOK  
TODAY!**

**TEAM SPIRIT**  
PROUD TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
[www.teamspirit4sport.co.uk](http://www.teamspirit4sport.co.uk)



## **TEAM SPIRIT – AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS – 2024**

We are pleased to announce Team Spirit will continue as an after-school club provider at Shirley Infant School after the school break. Please ensure you rebook to secure your space.

Team Spirit come with a wealth of experience delivering various sports provision across Southampton and its surrounding areas for over 10 years with their team of fully qualified coaches providing a fun, safe, engaging environment for children to learn and improve their skills.

Details of after school clubs:

**Monday – High 5 Netball / Basketball – Yr R/1/2**

High 5 Netball is an action-packed sport for boys and girls, fast and intense for everyone to enjoy. Lots of mini fun agility challenges and fun team building games.

**Tuesday – Football Yr R/1**

Team Spirit football will teach the children the fundamental ball skills and techniques using our TEAM ethos. Competitions and much more. Lots of football fun. WOOHOO!

**Wednesday – Multi-Sports Yr R/1/2**

With a different sport/activity each week there is plenty of fun to be had as we set the children various challenges for them to complete. Will it be football, dodgeball or maybe some ~~kick~~ cricket? Come and join in the fun to find out!!!

**Friday – Football Yr 1/2**

Team Spirit football will teach the children the fundamental ball skills and techniques using our TEAM ethos. Competitions and much more. Lots of football fun. WOOHOO!

How to book:

Team Spirit will be taking and managing all bookings so for full details of the courses available and to book please visit: [www.teamspirit4sport.co.uk](http://www.teamspirit4sport.co.uk)

Alternatively, you can get in touch with our admin team through email:

[admin@teamspirit4sport.co.uk](mailto:admin@teamspirit4sport.co.uk) or by phone: 02380658636 for support booking your children's places.

Spaces are limited and are offered on a first come first served basis. Once a club is filled, we are able to place your child on a waiting list for any spaces that come available – if this isn't possible you will be offered a place as priority for the following course that starts the following term. Please contact us to add your child to our waiting list.

We are extremely proud to offer this exciting opportunity to you all and we hope to see lots of you on our clubs soon.

# 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 our website

at: [www.southampton.gov.uk/schooltravelserviceconsultation](http://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 to book on to one of the sessions please click on the following link or visit the school website [Open Days for 2025 Year R Admissions - Shirley Infant School](#)

### Shirley Infant School

**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

Please feel free to share this information with anyone you know who has a child due to start school in September 2025.

## Open Days Booking Form – Year R - 2025

The Google form for booking open days for the September 25 intake is now open. the link if anybody wants it is:

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

## Anxiety Workshop



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.

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.

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



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](mailto:karen.allen@shirleyschools.co.uk)



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# Coming up in your year group...

## Year R

**Year R Curriculum Letter – Please see attached**

**All in it together Year R Curriculum Workshop –** We would like to invite you to attend our face-to-face workshop which will discuss how we will teach your children through the early years framework and how we will assess them to support each stage of their learning. **Please join us in the school hall on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 6pm to 7:30pm (adults only session)**

**19<sup>th</sup> September** – school photo day

**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 n the day) on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024**. 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

**19<sup>th</sup> September** – school photo day

## Year 1

**All in it together Year 1 Curriculum Workshop –** This will be a virtual session (Zoom link to be sent out n the day) on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 6pm to 7pm**. 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.

**19<sup>th</sup> September** – school photo day

**Weekly Attendance** Whole School Attendance – 97.9%



95.9%	99.3%	97.3%	96.7%	96.4%	98.6%	98.7%	98.3%	99.3%
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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**