



Shirley Infant School Weekly Communications

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Friday 4th October 2024

Head Teacher Message

Dear families,

We have had a super week with council elections and Harvest assemblies. It was a delight to be joined by some of our governing body and St James Parish Church to celebrate this festival. We are very grateful for the donations that you have brought to school. The children are very proud of themselves in supporting other families in their community who need extra support.

Please remember we would like to offer you a time to meet with our SEND Governor and Pupil Premium Governor for a meet and greet session. They would love to meet with you to hear your views around their areas of responsibility across the school. This session is a **new** date to the Yearly Calendar overview. It will take place on **Monday 7th October at 2:15pm to 3pm**. Please come and join them in the community room via the Juniors double gate.



Messages:

Safeguarding

See Safeguarding half termly update from both schools

Park Run – Starting Tuesday 8th October

Please see the attached letter regarding the start date of the weekly Park Run's for this term.

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**

(lightupdrama.org.uk) Should you have any questions, please email the team at **info@lightupdrama.org.uk**

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.

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.

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](#)

Infant School Choir

SHIRLEY INFANT SCHOOL CHOIR



Our school choir takes place on Friday lunchtimes and is open to all children in Years 1 and 2. Children are collected by Mrs. Clark from the playground after they have had their lunch. We rehearse songs for a number of concerts that take place throughout the year both in school and at events across the city.

We encourage all children to try choir if they want to. There is no obligation for them to continue coming, once they have tried a session. However, if we are preparing for a concert we do like children to attend all choir rehearsals to ensure that they are familiar with the songs and routines. Look out for song words and soundtracks on the school website in the 'parents' section.

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 \(5yrs+\)](#)

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Coming up in your year group...

Year R



Thursday 24th October – Celebration Event – see the children's clay dinosaurs and their wonderful DT project that they have been working on.

Year R Curriculum Workshop – The presentation has been uploaded to the website. Please see curriculum / Year R and scroll to the bottom.

Year 1



Wednesday 23rd October – Celebration Event – The children will be sharing their writing from this half term, including their Three Little Pigs story.

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

Year 2

Tuesday 15th October - Trip to Southampton Common (Information sheet has been sent to all parents).

Wednesday 16th October – Celebration Event – The children will be retelling Jack and the Beanstalk through music, drama and storytelling.



Weekly Attendance Whole School Attendance – 96.7%



98.6%

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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

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