

SHAW RIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 - SEPT 2025

HEAD TEACHERS NOTE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!

We have had a super start to the academic year. We have loved welcoming our new pupils and families to the school community, it's been fantastic getting to know you.

It's been a busy few weeks, with everyone diving straight into learning. We've already had a packed calendar, including class welcome events, our Harvest Festival, cross country event, teacher-parent consultations, the Year 6 residential, and school council elections.

It's shaping up to be an exciting and memorable year ahead!

Mrs Cowell

Things to look forward to...

Start of Term 2 for children - 3rd November

Weight and height checks for Y6 and Reception pupils - 11th November

Individual School Photos - 11th November

Children in Need - 14th November

Christmas School Pantomime - 2nd December

Christmas Fair - 5th December

Non School Uniform Day - 5th December

Nursery Christmas performance (further details to follow) - 11th December

Reception Christmas performance (further details to follow) - 12th December

KS1 (Y1/Y2) Christmas performance (further details to follow) - 15th, 16th & 17th December

Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day - 19th December

Last day of Term 2 - 19th December

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL AT BRAESIDE

We kicked off the new term with an exciting residential trip to Braeside, giving our Year 6 students the perfect opportunity to get to know each other and build strong team bonds as they begin their final year in primary school. A fantastic time was had by all, even with a few late nights along the way!

A huge thank you to all the fabulous staff who accompanied the trip, your support and enthusiasm are truly appreciated!

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

We celebrated Harvest festival with a special assembly to say thank you for all the food and goods donated by our families for Swindon Food Bank. We sang about 'cauliflowers fluffy and cabbages green' and celebrated the rich variety of healthy food that grows on the land.

Cross Country Success!



19 KS2 pupils represented Shaw Ridge at the annual cross country competition at Lydiard. 18 Schools were represented and Shaw Ridge first in the Yr5/Yr6 girls competition. Yr5/Yr6 boys came 3rd as did the Yr3/Yr4 boys. Yr3/Yr4 girls came 4th. A special mention goes to Alex from Yr6 who was the overall winner of the Yr5/Yr6 boys competition. Well done everyone!



Looking for a place in F2 in September 2026?

To date we have hosted three school tours for parents who are looking for school places for their children in reception/F2 from September 2026. There is still time to book on the remaining scheduled tours before the application closing date in January. Thursday 6th November at 9:30am & Tuesday 11th November at 2pm.

Yoga

Loendra Sharma and Ashish Channawar spent a day with us running a yoga workshop with classes from year 2 to year 6. Gentle exercise and breathing techniques helped the children to connect with their bodies and practice calming meditation. Activities such as this, running alongside our curriculum help to focus on the importance of good physical and mental health.

The staff appreciated the afterschool session offered to them in lieu of a staff meeting - we all need to focus on our own well being occasionally in our busy lives!



School Council

A big thank you to all the children who put themselves forward for the school council and shared their wonderful ideas for improving our school through their manifesto posters. All of your ideas were heard. The 16 pupils elected by their peers to form this year's council received their certificates and badges with pride. I look forward to working with them this year.

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SCHOOL LUNCHES TERM 2 - NOV/DEC 2025 MENU

Our Term 2 menus will remain the same as in Term 1 and will continue to rotate on a 3-week cycle throughout the term.

We're also excited to be adding two special events: a Bonfire Night menu and our much-loved Christmas Dinner Day! Please note that due to the popularity and busy nature of Christmas Dinner Day, we will unfortunately be unable to offer jacket potatoes or any cold meal options on that day.

If your child has any dietary requirements, allergy information is available on request, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office. Meal booking will open one week before the new term begins, so please ensure your selections are made in advance. We can not take bookings on the day.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will still receive free school meals under the Universal Free School Meal scheme. You may be entitled to apply for free school meals for your children if you receive one of the following income-related benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

[Apply for free school meals here](#)

Celebrate
Bonfire Night
5th November 2025

Hot Dogs in a Finger Roll

Vegetarian Hot Dogs in a Roll

Filled Jacket Potatoes Bar

BBQ Baked Beans

Coleslaw

Chocolate Cookies

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Celebrate
Christmas
19th December 2025

Roast Turkey with Traditional Trimmings

Vegetable & Lentil Wellington with a Herby Tomato Sauce

Roasted Lemon and Thyme Carrots

Rustic Roasted Potatoes

Gravy

Fruits of the Forest Gateaux

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FOSR Update – Exciting News!

Exciting News – Meet Our New Committee!

We're delighted to introduce the new committee for the 2025/2026 academic year!

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the AGM the other week. It was wonderful to see some new faces and feel the positive energy in the room. With a fantastic team of enthusiastic and dedicated members, we're excited for what promises to be a brilliant year ahead.

Here's your new committee:

- Co-Chairs – Emily & Jane
- Deputy Treasurer – Alan
- Secretary – Kerry
- Publicity Officer – Emily
- Eco/Unity Garden Lead – Sarah
- Disco Coordinator – Alan
- Sponsorship & Raffle Coordinators – Hannah & Will
- Volunteer Coordinator – Laura
- Grant Coordinator – Abbie



We're really looking forward to seeing what this dynamic team will achieve. Here's to a successful and exciting year ahead!

We're already getting into the festive spirit and planning our Christmas Raffle, one of our biggest and most exciting events of the year! We're currently seeking support from local businesses who would be willing to donate a prize to help make this year's raffle extra special.

If you or someone you know could help, we'd love to hear from you! Your support would be hugely appreciated and will go a long way in supporting our school community.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are seeking prize donations for our Christmas games & prize draw. If you feel you can help us we would be forever grateful. Please get in touch and help support our school.



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HELPFUL INFORMATION

MUSIC LESSONS AT SCHOOL



Music Lessons

*Violin, Woodwind, Guitar & Piano
At Shaw Ridge Primary School*

Why choose our lessons?

- Convenient: Lessons happen during the school day, no extra travel required
- Flexible: Arranged directly with you after application
- Expert Tuition: Professional, experienced music teachers

Lesson Options & Prices

- 15 minute individual lesson or 30 minute paired lesson: £8.75
- 20 minute individual lesson: £11.70
- 30 minute individual lesson: £17.50
- 45 minute individual lesson (online only): £26.25

Prices are per lesson

Shared lesson options
(please note, not available for Piano or Drums)

- 3 pupils in 30 minutes
- 2 pupils in 20 minutes

01793 781973
info@swindonmusiccoop.co.uk

Let the Music Begin - Apply now!



MOREDON SPORTING HUB
Half-Term Family Cycling!
FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 12-4PM

What's On?

- FREE family cycling (All day)
- FREE bike repairs with the Freehub Bicycle Repairs
- FREE fun on balance bikes with Fox Cycling!
- FREE Halloween crafts
- Kid's learn to Cycle & skills sessions (£5.00 per child, booking required)

Bring your own bike or borrow one of ours!
Cheney Manor Ind. Est. Swindon, SN2 2QJ



Scouts
Swindon

**Saturday 8th November
Lydiard Park**

Swindon Scouts Fireworks Night is back!

Join us at Lydiard Park on Saturday 8th November for an unforgettable evening of fireworks, food, and family fun

Tickets on sale: lydiardfireworks.com

Input code - SCT-1WESTSWIN at checkout

To directly support 1st West Swindon Scout Group

- Infants (under 5): Free
- Children (5-14): £6
- Adults (15+): £12
- Family (2 adults + 3 children): £30

Don't miss Swindon's biggest and brightest fireworks display — supporting local Scouting across the town