

SHAW RIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 - SEPTEMBER 2026

HEAD TEACHERS NOTE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the start of the academic year. It is fantastic to see everyone back and ready to learn. A special welcome goes to our new pupils - I look forward to working with you as the term progresses.

Your children may have come home with news that we have new doors in school. In June we were granted Conditions Improvement Funding from the DFE to refurbish our emergency lighting and fire doors. A team of people worked tirelessly through the holidays to get use ready for the start of term.

Another recent change you may have noticed is the removal of the sculpture 'confluence' from the front of the school. Unfortunately the weather and had got the better of it over the years which led to it becoming dangerous. Later on in the year we will be asking the children for ideas for a fitting replacement.

We have welcomed Miss Fernandes to our teaching team in year 4 and Miss Tahir joins our wonderful lunchtime staff.

Nicky Major has taken over as our head chef in the kitchen following Dave Smith's retirement.

Mrs Cowell

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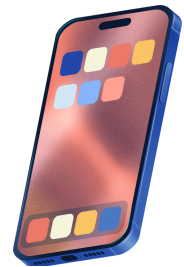
Allergies

During the TD Day at the start of term staff undertook training on safeguarding, fire safety, health and safety and allergies.

In line with Benedict's law schools are now required to have specific allergy training annually, an allergy policy and spare auto-injectors on site. I would like to reassure you that we are fully compliant with this. If your child does suffer from allergies and you have not already informed us, please let the office know immediately (office@shawridge.swindon.sch.uk).

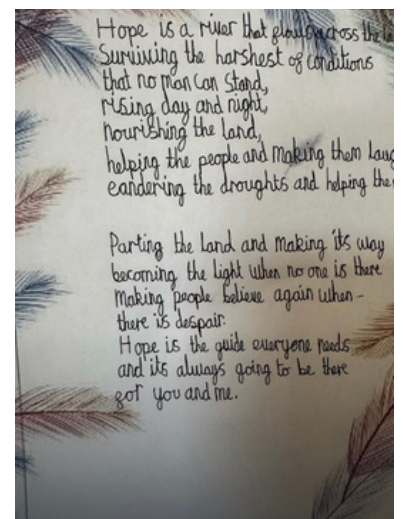
Changes to contact details?

If you have changed your address or phone number over the holidays please inform the office so we can update our records incase of an emergency.



Hope is a feather

The whole school started the year with an English/ Art focus on the poem 'Hope is a feather' by Emily Dickinson. This lovely poem elicited some stunning outcomes which are now displayed in the school.



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FOSR Thank you

Thank you to the FOSR for providing welcome packs for our new nursery and reception children.

Will your child be starting primary school in September 2027?

Come and visit Shaw Ridge Primary to see what wonderful things we can offer. Join one of our school tours by contacting the school office on office@shawridge.swindon.sch.uk

Tour Dates

24.9.26 @ 9.30am

1.10.26 @ 10am

14.10.26 @ 4.30pm

10.11.26 @ 9.30am

18.11.26 @ 1.30pm

DATES FOR THE DIARY

30.9.26 - Harvest Assembly

**30.9.26 - Discos - F2/ KS1 4.30pm - 5.30pm
- KS2 6pm - 7pm**

19.10.26 - Fireworks

11.11.26 - Parent Interviews 5.30pm- 8pm

12.11.26 - Parent Interviews 3.30pm - 6pm

27.11.26 - Unity Garden Christmas decorating

<https://shaw-ridge-primary-school.schudio.com/calendar> - Keep up to date with the school calendar here

*Due to unforeseen circumstances, dates can be subject to change.