

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our children returned to school this week after the bank holiday ready and raring for the week ahead. We have been inundated with children visiting us, not only to proudly share their learning but also to tell us about their wonderful achievements outside of school. We love celebrating these successes together as a whole school community during our weekly celebration assembly. On Tuesday, Mrs Tearle introduced an exciting new initiative to the whole school, focused on improving our toilets. After listening carefully to pupils' views, our Learning Ambassadors have created a list of upgrades that can be earned by everyone taking care and showing respect when using these shared spaces. We are looking forward to seeing the positive impact this initiative will have across the school!

Best Wishes,
Mrs Davie Headteacher

School Community News

Go smash it, Year 6!

From all of us at SJS, we are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for their SATs next week. You have worked so hard—now it's your time to shine. Believe in yourselves and give it your very best! 🌟

School Community Messages

Shirley Junior School's 'Just a Minute Oracy Challenge'



Our brand new, fun oracy challenge will be taking place in classrooms across SJS over the next couple of weeks. All children are invited to take part by speaking for one minute on a randomly selected topic. Every pupil will earn 5 house points for taking part, with an extra 10 points available for completing the full minute without a challenge. Classmates can also gain bonus points by spotting any slip-ups.

The list of topics has been shared in recent newsletters, and we hope many children will take part in this exciting opportunity to develop their oracy skills. More details can be found later in the newsletter.

Upcoming Events

- 11th May - Year 6 SATS week/Deadline for Osmington Bay deposits
- 14th May - Year 6 Matilda theatre trip
- 15th May - Year 3 Lepe beach trip
- 20th May - Share My Learning after school 3:20
- 22nd May - Last day of term - Hamwic non-school uniform day



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SATS Breakfast - Year 6

This morning, our Year 6 pupils were treated to a delicious breakfast buffet, kindly provided by a wonderful team of parent helpers. It was a fantastic start to the day and set a positive tone as our children finish preparing for their SATs. Throughout all of next week, **Year 6 pupils** are invited to join us in the hall between **8:15 and 8:40** each morning to enjoy breakfast and kick start their day in a calm and supportive environment.

A huge thank you to all of our parent helpers and volunteers who have generously given up their time to organise, shop, prepare and welcome our children each morning. We truly appreciate your support – events like this simply wouldn't be possible without you!

Our new library - help needed

Over the last year, a wonderfully dedicated member of our school community has given their time every single week to plan, organise, gather, sort and transform our school library, supported by other fantastic volunteers and our amazing site team. We would like to say a huge thank you to all those who have already offered their help and support — we truly couldn't do this without you. Thanks to everyone's hard work, our new library is looking absolutely incredible and is nearly complete, soon to become a calm, welcoming and inspiring space where all our pupils can enjoy books and develop a lifelong love of reading.

We're also excited to share that we have invested in a brand-new library system, which will allow every child to borrow books to take home and enjoy. Loading our full collection onto this system is a big task, and we would be incredibly grateful for any further volunteers who might be able to offer their support. We will be in touch soon with dates and times, but if you think you could help — or would like to offer your support — please contact the school office. Your time and help would make a huge difference.

