



Sholing Junior School

Achieving Together

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Sholing Junior School Values



Kindness



Curiosity



Success

Our Sholing Behaviour Expectations



Be Safe



Be Ready



Be Respectful

INSET days:

10th July 2026

1st September 2026

23rd October 2026

4th January 2027

25th March 2027

25th June 2027

21st July 2027

A message from the Senior Leadership Team

Exciting news this April at Sholing Junior School!

At Sholing Junior School we believe that children should be treated fairly and with respect. We believe that every child is special and unique and for this reason we want to start a new VIP system. Children will have one opportunity per year to become the VIP. This will allow them to wear one of our special, new, purple VIP tops and stand at the front of the line for one week of the academic year. They will then receive a very special certificate in an assembly, written by the children in their class about what makes them individual, unique and special to them. Next year, once we have completed the initial round, we will introduce the certificate sharing to the celebration assembly, where you will be invited to come along.

Each week, the VIPs will have the opportunity to meet for a VIP Tea with Ms Dobson/Miss Lebbern where we will share some squash and a biscuit and fun is had by all. The choosing of the VIP will be random and is not related to their behaviour or learning as it is about celebrating every child as an individual. There may be some pupils who do not wish to wear the purple top this year when it is their turn – and we will be very mindful and respectful of their decision, but we hope that they will enjoy taking part in this very special event, and over the years, may decide that they would like to fully participate when it is their week. When your child is chosen as VIP, they will come into school on the Monday in their normal uniform. The class teacher will then swap their uniform for the clean purple VIP tops and the children will be free to wear it all week. When they come back to school on the Friday in their VIP top, the teacher will then take the VIP tops back and swap them back to their normal uniform so that school can wash and prepare the VIP tops for the next student in the class.

Safeguarding

Please see the helpful links below to our Online Hamwic Safety Hub, which covers topics that you may find useful to support keeping your child safe online:

How to report incidents on messaging apps:

[Online Safety Hub - Hamwic Education Trust](#)

Online bullying tips and advice:

[Online Safety Hub - Hamwic Education Trust](#)



Important Dates

APRIL

Monday 30th March –

Friday 10th April

Easter Holidays

Children return to school on

Monday 13th April 2026.

MAY

4th May – Bank Holiday

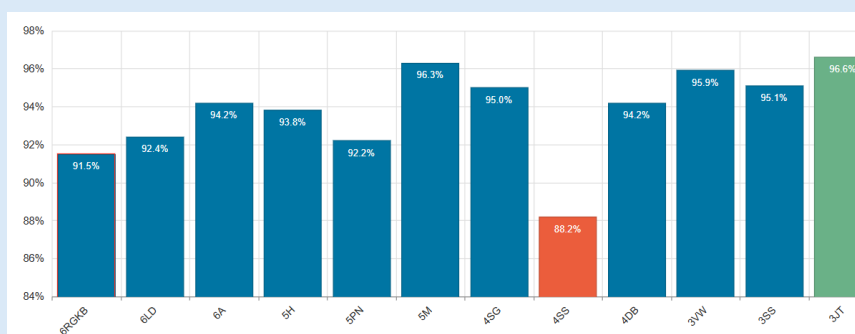
SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May

SATs Week

Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 93.8%, which is an improvement of 0.2%. Thank you for all of your support to improve attendance.



Uniform and Equipment

We still have a high number of children coming to school without a coat or appropriate footwear. Please ensure your child brings their coat to school daily and that footwear is all black school shoes or trainers only.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Mondays – Big Mouth Theatre (Drama Club)

Tuesdays – Year 3 and 4 Saints Football

Wednesdays – Mr Riley’s Multi-skills

Fridays – Years 5 and 6 Saints Football

If you wish to sign up to these clubs, please come and speak to the office.

PE Days		Library Days	
3T	Monday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)	3T	Tuesday
3A	Monday (outdoor) Thursday (indoor)	3A	Tuesday
3W	Monday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)	3W	Tuesday
4G	Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)	4G	Wednesday
4B	Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor)	4B	Wednesday
4S	Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)	4S	Wednesday
5N	Tuesday (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor)	5N	Thursday
5H	Tuesday (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor)	5H	Thursday
5M	Tuesday (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor)	5M	Thursday
6D	Wednesday afternoon	6D	Friday
6A	Wednesday afternoon	6A	Friday
6GB	Wednesday afternoon	6GB	Friday



Curriculum Achievements

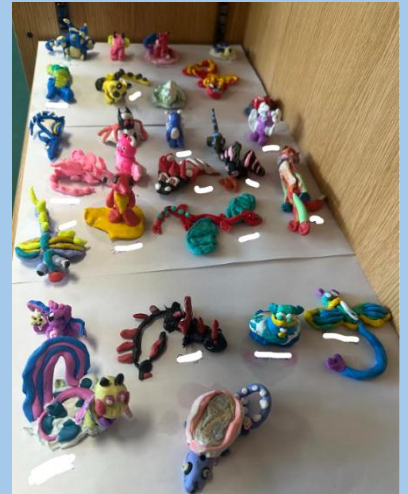
Year 3

Year 3 are continuing to enjoy their music lessons, developing confidence as they play instruments and are reading music. In maths, they have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes, learning to recognise, describe and compare their key properties through practical activities. In Art, we have been studying the architect Gaudi and have created a stained-glass window and creating Shrinky Dink animals, using his art as our inspiration. In Geography, we are starting to learn how volcanoes are formed and how earthquakes happen.

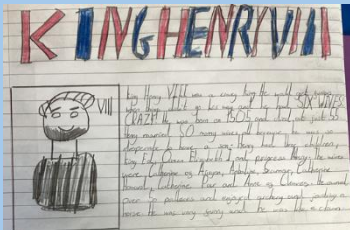


Year 4

Year 4 have now completed their wonderful dragon sculptures using polymer clay, and the results are fantastic. Working on a very small base of clay, the children had to shape intricate details with care and patience, from textured scales to expressive faces. Their creativity really shone through, and each dragon is unique. We're incredibly proud of their hard work and can't wait for you to see their amazing creations.



Year 5

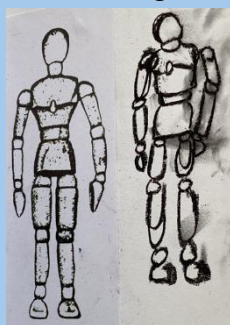


Year 5 have made a brilliant start to the Summer term. We are thoroughly enjoying our Tudor history topic where we've already learnt all about how

Henry VIII came to the throne, who his wives were and what happened to them as well as investigating the Mary Rose and why she sank. We can't wait to find out more about the Tudors over the next few weeks.

In our art lessons, we have been studying Alberto Giacometti, learning about his art style and how it changed over time. We will be using his art as inspiration to make wire people throughout the rest of the half term.

During English, we are enjoying reading Skellig, meeting Michael and Mina and following their adventures to identify the mysterious creature in the garage.



Year 6

In April, we have continued exploring printmaking by designing and printing our own tiles in the style of Andy Warhol. This exciting project will be completed over the next few weeks, and we are really looking forward to seeing the children's finished masterpieces. In English, we have reached



our independent writing, where the children are creating their own narratives inspired by the short film *Alma*, choosing and developing their own

endings—we are very excited to read their stories. In the afternoons, the children have been working exceptionally hard, showing great enthusiasm and focus during SPaG and Mini Maths sessions. It has been wonderful to see such a positive learning attitude across the class.

Junior Travel Ambassadors



This month, the JTAs encouraged everyone to take part in the Big Walk and Wheel. We logged **1,532** active journeys!

The JTAs also took initiative in emailing the new eco leaders of the school to offer their help in making the school as sustainable as possible and will now be combined JTAs and Eco club. They have represented the school by meeting with headteachers from other schools to help plan a sustainability day- watch this space!

This week, the JTAs will be meeting with the Sustainability Transport Officer from SCC as well as ensure all the children that have actively travelled this month receive their April WOW badge!



Supporters of Sholing



Pupil Leadership Team

Year 6 SATs Anxiety workshop

On Tuesday 21st April, an Anxiety specialist (Jo) came in to talk to year 6 about Test Anxiety due to SATS coming up. She talked to us about how we may feel during any type of Test and how we can deal with our stress and emotions. Jo also talked to us about how to calm ourselves. 1. Belly breathing 2. How to tense and untense our muscles to help us relax. And much more.

Tips for SATs & SEND pupils

“They need to hear, repeatedly, that SATs do not define their intelligence, their future or their worth.”

Claire Walley, SEND specialist





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