



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:

5th January 2026

6th March 2026

27th March 2026

10th July 2026

Important Dates

JANUARY

Monday 5th January

INSET Day

Teachers will be learning about our new teaching approach and Teaching Assistants will be completing first aid training.

Tuesday 6th January

Homework and Curriculum Newsletters out

Thursday 15th January

Online Safety Workshop – information to follow

Friday 23rd January

HOUSE TEAM DAY!

WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLOUR!

FEBRUARY

Thursday 5th February

Year 3 Learning Celebration

Monday 9th February

Year 4 Learning Celebration

Tuesday 10th February

Year 6 Learning Celebration

Thursday 12th February

Year 5 Learning Celebration

Friday 13th February

Crazy Hair Day

Raising money for charity

A message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the School,

As we approach the festive season, I want to take a moment to reflect on my first term here at Sholing Junior School. Joining this wonderful community has been a true privilege, and I have been warmly welcomed by staff, students, and families alike.

Christmas is a time of joy, gratitude, and togetherness. I have already seen so many examples of kindness, creativity, and resilience across our school, and it fills me with excitement for all that lies ahead. Whether it's the sparkle of our Christmas performances, the generosity shown through charitable activities, or simply the daily smiles in our classrooms, this season reminds us of the strength of our community spirit.

I wish you all a peaceful holiday filled with laughter, rest, and cherished moments with loved ones. Thank you for making my first months here so memorable. I look forward to continuing our journey together in the new year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Safeguarding

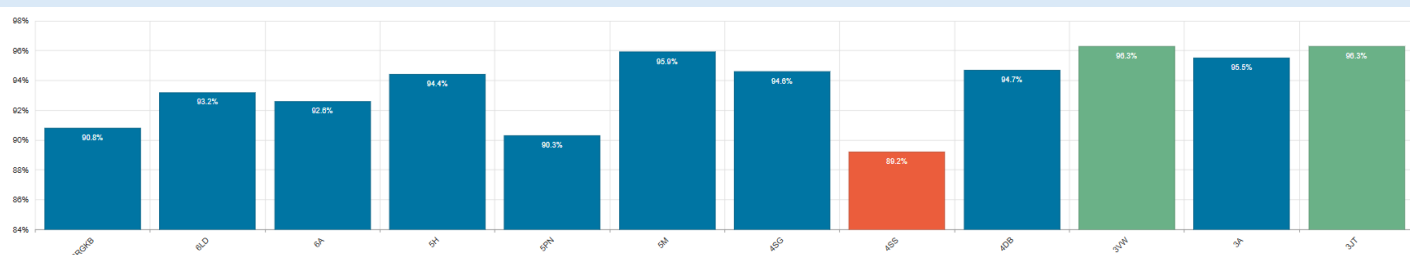
Safeguarding remains a top priority for our school community throughout the festive season. We encourage all families to stay mindful of children's safety both online and offline. Whether pupils are spending time with friends, exploring new places, or enjoying quiet moments at home, open communication is key. Please remind children that there are trusted adults they can turn to if they ever feel worried or unsure.

Online safety is especially important during the holidays, when digital activity often increases. We ask families to continue monitoring internet use and reinforcing safe online habits.

If you have any urgent safeguarding concerns, please contact **Southampton Children's Services on 02380 83 3004**.

Attendance

Please see below our attendance figures per class for the Autumn term.



Congratulations to classes **3T** and **3W** for achieving our 96% attendance target, and to **5M** and **3A** for maintaining attendance above 95%. If you are experiencing any difficulties with your child's attendance, please contact the school office to arrange a meeting with Mrs Smith, our Attendance Champion. Thank you for your ongoing support to improve school attendance.

Uniform and Equipment

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform and that it is clearly labelled. It is very difficult to find and return lost property without a name. Please be reminded that all children need to bring a coat to school during the winter months to protect them from the cold and rain. Thank you.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

- Mondays – Big Mouth Theatre (Drama Club)
- Tuesdays – Year 3 and 4 Saints Football
- Wednesdays – Mr Riley's Multi-skills
- Wednesdays – Saints Goncalo'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.

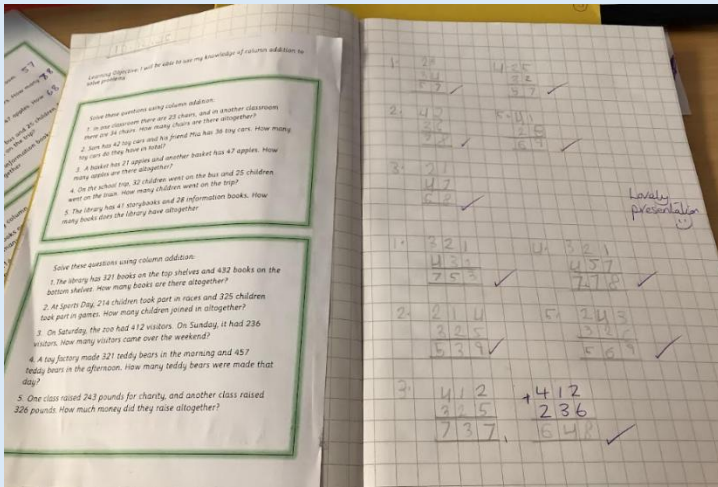
PE Days		Library Days	
3T	Monday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)	3T	Tuesday
3A	Monday (outdoor) Thursday (indoor)	3A	Tuesday
3W	Monday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)	3W	Tuesday
4G	Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)	4G	Wednesday
4B	Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor)	4B	Wednesday
4S	Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)	4S	Wednesday
5N	Tuesday (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor)	5N	Thursday
5H	Tuesday (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor)	5H	Thursday
5M	Monday (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 have been working incredibly hard on our Maths this term. We have been busy working on reading and drawing pictograms and bar charts, as well as focusing on partitioning and have recently been introduced to column addition. The children have worked incredibly hard using various methods to solve questions. We are incredibly proud of them.



Year 4

Year 4 had an unforgettable Stone Age Day on Monday, stepping back in time to dress up, hunt a woolly mammoth, and trace human evolution from Lucy to Homo sapiens. We explored fascinating artefacts, weapons, and tools, uncovered secrets of the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, and Neolithic periods, and discovered sites like Starr Carr, Skara Brae, and Grimes Graves. The day ended with a lively celebration of Stone Age culture through drumming, dancing, and rituals!



Year 5

Year 5 have had a December filled with excitement, curiosity and success! They have particularly enjoyed diving further into their history topic on the Anglo-Saxons, exploring how people lived, ruled and shaped early Britain. In Science, the children have been fully engaged in investigating forces, carrying out hands-on experiments to understand air resistance, gravity and how these forces affect objects in motion. Through PSHE, Year 5 have also been developing important life skills by exploring budgeting, spending decisions and the value of making thoughtful financial choices. To round off the term, the children shone in their excellent Christmas concert, performing with confidence, joy and plenty of smiles. We are incredibly proud of their hard work in the lead up to Christmas.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic December filled with enthusiasm, curiosity and creativity! They have thoroughly enjoyed delving into their World War Two topic, bringing history to life through thoughtful discussions and wonderfully imaginative narrative writing linked to our text, Goodnight Mr Tom. In Science, the children have been fascinated by their studies of inheritance and evolution, asking thoughtful questions and exploring how traits are passed through generations. To top it all off, Year 6 have worked incredibly hard preparing for their Christmas concert, showing teamwork, dedication and plenty of festive spirit. We are so proud of everything they have achieved!



Pupil Leadership Team



Last week, we went to the Sunnycroft Care Home where we did arts and crafts, sang them Christmas songs and made them Christmas cards (where we also did Christmas crackers with them.) We enjoyed helping the elderly get into the Christmas spirit and it was lovely to see everyone having fun.

On Monday, we paid a visit to Itchen Nursery. While we were there, we did lots of activities with them. This included:

- Reading them stories;
- Playing with them;
- Making arts and crafts with them.



Southampton Guildhall Christmas Concert

Seventeen excited children from our school took part in *Celebrate* at Southampton O2 Guildhall, a fantastic production showcasing songs from around the world including one with sections sung in Polish!

After a busy evening of rehearsals and watching other performers warm up, our choir stepped into the spotlight and shone brightly. All the dedication from our Thursday sessions paid off as we performed alongside a live orchestra in an unforgettable, successful event that we thoroughly enjoyed.



PTA Fundraising

12 days of Sholing

First of all, thank you so much to all of you who participated in our 12 days of Sholing. We had over 200 applicants which was fantastic. Our winners of our advent bags were:

Day 1: Brian – Year 6

Day 2: Emma – Year 3

Day 3: Lizzie – Year 6

Day 4: Alfie – Year 5

Day 5: Piper – Year 3

Day 6: Paige – Year 4

Day 7: Gabriel – Year 3

Day 8 : Eliza – Year 6

Day 9: Bobby – Year 4

Day 10: Albi – Year 4

Day 11: Max – Year 5

Day 12: Karina – Year 5



Christmas Fair

Thank you so much for all of your donations and support at our Christmas Fair. It was wonderful to see so many of you there. We raised just over £1,000!

We are incredibly grateful for all your support so far this year. We have raised in the Autumn term £2,474.50, which is incredible.

Thank you again!



Junior Travel Ambassadors

Our Junior Travel Ambassadors have been working hard to keep active travel ticking over! They've been updating the Active Travel board in the library with fresh ideas and information, trialling school-wide activities to encourage walking and cycling such as active travel themed paper craft and online safety games and even adding a festive touch by creating JTA-themed Christmas decorations.



Upcoming:

The JTAs will be having SCC's Air Quality Officer back in at the beginning of the new year to continue their **Clean Air Project**. The JTAs will look at air quality, travel graphs and begin action plans.

December WOW Badges will be delivered by Friday the 19th of December.

Thank you to all the children that have delivered active travel posters (completed for Homework)- keep your eyes peeled for them around school.

TOP TIPS FOR ACTIVE TRAVEL IN WINTER

- **Be Bright, Be Seen** Help road users see you. Wear or carry something light coloured or bright. Fluorescent and reflective materials are always good to wear in low light.
- **Stay Alert** Always be aware of your surroundings and walk on the pavement. Take care when crossing the road and always use pedestrian crossing/islands to help you cross safely.
- **Always wear a helmet** when riding a bike or scooter and take special care when it is likely to be icy on the pavements and road.

**SHOLING JUNIOR SCHOOL
HOUSE TEAM DAY**



HAWKS

SHARKS



SCORPIONS



COBRAS



PANTHERS

**FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY
WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLOUR**