



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:

6th March 2026

27th March 2026

10th July 2026

Important Dates

MARCH

Wednesday 4th – Friday 6th March

St Briavels Year 5 Residential

Friday 6th March

INSET Day - School closed

Friday 13th March

Dress as your future job day
£1 donation to School Council project

16th – 20th March

Year 4 Stubbington Residential

Friday 20th March

Homework due in

Monday 23rd March and

Wednesday 25th March

Parents Evening

Friday 27th March

INSET Day - School closed

APRIL

Monday 30th March –

Friday 10th April

Easter Holidays

Children return to school on
Monday 13th April 2026.

A message from the Senior Leadership Team

February has been a purposeful month in school. Staff have been working with real commitment to strengthen the coherence, ambition, and consistency of what children experience in the classroom, and it has been encouraging to see pupils making clearer connections in their learning and showing growing confidence in what they know and can do. Alongside this important work, the children have enjoyed some wonderful enrichment opportunities: our Young Voices choir performed brilliantly at the O2 Arena, and a group of pupils visited the university to help design a World War II memorial—an experience that was both creative and deeply reflective. These moments remind us of the richness of school life and the importance of offering children opportunities that inspire, challenge, and broaden their horizons.

As we move into the next half-term, we look forward to building on this momentum together.

The Senior Leadership Team

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding focus this month is all about helping children stay safe online, especially as they become more confident and independent with technology. We continue to teach pupils how to make sensible choices, recognise risks, and speak up if something doesn't feel right. Families can support this at home by encouraging children to keep personal information private, use strong passwords, and only communicate with people they know in real life. It's also helpful to remind children to think carefully before clicking on links or sharing photos, and to talk to a trusted adult straight away if they see anything upsetting or confusing. Working together, we can help ensure that every child enjoys the online world safely and responsibly.

Attendance

We are excited to announce our new attendance initiative...***IN IT TO WIN IT!***

Each half term, all children who are in school on the designated reward day will receive a special surprise! It's our way of celebrating great attendance and encouraging everyone to be in school every day, ready to learn.

Make sure you don't miss out — every day counts, and any day could be the surprise day!

Let's make every day matter!

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

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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

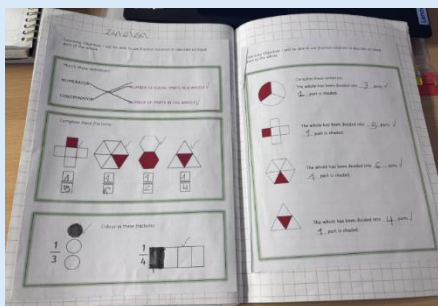


Curriculum Achievements

Year 3

Year 3 have been working incredibly hard with fractions this half term. We have started looking at identifying unit fractions and comparing them.

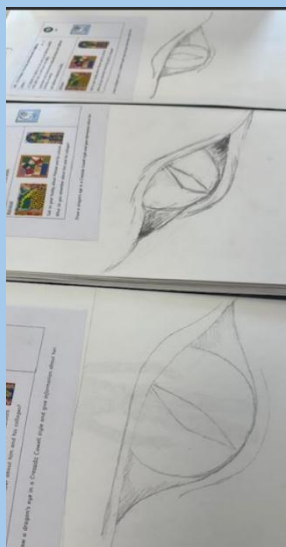
In History, we have continued looking at Ancient Egypt, learning how and why the Egyptians mummified bodies.



Year 4

We enjoyed our book study: *How to Train Your Dragon* and have started artwork based on dragons. Eventually we will be making our own dragons and dragon eggs!

Watch this space...



Year 5

Year 5 have made a fantastic start to this half term. We have hit the ground running in English where we are finding out all about Ayesha from *Oranges in No Man's Land* and her journey across Beirut to find medicine for her sick Granny as well as following Alex Rider's mysterious adventures in *Stormbreaker* in our reading lessons.

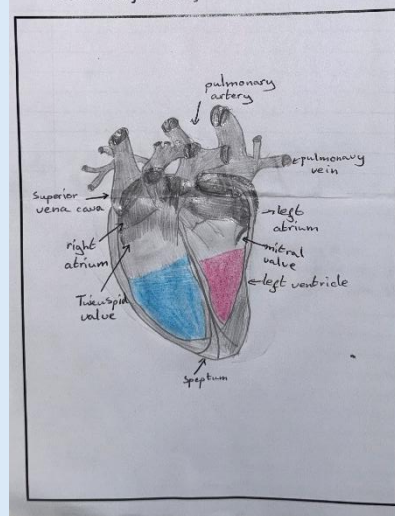
In Geography, we have begun learning about the continent of Asia. During our science lessons we have been learning about the properties of and changes in materials and last lesson we had great fun investigating how different materials can be separated.



Year 6

LO: To understand the function of the heart and its role in the circulatory system. (3)

Task: Draw, label and colour a diagram of the human heart. Show oxygenated blood in red and deoxygenated blood in blue. Describe the function of the heart.



This month, Year 6 have been exploring human anatomy. They began by looking at the heart, focusing on how oxygenated and deoxygenated blood travels through the body. We learned about the different

parts of the heart and the roles they play in pumping blood around the body.

Junior Travel Ambassadors

After an extremely rainy month, the JTAs would like to thank everyone for their active travel- badges have been awarded and it's lovely to see these worn proudly.

'Scoot from the boot' 'Peddle to win us a medal' competition

This Thursday, the JTAs will be having a good look through all the amazing entries and picking winners. We will also create copies of the winners' posters to display around school.

Big Walk and Wheel (Let's win again!) 16-27th March



Please remember to travel as actively as possible during these dates as we will be competing against other school and logging our journeys every day. Please see the website below for more details. <https://bigwalkandwheel.org.uk/>

A promotional poster for a competition. At the top left is the JTA logo, a green shield with 'JTA' in white. Below it is a blue scooter. In the center, a white box with a green border contains the text: **Bling your Bike or Scooter** for a chance to win a prize **Thursday 12th March** Simply park up your decorated scooter/bike in its normal place to be judged by our JTAs. To the right is a red bicycle with a basket of flowers. At the bottom, there are four small images: a pile of colorful Easter eggs, a yellow chick, a purple chick, and another pile of colorful Easter eggs.

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Supporters of Sholing

- Our monthly cinema clubs have been extremely successful so far and the children (and adults) have loved our choices so far! Our March film is Lilo and Stitch! Please see the parent mail for more information.



Please keep your eyes peeled for our Easter events that will be coming up over the next few weeks!

The Junior School choir had an unforgettable experience at the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena, joining thousands of children from across the country to create one enormous, joyful choir. From the moment they stepped into the arena, the excitement was electric—bright lights, live musicians, and the buzz of so many voices coming together made the atmosphere truly magical. The children sang their hearts out, performing a wide range of songs they had been practising for weeks, and their enthusiasm shone through every moment.

It was a day filled with music, teamwork, and pride. Staff and families were incredibly impressed by the children's confidence, commitment, and sheer enjoyment throughout the event. Whether they were singing, dancing, or simply soaking up the experience, every pupil represented the school beautifully. It's a memory they'll carry with them for years to come, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements.

