



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

FEBRUARY

3rd – 9th February

Book Fair after school every day

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

Tuesday 24th February

02 Young Voices Trip

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

A message from the Senior Leadership Team

Welcome back and a very happy New Year to all our pupils, families, and staff. January always brings a sense of renewal, and this term is no exception. The children have returned with energy, curiosity, and a real readiness to learn, and it has been wonderful to see classrooms buzzing with focus and enthusiasm once again.

We are really enjoying sharing lots of school achievements and events on our new Facebook page. Please do follow us if you haven't already!



Sholing Junior School

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An adventure for the mind and a home for the heart.

Kindness, Curiosity, Success

We are grateful, as always, for the partnership of our families. Your encouragement, communication, and support make such a difference to the children's experience in school. We look forward to a term filled with growth, creativity, and shared achievement.

The Senior Leadership Team

Safeguarding

As we begin the new term, safeguarding remains at the heart of everything we do. Staff have revisited key procedures, including how to report concerns and support pupils who may be feeling unsettled after the holidays. Our curriculum this month focuses on helping pupils recognise safe and unsafe situations—both in school and online. Thank you for working with us to keep every child safe, supported, and ready to thrive as we start the year together.

Your safeguarding team:



Miss D Lebberrn
Deputy Headteacher

Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Officer



Ms M Dobson
Headteacher

Designated
Safeguarding Officer



Mrs A Smith
Assistant Headteacher

Designated
Safeguarding Officer



Mr T Best
SENDco and
Designated
Safeguarding Officer



Mrs L Rickards
(Designated
Safeguarding
Officer)

Attendance

Our current whole-school attendance is **93.6%**, with **1.5%** of absences recorded as unauthorised. Absence can only be authorised for illness or other exceptional circumstances, and this must be reported to us on the day of absence or requested in advance using a leave of absence form.

Please remember that we are unable to authorise absences for reasons such as parental illness or appointments, birthday celebrations, shopping trips, days out, or holidays.

If you are finding it difficult to support your child's attendance, please contact the school office. We can arrange a time to discuss your situation and explore any support that may help.

Thank you for your continued partnership in improving attendance across our school.

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

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.

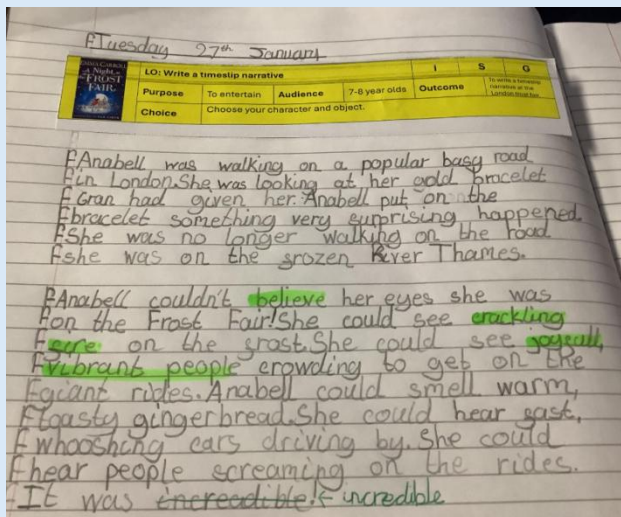
PE Days		Library Days	
3T	Monday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)	3T	Tuesday
3A	Monday (outdoor) Thursday (indoor)	3A	Tuesday
3W	Monday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)	3W	Tuesday
4G	Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)	4G	Wednesday
4B	Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor)	4B	Wednesday
4S	Tuesday (indoor)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



Curriculum Achievements

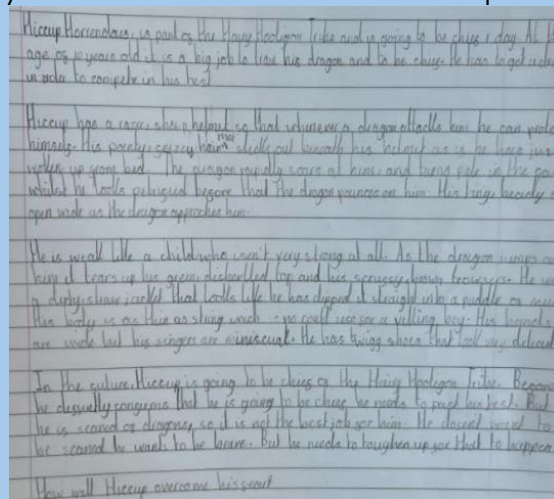
Year 3

Year 3 have been working incredibly hard on their time slip narratives this month based on **A Night at the Frost Fair**. This week we have been starting our independent write, really thinking about our vocabulary choices and how to excite the reader!



Year 4

Year 4 have been writing independent writes about a character from *How to Train Your Dragon*. We have used similes, metaphors and expanded noun phrases to create a visual image in the reader's mind. We are looking forward to our next learning journey where we will be writing a diary entry as the main character 'Hiccup'.



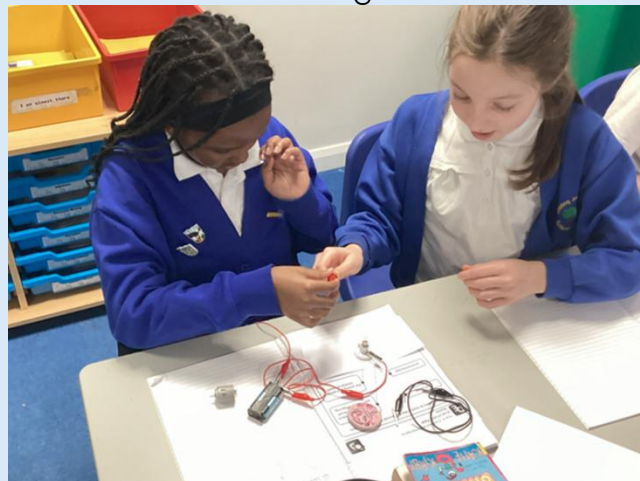
Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the half term, the children have produced some beautiful pieces of writing based on 'The Dreadful Menace' poem using their figurative language skills. In maths, pupils have worked hard to solve problems using short division, showing great resilience and independence. The children are enjoying learning about the famous artist Frida Kahlo in Art and exploring her unique style of artwork. We look forward to seeing the portraits they produce independently at the end of the half term!



Year 6

Year 6 have been exploring electrical circuits, developing their understanding of how components work together to create a complete circuit. Pupils have learned to use recognised symbols to draw circuits accurately and have applied this knowledge by constructing their own working models. Throughout the topic, they have demonstrated strong problem-solving skills by identifying faults within circuits and rectifying them independently or collaboratively. Year 6 have shown great curiosity and resilience, confidently experimenting, testing ideas, and persevering when challenges arose.



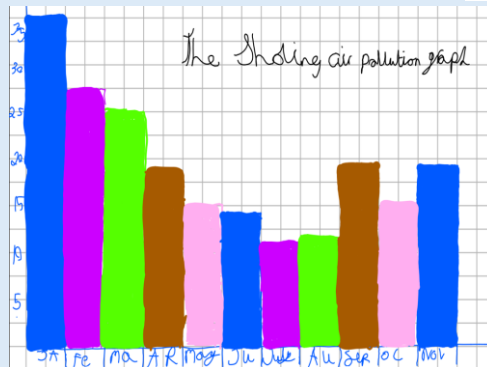
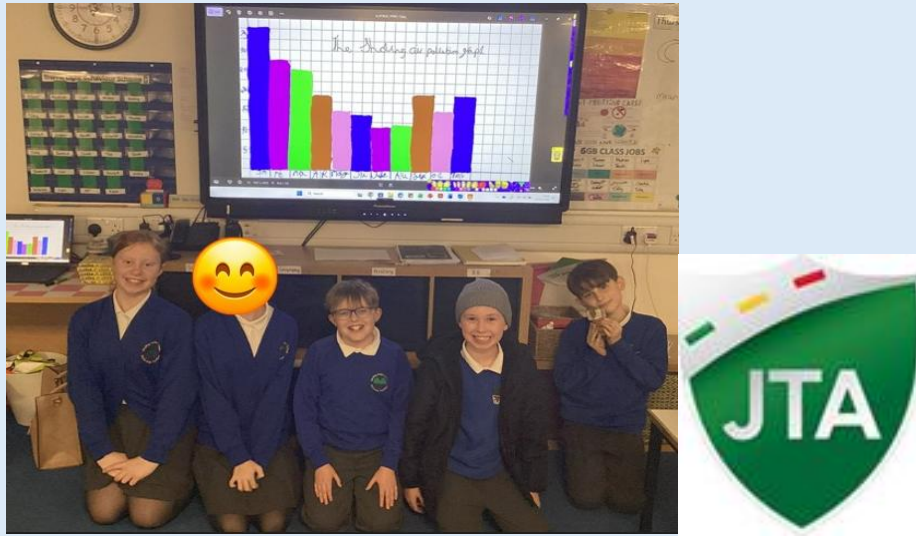
Pupil Leadership Team

House Team Day

On Friday 23rd, we had a House Team Day where all the houses (Sharks, Scorpions, Cobras, Panthers and Hawks) participated in a series of activities. We started off by doing team games as houses outside with Miss Dube. After breaktime, we gathered in our house teams and listened to speeches then voted for House Captain and Deputy House Captain. In the afternoon, we did house team crafts and made a paper chain which with all our values, we combined all the chains across the school and displayed it around the hall. Lastly, we had a whole school assembly where we announced the House Captains and Deputies. We finished the assembly with revealing the house points. The winning house team was Scorpions; they were given extra points for their team spirit. Overall, our house team day was a fun opportunity for all.



Junior Travel Ambassadors



This January, the JTAs have been busy putting in place their Air Quality project with Amber Titchener (Air Quality Officer for Southampton). We have been monitoring the monthly air quality and our now live on the website. We have also successfully recruited 2 new JTAs!

Upcoming events

- 6th-23rd February- Poster competition for our new active travel phrases.
'Scoot from the boot' 'Peddle to win us a medal'
- Bling your Bike or scooter- Thursday 12th March
- Big Walk and Wheel (Let's win again!) 16-27th March

Supporters of Sholing

We are pleased to announce we will be holding a monthly Cinema Club. At just £4 a ticket, your child can come along to the hall to watch a movie with friends. Snacks and squash will be provided.



Stay tuned for next month's film!

Our next disco will be our Valentine's Disco on **Friday 13th February**.

Still time to sign up. Cash in a named envelope to Miss Noad please.

Stay tuned for :

- Mother's Day events
- Easter Disco
- February Cinema Club

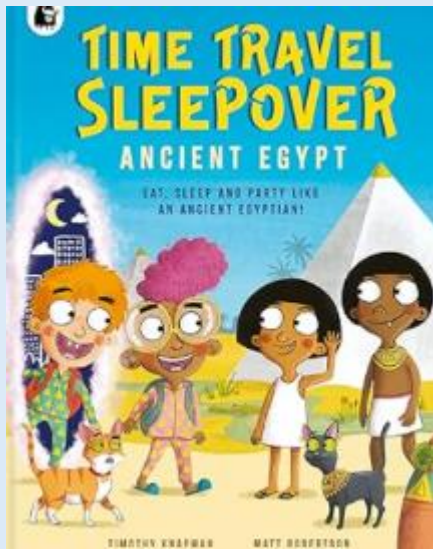


NEW YEAR SORA READING CHALLENGE:

The Sora Reading Challenge is fully up and running now and there are entries flooding in every day. Well done to those who have already completed the challenge. Even if your children are finished with the challenge, ask them to speak to their teachers about the books they are reading or listening to currently. We really love to hear all about the children's reading experiences! We might even recommend some of our own!

Our recommendations for this month is (all found on Sora):

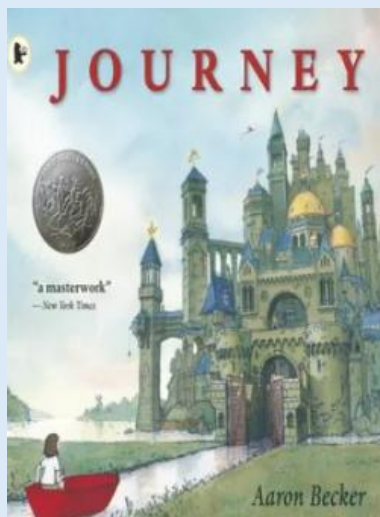
Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6

