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#### **INSET days:**

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

12th December 2025

5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

27th March 2026

10th July 2026

### A message from the Senior Leadership Team

The final few weeks of school is always a time of mixed emotions and particularly for our Year 6 children. We wish them all the best as they move to their secondary school settings after summer. The Leavers' assembly and the Joseph performance demonstrated the depth of talent we have in Year 6 (and also the impressive actors and singers we have across the school too!). We were very proud of the effort that the Year 6 children put into their SATs too – see the results below). Writing will obviously be one of our key focuses for next year but we had some strong outcomes at Greater Depth in reading, maths and SPAG in particular. Well done and good luck for Year 7!

The new academic year will bring many opportunities for children across the school as we look to recruit new JTAs, prefects and of course Head Boy and Head Girl. Well done to those who set such a strong example this year. Harry and Alena set a very strong example!

Good luck also to Mrs Duncan who is leaving (again!) and we wish her all the best at her new school. Finally, thank you to all the families who are moving on. We will miss you all! Have a safe and enjoyable summer everyone.

	Reading	Writing	Maths	Combined	SPAG
Overall	71%	59%	72%	53%	SPAG
	(28% GDS)	(7% GDS)	(21% GDS)	(3% GDS)	68% (26% GDS)

#### **Safeguarding**

If there are any urgent safeguarding concerns over the summer holidays, please note that our emails are not regularly monitored and the best ways to seek support are listed below:

Children's Resource Service on **02380 83 3004** (Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm and Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm) or **02380 23 3344** (weekends, Bank Holidays and outside of office hours)

Police by calling 101 or (999 in an emergency)

#### **Important Dates**

## THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

CHILDREN'S FIRST DAY
BACK AT SCHOOL

## DATES FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR TO FOLLOW

PLEASE NOTE THE TERM DATES
FOR NEXT YEAR

#### **AUTUMN 1**

4<sup>TH</sup> September – 24<sup>th</sup> October

#### **AUTUMN 2**

 $3^{rd}$  November -  $19^{th}$  December

#### **SPRING 1**

5<sup>th</sup> January - 13<sup>th</sup> February

#### **SPRING 2**

23rd February - 27th March

#### **SUMMER 1**

13th April - 22nd May

#### **SUMMER 2**

1st June - 22nd July

#### **Attendance**



As we celebrate the end of a fantastic school year, we'd like to highlight the positive impact that good attendance has on children's learning and future success. While our current attendance stands at 93.3%, we are aiming higher, with a target of 96%—a goal we know is achievable with everyone's support. Every day in school offers valuable opportunities for learning, friendship, and growth, and we're proud of the commitment so many of our families have shown this year. Let's continue building strong attendance habits together, giving every child the best possible chance to thrive.

**Extra-Curricular Clubs** 

#### **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. For the summer months, please remember to apply suncream before school and wear a hat.

Please stay tuned for September's clubs on the next edition of our newsletter!



#### **Curriculum Achievements**

### Year 3

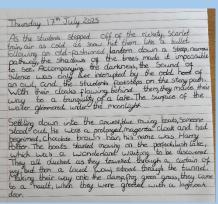
Year 3 had a DT themed week this July. We looked at different



sandwiches around the world, different types of "bread" we could use, hot and cold fillings and then made our own for our class picnic. A great time was had by all with some yummy fillings!

This half-term, Year 5 has delved into the magical world of Harry Potter. They developed their use of speech and figurative language as they crafted their own narratives, focusing on reimagining the iconic journey to Hogwarts.

#### Year 5



#### Year 4



Year 4 have been learning to stay safe on their scooters during their PSHE lessons. They learned how to wear helmets correctly and how to ride in safe way.

#### Year 6

We have had a focus on science this half term. This began with exploring how light travels and investigating shadows. We then continued on to the heart and how blood flows around the body. Finally, we learnt about electricity in circuits. The children discovered how to use switches in order to make their own 'traffic lights'.





## **PTA and Fundraising**

The PTA will be relaunching in September and we are looking for parents to join us in raising money to make improvements across the school. You can donate as little or as much of your time as necessary and we would appreciate as many members as possible!

Please email sos@sholing-jun.co.uk to register your interest if you would like to be contacted.

Thank you



## **Junior Travel Ambassadors**



It has been a fantastic year for the JTAs as they continued their important work promoting active travel and air quality initiatives. You may have recently seen the JTAs out at the front of the school in the mornings conducting a *Summer Travel Count*, where they collected data on how members of our school community travel to school. We were pleased to see an increase in walking, scooting, and biking, with very few cars left idling.

At our final JTA meeting of the year, the JTAs tested out our new pedometers in preparation for a class competition launching in September. We have also had a new air quality monitor fitted in our meeting room which allow the JTAs to better track air pollution inside the school as well as outside. Please note: the Extreme Mountain Bike Show has been postponed until September.

This week, we sadly say goodbye to our longstanding - and utterly amazing - Year 6 JTAs. We thank them for all their hard work and hope they visit us soon!

Thank you- Isobel, Olivia, Alena, Isabella, Harry and Henry! Good luck in your new schools!

## **Pupil Leadership Team**

'As the pupil leadership team we have been given lots of opportunities from visiting the care home to being chosen to join a mental health project. Around Christmas, the Leadership Team went to visit Hawthorne's care home to bring joy to those who didn't have many family around them at this festive time of the year. We are also very grateful for all the help from prefects, they help us take care of all pupils across different year groups. One of our best opportunities was when some of the students were in the newspaper for donating multiple toys and pyjamas to local hospitals. We had wonderful news that we raised £320 pounds for children who spent a lot of time in hospital.

Thank you for everything Sholing Juniors.'



#### **Homework**

A huge well done to all children who completed any homework this term. There were some incredible arts projects, some excellent writing and all of the work was a pleasure to share. Those who achieved maximum points had a lovely time enjoying their ice cream from the ice cream van!

Here is a photo of Katie, who exploded her volcano on the school playground with her friends. It



## Please see the dates below for planned charity days for the 2025/2026 academic year.

Term	Date	Activity
Autumn 1	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	£1 suggested cash donation to Sepsis Awareness.  All children to wear something orange.
Autumn 2	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	£1 suggested cash donation to Benji and Beyond bereavement charity.  Link to Web Page  All children to wear pyjamas.
Spring 1	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	£1 suggested cash donation.  Proceeds to go towards a School Council project.  Crazy hair day.
Spring 2	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	£1 suggested cash donation. Proceeds to go towards a Pupil Leadership project.  Dress as your job day.
Summer 1	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	£1 suggested cash donation to the Hamwic Fund. Proceeds go to supporting families from within our trust.  All children to wear non-uniform.

## **School Production**

# Jacob and Sons

(Originally Joseph and His Technicolored Dreamcoat by Andrew Loydd-Webber and Tim Rice)

The show (based on the popular Bible's story) told of Joseph (a favourite of his father) whose jealous brothers contrived to sell him into slavery. Through a series of misfortunes, Joseph ended up in jail until one day his gift of interpreting dreams landed him as an advisor to the Pharaoh. Years later, he is reunited with his brothers and father whom he forgives for

their treatment many years ago.

Last week, around 90 talented children of Sholing Junior School took part in our Jacob and Sons production. They all proved themselves 'triple threats' with superb acting, singing and dancing. The smiles and enjoyment on all of the children's faces made for a proud production team, as well as parents and members of staff. The principal parts, taken on by the Year 6 children, were sublime in their performances! This show has always had a special place in Mrs Graham's heart since she first performed it in Year 4 as a Narrator. She was so pleased to finally have a chance to stage a school production of the show herself and couldn't have been more proud of the children involved and their dedication to the show. A huge well done to all!





We are now recruiting for all of our boys and girls age groups from U7-U18 for the 25/26 season

All abilities are welcome from Foundation and Development to Advanced level whilst opportunities exist in both existing and new teams.

For further details please contact: chairman@afcstoneham.co.uk or 07841696579. Alternatively register interest using the google form

WWW.AFCSTONEHAM.CO.UK

AFC Stoneham are currently recruiting for their young boys and girls teams.

The club is the third largest community grassroots club in England and welcomes boys and girls of all abilities.

If your child is interested in joining please complete the Google link and the club will invite your child to training

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Thank you