



# 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:

**27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

10<sup>th</sup> 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

### Welcome to our March newsletter,

This month we have had two INSET days. One focussed on moderation and we worked with other schools from across the trust to validate our assessments and the other will focus on improving our reading and writing provision across the school. Thank you for your co-operation – this training is vital to ensure we are delivering the best curriculum possible for the children.

We have had lots of successes in school this month. Some children represented our school at a local event to commemorate war heroes, we had a Saints first team player appearance in our girls football after school club and Year 3 had an Egyptian day. We hope these experiences have inspired the children and that they have made life-long memories.

As we head towards a two week holiday, please be reminded of who to contact if you are concerned about a child:

**Southampton Children's Services 02380 833004**

**The Senior Leadership Team**

## Safeguarding



Bullying

### Online Bullying FAQs

Online bullying is a serious concern for parents in the digital age. This FAQ guide addresses the unique challenges of online bullying and its impact on your child's wellbeing.

### Most Recent

See all

### Reviews

See all

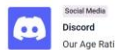
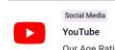


Social media  
Unmasking Online Bias in Social Media

Gaming  
Unlocking the Lid on Loot Boxes

Parenting advice  
Understanding MAC Address Spoofing

Help  
Understanding Data and Cookies: A Resource for...



Social Media  
YouTube  
Our Age Rating: 13+

Social Media  
Snapchat  
Our Age Rating: 16+

Social Media  
Discord  
Our Age Rating: 17+

Gaming  
Roblox  
Our Age Rating: 12+

Please visit our **HAMWIC Online Safety Hub** for lots of helpful tips and information regarding how to keep your child safe online.

It is a really helpful resource with links for specific apps. If there is something you need that you cannot find, please alert a member of school staff as we can request new content.

**[hamwic.onlinesafetyhub.uk](http://hamwic.onlinesafetyhub.uk)**

## Important Dates

### MARCH

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

INSET Day - School closed

### APRIL

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March –**

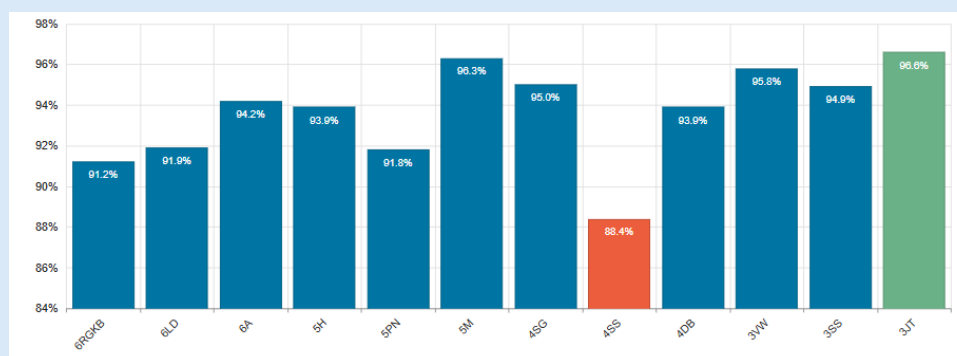
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

Easter Holidays

Children return to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

## Attendance

**Our whole school attendance currently remains at 93.6%. If there is anything happening that is making it difficult for your child to attend school, please do arrange a meeting through the office.**



### 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.

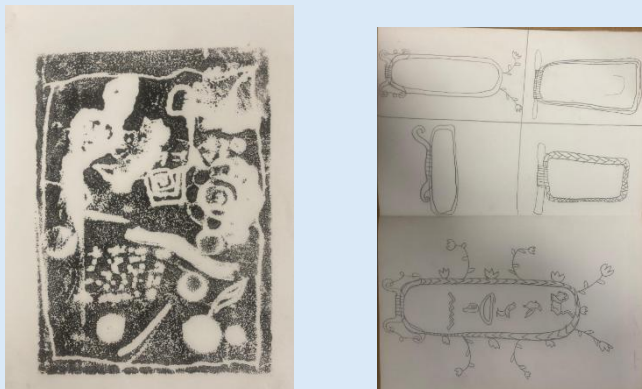
<b>PE Days</b>		<b>Library Days</b>	
3T	Monday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)	3T	Tuesday
3A	Monday (outdoor) Thursday (indoor)	3A	Tuesday
3W	Monday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)	3W	Tuesday
4G	Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)	4G	Wednesday
4B	Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor)	4B	Wednesday
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 hard with their Art this half term. We have been looking at Egyptian hieroglyphs, writing our own names and creating patterns. We have started to print onto polystyrene tiles, creating positive and negative effects on paper. The children have used great artistic language and have really enjoyed this



process.

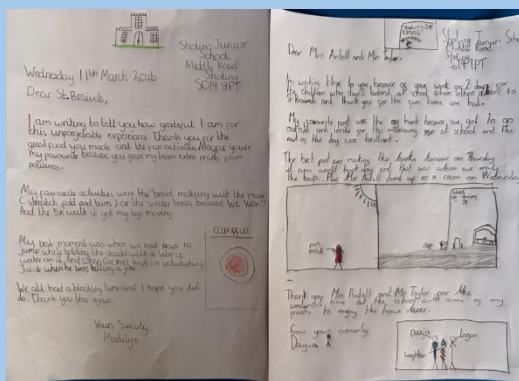
## Year 4

Year 4 have started their Romans topic, learning about the founding of the city of Rome & the birth of the Empire. For Science we have been learning about States of Matter: solids, liquids and gases. This half term has also included the residential trip to Stubbington; whilst those not attending have been learning about native British plants and wildlife, with trips into the garden and lots of fun activities including a scavenger hunt, animal drawing tutorials, creating mixed media collage and making a plant imprinted clay tile.



## Year 5

Year 5 have had an exciting and memorable time this month! Some pupils enjoyed a fantastic residential visit to St Briavels, where they developed independence, teamwork and resilience. Back at school, the rest of the children took part in World Book Day celebrations and a range of engaging activities inspired by their favourite stories. As part of their English learning, all pupils wrote thoughtful thank-you letters to the YHA staff or to the wonderful Miss Antell. In their writing, they applied key Year 5 grammar skills, including fronted adverbials, relative clauses and expanded sentence structures.



This month, Year 6 have had great fun exploring the functions of the human body. We learned how blood is transported around the body and the different pathways it follows. We also investigated the differences between veins and arteries, and how these structures affect the flow of blood.

In the photo, you can see our experiment measuring how quickly blood travels through different parts of the body, a hands-on way to bring our learning to life!



## Junior Travel Ambassadors

It has been a great month for competitions!

Firstly, a huge well done to **Joseph** and **Paige** who won our **‘Scoot to the boot’** and **‘Pedal to win us a medal’** poster competition.



## Bling your Bike/Scooter

Thank you to all our children (and parents/carers!) who took part in ‘Bling your Bike/Scooter. It was such a tough choice for the JTAs and we couldn’t believe how interactive the designs were. Well done to our winners, **Isla and Esme!**



## **Supporters of Sholing**

### **Countdown to Easter!**

We're excited to launch our **Easter Egg Countdown** event in the run-up to Easter! So far, we have had 5 winners: Albert 5N, Alice 5N, Raegan 6A, Elliot 6D and Pola 4G.



### **Mother's Day Raffle**

A big thank you to everyone who has bought raffle tickets for our Mother's Day hampers! We have sold over 140 tickets which is amazing. These are just two of our winners looking very happy with their prizes!



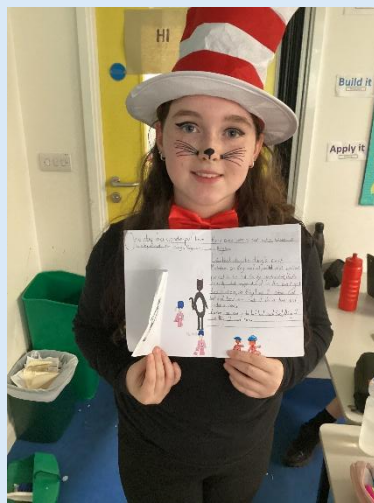
### **Year 6 Leavers Event**

Thank you so much for everyone who attended our last meeting to start discussions about the leavers event. Our next meeting will be at 3:35 on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April.**

## Pupil Leadership Team

### **World Book Day!**

On Thursday the 5th of March, as many of you know, we had world book day. Our theme for this world book day was a book that inspired you when you were younger e.g., Hungry Caterpillar, The Gruffalo etc. Throughout the day, we did a handful of activities: making books to share with the nursery, taking part in a BBC live show lesson about World Book Day and re-designing childhood book covers. We had so many amazing outfits and we really hope everyone enjoyed it!



## Dress As Your Job Day!

On Friday 13th March, we had our very first Career Day! We did this so that every child could dream big and share what they aspire to be in the future. There was a selection of different outfits ranging from doctors to vets to electricians to footballers all the way to a Mc Donalds worker. We really hope everyone enjoyed the day and will continue to dream big!

