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May 2025





INSET days:

4th July 2025

3rd September 2025

10th October 2025

12th December 2025

5th January 2026

6th March 2026

27th March 2026

10th July 2026

A message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half-term has been a whirlwind with Easter, bank holiday Monday, Year 5 Bikeability training, a visit from shot-putter Serena Vincent and SATs all packed into 5 short weeks!

We are very proud of how our Year 6 cohort rose to the challenges of the assessment tests and thankful for the considerate spirit of the rest of the school in having to be flexible and extra quiet throughout the week. Well done Year 6!

Our school value of 'Curiosity' has been evident throughout the half-term, and we have a regular round of children who share their achievements in Friday's Celebration Assembly from horse riding, football and dance trophies to rock collections and unusual beach finds! We also have a quickly developing group of chess enthusiasts in Year 6 who are helping to re-establish the school lunchtime chess club.

Many of our children have visited our close neighbour Itchen College this halfterm to develop sports skills and we have also welcomed many former pupils from the college for work experience.

The children have certainly earned their half-term break next week!

Safeguarding and Attendance

A parent/carer must notify the school of the reason for a child's absence before on the day of absence. To report absence please call 02380447448.

If your child misses	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that's
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	almost 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	almost 8 years

Important Dates

JUNE

2nd - 6th June

Year 6 Bikeability all week

16th - 20th June

Year 6 Wales Residential

JULY

Wednesday 2nd July

Year 2 to 3 Transition Day Transition Day to new classes

Friday 4th July

INSET Day

Monday 14th July

Homework due in

Wednesday 16th July

Sports Day

16th, 17th, 18th July

Production Evenings

Friday 18th July

Parent drop-in with teachers to discuss reports (optional)

Monday 21st July

Year 6 Leaver Assembly 2:30pm Leavers Rounders Picnic 5-6pm

Tuesday 22nd July

Last Day of School (full day)

Lunches / Healthy Snacks

At Sholing Juniors we actively encourage healthy eating and making healthy choices in the food we eat. If your child chooses to eat a packed lunch, please send them with a balanced lunchbox including fruit and vegetables and water. We are a nut free school, so anything nut based including chocolate and hazelnut spread and peanut butter cannot be included. If you're finding it hard to get inspired for different lunches, some delicious, interesting packed lunch choices can be found at https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/



After half-term, ONLY FRUIT will be allowed as a snack for breaktime. Please ensure your child has eaten breakfast before they come to school, too.

Please remember that, for only £2.48, you have the option to purchase a healthy, balanced school meal via your Schoolgrid account. If you are ordering a lunch, it is helpful for the kitchen to know well in advance. Please place orders by 9am at the latest. After a certain time we are locked out from placing orders, if this happens and you haven't ordered you may have to drop a packed lunch in for your child.

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.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Mondays – Big Mouth Theatre (Drama Club)
Tuesdays – Year 3 and 4 Saints Football
Wednesdays – Mr Riley's Multi-skills
Thursdays – Happy Feet Dance Club
Fridays – Years 5 and 6 Saints Football



Please look out for the Parent Mail that is sent out termly to sign up to these clubs. Please contact the office if you require any more information.

Curriculum Achievements

Year 3

This half term, we have been learning about Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Mountains. We learnt how they are formed and where they are located or happen

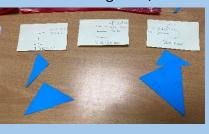


around the world. Then, we spent an afternoon creating our own volcanoes and exploding them!

Year 4

In Year 4, we have been making different types of triangles, sorting them into Venn diagrams, and

discussing their attributes. We have explored how triangles can be classified based on their sides and angles.



Year 5



Year 5 have been enjoying outdoor games with a focus on striking and fielding. They have been working hard to improve their accuracy when throwing and catching and learning how to bowl.

Year 6

This half term, we have continued with our English learning journeys, producing some fantastic balanced arguments linking to our text, Wild Boy. We have now begun Alma, a short animation, and are hoping to create tension-



filled narratives. This upcoming half term, we are excited to delve into the ancient Mayan culture and the continent of South America as part of our humanities topics.

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





Parking in Middle Road

Please can we request that all parents and carers park considerately when dropping off and collecting their children from school. Middle Road is extremely busy during these times, but is also a residential area consisting of many driveways. Please consider our neighbours when parking as they need constant access to their driveways.



Thank you.

Junior Travel Ambassadors



Our Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTAs) meet every Thursday after school to keep on top of our school communities active travel. They check our travel trackers, organise and distribute our WOW badges and come up with (and participate in) active travel initiatives across the school. Recently, they have been awarding the class trophy in assembly every week, spreading the word about the effects of idling and working with the Southampton Air Quality Officer in the local area to monitor pollution levels. They have also come up with ideas and trialled our school scooters. The JTAs work so hard and are making our schools and the area a better and healthier place!

Exciting news: <u>Big Walk and Wheel</u>- Our school won 1st place in Southampton meaning we have a special surprise coming soon!

No Idling competition- Harry J and Jack M in 6GB and Ava in 4W were selected and the design has currently been made into a real sign so keep on the look out for it in the next couple of weeks.



Here is more of what you need to know about our Year 6 leavers disco. We will be having:

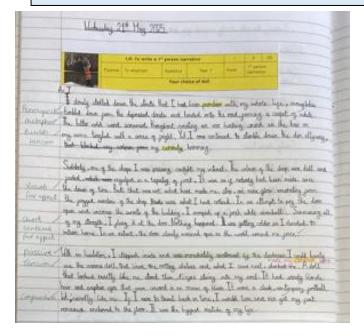
- Photo booth
 - Food
- Music and more

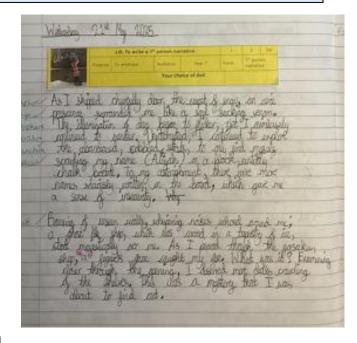
The price of these tickets will be £6.50 and if you would like to attend you will need to pay by Friday 13th of June. Please send your money in an envelope to the office.

This momentous event will take place in Sholing Junior School and will start at 6pm and finish at 8pm.

Alena and Harry

Year 6 have been working hard on their independent writing. This half-term they have focussed on a short film called Alma. We are really proud of their progress!





MONDAYS	CLASS TYPE	TIME	VENUE
REAL AQUIFIER	Martial Arts	18:00-19:00	Drama Studio
Southampton Athletics	Athletic Training	18:00-20:00	Gyms
Caw Fitness	Fitness Class	19:30- 20:30	Dance Studio
5 A Side Football group	Football - 55mins per group	21:00-22:00	Sports Hall
TUESDAYS	CLASS TYPE	TIME	VENUE
Immersive Dance	Commercial Dance Intermediate / Advance	18:00-19:00	Dance Studio
Immersive Dance	Heels Intermediate / Advance	19:00-20:00	Dance Studio
Immersive Dance	Performance Crew	20:00-21:30	Dance Studio
Street Beatz-Competitions	Children's Competitions Dance rehearsals	16:45-17:45	Drama Studio
Caw Fitness	Fitness Class	19:00- 20:00	Drama Studio
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WEDNESDAY	CLASS TYPE	ПМЕ	VENUE
Southampton Athletics	Athletic Training	18:00-20:00	Gyms
Keep Fit	Over 55's Fitness	18:00-19:00	Dance Studio
5 A Side Football groups	Football - 55mins per group	18:30-20:30	Sports Hall
Fit Steps with Clare	Dance Class- Fitness & Skills	19:00-20:00	Dance Studio
Southampton Volleyball	Volley Training	20:30-22:30	Sports Hall
THURSDAY	CLASS TYPE	TIME	VENUE
Street Beatz- Itchen Street Team	Age 7-11 yrs. Street Dance	16:30-17:30	Drama Studio
Street Beatz- Itchen Street Dance	Age 3-6 yrs. Street Dance	17:00-17:30	Dance Studio
Street Beatz- Itchen Street Team	Age 11+ Street Dance	17:30-18:30	Drama Studio
Street Beatz- Itchen Street Dance	Age 7-11yrs. Street Dance	17:35-18:30	Dance Studio
5 A Side Football groups	Football - 55mins per group	18:30-21:30	Sports Hall
Street Beatz- Itchen Street Dance	Ages 11+- Street Dance	18:35-19:30	Dance Studio
Street Beatz- 90's Pop	Adult Dance Fit	19:30-20:30	Dance Studio
Southampton Wind band	Wind band Practice	19:00-21:30	Drama Studio
SATURDAY	CLASS TYPE	TIME	VENUE
Kick About	Children's Football Classes	08:30-12:00	Sports Hall
Computer Xplorers	Children's Fun Computer Classes	09:00-13:30	Classroom
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