



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:

12th December 2025

5th January 2026

6th March 2026

27th March 2026

10th July 2026

Important Dates

Friday 5th December

Non uniform day for Christmas Fair
Year 3 and 4 – chocolate donation
Year 5 and 6 – fizzy bottle donation

Monday 8th December 3:30pm

Year 3 Learning Celebration

Tuesday 9th December 3:30pm

Year 4 Learning Celebration

Thursday 11th December 3:30pm

Year 5 Learning Celebration

Monday 15th December 3:30pm

Year 6 Learning Celebration

Please line up at the classroom doors at the end of the day to access this event where you will be able to view your child's work for this term.

Thursday 11th December

Homework due in

Thursday 11th December

Year 3 Christmas Concert 2:30pm

ONE ADULT PER CHILD

Friday 12th December

INSET Day

Saturday 13th December

Christmas Fayre 12pm – 2pm

Tuesday 16th December

Year 6 Christmas Concert 2:30pm

ONE ADULT PER CHILD

Wednesday 17th December

Year 5 Christmas Concert 2:30pm

ONE ADULT PER CHILD

Thursday 18th December

Year 4 Christmas Concert 2:30pm

ONE ADULT PER CHILD

Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Lunch day

MUST be pre-ordered on School Grid

Friday 19th December

Last Day before Christmas

A message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the School,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the newly appointed Headteacher, and it is a privilege to be joining such a vibrant and dedicated school community. Over the coming weeks, I look forward to getting to know our pupils, families and staff better, now that long term arrangements have been made. It has been wonderful to see how busy the children have been, fully engaged in their curriculum learning and embracing new challenges with enthusiasm. As we move further into the term, excitement is already beginning to build as classes start preparing for the Christmas festivities, with rehearsals, creative projects, and celebrations taking shape. Together, I am confident we can continue to create an environment where every child feels supported, inspired, and encouraged to achieve their very best. I am excited for the journey ahead and for all that we will accomplish as a school.

Ms Dobson



Safeguarding

If you haven't already, please take a look at the new Hamwic Online Safety Hub, which contains lots of advice, videos and guidance for parents on how to support your child to stay safe online. Please follow this link, or use the one we emailed out on Tuesday.

<https://hamwic.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>



Online Safety Hub

Trusted digital safety advice for caregivers



Christmas at Sholing Junior School

Please see the below arrangements for Christmas festivities at Sholing Junior School.

Friday 5th December

Non uniform day to support the Christmas Fair. Year 3 and 4 please bring a chocolate donation. Year 5 and 6 please bring a fizzy bottle donation.

Saturday 13th December

Christmas Fayre 12pm – 2pm

Please come and support our Christmas fayre that will be raising funds to make improvements across the school. A huge thank you to our PTA for their ongoing support with this event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wednesday 17th December

Children can wear a Christmas jumper for a £1 donation to the Christmas Jumper Day charity.

Christmas Lunch will also be served on this day. This MUST be pre-ordered on School Grid by Monday 15th December. No late orders will be able to be accommodated.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS – NEW THIS YEAR!

We are extremely excited to welcome you to join your child's year group for a festive celebration this year, including some singing, readings and Christmas cheer! We will also be selling refreshments/craft prior to the performance so please bring some pennies to spend and support the PTA.

Please note that we only have space for one parent/carer per child to attend.

Please note the dates below for your child's year group.

ALL events will start at 2:30pm. Refreshments will be served from 2:30pm until 2:45pm and the celebrations will begin at 2:45.

Thursday 11th December – Year 3

Tuesday 16th December – Year 6

Wednesday 17th December – Year 5

Thursday 18th December – Year 4

Friday 19th December

Last Day before Christmas



Attendance

School attendance is currently at **93.8%**, which is significantly below our target of **96%**.

We know that sometimes challenges can make it difficult to get children into school, so if you are experiencing any issues, please do arrange a meeting with **Mrs Smith**, who is here to help and support. To encourage excellent attendance, **Sam the attendance dog** has been visiting the classes with the highest attendance—and the children have enjoyed giving him a brand-new outfit each time! Look at this fabulous outfit 3T created, which links to their class text *A boy called Christmas*,



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. Please be reminded that all children need to bring a coat to school during the winter months to protect them from the cold and rain. Thank you.

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	Monday (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor)	5M	Thursday
6D	Monday (Indoor) Wednesday afternoon	6D	Friday
6A	Monday (Indoor) Wednesday afternoon	6A	Friday
6GB	Monday (Indoor) Wednesday afternoon	6GB	Friday



Curriculum Achievements

Year 3

This half term, the children have been reading the book: A Boy Called Christmas. They have written some beautiful pieces of writing about Father Christmas and a guide to how he works. In Art, we have been looking at Greek vases, recreating patterns using different materials.

We've really enjoyed being creative!



Year 4

In year 4, for maths, we have been looking at finding the lines of symmetry and symmetrical patterns, which we have then followed up with investigating different properties of polygons. For English, we have been reading and enjoying a fictional story by Ele Fountain, called 'Melt', about the impact of climate change on the Arctic and we have just started learning about Ernest Shackleton and his expedition to Antarctica for guided reading, using the

book 'Shackleton's Journey'.



Year 5

Over the last few weeks, Year 5 have been working incredibly hard in all of their learning and we are incredibly proud of them!

In our English lessons, we have been following Chingis and Nergui as they move to their new school. They meet a girl called Juile who becomes their 'Good Guide' and shows them what to do. We are now working hard on writing our own 'Good Guides to Sholing Junior School', which we cannot wait for you to see!



Year 6

This half term, Year 6 took a step back in time to experience what life was like for evacuee's during WWII. The children experienced: air raid sirens, made gas masks and tags, heard first count experiences from survivors and learnt about air raid shelters.



Junior Travel Ambassadors



Despite the beginning of the winter weather, the efforts shown towards active travel have been fantastic.

The long-awaited **Extreme Bike Show** (our reward for winning The Big Walk and Wheel last year) was a resounding success which the children loved.

We would also like to thank all of the children involved in **Bikeability**, a great week was had by all as the children braved very wet weather but learnt many skills to help them on their cycling journey. It was also great to see the children bringing their bikes in for **The Bike Doctor**.

JTA's will be delivering **WOW badges** on Thursday the 27th of November.

Recruiting

We are now recruiting additional JTAs- If your child is interested, please come to 6GB at break or lunchtime to pick up an application form. JTA club runs on Thursdays from 3:25-4:15.

PTA and Fundraising



Christmas Fair



Our Christmas Fair is fast approaching on **Saturday 13th December**. We are incredibly excited to be planning this event and give you a fair to remember.

There will be a non-uniform day on **Friday 5th December**. We ask that:

Year 3 and 4 bring in chocolate

Year 5 and 6 bring in fizzy bottles

Also, if you have any unwanted Christmas jumpers at home, please bring in to school to give to Miss Thompson or Miss Noad.

Pupil Leadership Team

On Remembrance Day this week, the children and staff took part in a two minutes silence at 11 o'clock. A wreath was placed in the South Playground to mark this.

Later in the day, the school choir delivered a heartfelt Remembrance concert for their parents and Year 6 pupils, who have been exploring World War Two as part of their studies this term. The children sang with pride and enthusiasm, performing wartime favourites such as *We'll Meet Again* and *Run Rabbit Run*.

Their beautiful singing and enjoyment of performing made the event truly special. Mrs Alden, Mrs Graham, and Mrs Warr were all incredibly proud of the children's performance and the effort they put into preparing for the occasion.

Thank you to all who came along to support the choir and share in this meaningful tribute.



Non-school uniform day

Last Friday, we had a wear your favourite colour day. You could wear anything (appropriate for school) that you wanted. If you chose to dress down, you could donate a pound, that would contribute towards buying pyjamas for the Benji and beyond bereavement charity. We raised £207.60 from this event, and we hope to raise even more in the future.

At Sholing Juniors, we help to support local charities and we aim to extend our love and compassion for others in need.