



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

A message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the School,

I would like to say thank you all so much for making me feel so welcome at Sholing Juniors. It has been lovely to hear your positive messages. The children at Sholing are delightful, full of enthusiasm and have fantastic manners.

After half term, I would like to make the half term Superstar Assembly every other week. Parents will be informed on the Friday in preparation for the assembly the following week.

The new behaviour policy has been effectively supporting pupil behaviour across the school. Messages have been consistent, and the children have reacted positively to the new policy.

We have also worked to ensure that pick up at the end of the day is more successful. We have spread classes out more which seems to have been very successful with ensuring a safer pick up at the end of the day – thank you for your support with this.

Active8Minds who have been running our lunch club have given exemplary feedback to pupil participation and the willingness to engage in new sports. It is always great to hear such positive feedback about the pupils.

We would like to wish you all a very peaceful and relaxing half term break. We look forward to seeing all of our families back at school on Monday 3rd November.

Safeguarding

As we head into the half-term break, safeguarding remains a top priority for our school community. We encourage all families to stay vigilant and ensure children are safe both online and offline. Whether they're spending time with friends, exploring new places, or relaxing at home, it's important to maintain open communication and remind them about trusted adults they can turn to if they feel worried or unsure. Online safety is especially key during holidays—please continue to monitor digital activity and reinforce safe internet habits. If you have any safeguarding concerns that are urgent, please contact **Southampton Children's Services on 02380 83 3004**.

Important Dates

OCTOBER

Monday 27th October until

Friday 31st October

Half-term

NOVEMBER

Friday 7th November

Wear your favourite colour for Benji and
Beyond £1 donation

Tuesday 11th November

Remembrance Event in school (invite
only – some parents will have received
invite already)

Children are welcome to wear poppies

DECEMBER

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

Friday 12th December

INSET Day

Friday 19th December

Last Day before Christmas

**CHRISTMAS DATES TO
FOLLOW**

Attendance

We're delighted to share that our current whole school attendance stands at **94.7%** — a fantastic improvement from the end of the last academic year! This progress is a testament to the strong partnership between home and school, and we want to extend a heartfelt **thank you to all parents and carers** for your continued support in helping us raise attendance. We are still keen to reach our target of 96%, so please continue working with us to achieve this.

We're excited to announce that **after half term**, the **winning class** will receive a special visit from **SAM, our attendance mascot!** During the visit, the class will be given a **special mission** to complete with SAM — we can't wait to see the fun and engagement this brings.

A quick reminder to all families: if your child is absent, please **call the school office before 8:50am each day of absence** to let us know. This helps us ensure all children are safe and accounted for.
Let's keep up the great work together!

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

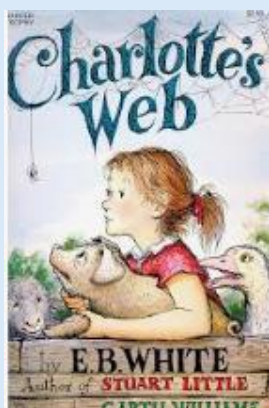
If you wish to sign up to these clubs, please come and speak to the office.



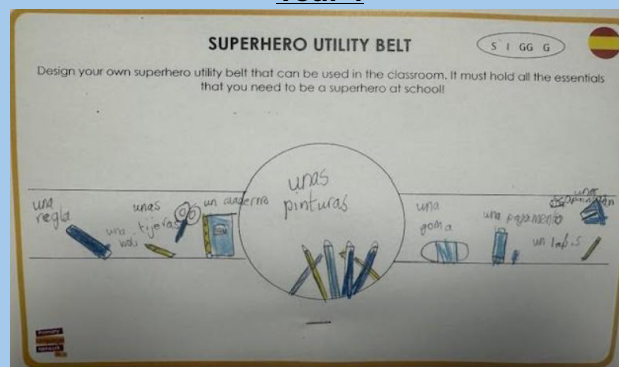
Curriculum Achievements

Year 3

What a fantastic month it's been for Year 3! The children have been thoroughly engrossed in our class book *Charlotte's Web*, showing great empathy and maturity as they coped with the story's tearful ending. In Science, they've loved testing magnets, exploring which materials are magnetic and in PSHE, our focus has been on learning about our community, and the important roles people play within it. It's been lovely to see everyone working so hard in class and becoming much more confident and settled in our school routines.



Year 4



We have been very busy building up to our next independent write in English and have enjoyed our class book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. We are becoming more confident in our place value up to 10,000 in maths and discussed what makes a community and a good neighbour in PSHE and RE.

In Spanish we learnt words for items in the classroom which we put on our very own utility belt!

Year 5

Year 5 have had a brilliant half term. They have all worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of themselves!

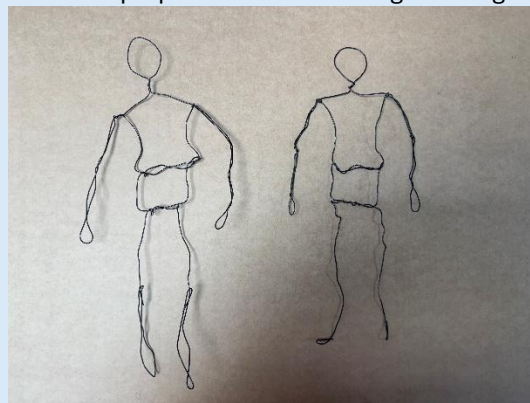
In English, we have been reading Hidden Figures learning to write biographies. The children have ended this unit of work by writing fantastic biographies of either Rosa Parks or Michelle Obama.

We have also continued our space topic learning all about how night and day happens and the different phases of the moon.

Year 6

In writing, we have produced some fantastic character descriptions of an inner beast based on Nate in The Final Year. The vocabulary choices and figurative language used were simply stunning.

Year 6 have also challenged themselves creating wire people based on the artwork of Alberto Giovanni. They carefully considered proportion when forming these figures.



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



Junior Travel Ambassadors

This month we have had the opportunity to complete our Autumn travel count- it was fantastic to see the huge number of children travelling actively to school- we hope you enjoyed an extra WOW badge to highlight Walktober!



My Walktober Journey Report Competition entry form

Full Name Age
School

If you are submitting a written report, poem, drawing etc you can use the space below if you wish. You can type into the space below, add in maps/photos etc. Remember to save it!
Alternatively, you can print this off and write, draw, stick pictures etc onto the paper.
You can do this on your own paper if you prefer and use continuation sheets, just remember to add your name, age and school to each page!

For any children that have completed the Walktober competition- please ensure they are returned as soon as possible to either Mrs Barnes or the office.

The children were fantastic during an assembly where we learnt all the reasons that we should be actively travelling and the impact of pollution. A huge number of hands went up and it was impressive to see how much children already knew.

JTAs will be delivering October badges on Thursday the 23rd of October.

Pupil Leadership Team



Last Friday we went to the Saints Stadium to learn about Diversity and Racism as the Pupil Leadership Team. We did a variety of activities including surveys on what you should do if you or anyone else is getting bullied for being a different religion, race, culture, or nationality.

We learnt the importance of differences and how/when you can embrace them. We took many ideas from the event and we are planning to put them in place throughout the year. Some examples include: Black history month (Which is in October), Culture food day or Culture day, Chinese New Year, Ramadan, and learn more languages.

DON'T WORRY WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK OF YOU.

BE YOU!

PTA and Fundraising

Uniform Sale

During the Parents Evening, we will be selling unwanted uniform for a £1 an item. A donation box will be on the table for your cash.



Coming soon, a Cash for Kids Charity bank will be located by the bike sheds for clothes donation. Have a hunt at home for any unwanted clothes and please donate.

Great Sholing Bake Off

On Friday 7th November, we will be holding our 1st Great Sholing Bake Off! We want you to create delicious and creative cakes! Our special judge will select star bakers from each year group, who will win a special prize. The cakes will then be sliced and sold after school on the South Playground. If you are interested in entering, please bring your cakes to the South Playground on the morning of the 7th and we will take them for judging.

Happy baking!



MAKE IT A HALF TERM TO REMEMBER!

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WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER | KO 7PM

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