



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:

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, Carers and Friends of the School,

It's been a joyful start to the term, filled with smiling faces, eager learners, and the buzz of new beginnings. Whether your child is joining us for the first time or returning after the summer break, we are delighted to have them as part of our school community.

This first month has been all about settling in, building friendships, and rekindling the routines that help our children thrive. Our classrooms are already alive with curiosity and creativity, and it's been wonderful to see the children embracing new challenges with courage and enthusiasm.

As a school, we remain committed to nurturing a culture of kindness, curiosity and success. We believe that when children feel safe, supported and inspired, they can achieve incredible things—and we look forward to working in partnership with you to make this year one of growth, discovery and celebration.

Thank you for your continued support. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Regards, Senior Leadership Team

Safeguarding

Please be reminded that our school gates do not open until 08:40am. All children on-site until this time must be supervised for their own safety.

Children should not be left unattended on site until this time for safeguarding reasons. If your child walks to school alone, please remind them of how to stay safe at this time. We have also recently conducted an assembly around this.

Any safeguarding concerns can be reported to safety@sholing-jun.co.uk. This will be picked up by one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads and responded to in the appropriate time frame.

Important Dates

OCTOBER

Friday 10th October
INSET Day

Monday 20th October
Parents Evening
3:40pm – 7:00pm
(communication regarding
booking link will be sent via
ParentMail)

Wednesday 22nd October
Individual photographs

Parents Evening
3:40pm – 5:30pm
(communication regarding
booking link will be sent via
ParentMail)

**Monday 27th October until
Friday 31st October**
Half-term

NOVEMBER

Friday 7th November
Wear your favourite colour for
Benji and Beyond £1 donation

Attendance

Welcome Back!

At Sholing Junior School, we're aiming for a whole school attendance of 96%. Research shows that regular attendance has a strong link to academic achievement, and being in school gives children valuable opportunities to learn, grow, and spend time with their friends. We're currently exploring fun and meaningful ways to celebrate great attendance—look out for more details in our next newsletter!

At the moment, our whole school attendance stands at 95.2%, which is just below our target. Just a gentle reminder: if your child is feeling a little under the weather but doesn't need to stay home, we're happy to administer prescribed medication during the school day to help them stay in class.

If your child is too unwell to attend, please call the school office on **023 8044 7448** by **8:50am**. If no one is available to take your call, feel free to leave a message.

Thank you for your continued support—we're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

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

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

Year 3 have settled into junior life exceptionally well. They are getting used to new routines and producing some excellent work. We are so proud of how carefully they are listening and are showing excellent manners. We are starting to look at Forces in Science and learning all about the Ancient Greeks.



Year 4

Year 4 have started this academic year with excitement about the up-and-coming learning across the curriculum. Already we have started learning about how sound travels and enjoyed a practical experiment which shows this in action. The children are also enjoying art lessons, where they are creating their own Matisse collages. In English, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory has been a hit!

Year 5

Year 5 have made a fantastic start to the new school year and have embraced the challenges of Year 5 with enthusiasm. We began the term by exploring our class book, *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, and the children have written some wonderful character descriptions of the main character, Ahmet. In science, we are thoroughly enjoying our topic on space and have been discovering fascinating facts about the planets and the solar system. In maths, we've been learning about decimal fractions, and the children have approached this with great focus and determination.

Year 6

Year 6 have risen to the challenge of being top of the school, demonstrating excellent behaviour in assemblies and earning their privilege to sit on benches. They have completed their first learning journey exploring free verse poetry, using both informal and figurative language.

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	Tuesday (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



PTA and Fundraising

This year, the Supporters of Sholing are committed to strengthening our school community and raising funds for our children. All proceeds that are raised go back into the school to support and enrich our children. Last year, we made over £2,000 in profit, which we were thrilled with and want to do even better this year.



So far this year, we have provided:

- Wet play games for all classes
- New storage for lunchboxes and lost property
- Bought new musical instruments to support the children with their lessons
- Contributed to class sets of reading texts

If you have any suggestions or ideas on how we could spend our money, please feel free to email:

sos@sholing-jun.co.uk

Events

On Friday 17th October, we will be holding a Halloween Disco:

Year 3 and 4 – 4:30- 5:30pm

Year 5 and 6 – 6:00-7:00pm

If your child is interested in coming to this event, please check your parent mail for more information.

We will also be holding a Christmas Fair this December (date to be confirmed). If you would like to help on the day, have any donations of gifts or vouchers or know anyone who would like to run a stall, please email:

sos@sholing-jun.co.uk

Online Safety

Please find the link below for useful advice around keeping children safe online.

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

Understanding what children use online: apps, games and devices



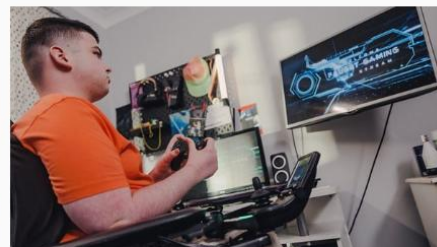
Social media

Discover features and safeguards for different social platforms such as TikTok and Instagram.



Virtual reality headsets

Understand more about the technology and get safety tips.



Online games

Find out about the most popular games and get safety tips.

Junior Travel Ambassadors



Welcome back to all children and parents/carers- we hope you've had an active summer! For those new to the school, JTAs (Junior Travel Ambassadors) are a group of children that help keep the air around our school clean and encourage our school community to walk, scoot, park and stride or cycle to school. We regularly promote active travel initiatives and meet with Mrs Barnes every Thursday after school.

This year, we will be continuing WOW travel tracker. Children will record their daily walk to school and be awarded monthly with a badge for active travel. The class with the most active week will win the 'Walk to school trophy' in Friday celebration assembly.

Upcoming events to look out for:

- **Walktober:** *Walktober is a challenge held each October to celebrate International Walk to School Month. School communities are asked to walk, wheel and use other active and sustainable travel as much as possible throughout the month.*
- **Autumn travel count**
On Friday the 17th of October, the JTAs will be conducting a travel count, monitoring how people are travelling to school. On that day, any children travelling actively will be able to claim an extra WOW badge on their way into school. Following on from this, the children will have an active travel assembly.



Pupil Leadership Team

A huge well done to our newly appointed Pupil Leadership Team and prefects. Your applications and interviews were impressive, and we know you are going to do an excellent job this year!

<u>Head Boy</u> Leo H	<u>Head Girl</u> Molly B
<u>Deputy Head Boy</u> Ralph K	<u>Deputy Head Girls</u> Ava B and Eliza W
<u>Community Leaders</u> James D and Imogen C Supported by Nancy S, Lilian J and Isla D	<u>Wellbeing Leaders</u> Quinn B and Lyra G
<u>Sports Leaders</u> Alfie P and Raegen P	<u>Environmental Leaders</u> Ted PM and Poppy D



Please enjoy this incredible poetry by Lyla F in Year 6!

Me by Lyla F

Perfect picture

Bright blue eyes that shine like sapphires, two jewels in the crown
Freckles that carpet my face on a hot summer day
But afraid to pop out on my scarlet red cheeks on winter days
I'm the car headlight on full beam
Wearing my radiant smile across my face
A collection of curls swishing and swaying in the whistling wind.

Happy Horse Rider

I am the girl who rides in all seasons
Galloping through fresh fields and having the best feeling of freedom
As the wind hits my face, coolly cantering.
Jumping over fences feeling free and at home.
At my happy place day and night, never gets bored, not even a fright.
My stallion is the stars that shimmer
Fearless like a tiger scarring away its predator.
My gorgeous gelding Olly.
I'll put them to bed and say good night till I see them in the morning with the sun shining bright.
Strong, brave, courageous, and brilliant.

Polite Personality

Fab friends that cares for everyone
I'm a carpet of kindness flying through magical dust
Kind with animals and insects like a cool conservationist.
I'm a brilliant booster of self-esteem
I'm a cloud of laughter making silly jokes to brighten the melancholy mood.
I'm a cool clever clogs
Silently shimmering like the stars.
I'm a loyal listener
Lover of life.