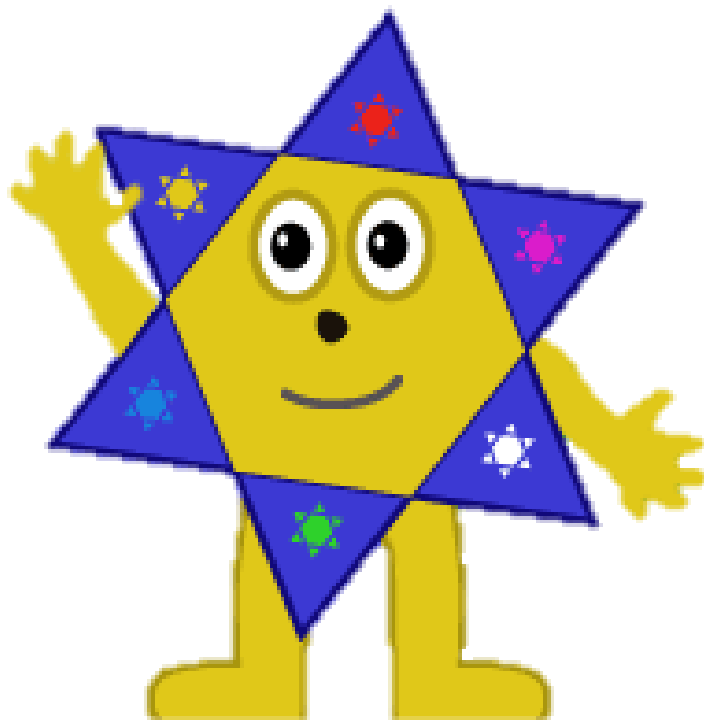


Welcome to...



Erewash Class!

About our Class . . .

Welcome to Erewash Class! We are a thriving, enthusiastic class where children are encouraged to enjoy learning together. During Years 3 and 4, we follow a topic-led Lower Key Stage 2 curriculum that makes learning meaningful and engaging, with themes that link subjects such as English, Geography, Art, History, and DT. Other subjects are taught discretely when needed. Children complete a cooking DT unit each year. Alongside classroom learning, we offer a range of enrichment opportunities, such as our residential trip, that give children new experiences and support their development and well-being.

Across the school, we aim to provide at least one educational visit or school trip each year. For Erewash Class, this includes the Key Stage 2 residential led by Mr Dale and Mrs Gillard and accompanied by Years 5 and 6. The trip lasts three days and two nights and offers children exciting opportunities to develop new skills and try activities beyond the classroom. Recent residentials have included experiences such as night hiking, archery tag, canoeing, orienteering, stream walking, gem panning, high ropes, kart building, and zip wire, to name just a few.

We believe that strong communication between home and school makes the biggest difference to children's education and happiness. You know your child best, and by working together we can ensure they feel supported and achieve their very best. You are always welcome to contact us through Class Dojo, chat with us on the playground before or after school, or arrange a meeting with your child's teacher if you'd like more time to talk.

In a school setting it is inevitable that concerns appear from time to time, but we much prefer to hear from you at an early stage in order that we can work together to stop a worry growing and to speedily find a harmonious resolution.

We love welcoming parents and carers into school to be part of our class life. There are lots of ways you can get involved, such as listening to children read, times table testing, helping with swimming sessions, or supporting us on school trips. Your time and support make a real difference to the children's experiences and learning. Please keep an eye out for opportunities to come and help us in our class.

A typical day in Erewash Class follows a clear routine that helps children feel settled and ready to learn. Our mornings usually focus on key subjects such as English, maths and reading, while afternoons are often dedicated to topic-based learning, science, PE and the creative arts. Break and lunchtime give children plenty of time to play; socialise and recharge. While each week may bring something new, like assemblies, enrichment activities or special events, our timetable provides a balanced mix of learning, creativity and fun.

Erewash Timetable Example

	8:50-9:00	09:00-09:20	09:20-10:20	10:20-10:35	10:35-11:40	11:45-12:00	12:00-13:00	13:00-13:20	13:20-14:20	14:20-15:20
Monday	Morning Job Purple Pen	Guided Reading	English	Break	Maths	Assembly	Lunch	T.Time Timestables Practice	Science	
Tuesday	Morning Job Purple Pen	Guided Reading	English	Break	Maths	Assembly	Lunch	T.Time Handwriting	PSHCE	RE
Wednesday	Morning Job Purple Pen	Guided Reading	English	Break	Maths	Assembly	Lunch	T.Time Spellings practice	History	PE
Thursday	Morning Job Purple Pen	Grammar Lesson	English	Break	Maths	Assembly	Lunch	T.Time Handwriting	Music	Spanish
Friday	Morning Job Purple Pen	Arithmetic	Spelling test-sounds and syllables introduction to new spellings	Break	Maths	Class based Assembly P4C	Lunch	13:00-14:00 Computing	14:00-14:45 PE	14:45 Spirit Assembly

PE in Erewash Class

On PE days, children should come to school dressed in their PE kit, ready for the lesson. Please note that PE days may change throughout the year depending on our timetable, and we will always let you know in advance. To help keep classrooms clear and safe, we ask that PE bags are not brought into school.

Music and Spanish

Once a week, Erewash class will be taught music by Mr Dale and Ockbrook class will be taught Spanish by Mrs Campbell.

Homework



Reading

The role that home plays in reading success is absolutely critical! Our aim is to foster a love of reading and make reading a regular activity that becomes part of each child's lifestyle not just their homework. We have a range of systems in school to support both reading development and reading for pleasure.

Phonics/Spellings	Pupils in Years 3–6 continue to learn phonics until they have mastered it and may sometimes be placed in a group different from their age-related group to support accelerated progress. Once children have mastered phonics, they are given spelling sheets. These sheets follow our 'Sounds and Syllables' scheme of work, covering spelling patterns, rules, and exception words. Spellings are sent home on Fridays and tested the following Friday. Completed sheets should be returned, signed by a parent or guardian. Copies of the weekly spelling sheets are available on the Erewash Class Page of our website.
Accelerated Reader	Once pupils have been assessed by their teacher as reading fluently at age-related expectations, they move on to Accelerated Reader. This programme allows pupils to choose from a wide range of books matched to their reading ability. After finishing a book, pupils complete an online quiz to check their comprehension. Parents are still encouraged to hear their child read aloud at least five times a week, and this should be recorded in the organiser by either the child or a parent. Pupils should aim to complete one quiz per week and achieve at least 80% accuracy. You can monitor your child's progress through the Accelerated Reader online portal via our school website. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like more information. https://ukhosted102.renlearn.co.uk/6704487/
Homework	Homework is paper-based and set in homework books each week, sent home on Friday and returned the following Friday. The activities give children extra practice with the fluency skills they have been learning in Maths and English. Each sheet also includes a bonus "star task," which is optional and links to a unit of work taught that week or half term. This regular routine helps children build good study habits and provides a chance to share their learning with you at home.

TT Rockstars - <https://trockstars.com/>

Children will be given a log in and password for the Times Table Rockstars website. Here they can access games and activities to help support them in learning their times tables. By the end of year 4, the national expected standard is that all children will know their times tables up to 12 x 12.

Another useful website to help with maths skills such as doubling, halving, number bonds and times tables is Hit the Button. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Non- Negotiables

All homework is checked on a Friday to ensure the necessary tasks have been completed.

In the event that your child has not completed their spellings or homework (task or time spent) then they will be required to spend time at playtime or lunchtime to complete this. We feel this is paramount to ensuring they are adequately prepared for secondary school.

The school day!

The gate opens at 8:40am and will close at 8:50am.



Late

If you are late (i.e all the classroom doors are shut and or the school gate(s) is locked/padlocked), you must bring your child into school via the main entrance and sign them in at the school office, where we can ensure we record their school dinner option.

Home time!

The end of the school day is 3:20pm.

If anyone other than you will be collecting your child you need to let the school office know. If this will be a regular arrangement please let the school office know and we can save you the time of having to let us know each week.

Lunchtime

Lunchtime starts at 12.00 noon and finishes at 1:00pm. Children can have either a cooked meal, or bring sandwiches.

We have a healthy menu and the menu is shared with parents each term. If your child brings sandwiches they also need to bring their own cutlery (i.e. a spoon for their yoghurt). Could we ask that you encourage a healthy packed lunch. Sweets, chocolate bars and or fizzy drinks must not be included in lunch boxes. We also ask that you do not bring in any nuts or nut-based products (i.e. spreads).

During the break, the children are well cared for by a team of Midday Supervisors who quickly get to know the children. They encourage children to finish their meals and provide stickers and lunchtime awards for good manners and behaviour.

Fruit

If pupils in Year 3-6 wish to have fruit at break time they may bring some into school for their snack.

Water

We call water our brain food! Drink to think! Children are able to bring a water bottle into the classroom and have a drink at any point during the school day. If you have any concerns that your child is not drinking enough throughout the day please speak to a member of staff and we can make arrangements for them.

Uniform

There is a uniform for school that we expect every child to wear.

We ask that you clearly name your child's uniform so that we can easily reunite your child with any stray belongings. *(The easiest way to do this is to put your child's initials on the clothing label in black sharpie pen.)*

This consists of;



- White Polo Shirt
- Royal Blue Jumper/Cardigan
- Grey or Black trousers/skirt/shorts
- Black shoes
- Grey/Black/White socks
- Blue/Blue and White summer dresses
- Outdoor coat. *(School logo coats are available and if purchasing one of these, we recommend putting a keyring on the zip/pocket to help your child easily identify their coat at playtimes.)*
- Book Bag- School book bags are used for reading books, personal organisers and homework. Your child should use the smaller flat book bags. We do not allow rucksacks or other bags as we have limited space in our cloakrooms. Children's bags go in their trays.
- Hair that is long enough to tie back should be tied back and any hair bands, ribbons, bows or bobbles should be white, black or blue.
- Nail varnish and temporary tattoos are not permitted.

PE Kit

- Blue or Black shorts
- Blue or Black jogging bottoms
- White T-shirt
- Blue or Black jumper/hoodie
- Trainers and Plimsolls (note that they need both of these)
- Standard PE Bag *(Again due to lack of space, no big sports bags please)*

On swimming day, children need to bring a separate swimming bag containing a full swimming costume (no twin pieces) / trunks (not knee length shorts), towel, swimming cap for long hair.

Jewellery

The only jewellery children may wear in school is a flat watch or fitness tracker and one pair of small, plain stud earrings. For safety reasons, all jewellery must be removed for PE and swimming lessons. If your child is unable to take out and put in their own earrings, we kindly ask that they are left at home on PE and swimming days, as staff are not able to cover them with tape. To avoid children missing lessons, we recommend that ear piercing is planned for the start of the summer holidays rather than during term time.

Attendance and absence

It is important that children attend school regularly if they are to benefit from the learning opportunities provided, many of which cannot be repeated and as such we have high attendance expectations and work closely with the Education Welfare Service.

Most of our children are very healthy and attendance is good. However, your child may occasionally be ill and need to stay at home. Please call school and speak to a member of the office team each morning your child is off ill. We will carry out safeguarding absence calls for any child who is not in school without a reason being given.

If your child is off school with vomiting or diarrhoea, we ask that they do not return to school for a 48-hour period following their last episode. This follows guidance from the Health Protection Agency and helps to stop bugs spreading in school.

Holidays must not be taken in term time. If you need to withdraw your child from school for any reason other than illness, you will need to send in a Leave of Absence Form, which can be obtained from the school office or on the school website via 'parents>letters'.

A revision to the Education (Pupil Registration) Regulations 2013 states that Head teachers may not grant absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances. When considering whether to authorise your request for an absence for exceptional circumstances your child's attendance record will be taken in to account.



Medicines in school

Children need to be at home if they are poorly, but there are occasions where they may have a course of antibiotics and be climbing the walls to come back to school.

The school is able to provide medicines for your child provided the medicine is handed into the school office by a responsible adult, a Medicine Consent Form has been completed (copies of which can be obtained from the school office) and the medicine is in a clearly labelled bottle or packet with expiry date

Inhalers/Epipens must stay with the child's teacher at all times and be kept up-to-date by parents.

In a school setting parents must always be vigilant regarding:

- Head Lice - There is no need to keep children off school with head lice but treatment is recommended when live head lice have been seen. Long hair must always be tied back.
- Threadworms - There is no need to keep children off school with threadworm but treatment is recommended for the child and all household contacts.

If your child has a specific medical condition that requires on-going support, the school will work with families to create a medical care plan. Please speak to the school office if this is something you feel your child may need.

Before, during and After School Clubs (term-time only)

We offer a variety of after-school activities, including teacher-led clubs and paid sessions run by external providers, catering to different ages and interests. Details of upcoming clubs are shared in the newsletter the term before they run. At lunchtime, children can join free sports clubs provided by an external provider, as well as music tuition. We also offer a before- and after-school club run by 'Kids Den', from 7:30am to 5:30pm, with flexible bookings each half term. The club, run by a qualified childminder, provides refreshments, breakfast or a light tea, and a range of activities. For more information about any of our clubs, please contact the school office.



Ambassadors

We have a variety of ambassadors across the school. Our Junior Leadership Team (JLT) includes representatives from each year group, Years 3–6, who meet regularly with staff to suggest improvements, help organise events, and represent the views of pupils. In addition, we have ambassadors in specific areas such as the Arts, IT, STEM, and Anti-Bullying, who help promote, support, and oversee different aspects of school life.

Behaviour for learning

At Shardlow we don't just expect 'good behaviour' we expect and promote behaviour for learning; this means that not only do pupils have to conduct themselves appropriately at all times but they also have to be ready to learn! Children are taught about our Shardlow Spirits; Independence, Confidence, Motivation, Respect, Responsibility, and Openmindedness and are rewarded for demonstrating behaviours associated with these key characteristics.

Class Dojos

When a pupil demonstrates the Shardlow Spirit characteristics, they are awarded a Dojo. Once they have collected enough Dojos, they can spend them on Spirit Afternoons, held throughout the year, where they can choose toys, treats, and other rewards. This system not only encourages positive behaviour across the school but also helps children develop important life skills, such as perseverance and money management.

Spirit Assemblies

Each week, teachers nominate a pupil to be celebrated in our Spirit Assembly for their efforts, improvements, or achievements. Spirit Assemblies take place on Friday afternoons at 2:50pm. If your child has been selected, you will receive a text or Class Dojo message the Friday before, and you can choose to keep it a surprise. If you are unable to attend, we will hold the certificate for one extra week and present it the following Friday.

In the Spirit Assembly, we also recognise individuals, year groups, or whole classes for achievements such as gold times table awards, reading awards, sporting competitions, and more. We are proud to celebrate successes outside school too, including music exams, sports competitions, martial arts badges, swimming awards, and Brownie or Scout achievements. Please feel free to bring in any certificates, trophies, or badges on Friday mornings so they can be shared with the school community.



Shardlow Primary School



Where do I go? A guide to help you choose the right point of contact.

School Website	School Office	Class Teacher	SENDCo	Safeguarding Officers	Headteacher
Information About: • School Calendar • Term Dates • Assembly Dates • Upcoming Events • Class Pages • Homework • School Policies • Safeguarding • School News • Governors • Friends of Shardlow Primary • Willows Academy Trust	Information About: • Changes in Contact Details • Admissions • Appointments • School Meals • Leave of Absence • Medical Concerns • School Payments • Trips & Visits	Information About: • Attainment & Progress • Curriculum • Homework • Friendships • Behaviour • Family Concerns & Changes	Information about; • School provision for pupil's with special educational needs and or disabilities • Concerns or complaints regarding provision for a pupil with special educational needs and or disabilities	Safeguarding or child protection concerns	Speak directly to the Headteacher for: • Family Legal Matters • Staff Conduct • Parental Conduct • Incidents outside school • Formal complaints
Website shardlowprimary.co.uk  Twitter @Shardlowprimary	Mrs Marshall Office Administrators enquiries@shardlow.derbyshire.sch.uk	Class teachers are available after school for appointments. To make an appointment, speak to the school office. enquiries@shardlow.derbyshire.sch.uk	Mrs Berry is the school SENDCo. To make an appointment – speak to the school office or email. hberry@shardlow.derbyshire.sch.uk	Our Safeguarding Officers are; Mrs Magner Mrs Gillard Mrs Marshall	Mrs K Magner headteacher@shardlow.derbyshire.sch.uk To make an appointment, speak to the school office.

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