



Shardlow Primary School

ASPIRE ACHIEVE THRIVE

Autumn 1

Newsletter

2025- 2026

It has been a wonderful first half term of the new school year! The children have settled seamlessly into their new classes and have been a joy to have in school.

I would like to thank all of the staff and school community for their support. It has been a pleasure leading the school over the last few weeks and this is largely because of everyone working together to make the school experience the best it can be for our children.

We thank you for your patience with Arbor and I want to give a special thanks to Mrs. Marshall who has spent many hours learning how to navigate the new system! I think she needs a school holiday more than anyone else this time!

As ever, it has been a busy one. Hopefully, this newsletter will be a taster of what we have been doing, but please understand that this is the tip of the iceberg and that every day our children are benefiting from our rich curriculum and learning from dedicated staff.

Have a fabulous half term break and we will see you back on
TUESDAY 4th November!



*Mrs.
Berry*



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Dear parents,

I just wanted to take a moment to say a huge well done to Mrs Berry and the team for making this first half term such a great start to the new school year. I have had the absolute pleasure of coming back to Shardlow one day a week and it has been such a joy to see how smoothly the children have settled into the new school year and the amazing work that is continuing to happen behind the scenes to help the school continue to go from strength to strength.

Moving into headship is a big leap and Mrs Berry has taken it completely in her stride, maintaining a lovely calm and purposeful environment for the children, whilst juggling all the demands that headship brings. This wouldn't have been possible without the amazing support of our wonderful #TeamShardlow staff and of course the children who continue to come to school each day ready to learn and eager to please!

Keep up the great work guys- I am so proud of our wonderful school and will continue to look forward to my weekly visits next half term!

Mrs Magner





Office Updates and Reminders

Kid's Den

We have had a great time at Kids' Den so far this year, and are already busy planning next half term's activities and menu!

Please can parents be mindful of booking in advance for both before and after school club. We need to know for staffing and to ensure we have enough food.

Any bookings received with less than two days' notice will be subject to a late booking fee. If you message Mrs. Marshall over the weekend or in the evening, please make sure you have received a reply before arriving at the club. Be aware that in rare circumstances we may not be able to accommodate your booking.

Please be punctual when collecting your child from Kids' Den- remember that the school site closes at 5:30pm. Please note you will be subject to a late collection fee and/ or a ban from rebooking the club.

Exciting news! We have now created a Kids' Den classroom on Dojo to ease communication and share what your wonderful children have been doing.

Many thanks,

Kids' Den Team



Miss. Mason



Miss. Mitchell



Mrs. Spibey



Office Updates and Reminders

Payments

Please ensure that your Arbor account is kept up to date and clubs / trips are paid for in advance. Our school funds cannot be used to subsidise parents accounts. If for any reason, you are struggling to manage your account, please don't hesitate to speak to us.

Child illness at school

If your child is not going to be in school, please call the office rather than send a Dojo or Email. The opening times are 08:30-4:30pm.

If your child has any vomiting or diarrhea then they will need to be off school for 48 hours. This follows advice from Public Health to help prevent any further spread of the virus. We would appreciate your vigilance around this as we have both vulnerable pupils and adults in school with low immunity who could become extremely poorly.



Messages and lates

Remember you can use Dojo to directly contact the class teacher, or if you have a more urgent message, please pass on through the school office rather than coming into the classroom.

If you and your child arrive late (past 8:50 am) then you need to sign your child in at the school office.



Attendance!

Illness has definitely taken its toll, but overall pupils have transitioned well into their classes, and everyone is working hard to be here on time. This is helping pupils settle into class smoothly and accessing those first important lessons of the day, so thank you!

Year 5	93.68%
Year 6	94.84%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 2	97.1%
Year 1	98.35%
Year3	98.84%
Trent	99.16%

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Good attendance is the very **first step** in giving each child **the best possible chance** of understanding the learning in class and achieving their potential.

Our curriculum is **progressive** this means that each lesson and unit of work builds on from the next- if a child misses lessons **they may struggle** to understand the next lesson when they return.

HOW DOES IT MEASURE UP?

ATTENDANCE %	DAYS MISSED	LESSONS MISSED
100%	0 days missed	0 lessons missed
98%	4 days missed	20 lessons missed
96%	7 Days missed	35 lessons Missed
95%	10 days missed <i>2 Weeks!</i>	50 lessons missed
94%	11 days missed	55 Lessons missed
90%	20 Days missed <i>4 weeks!</i>	100 lessons missed
85%	29 days missed <i>5 weeks!</i>	145 lessons missed



**EVERY LESSON
COUNTS!**



Enriched learning

Ockbrook Class

Ockbrook Class had a great time at the National Arboretum yesterday; enriching their current learning on the history of WW1. They learnt about the impact of the war to the people of Britain and are keen to pay their respects during our Remembrance Service after half term.





Enriched learning

Erewash Class

Erewash Class enjoyed their trip to Conkers earlier in the week. They learnt about life in the Stone Age through having a go at shelter building and cave painting. They also learnt more information about the Stone Age through an orienteering task where they had to find answers to questions! They had so much fun!





Achievements and Celebrations

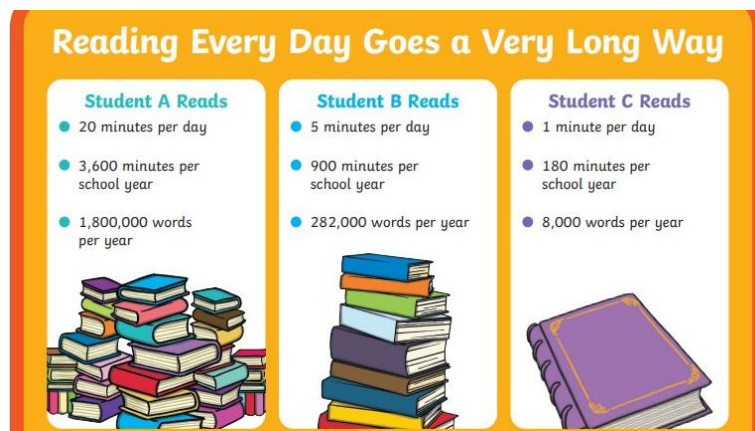
Headteacher's Breakfast



Well done to Year 5 who enjoyed their headteacher's breakfast treat this week for excellent accelerated reader quizzing.

We are very impressed with how pupils have adapted to Strive for Five, with an impressive 40% of pupils achieving Mercury level (25 read out louds) so far this term.

A special mention to Maddy, who is top of our leader board, having read 283,055 words since starting year 5!





Achievements and Celebrations

Strive for 5



Congratulations to Ellis who has won the Strive for 5 raffle this half term! Ellis has won an Amazon voucher to spend at his leisure!

Remember... you can be entered to the raffle by having 5 reads or more recorded in your organiser every week, and when you reach one of the planets.

If you read 5 times a week (including holidays!)

- 🚀 Mission Mercury (25 reads): 13th October 2025
- ☀️ Voyage to Venus (50 reads): 17th November 2025
- 🌍 Earth Explorers (75 reads): 22nd December 2025
- 🔴 Mission to Mars (100 reads): 26th January 2026
- 🪐 Jump to Jupiter (125 reads): 2nd March 2026
- 🪐 Soaring by Saturn (150 reads): 6th April 2026
- 🌌 Unlocking Uranus (175 reads): 11th May 2026
- 🌊 Navigating Neptune (195 reads): 8th June 2026



Achievements and Celebrations

Gardening Club

In gardening club this half term, we have harvested green beans, tomatoes, raspberries and carrots! We have got the allotment ready for winter and have already been thinking of all the delicious fruit and vegetables we can grow in the spring and summer! It is always so great to see the produce being used in home cooking too! We have shut the allotment down for winter now but look forward to starting again in the spring term!





Shardlow Sport: Small School- Big Spirit!

Cross Country

Our half-termly intra-school sports competition was cross country this half term. Well done to everyone, especially the winners – Green Team!



Football



We took our Year 5/6 Girls and Boys football teams to the Erewash School Sports tournaments. Well done to both teams, who did extremely well and most importantly, thoroughly enjoyed the events. Congratulations to the Boys team who progressed to the Small School's County Final after winning their tournament!



Junior Leadership Team



Congratulations to our new members of our Junior Leadership Team.

We are sure you will help us to develop our school by providing a pupil voice on behalf of your peers. Some of you have already been to us with some fantastic new ideas, and we look forward to working with you. Well done!





Supporting our Communities

A Spook-tacular Disco

A huge thank you to our PTA for putting on a fang-tastic Halloween Disco. Children in Trent Class were treated to their personalised party and children in Year 1-6 loved coming along to the evening shenanigans!

We swopped Shardlow Spirit for spooky spirit and every had such a great time, all whilst raising the money for the school- thank you!





Supporting our Communities

Food Bank Donations

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Harvest service this afternoon and for your incredibly generous donations to the Sawley and Long Eaton Food Bank, who provide emergency food parcels to those in need. Your donations will help keep them well stocked as we head into winter and the more difficult months for those in most need.





Safeguarding

Ensuring that our children are happy, healthy and safe is at the heart of what we do so that our pupils can go on to **Aspire**, **Achieve** and **Thrive**. You can find further information about our safeguarding procedures and programmes on our school website and we also have leaflets and information in the main entrance at school too.

Our Safeguarding team are:



Judie Anderson
Safeguarding
Governor



Mrs Magner
Designated
Safeguarding Lead
(DSL)



Mrs Berry
Deputy DSL
SENDCO



Mrs Gillard
HLTA
Deputy DSL



Claire Kudryk
Family Liaison Officer



Mrs Marshall
Assistant DSL



Safeguarding

This term we have been learning about;

The Shardlow Way

The Shardlow Way is our behaviour curriculum which sets out the behaviours and routines we have around school that help keep our school a happy and safe environment, where everyone can thrive. At the start of each year we recap the different elements of the Shardlow Way and practice and embed the routines in class. We then revisit it each term as a reminder. Sometimes our Shardlow Way routines are adapted to meet the needs of individual pupils. We find it creates a shared language for expectations around school, reduces conflict at break and lunchtimes and reminds everyone of the need for our Shardlow Spirits of kindness and respect. More details of each element can be found here on our website- <https://www.shardlowprimary.co.uk/the-shardlow-way/>

The Shardlow Way....



We say NO to Bullying

What is bullying?

Direct Bullying

- Hurting someone else on purpose
- Repetitive – it happens again and again
- Can be physical, verbal, and emotional

Indirect Bullying

- Leaving people out of groups or games
- Talking about someone behind their back
- Standing by and watching someone get without letting an adult know
- If this happens online, it is called cyberbullying

If you think you are being bullied you should tell an adult.
If you think someone else is being bullied you should tell an adult.



The Shardlow Way....



We play SAFE and be KIND!



- We walk onto the playground
- We play with the equipment as intended
- We don't 'play fight' because someone could get hurt
- We are kind; we include people in our games and share equipment
- We don't scream or roar loudly
- We take care of the toys and help tidy away
- We stop on the first whistle
- We line up on the second whistle
- We know that only Trent and Year 1 are allowed on the playground bikes and scooters



The Shardlow Way...



We use GREAT lining up!



- When we line up....
- We face forwards,
- We don't lean on walls or equipment
- We keep doors clear
- We know who we line up next to
- We enter the building in hushed voices and settle into class quickly

We look after our building, keep everyone safe and make sure we are ready to learn!

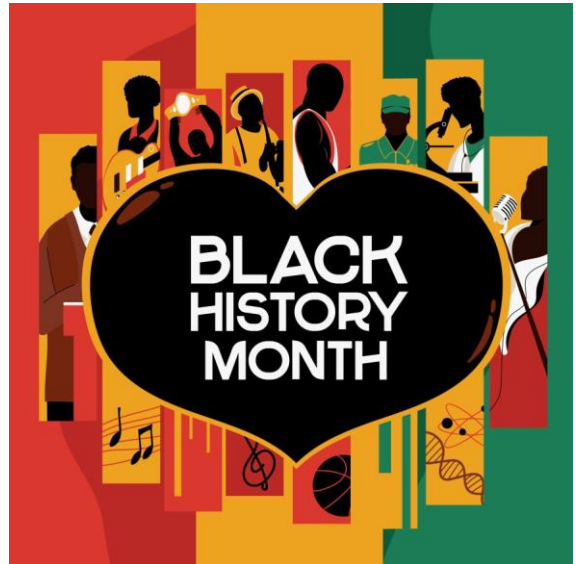




Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity

This month we have celebrated Black History Month and this year's theme 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride'.

We learnt about the power and pride of the Windrush generation both historically and in more recent history.

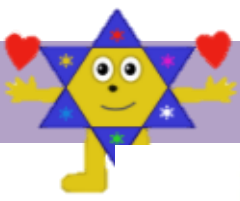


We then followed this up with a P4C assembly and the children Chose the question: ***Should somebody else's achievements dampen your own?***

I disagree because
winning isn't important,
it's about taking part!
Posy

I don't agree because
you should be happy
for them.
Paisley

There should be pride
even if you don't win.
Dylan



Mental Health and Wellbeing



Our steering group met this week and we wanted to focus on all the great work that we had started last year.

Over the half term break we would love you all to take some mindful moments.

Below is a selection of ideas that we would love you to try.

If you do 5 or more of these things please send them to Mrs Peach on Class Dojo and you will receive a certificate. :)

Coming Soon

We want to revamp our sensory garden on the playground in our calm corner. In order to do that there is an exciting fundraising opportunity from our steering group.

MY MINDFUL MOMENTS

Today I noticed...

Something that made me smile...

I felt calm when...

One kind thing I did...



Look around for the 5 senses	Go for a walk, spend time in the fresh air	Do a random act of kindness.	Lie in bed and take 5 minutes to chill.
Read a book that you enjoy	Listen to music	Doodle time	Be active for 30 minutes
Stretch or move gently for 5 minutes	Eat something that makes you happy.	Playing a game you enjoy with people you enjoy being with.	Reflect using the mindful moments above.



Curriculum Spotlight



The curriculum steering group have had their first meeting of the year to set priorities and activities for the year ahead. We are going to ask the children to complete a survey so we can gather some pupil voice and set some challenges!

We even looked ahead to Science week in March- lots of exciting things coming.

Keep your eyes peeled next half-term!





Sustainability Steering Group

We are DELIGHTED to announce that Shardlow Primary School has been awarded an Eco School Green Flag Award for our work towards sustainability. We thank everyone for participating in our Eco week last summer and we plan to continue with our commitment, led by our Steering Group. Mrs. Campbell has joined Mrs. Berry as Sustainability Leads and we look forward to embedding this work across school.

This half term our steering group have met to create our action plan for the year, continuing with our three focus areas of biodiversity, reducing waste and healthy living.

Thank you for participating in Bike to School week! This also helps to teach our children about healthy living and sustainable transport.





Our Curriculum

The children have been so busy this past half term! Here is just a glimpse at some of the amazing learning and wonderful work they have produced!

Trent



Trent Class have been loving Forest School this half-term and noticing the Autumnal changes.

In PSHE, Trent Class have been learning how to keep their bodies and minds healthy.



Trent Class are trying so hard learning how to read sounds and simple CVC words!

Derwent



In Design Technology we have learnt all about wheels and axles. We researched, designed and made our own vehicles. A great job done by all. Lots of fun too!



Derwent Class have been working so hard on learning about nursing from the past. We wanted to see how that differed to nursing today. Nurse Catherine visited our class and conducted a brilliant Q&A session. Thank you Nurse Catherine.



In science we have been exploring our senses. We had the best time learning all about how important the 5 senses are. Can you guess which sense we were focussing on here?



Our Curriculum



Erewash

In science, we have been learning about teeth and the digestive system. We created the digestive system using a potato masher, tights, a banana, orange juice and a food bag. We had so much fun developing our knowledge of the digestive system.



In Design Technology, we have been cooking! We developed our chopping skills and produced some delicious vegetable pasta and garlic bread!

In PE, we have been developing our skills in tag rugby. We have been defending our tags and using our skills to get others tags. We played a lot of games to develop these skills.

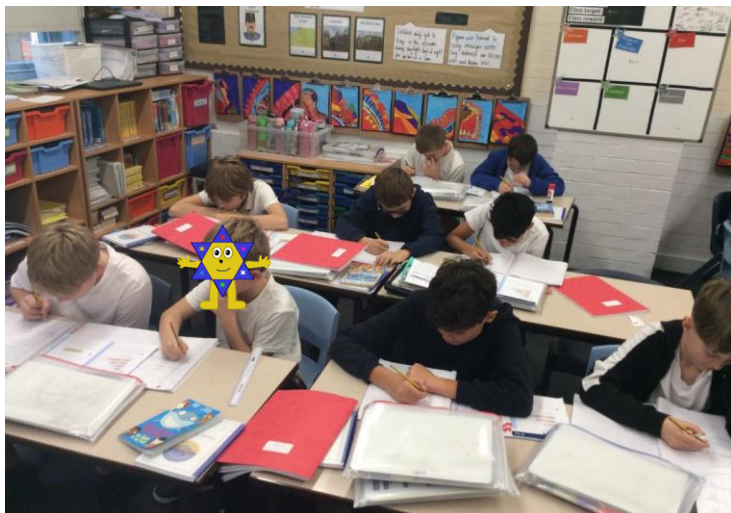




Our Curriculum

Ockbrook

In maths we have been learning about place value before recently moving onto the four operations.



In swimming we have been working towards our wave and splash awards. We have even managed to complete our water safety when we had to bring in pyjamas!

In our Philosophy for Children lessons we have been discussing whether other people's achievements should affect our own.

