



Shirley Junior School Weekly Communications

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Friday 14th February 2025

Head Teacher Message:

I want to say thank you to all the children, staff and families for all the well wishes I have received today. It is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to Shirley Junior School after nearly 11 years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Headteacher.

I am really pleased to pass on the reins to Mrs Davie, who I know will continue to grow and develop the school.

Thank you, I will really miss you all.

Mrs Hixon



Whole School Dates:

Fri 14th Feb – Last day of term
Mon 24th Feb – INSET Day – staff training (no children in school)
Tue 25th Feb – First day back at school
Tue 4th March – Parents Evening
Thu 6th March – Parents Evening
Fri 7th March – World Book Day (more information to follow)
Fri 28th Mar – INSET Day – staff training (no children in school)
Tue 1st Apr – Class and leavers photo day

Messages:

We look forward to welcoming children back to school on TUESDAY 25th February after our staff training day on Monday. Enjoy your half term!

Coming up in your year group...

Year 3

Year 4

Wed 26th February (afternoon) - Year 4 Geography Field trip to Southampton Common. More details to follow.

Year 5

Year 5 Swimming – Capybara class
26th February

Year 6

26th February - Year 6 SATS information evening 6:30pm in the junior hall

3rd March – Year 7 offers released

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School messages...

Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings for the infant school are scheduled for Tuesday 4th March (3.30 – 7.00pm) and Thursday 6th March (3.30 – 6.00pm). Bookings will open at 6pm on 17/2/25 and close at 9am on 28/2/25 via My Child at School.

Instructions on how to book using the MCAS website or MCAS Parent App are available here:

[How to book Parents Evening appointments using MCAS – Bromcom – Documentation Centre](#)

SchoolGrid Dinner Orders

SchoolGrid, the ordering system for our caterers Dolce, are currently updating their website to include digital allergy-specific menus, improved nutritional data, and packed lunch options for school trips.

The upgrade will occur from Friday 14th February, with no expected disruptions. Meal pre-orders are not available during the upgrade but are anticipated to reopen over half term. Full integration of the new system is expected by the end of April 2025.

For any questions, please contact Dolce Customer Care at customercare@dolce.co.uk or 01942 707709.

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2025-26 Term Dates and INSET Days

Term	Starting	Ending
Autumn 1	3 September	24 October
Autumn 2	3 November	19 December
Spring 1	5 January	13 February
Spring 2	23 February	27 March
Summer 1	13 April	22 May
Summer 2	1 June	22 July

INSET Days

Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Friday 10th October 2025 (Trust Inset)
Monday 13th October 2025
Friday 28th November 2025
Monday 2nd February 2026
Friday 6th March 2026 (Trust Inset)
Friday 26th June 2026