



Shirley Schools



Weekly Communication

**To contact any member of staff, please email
office@shirleyschools.co.uk
marked for the attention of the member of staff and your email
will be forwarded.**

Friday 27th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- Infant Transition Letter
- Infant Newsletter
- Infant Diary Dates
- Junior Newsletter
- Year 4 Parent Information Southampton Common
- Junior Diary Dates

Please find the links to the letter pages on our websites

<https://www.shirleyinfantschool.org.uk/page/?title=Letters&pid=72>

<https://www.shirleyjuniorschool.org/page/?title=School+Letters&pid=39>

Dates for your Diary

Shirley Infant School

JUNE

Monday 6th School opens 8.45am for Summer 2
 Thursday 9th Year 1 Hilliers Trip
 Friday 10th Year 2 Marwell Trip
 Sunday 12th FOSIS Tidy up Day
 Thursday 16th Year 2 Leavers Photos
 Tuesday 21st Year 2 going to Year 3 New Parent Info Evening - Junior Hall 6pm
 Friday 24th **INSET DAY School closed to pupils**
 Tuesday 28th Year 2 Film Premiere in the morning parents invited

JULY

Friday 1st Year 2 & Year 3 picnic - bring your own sandwiches
 Friday 1st Year 2 Recorder Concert 2.40pm
 Friday 1st FOSIS Break the rules day
 Saturday 2nd School Summer Fair
 Monday 4th Sports Day
 Tuesday 5th JEP Concert - Central Hall
 Wednesday 6th Transition Day
 Monday 11th Year 2 End of year show (9:15 and 14:30) sign up will be required, more info to follow
 Thursday 21st Year 2 End of term party
 Friday 22nd School closes at 3.10pm for Summer Holidays

SEPT

Thursday 1st **INSET DAY—Schools closed to pupils**
 Friday 2nd **School re-opens at 8.45am for Autumn 1**

Shirley Junior School

JUNE

Monday 6th School opens 8.45am for Summer 2
 Friday 9th Year 4 Common Trip
 Thursday 9th Year 3 Showcase - Hall 4.45pm
 Friday 10th Year 5 Paultons Park
 Sunday 12th PTA Tidy up Day
 Wednesday 15th Year 4 Foxlease Residential 2 nights
 Thursday 16th Year 6 Leavers Photos
 Wednesday 22nd Year 3 IBM Visit on site
 Friday 24th **INSET DAY School closed to pupils**
 Tuesday 28th Year 4 In2 Music Concert

JULY

Friday 1st PTA Break the rules day
 Saturday 2nd School Summer Fair
 Tuesday 5th July Year 3 Blue Funnel Cruise
 Tuesday 5th JEP Concert - Central Hall
 Wednesday 6th Transition Day
 Thursday 7th Share my Learning 8.45am and 3.20pm **** please note change of time****
 Thursday 14th Year 4 Fashion Show Taunton's College 1.30pm Parents invited
 Friday 15th PTA Cake Sale
 Thursday 18th Sports Day - Sports Centre
 Tuesday 19th Year 6 Evening Performances time TBC
 Wednesday 20th House Competition Day (Taskmaster)
 Wednesday 20th Year 6 Evening Performances time TBC
 Friday 22nd Year 6 Farewell Festival time TBC
 Friday 22nd School closes at 3.10pm for Summer Holidays

SEPT

Thursday 1st **INSET DAY—Schools closed to pupils**
 Friday 2nd **School re-opens at 8.45am for Autumn 1**

Coming soon

Wednesday 6th July Transition Day

Year 2 End of year celebration arrangements

Infants Sports Day 4th July

Juniors Sports Day 18th July

Themed Menu Day - 14th July—order forms to follow

CoMPETition

What does
having a healthy mind
mean to you?

Can you show us?

You can make a poster

You could paint a picture

You could use playdoh or similar to make a sculpture

You can make another sort of model

You can write a poem!

**All entries will be showcased in an exhibition
Entries must be in by Monday 27th June.
Give them to your class teacher or tutor.**

This competition is open to both Shirley Infant & Junior School pupils.

All entries will be submitted into a raffle and any winners will be notified.

Year 2 Parents

Thank you to all those parents who have started to complete the information form. It is really important we gather the views of parents to support the transition for all Year 2 children. After half term we will be sending out more information about our planned transition activities that will take place during the school day over the coming weeks as well as contact any parents who wish to have a one to one conversation about their child with the school.

As the weather is now beginning to warm up, please can we remind you to ensure children are dressed appropriately;



- Please provide your child with a named sun hat
- Please apply sun cream before children come to school
- Sun cream can be brought into school, **but children must be able to apply it themselves**
- Please ensure jumpers are **named**, as children do like to take them off when it's hot
- Children should continue to wear sensible school shoes
- Please make sure children have a full water bottle for the day
- Please provide a light weight coat for Year R's particularly as the weather can change and we are still outside a lot!

Year R clothing plea

Can we kindly ask you, that if your child comes home in different uniform could you please return it to the school office or their classroom.

If you have any spare pants, socks, skirts, dresses or trousers you no longer need we would gladly accept these.

Cutlery Tray Plea

If anyone has a cutlery tray they no longer need the office would gladly accept it. Thanks

SJS Webpage

Find out about your child's learning on our school website. You will find this under the Curriculum tab, then your child's year group.

YEAR 3

Yr3 we will be continuing our Firework Maker's Daughter project after half and will start the half with an art journey. We are going to be using acrylic paint to create movement within pictures. This type of paint is very challenging to get out of clothes so we would like every child to bring in either an apron or old t-shirt to put over their school clothes. It also needs to be kept in school for the first couple of days of term. We unfortunately do not have any that children are able to borrow.

Thank-you for your ongoing support.

Year 3 Team

LEAVERS DAY!



Chartwells
So much more than Fantastic Food

14th July 2022



A MEAL FOR A STAR - THAT'S YOU! MAINS

A choice from
Beef Burger or Quorn Hotdog with Chips and
Sweetcorn or Coleslaw

DESSERTS

Doughnut
Triple Chocolate Sundae

2022

There will be an order form coming home with your child today.

The deadline is 1st July

We do have forms in the office if your child doesn't come home with one

PLEASE NOTE

These are the only food options on this day

FOSIS/PTFA

***SAVE THE DATE* - SUMMER FAIR – SATURDAY 2 JULY (11-2PM)**



How to get involved:

If you work for or know of any companies that would like to donate a **raffle prize**, please get in touch via pta@shirleyschools.co.uk. We'll include their logo in our promotional material and programme as much as possible.

Volunteers, volunteers, volunteers, we'll need lots of them so if you have an hour or two spare and can help out, we would love to hear from you, please email pta@shirleyschools.co.uk

A LITTLE THANK YOU TO OUR RAFFLE PRIZE SPONSORS SO FAR...



Raffle tickets for the Summer Fair will soon be coming home with your children.

Huge thank you to our sponsors, especially Morris Dibben for donating an iPad!

If anyone else wants to donate a raffle prize, it's not too late - email pta@shirleyschools.co.uk

THANK YOU



Massive thank you for all your cake donations and purchases at the year R cake sale last Friday – **we raised £173.30 for FOSIS**

YEAR R INTAKE FOR 2022/23



Do you have a little one who will be joining Shirley Infants Year R in September this year? Or know someone that does? Please help us spread the word and share the link to our private Facebook group to help us support parents and carers:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1150736922357432>

COMING SOON...



JUNIOR SCHOOL LOTTERY



WIN
1 OF 5
£100
B&Q
Gift Cards

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

SUPPORT US
Through Thick & Thin

- Please help give our fundraising a much-needed boost
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Cash prize winner EVERY week
- Win up to £25,000!

To support your school, go to:
yourschoollottery.co.uk/play
and search for: **Shirley Junior**

Supporters must be 18 years of age or older. Offer ends 25th June 2022. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).

Extra prizes to win if you sign up to our school lottery **before 25th June** - just £1 per week and someone from **OUR school** wins **EVERY week!**

Sign up here: [Support Shirley Junior School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#)

DON'T FORGET ...



If you are **shopping online**, please click on these links first. They then donate to the school at **NO EXTRA COST TO YOU**. Amazon = <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>
Infants – choose Friends of Shirley Infant School
Juniors - choose Shirley Junior School PTA

Online shopping from bread to bathrooms, use Easyfundraising, sign up here:
[Infants – Friends of Shirley Infants – Southampton](#)
[Juniors – Shirley Junior School PTFA – Southampton](#) If you are **shopping online**, please click on these links first. They then donate to the school at **NO EXTRA**

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[Juniors – Shirley Junior School PTFA – Southampton](#)

STAY CONNECTED AND GET INVOLVED...

On Facebook through the private year groups – please remember that these groups are managed by parents and not run by the school:

Infants

Year 2 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/172919936937823>

Year 1 Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/849370902208557>

Year R Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/774368666506974>

Juniors

Parents of Year 6 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1601794303401012>

Parents of Year 5 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1716707195249069>

Parents of Year 4 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/649407131910961>

Parents of Year 3 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/137311320449399>

Through your class reps (see list below) and WhatsApp groups:

Infants

Woodpeckers - Gayle Doulton and Jo James

Badgers - Tracey Ward and Natalie Formstone

Foxes - Katy Durston and Colette Thorp

Owls - Lisa Witt and Lisa Longhurst

Rabbits - Gemma Gore and Kerrie Read

Moles - Maria Dimech and Tabytha Greenhalgh

Hedgehogs - Sarah Willcocks and Gill McCann

Squirrels - Sarah Scott and Hilary Rebecca

Otters – Zoe Konn and Sarah Whicher

Juniors

A complete list of class reps for Juniors can be [found here](#)

Community Information

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Just over a week to go until May half-term! Whether you need an all-day activity club for your child, or you want to spend an hour together creating something fun in one of our venues, we've got it covered. Here's what's on:

Mon 30 May

Family Old Town Walk: Pirates, Plunder & Plague | Tudor House & Garden | 11am & 2pm. Discover tales of plunder, plague and villainy by venturing into Southampton's vaults and scaling the town's ancient walls. [Find out more](#)

Kids' Culture Club – Pokemon day! | SeaCity Museum | 9am-5pm. Spend the day exploring lots of different art techniques whilst making creations inspired by your favourite characters. For children aged 6 to 12yrs. [Find out more](#)

Tue 31 May

Kids' Culture Club – Space day! | SeaCity Museum | 9am-5pm. Head to a Galaxy far, far away and hunt your own bounty! With lots of fun activities to keep all budding bounty hunters amused. For children aged 6 to 12yrs. [Find out more](#)

WW2 Super Science Family Fun (7+) | Tudor House & Garden | 10.30am, 1pm. A super-charged session of experiments and history based around the World War II! Create egg parachutes, design your own 'gas masks' and more. [Find out more](#)

Wed 1 June

Star Wars Pencil Pots | Southampton City Art Gallery | 10:15am, 11:45am, 1:30pm. Make a brilliant pencil pot by upcycling a coffee pot into your favourite Star Wars character. [Find out more](#)

Wizard School (6+) | Tudor House & Garden | 10:30am, 12pm, 1:30pm. Create your very own magic wand, witness magic and search for the magical characters in the Tudor House garden. [Find out more](#)

There's also our brilliant [Mini Monets](#) (4-6yrs) and [Young Ones](#) (7-13yrs) art clubs running, where kids' will get to experiment with different art materials, processes and ideas; inspired by the Gallery's collection and the current exhibitions on show.

Mini Monets (4-6yrs) | 28 May, 25 June and 23 July | 10.30am - 11.30pm | Southampton City Art Gallery

The Young Ones (7-13yrs) | 18 June, 9 July, 17 September | 10.30am - 12.30pm | Southampton City Art Gallery

Southampton Jobs Fair

After 2 years of virtual events, we're excited to be running our next in-person Jobs Fair at Central Hall on Tuesday 31st May!

Whether you're looking for your first job or wanting to change your career, there will be something for everyone. We'll be hosting over 25 employers who will all have live vacancies covering a variety of sectors.

For a full list of employers that will be attending, please [click here](#).

Southampton Jobs Fair

Tuesday 31 May 2022, 3-7pm

Central Hall, St Mary Street, Southampton, SO14 1NF

For more information visit bit.ly/SotonJobsFair



Southampton Employment and Advice Day

Southampton Employment and Advice Day is a new event for anyone living in the SO14 area of Southampton who is looking for a new job, support to develop their skills and advice around their employment options. You'll have the opportunity to attend free workshops, get 1:1 support to update your CV and tailored advice and guidance around your employment situation. As well as that, you'll get early access to [Southampton Jobs Fair](#), where you will be able to meet employers with live vacancies and speak to them about your skills.

Southampton Employment and Advice Day

For residents of SO14 areas

Tuesday 31 May 2022, 10am-3pm

Central Hall, St Mary Street, Southampton, SO14 1NF



Timings for the day:

10am-1pm – attend one of two workshops: Employability Skills Workshop or Parents Preparing for Working Life

1pm – 2pm – working lunch: a chance to update CVs and speak with organisations who can support you. **Lunch and refreshments will be provided.**

2pm – 3pm – early access to Southampton Jobs Fair

If you would like to attend, [please register on Eventbrite](#) to choose which workshop you want to do.

Employability Workshops



CVs



Interviews



Confidence

Tue 24th, Wed 25th & Thu 26th May 2022, 10am-3pm
Seminar Room, Central Library, Southampton, SO14 7LW

- Learn new ways of job searching
- Find out how to stand out from the crowd
- Develop your skills around applying for jobs and interviews

Find out more

Call 07811 165534

Email: daniel.stickland@southampton.gov.uk



Barn Owls Preschool is offering
a holiday club during the
Summer Term for children aged
between 3 & 8 years

Spaces will be available from Monday 25th July to Wednesday 31st August.

The day includes a wide variety of fun filled activities and experiences!

We provide morning and afternoon snacks with a high tea included.

Please note lunch is not provided and a packed lunch will be required.

Monday to Thursday 9am – 5:30pm £32.00 per child

Friday 9am – 3:30pm £28.00 per child

If you would like more information or to book a space please call Lucy
on 02381 550049

Limited spaces available, high tea only available Monday to Thursday

Upcoming Employability Training

Are you aged 19+ and looking for a new job? Our upcoming Employability Workshops will equip you with the skills and confidence you need to find work.

The workshops are fully funded and suitable for anyone looking for employment, whether they have been out of work for a while, are looking for their first job, or have recently lost their job.

When: 24th, 25th and 26th May 2022, 10am-3pm

Where: Seminar Room, 1st Floor, Central Library, Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LW

What do we cover?

- Setting goals and improving confidence around looking for work
- By the end of the training, all learners will have written/updated a CV and Covering Letter
- Preparing for interviews, including virtual/online/telephone interviews
- How to stand out in a crowded job market

Why this course?

- We're completely person-centred and meet every learner before the workshop so we can make sure we meet their needs
- We have a relaxed, fun learning environment
- No exams or course work – we give learners the skills and confidence they need to achieve their goals
- Our team has over 30 years' experience of supporting people into employment

If you would like to attend this course, please [email Dan](#) for more information.

**Want to improve your
chances of finding work?
See the T.E.E.M.**

Training Education Employment Motivation

New T.E.E.M Work Club starting in Shirley

We've opened a new Work Club in Southampton for people who are looking for help finding work. Drop in to **Shirley Baptist Church on Thursdays between 10am and 12pm** where our friendly Employment Officers will be on hand to support with all things employment-related. Whether you need somewhere quiet to dedicate your time to job searching or need some advice to make your CV stand out, we can help. There's no need to book and it's completely free.

For more information or to find your nearest T.E.E.M Work Club, [please visit our website](#).

Virtual Reality Drop-in Sessions

Learn to master job interviews with this immersive interview coaching tool!



Use a combination of VR and AI to practise analysing interview questions, identify what the interviewer is looking for and develop your verbal and non-verbal communication skills

● **Drop in to the Young Adults
Employment Hub, 1st Floor,
Central Library, SO14 7LW** ●

13th June 2022

11th July 2022

8th August 2022

● **5th September 2022** ●

 **bodyswaps**



Bodyswaps Virtual Reality Sessions

As part of Southampton City Council's Future of Work (FoW) programme, the Employment Support Team's Young Adults Employment Hub is working with [Bodyswaps](#) to use a combination of Virtual Reality and Artificial Intelligence to support people to master job interviews.

We're giving people the opportunity to use our Virtual Reality headsets to develop their interview techniques and build confidence. This brand new tool will enable people to practise techniques for managing anxiety, develop answers to different interview questions and see their virtual selves in action in an interview scenario, allowing them to practise verbal and non-verbal communication skills related to interviews.

Try out the Bodyswaps Job Interview Simulator, Nature Treks and Smash Drums apps at one of our monthly drop ins at the Young Adults Employment Hub.

Dates:

- Monday 13th June 2022
- Monday 11th July 2022
- Monday 8th August 2022
- Monday 5th September 2022

Find out more about how we're working with Bodyswaps on [Access Southampton](#).

Vacancies at Southampton City Council

To view all our vacancies at Southampton City Council, please visit our [recruitment pages](#).

- [Waste Management Support Officer](#)
- [Cemetery Operative](#)
- [Cleaner](#)
- [HR Advisor](#)
- [Social Worker - Pathways Through Care](#)
- [Apprentice Customer Service Officer](#)
- [Waste Disposal and Development Officer](#)
- [Recruitment Assistant](#)
- [Social Worker](#)
- [Planning Officer](#)
- [Carpenter](#)
- [PA](#)
- [Customer Service Officer](#)
- [School Crossing Patrol Officer \(Term Time only\)](#)
- [School Transport Escort \(Term Time Only\)](#)
- [Cleansing Operative - LGV Driver](#)



Want to improve your chances of finding work?

T.E.E.M.
work clubs can help

southampton.gov.uk/employmentsupport

Trainning
Education
Employment
Motivation



Bitterne Library: Mondays 10am-12pm

Weston Library: Mondays 1pm-3pm

Northam Community Centre: Wednesdays 10am-12pm

Shirley Baptist Church: Thursdays 10am-12pm

Central Library: Thursdays 3pm-5pm

Summer Reading Challenge 2022



Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

Summer Reading Challenge 2022 Volunteers

We're looking for enthusiastic and creative young people who are keen to listen and talk to children about their reading this summer and encourage them to take part and complete the Summer Reading Challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge is a national reading initiative which challenges children to read six books of their choice over the summer holidays.

Are you aged 14 to 25 and interested in working with children? Then why not have fun this summer by volunteering with Southampton Libraries. You'll gain work experience and new skills by helping children keep reading during the summer holidays.

We are looking for volunteers who can commit to a minimum of one 3 hour session a week from 9 July to 27 August 2022. (Younger volunteers may not be available weekdays until 23 July 2022, this isn't a problem just let us know in your application).

As a Summer Reading Volunteer you will help library staff:

- Join children in the Summer Reading Challenge
- Talk to children about their books
- Hand out stickers and rewards
- Help with Summer Activities

Find out [more information and how to apply](#).

The closing date for applications is Friday 10 June 2022.

Young people aged 16 and over will need a DBS check. A member of library staff will contact you to discuss what documentation is needed.

Worried about the cost of living and how to make ends meet? St James' by the Park are running a free CAP Money course to help you make your money go further. Martin Lewis (MoneySavingExpert) says about the course: "There's nothing better to start you on the journey to having more money in your pocket."

To find out more or sign up, go to www.stjamesbythepark.org/CAPmoney or phone 023 8077 1755.

You don't need to divulge your finances to anyone. You don't need to be good at maths. The course is run over 3 Wednesday evenings from 7pm-9pm in a local cafe - with free drinks and cake provided!



**DOWN TO
your
LAST BEANS?**

**A free course to
help you make
your money go
further**

Starts 7pm, 15th June at Make & Brew Cafe

**Sign up at
www.stjamesbythepark.org/CAPmoney**

make&brew

CAP
money:course

What is it?

The [Dark Web Explained](#), created by the National Crime Agency in collaboration with the Children's Society and the Marie Collins Foundation, contains a short informational film and accompanying factsheets for professionals, parents and carers.

This resource has been developed in response to recommendations from professionals and from research which found that many professionals and parents and carers do not understand the Dark Web and feel unequipped to talk to a young person about it should the need arise.

It aims to support professionals, parents and carers to understand the Dark Web, young people's use of it and how to discuss issues around it with young people who are using it.

The resource features a short film which provides key information on:

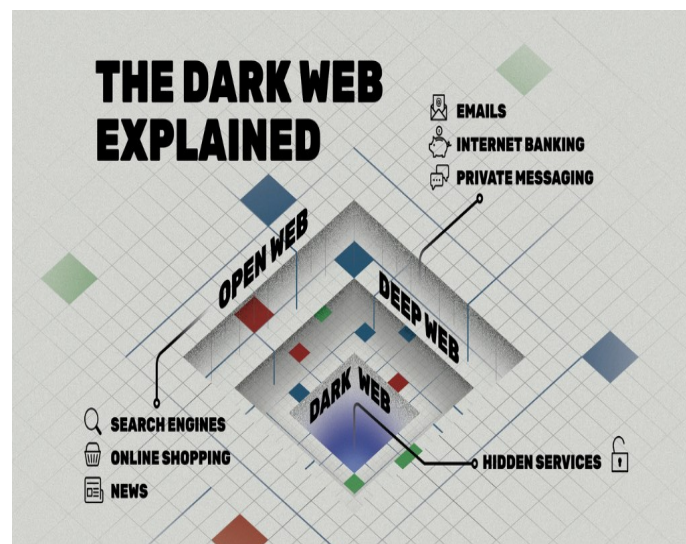
- what the Dark Web is;
- why young people might want to go on it;
- what to do if a young person has accessed it

To supplement the film, there are two factsheets, one for parents and carers and the other for professionals, to provide further information and guidance.

How should it be used?

The Dark Web Explained resource has been created to help equip professionals, parents and carers with the tools to be able to have effective conversations with young people should an issue arise. It is not appropriate to share with children and young people.

We do not want to encourage conversations with young people around the Dark Web unless it is known that the young person has been on the Dark Web or has an interest in accessing it.





SOUTH WILTS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

OPEN AFTERNOONS

Prospective Parents and pupils are invited to view the school on:

Monday 27th June
Tuesday 28th June
Friday 8th July
Wednesday 13th July
Thursday 14th July

All afternoons begin with a talk at 2.00pm followed by a school tour and finish at 3.30pm. Pre-booking is not required. Please be aware that there is no on-site parking available. If you require disabled parking then please email events@swgs.wilts.sch.uk.

The 11+ test for entry into Year 7 at South Wilts Grammar School (SWGS) in September 2023 will be on **Saturday 24th September 2022**

Parents can register their child to sit the 11+ at SWGS on this date by completing the online registration available on the school website www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk.

The SWGS 11+ registration deadline is Thursday 1st September 2022.

Following the receipt of 11+ results in early-mid October, parents that then wish to make an application for a place at SWGS must do so through their Local Authority's secondary school application form **by 31st October 2022**.

For further information, please contact admissions@swgs.wilts.sch.uk.