

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we were thrilled to launch our personal skill focus for this half term: To Persevere. In our whole school assembly, we revisited the power of a growth mindset. Over the coming weeks, each year group will be diving deeper into what perseverance means in their learning. In Year 3, children will explore the idea that ability isn't fixed—our brains are elastic and we can grow through learning. Year 4 will be discovering that practice makes progress, and that effort leads to improvement. Meanwhile, Years 5 and 6 will be embracing challenge and learning that stretching ourselves helps our brains grow. We can't wait to see how our learners continue to develop this vital skill!

Best Wishes,
Mrs Davie
Headteacher

School Community News

A huge thank you to all the children who have taken the initiative to complete an application form to run a lunchtime pupil club—what a fantastic way to show leadership and creativity! Mrs Tearle is excited to read through each and every one of your ideas and will be working her way through the applications over the next week. We're so proud of the enthusiasm and commitment shown by our pupils, and we can't wait to see the wonderful clubs that will be coming to life soon!

School Community Messages

Year 6 – A Fun-Filled Week Ahead!

Next week, we have an exciting week planned for our Year 6 pupils! For those not attending the residential, we've organised a range of engaging art and sporting activities to enjoy throughout the week. These children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes each day—just make sure they're dressed to be active and comfortable!



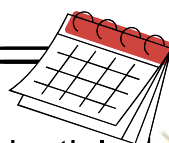
Cross Country Reminder

Our first cross country race of the year is coming up on 3rd October. If your child would like to take part, please remember to return the permission letter as soon as possible. We're looking forward to a great start to the season!



Upcoming Events

- 29th September-3rd October - Year 6 Osmington residential
- 3rd October - Cross Country League- Race 1
- 10th October - Inset Day
- 10th October - Cross Country League - Race 2



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Parental Permissions – Help Us Share the Joy!

We love capturing the wonderful moments your child experiences at Shirley Junior School — from exciting events to everyday classroom fun. These photos and videos help us celebrate their achievements and share special memories with you.

To ensure your child can be included in these pictures and videos, please update your Parental Consents via the "My Child at School" (MCAS) app. It's quick and easy:

1. Open the MCAS app
2. Tap on "Parental Consent"
3. Select Yes or No for each option

If you need any help with this, feel free to pop into the school office — we're happy to assist!

Thank you for helping us showcase the amazing things happening at Shirley Junior School!

Chat Bites

This week ChatBites have continued to spark lively and thoughtful conversations in the dining hall!



To keep the conversation going, why not ask your child one of this week's ChatBite questions over dinner? It's a great way to hear their ideas, share your own, and enjoy some quality family time through thoughtful dialogue.

