



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 January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

MEDICINE REMINDER

If you send your child to school with any medicine for headaches, coughs, colds, indigestion etc, please make sure it is signed in at the school office.

Please find the links to the letter pages on our websites:

[Infant School Letters Link](#)

[Junior School Letters Link](#)

Dates for your Diary

Shirley Infant School

Shirley Junior School

JANUARY

Monday 30th

INSET DAY - School closed to Pupils

Tuesday 31st

Optional Parent workshops on behaviour and relationships in school -
Virtual event 12:30-1:30pm

FEBRUARY

Thursday 2nd

Year 1 Celebration Event 2.45pm in classroom

Friday 3rd

Year 2 Home Learning due

Tuesday 7th

Year 1 Fire Visit - on site

Thursday 9th

Year R Celebration Event 2.45pm in classroom

Friday 10th

School closes for Half Term

13th—17th

HALF TERM

Monday 20th

School re-opens for SPRING 2

Wednesday 22nd

Year 2 Great Fire of London - on site

Thursday 23rd

Year R Mill Cottage - on site

Thursday 23rd

Year 1 Manor Farm - off site

JANUARY

Monday 30th

INSET DAY - School closed to pupils

FEBRUARY

Thursday 2nd

Share my learning 8.45am & 3.20pm in classrooms

Thursday 2nd

Year 5 Swimming Arctic Foxes

Thursday 2nd

Year 4 Fishbourne Roman Palace - off site

Friday 3rd

PTA Quiz

Thursday 9th

Year 3 Sleep over and light party - on site

Thursday 9th

Year 5 Swimming Arctic Foxes

Friday 10th

PTA Cake Sale

Friday 10th

School closes for Half Term

13th—17th HALF TERM

Monday 20th

School re-opens for SPRING 2

Thursday 23rd

Year 5 Swimming Siberian Husky

Share my learning—Juniors

We will be changing days from Spring 2 as follows:

Tuesday 21st March

Thursday 18th May

Tuesday 11th July

In light of the announcement of His Majesty's coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced on Monday 8 May. Settings that are normally closed on a bank holiday should close on this day. This will include schools and colleges.

Coming soon

- Further information on potential strikes
- World Book Day

Parents Evening dates

Shirley Infant School

We will continue with face to face meetings in school.

Tuesday 14th March - 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Thursday 16th March - 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Sign up sheets will be available from Monday 27th Feb, these will be located outside the school office.

Shirley Junior School

Following parent feedback we are going to offer a hybrid model for parent teacher consultations with one day face to face in school and one day virtual online using School cloud.

Face to face - Tuesday 7th March - 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Online School Cloud - Thursday 9th March - 3.30pm - 6.30pm

The booking system will go live on 24th Feb at 10.30am and the closing date is 6th March at 10.30am. This will be via your school cloud account.

Optional Parent Workshop on Behaviour and Relationships

Tuesday 31st at 12:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87499874915?pwd=cjJ5YkVOcDIYb21XR1VZSVZsSmJHdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 9987 4915

Passcode: z9ZfJV



THE GREAT SHIRLEY BAKE OFF



It's that time again! Shirley Bake Off is back!

The theme for week 1 is:

M O V I E S

Rules:

- You can bake anything, it doesn't have to be a cake.
- No nuts in any of the bakes please.
- Your bake needs to relate to the theme.
- Make sure you wash your hands before making!
- Hand in with a piece of paper that includes your full name, class and house.

Your bake will be judged on **Creativity, taste and appearance**, with results announced in assembly on Friday.

Bakes need to be brought to The Hide (Opposite Meerkats class in year 6) by 10.45am on Thursday the 2nd of February, so the judges can start the all-important taste tests!

Safeguarding

Community Reminder

As a member of the public, if you see anything that concerns you, this can be reported anonymously on this link:

[The Children's Resource Service](#)

You can also always come and speak to a member of the Designated Safeguarding Team

Shirley Infant

Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Gregory

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Watts

Shirley Junior

Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Hixon

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Tearle

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WINK

AGE RATING
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Wink is a messaging app which allows children to connect and communicate with other users. In a similar style to Tinder, Wink uses the swipe method for browsing profiles and accepting or declining them. Once two users have accepted each other by swiping on one another's profile, they can then communicate and play games online together. The fact that Wink allows children to share photos, personal information and their location with other users has caused significant concern.

POTENTIAL FOR GROOMING

Wink accounts can't be made private – so when a young person uploads images and shares their social media usernames, it's easier for potential groomers to stalk and locate them online. The fact that children prioritise having an abundance of friends is also a concern: they're more likely to accept someone just to build their friend count – possibly including users with sinister intentions.

ACCIDENTAL OVER-SHARING

Many young people don't consider privacy when they choose to share their social media usernames on their Wink profile. This allows other people to connect with them on multiple platforms, strengthening their online presence and reputation. Some children post photos which reveal aspects of their personal life to other users – showing their house, school, friends and family, for instance.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Many popular messaging apps contain profiles featuring profanity, nude or semi-nude photos and users openly looking for a "wifey" or "hook ups". Users can send messages anonymously, which engenders a sense of power and freedom. Children often engage in inappropriate behaviour more willingly when it's anonymous, even if it's not the sort of thing they would take part in normally.

CYBERBULLYING

Being anonymous online provides some users with an incentive to bully others through toxic private conversations. Anonymous bullies can send hurtful messages or pressure young people into sending inappropriate content. Being a victim of cyberbullying can result in children becoming depressed and showing low self-esteem. If your child is exhibiting these signs, it's time to step in.

EXCESSIVE SCREEN TIME

Wink encourages repeated engagement through signing in daily, making connections, building up a message 'streak' and publicly sharing stories. The reward is 'gems', which allow users to connect with more people, play games and edit their profile background. This can lead to children spending an excessive amount of screen time on the app, which of course can be detrimental to their health.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO YOUR RESEARCH

If you do decide to allow your child to have a Wink account – or you find that they already have one – it's vital to talk to them about how to use the app responsibly and keep themselves safe. You could also consider exploring Wink yourself and becoming familiar with the app before letting your child download it, as there are no security settings or parental controls that can be put into place.

OFFER YOUR SUPPORT

While it's not always easy to talk about inappropriate content with your child, it's crucial that they understand the impact of sending or receiving it. They also need to feel that they can speak to you about it without worrying about consequences. Emphasise that, if your child receives any messages that make them feel uncomfortable, they can block the sender and report them to the app.

BE WARY OF SHARING

It's important that your child stays aware of what they're sharing online. Remind them about the importance of not posting personal information like their full name or which school they go to. Many users share their other social media account details on Wink to build their friend count, but we would recommend advising your child not to give strangers multiple avenues to contact them.

DISCUSS LOSS OF OWNERSHIP

It's essential that young people understand that once content goes online, the sender no longer has any control over where it will end up. While your child may feel like they can trust their online 'friend', that person is still a stranger. Even sharing one inappropriate image, for example, could then be used as leverage – as their 'friend' threatens to release it publicly unless the child sends more.

BALANCE SCREEN TIME

Before having a chat with your child about screen time, ask yourself if you're being a positive role model. Get your child thinking about how much time they spend on the app: is it healthy? Is it affecting their offline relationships with people? Is it impacting their mood? If so, you could suggest some activities you can do together which aren't so reliant on digital technology.

BE CAUTIOUS OF NEW CONTACTS

Remind your child that not everyone online is who they say they are, and some users have harmful intentions. If someone on Wink is asking them lots of personal questions or suggests meeting up in real life, these are definite red flags. Encourage your child to ask for help if they're unsure about a particular profile. Remember, the app has a block button: your child shouldn't be afraid to use it!

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Stay in control of your child's health



Healthier Together is a website and mobile app that has been developed by healthcare professionals to provide comprehensive advice for parents, young people and pregnant women.



"It's like a mini doctor for you at home."

Using an easy-to-follow traffic light system, you'll find clear information on common childhood illnesses, including advice on what signs to look out for, when and where to seek help if required, what you should do to keep your child comfortable and how long your child's symptoms are likely to last.



"Brilliant. Simple, reassuring and helpful. Thank you!"



Scan the QR code with a smart phone to visit **what0-18.nhs.uk**

Download the free 'Healthier Together' app



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Back to school - 5 things to do to help manage winter illness

As students start to return to school, it's important to be aware of the winter illnesses currently circulating and the best ways to protect your child and others. In this blog, we set out some of the simple actions that parents of school age children can take to help protect their families and those around them.

What's the current situation?

We are seeing high levels of [flu](#) and [COVID-19](#), which is likely to continue in coming weeks. We are also still seeing high numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by the bacteria Group A streptococcus. You can read more information about [strep A here](#). Read more about the [symptoms of scarlet fever here](#). There are things we can all do to help stop the spread of infections; teaching young people to do these things will help them to stay well and protect others.

1 - Staying home when unwell

Knowing when your child should stay at home from school or nursery if they are poorly can help slow the spread of many winter illnesses.

- If your child is unwell and has a fever, a temperature over 38 celsius, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better, and the fever has resolved.
- If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomits, they should stay off school or nursery for at least 48 hours after their symptoms clear up.

Adults should try to stay home when unwell too.

Children with a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough who are otherwise well and do not have a high temperature can continue to attend school.

2 - Hand hygiene

Hand-washing is one of the most effective ways to stop germs from spreading.

Regularly washing hands in soap and warm water for 20 seconds or using hand sanitiser when out and about can help you and your child to stay well and not pass on germs.

3 - Catching coughs and sneezes

Using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes and then binning it before washing your hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser can help to stop infection from spreading.

Teaching children this habit and providing them with tissues will help them to not pass on germs when they are unwell. [Our e-bug resources for Early Years](#) can help you to explain to your child what good hygiene habits are, how they can practise them and why they are important.

4 – Get vaccinated

Flu vaccination is still available for all eligible age groups and is the best protection against the virus.

We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness.

Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with. Children are offered the quick and painless nasal spray vaccine.

Children eligible include:

- Children aged 2 and 3 on 31 August in 2022
- All primary school-aged children
- Some secondary school-aged children
- Children aged 2 to 17 years with long-term health conditions
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You can find more information on getting your child [vaccinated against flu, here](#).

For adults, both flu and COVID-19 vaccinations remain available. You can read about [who is eligible on the NHS UK website](#).

5 – Use NHS resources for more information about winter illnesses

Most winter illnesses can be managed at home and [NHS UK](#) has lots of information available to parents:

[Information about flu symptoms and treating them at home](#)

[Information about COVID-19 in children](#)

[Information about scarlet fever symptoms and managing the illness](#)

[Information about fevers in children and how to manage them](#)

Also there is the [Healthier Together website](#) that is a useful place for parents to get health advice and information.

FOSIS/PTFA

UPCOMING EVENTS...



JUNIOR QUIZ NIGHT (ADULTS) – FRIDAY 3 FEB @ ATHERLEY BOWLING CLUB (19.30 – 23.00)

Our adult quiz night is back (**over 18s only**), so get your teams ready. This will be held at our new venue **Atherley Bowling Club**.

For just **£10 per person** you'll have entry to the quiz and a delicious curry from Sanjha. Drinks are available from the bar at very reasonable prices.

Teams can be a maximum of 8 people with no minimum. For smaller groups and individuals, just let us know if you'd like to be joined with others to make up a bigger team. Ticket price includes a buffet of chicken and vegetable curry with naan and poppadums.

Tickets here – [SJS PTFA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://pta-events.co.uk)

Please could each team bring a raffle prize (suggested value £5-£10)



JUNIOR QUIZ (KIDS) – FRIDAY 3 FEB @ JUNIOR SCHOOL HALL (16.45 - 18.00)

Our annual Junior quiz will also run on Friday 3 Feb in the **Junior School Hall** - **£3.50 per child (years 3-6 only)** including a hotdog or slice of pizza, and free water and squash.

We'll also have a tuck shop selling hotdogs, pizza, sweets and snacks.

Teams will have up to 8 children each. We'll allocate children to teams to ensure that all teams have a mixture of ages. You can let us know who your child wants to be in a team with or just enter them as an individual and we will do our best to match them with other children they know.

Parents should drop off and collect their children via the doors in the playground. Parents do not have to stay but if you would like to come and help then please sign up to volunteer. Younger siblings are welcome to join in if their parent is helping.

Tickets here – [SJS PTFA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://pta-events.co.uk)

COLOUR RUN SAT 25 MARCH - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need lots of volunteers for our colour run event on Saturday 25th March held at the school - we need marshalls, bbq'ers, entrance, shop and more!



Calling All Volunteers!

We'll be setting up from 9am with the event running between 11 & 2pm and then clear up after. We will also need help with some final tidy up on Sunday morning. Many hands make light work right?

Please contact fosis@shirleyschools.co.uk if you can help at all, even if for an hour, every little helps. All are welcome so why not rope in a grandparent too!

DON'T FORGET ...



Our school lottery raises money directly for the **Junior School**. Every week there is a guaranteed cash prize for someone from the school.

This prize money goes up the more tickets we sell.

You are also automatically entered into the national draw where you could win £25,000! The tickets cost just £1 each week.

Sign up here: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/shirley-junior-school>



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 Easyfundrasing, sign up here:

[Infants – Friends of Shirley Infants – Southampton](#)

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

STAY CONNECTED AND GET INVOLVED...

Our website pages:

FOSIS – [Friends of Shirley Infant School - Shirley Infant School](#)

PTFA – [PTFA - Shirley Junior School](#)

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/849370902208557>

Year 1 Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/774368666506974>

Year R Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1150736922357432>

Juniors

Parents of Year 6 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1716707195249069>

Parents of Year 5 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/649407131910961>

Parents of Year 4 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/137311320449399>

Parents of Year 3 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/172919936937823>

Community Information

The Marketplace
at Millbrook

The Marketplace at Millbrook is a new membership food project providing access to affordable, fresh, healthy food in a friendly and supportive environment.

For **£5** per week, members can choose at least 15 items from a range of fresh, refrigerated, frozen and ambient goods. Membership is open to anyone with an SO16 9 or SO16 4 postcode.

When:
Wednesdays 10am - 1pm

Where:
All Saints Church, Kendal Avenue, SO16 9HJ

Contact:
marketplace@southamptoncitymission.co.uk to sign up to the waiting list, or for more info, or visit southamptoncitymission.co.uk/marketplace



February half-term activities

February half-term is on its way! There's plenty of fun creative activities for all ages at our venues. Find out what's on below. Also, don't forget to pick up your *Family Culture Club* card from one of our venues and get a seventh activity FREE with your stamped card. [Find out more here](#)

Monday 13 February -

[Kids all-day Culture Club \(6-12yrs\) - STAND & DELIVER - HIGHWAYMEN AND SMUGGLERS!](#) / 9am-4.30pm (drop off from 8.45am) / SeaCity Museum / £35 per day (£60 per week). Create your own wanted poster, make a highwayman mask and hat and a smuggling loot bag! [Find out more](#)

[Art for All: Buildings with Clay \(5yrs+\)](#) / 10am, 12.30, 2.30pm / Art Gallery / £7.50. Choose one of Southampton's landmarks, a place you have visited, or maybe even somewhere from your imagination to sculpt as a clay tile. [Find out more](#)

Tuesday 14 February -

[Kids all-day Culture Club \(6-12yrs\) - LET'S POTTER!](#) / 9am-4.30pm (drop off from 8.45am) / SeaCity Museum / £35 per day (£60 per week). A magical day of making. Wands, spells, creatures, you name it, we'll be conjuring it up. [Find out more](#)

[Vicious Vikings Clay Longships \(6yrs+\)](#) / 10.30am, 1pm / Tudor House / £8. Travel back to the time of Viking raiders, discover stories of battles and glory and create your very own piratical longboat from clay. [Find out more](#)

Wednesday 15 February -

[Jellyfish Sculptures \(5yrs+\)](#) / 10am, 1pm, 3.15pm SeaCity / £8. Super fun and imaginative sculpture workshop creating stunning jellyfish sculptures from recycled materials. [Find out more](#)

[Knight School \(6yrs+\)](#) / 10.30am, 1pm Tudor House / £8. Become a knight in this history and craft family workshop! Create your own heraldic emblem, have a go at archery (weather permitting) and dive into medieval times! [Find out more](#)

[Art School \(10-16yrs+\) - Paint, paint, paint! \(and some drawing too...\)](#) / City Art Gallery / £25 per day or £70 for all three sessions. For those who love being creative and learning fantastic new artistic techniques. Led by our expert team you will explore art, have fun and make some fabulous works of art! [Find out more](#)

Thursday 16 February -

[Under the Sea: Wax Resist Watercolours \(5yrs+\)](#) / 10am, 12.30, 2.30pm Art Gallery / £7.50. Use wax resist techniques to draw scenes beneath the waves and bring them to life with watercolour paints. Which sea creature will you paint? [Find out more](#)

[Art School \(10-16yrs+\) - The Sculpture Zone](#) / City Art Gallery / £25 per day or £70 for all three sessions. For those who love being creative and learning fantastic new artistic techniques. Led by our expert team you will explore art, have fun and make some fabulous works of art! [Find out more](#)

Friday 17 February -

[Art School \(10-16yrs+\) - The Illustration Imaginarium](#) / City Art Gallery / £25 per day or £70 for all three sessions. For those who love being creative and learning fantastic new artistic techniques. Led by our expert team you will explore art, have fun and make some fabulous works of art! [Find out more](#)

[Monthly kids Saturday art classes](#)

[The Young Ones: Art Club \(7-13yrs\)](#) | Starting 21 January | 10.30am | Southampton City Art Gallery | £12

Experiment with different art materials, processes and ideas; inspired by the Gallery's collection and the exhibitions on show. You are welcome to drop your child off for this session, or to stay and enjoy it with them.

Dates for Spring 2023 are: **21 Jan, 18 Feb, 18 March, 15 April, 20 May, 17 June.**

[Book here](#)

[Mini Monets: Art Club \(Under 7s\)](#) | Starting 28 January | 10.30am | Southampton City Art Gallery | £7.50

Join artist Debra Marsh at our monthly art club to experiment with different art styles, techniques and materials in a fun and accessible way; a great way to encourage your child's creativity without making a mess at home!

Dates for Spring 2023 are: **28 Jan, 25 Feb, 25 March, 22 April, 27 May, 24 June.**

[Book here](#)

T.E.E.M Work Clubs return for 2023

Our Work Clubs have re-opened for the new year. If you're looking for a job, our weekly Work Clubs are a great opportunity to dedicate 2 hours to job searching, with our team of friendly Employment Officers on hand to offer advice and support with CVs, Job Applications and Interviews.

All of our Work Clubs have free Wi-Fi and computers to use. There's no need to book, just drop in to your nearest Work Club as often as you like for as long as you need to. Our Work Clubs take place every week in the following locations:

- Bitterne Library - every Monday 10am-12pm
- Weston Library - every Monday 1pm-3pm
- Northam Community Centre - every Wednesday 10am-12pm
- Shirley Baptist Church - every Thursday 10am-12pm
- Central Library - every Thursday 3pm-5pm

New Courses running in 2023

This year we're offering more courses than we ever have before. If you're aged 19 and over and want to do some free training, we have the following courses starting in the next few weeks:

- Introduction to Self-Employment Workshop - 25 January at Central Library
- Employability Skills - 8, 9 & 10 February at Central Library
- Introduction to IT - starts 13 February (every Monday for 5 weeks) at Central Library
- Budgeting Workshop - 14 February at SO18 Big Local Harefield Hub
- Budgeting and Personal Finance Course - 20 & 22 February at SO18 Big Local Harefield Hub
- Employability Skills for Care Jobs - 6, 7 & 8 March at Central Library

All of our training sessions are relaxed and informal. There are no exams or coursework and the sessions act as an introduction to the subjects, preparing you for more formal courses with other local organisations.

To find out more or book onto a session, please visit our [course booking page](#).



Need support and advice during the cost of living crisis?

SO:Linked and Southampton City Council are holding a series of drop-in community events across Southampton which offer advice and guidance for people alongside a community market place of local organisations which can offer support.

Monday 16th Jan from 11am - 2pm
Central Library, Civic Centre, Southampton SO14 7LW

Monday 23rd Jan from 11am - 2pm
Woolston Library, Centenary Quay, Victoria Rd, SO19 9EF

Monday 30th Jan from 11am - 2pm
Shirley Library, Shirley Precinct, Shirley, SO15 5LL



Cost of Living Support Drop Ins

SO:Linked have teamed up with Southampton City Council to host a series of drop in events in Southampton Libraries to connect local residents to services offering cost of living support. Voluntary and community organisations will be attending the events, which aim to connect people to services who can make a difference during this challenging time.

From mental health and well-being support to financial guidance and informative services, the drop-in events will be held at:

Woolston Library – Monday 23 January from 11am to 2pm

Shirley Library – Monday 30 January from 11am to 2pm

There is no need to book, simply come by and speak with organisations offering support. Each library is also a warm space and residents are welcome to use this facility for refreshment and warmth after each event.



PERSONAL BEST
EDUCATION



Mountbatten Activity Camp

13th - 17th February



8:30am - 4:30pm



Year 1's - Year 7's



Childcare vouchers accepted



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