

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a wonderfully busy week across the SJS community! Mrs Tearle and I have had the absolute pleasure of welcoming so many children into our office to celebrate their fantastic learning and present them with Headteacher's Awards. From impressive maths work and thoughtful RE reflections to creative sketching and insightful discussions around online safety, we've been blown away—not just by the quality of their work, but by how confidently and clearly they've been able to explain their new learning. It's been a joy to see their pride and enthusiasm shining through!

Best Wishes,
Mrs Davie
Headteacher

School Community News

In our year group assemblies this week, we proudly introduced the theme for this year's Black History Month: "Standing Firm in Power and Pride." Throughout October, each year group will be exploring the lives and legacies of influential Black figures in different areas.

Year 3: Sports

Year 4: Arts

Year 5: STEM

Year 6: Civil Rights



School Community Messages

Second-Hand Uniform Shop

Our Second-Hand Uniform Shop is currently open every Monday afternoon from 2:45 to 3:15pm, offering a great opportunity to pick up quality items at affordable prices. The PTFA would love to extend these opening times to include additional mornings and afternoons—but they need your help! If you're able to spare a little time to join the volunteer rota, please get in touch at pta@shirleyschools.co.uk. Every bit of support makes a big difference!



Cross Country Excitement! - *Edit - we are all very disappointed this was cancelled!*

A huge thank you to all the pupils from across the school who are gearing up to represent SJS at our first cross country race today. We're so proud of your commitment and enthusiasm, and we know you'll give it your all out on the course. Good luck—we hope you have an amazing time and enjoy every moment of the experience. Go Team SJS! 🏃♀️ 🏃♂️



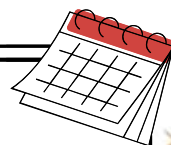
Upcoming Events

3rd October - Cross Country League- Race 1

10th October - Inset Day

10th October - Cross Country League - Race 2

13th October - Inset Day



KINDNESS.
RESPECT.
INTEGRITY.



School Community Messages

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.

IF YOUR SOCKS COULD TALK, WHAT WOULD THEY SAY TO YOUR FEET?

HELLO! HMPH! HA HA!

Would they be POLITE, GRUMPY or TOTALLY SILLY?

YOU DISCOVER A SECRET DOOR IN THE SCHOOL HALL— WHERE DOES IT LEAD?

A CANDY FOREST? A WORLD WHERE PENS FLY?

A LIBRARY OF DREAMS? A LIBRARY OF DREAMS?

WHAT ACTIVITY OR SPORT MAKES YOU FEEL REALLY HAPPY?

DO YOU PLAY ALONE OR WITH OTHERS?

WHAT MAKES IT FUN?

IF YOU COULD EXPLORE ANY PLACE IN THE WORLD, WHERE WOULD IT BE?

WHAT WOULD YOU DO THERE—?

EAT SOMETHING LOCAL TRY A TRADITION MEET PEOPLE?

WHAT MAKES SOMEONE A REALLY GOOD FRIEND?

CAN YOU THINK OF A TIME WHEN A FRIEND MADE YOUR DAY BETTER?

