



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 29th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- Year R Curriculum Letter
- Year 1 Curriculum Letter
- Year 2 Curriculum Letter
- Year 1 Home Learning
- Year 1 Tick Letter from Lepe Beach Trip
- Year 5 Paultons Park Trip Information Sheet
- Year 6 SATs Week Letter
- SJS To be curious Letter
- Shirley Schools Learning Values Letter

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.uk/page/?title=School+Letters&pid=39>

Dates for your Diary

Shirley Infant School

MAY 2022

Monday 2nd	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3rd	School Closure
Thursday 5th	Class photo day
Friday 13th	Year 1 Home Learning due
Friday 20th	Year R Dress Up Day FOSIS Year R Cake Sale
Thursday 26th	Year R Celebration Event 2:50pm
Friday 27th	Year 1 Celebration Event 2:50pm Hamwic Non Uniform Day Jubilee Celebrations
LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM	

JUNE 2022

Monday 6th	School opens for Summer 2
Thursday 9th	Year 1 Hilliers Trip
Friday 10th	Year 2 Marwell Trip

Shirley Junior School

MAY 2022

Monday 2nd	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3rd	School Closure
Thursday 5th	Class photo day
Monday 9th	SATs week
Friday 20th	Cricket Day
Thursday 26th	Share my Learning 8:20am & 3:10pm
Friday 27th	Hamwic NON Uniform Day Cultural Diversity Day Jubilee Celebrations
LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM	

June 2022

Monday 6th	School opens for Summer 2
Friday 10th	Year 5 Paultons Park

Coming soon

School Closure Tuesday 3rd May 2022—School closed to Pupils

Class Photo Day Thursday 5th May 2022

Jubilee Celebration on 27th May more information to follow

Wednesday 6th July Transition Day

We have created a new tab on our Junior School website in the Pupils section. 'Celebrating our Learning' is a photo gallery where photos from across the year groups/school events will be uploaded. Events from last (and this) half term will be added over the coming weeks. Take a look at what we've been up to!

<https://www.shirleyjuniorschool.org/gallery/?pid=103&gcatid=20>

From the Southampton Mental Health in Schools Team:

We hope you all had an enjoyable break and found time to restore ready for the summer term. Please find below links to our MHST primary newsletter. With the summer term often focused around exams and transitions, which can be a stressful time for students, this term's newsletter has a focus on stress management.

Primary School Newsletter: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/491844788/>

A light coat

Please could your child bring in a light coat as the weather can change and they are outside lots and may need the extra layer.



Infant School request

We are in need of newspapers, all donations welcome.

Please hand into the school office. Thank you

SJS Seeking volunteers

Do you have regular spare time during the week? Do you enjoy reading?

We would love to invite parent volunteers into school to listen to children read. Reading aloud to an adult is so good for children's fluency, and we would love to give more of our children the opportunity to do this every day. If you have a DBS check (or are willing to get one), and are able to spare some time each week, **please email in and let us know by the end of next week** - once we have an idea of numbers, we will set up a training session then assign you to a year group.

New Year 5 Classes

The new year 5 classes will be starting 4th May.



QUIET HUT

We are restarting the quiet hut and would really appreciate donations to get this set up. We need colouring pencils, Uno card games, Lego/building blocks and bunting. Please bring any donations to the school office by Friday 13th May. Many thanks



Safeguarding

Information for Parents about some age inappropriate Online/Computer games from: <https://www.common sense media.org>

What is the story behind 5 nights at Freddy's?: The game's story is told through mini games, in which an unnamed young boy is bullied because of his irrational fear of a restaurant with a yellow animatronic bear and rabbit called Fredbear and Spring Bonnie, respectively. He is guided by an animatronic plush toy, who speaks to the character when he is alone.

What Parents Need to Know : Parents need to know *Five Nights at Freddy's* is a horror game that uses tension and jump scares in place of blood and guts and, as a result, is a lot scarier than many other titles. The sense of being trapped and defenseless in a small office quickly becomes real and when the animatronic characters jump out at you, you'll jump (and maybe scream). **This makes the game much too intense for younger kids -- and teens should know what they're getting into.**

Common Sense says age 12+ : Based on our **expert review** Terrifying psychological thriller is too much for kids.



Poppy Playtime: What's It About? : POPPY PLAYTIME takes kids' dreams and turns them into fuel for nightmares. It feels like forever since you used to work at the Playtime Co. toy factory, home of **Huggy Wuggy**, **Cat-Bee**, and of course, company's iconic doll, **Poppy Playtime**. The factory was shut down a decade ago after the staff all seemingly disappeared without any trace. At least, no trace until the mysterious package you receive, containing an old VHS tape of a Poppy Playtime commercial and a note claiming that the missing staff are actually still trapped within the factory. Armed only with the extendable hands of Playtime's innovative "GrabPack," you must explore the abandoned factory for clues as to the final fate of your former co-workers. But just because this factory is abandoned doesn't mean it's empty. There are things lurking in the shadows that don't want you to uncover the truth and are willing to hunt you down.

Common Sense says age 12+ : Horror puzzler plays kids' toys for creeps and scares.





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Drug and Alcohol Support Service

Southampton

Worried about your drinking?



**Do your friends and family
comment on your drinking?
Do most of your plans involve
alcohol?
Do you reach for alcohol
when you're stressed?**

Support to:

- Understand the risks of alcohol
- Set achievable and realistic goals
- Help for you to take control

Southampton's free and confidential Support line

T: 02382 002764.

W: [www.changegrowlive.org/
service-provider](http://www.changegrowlive.org/service-provider)



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FOSIS/PTFA

COMING SOON...



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>

THANK YOU!



With all your great spring-cleaning efforts and your kind donations of clothes, shoes, bedding etc., we managed to raise **£147** from Bag2School which will be shared across both schools.

SCHOOL LOTTERY (JUNIORS ONLY)



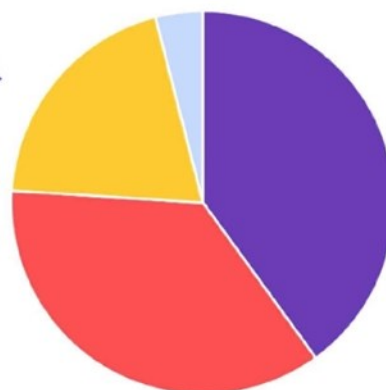
How it works...

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Shirley Junior School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online at YourSchoolLottery.co.uk by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Shirley Junior School



- 40p goes to our school
- 36p goes to cash prizes
- 20p goes to admin costs
- 4p goes to VAT

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means

= **£30 weekly cash prize**

= **£2,080 a year for our school**



To start supporting, visit:
yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: Shirley Junior

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

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

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](#)

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

Drainage Survey Works – Bellemoor Road

Balfour Beatty is working in partnership with Southampton City Council to manage the highways service across Southampton. As part of this, we will be undertaking drainage survey work at various locations around the junction of Bellemoor Road and Wilton Road and the junction of Wilton Road and Queen's Road (please see map overleaf).

Work is planned to start on **Tuesday 3 May between 9.30am - 2.30pm** for 1 day. To undertake these works safely, we will need to implement a lane closure near to the junction along with temporary traffic lights to control the traffic. Access for pedestrians and cyclists will be maintained.

We would like to take this opportunity to apologise in advance for any inconvenience or disruption these works may cause and thank you for your patience whilst the work is being carried out. Our crew on site are trained to work considerably, however, if you have any problems during the works, please speak with one of the team.

For information on roadworks and journey planning, visit myjourneysouthampton.com/roadworks, and for up to the minute travel information in the city and updates on this scheme, follow us on Twitter [@SCChighways](https://twitter.com/SCChighways). For any other enquiries, please email roadworks@southampton.gov.uk.

Maps to show works areas:

Wilton Road, Bellemoor Road and junction works area



Strengthening Families



A FREE course for families
Online via ZOOM

Mums, dads and carers participate together with **one** of their children who must be **aged 10–14 years**

Get some helpful tips to strengthen your relationship with your child!



Explore subjects together such as:

- Setting loving limits
- Making house rules
- Encouraging positive behaviour
- Using consequences
- Building bridges
- Communicating when you don't agree

Course materials and snacks will be sent to your home!

An 8 week course starting on 11th May 2022

Wednesdays 6.30 – 8.30pm on Zoom

11th, 18th, 25th May; 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th June and 6th July

Book a place on the course by emailing us on info@sfttrust.org.uk



Mental Health In Schools Team - Newsletter

We hope you all had an enjoyable break and found time to restore ready for the summer term. Please find below links to the latest MHST Newsletter for primary aged children. With the summer term often focused around exams and transitions, which can be a stressful time for students, this terms newsletters have a focus on stress management..

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Spring Fete

Saturday May 21st

2:30-4:30

The Scout Hut, Ridding Close, Shirley

(next to Shirley Towers)

Raising money for the Scout Hut and The World
Scout Jamboree.

All welcome. 50p entry.

Tea, coffee, cakes

Bric-a-brac stalls

Games and prizes to win

Craft Stalls

Raffle

Craft activities

Temporary Tattoos

A fun afternoon for all

A few remaining tables for £10 each.

Contact Emma on 07813 769 403



Which health service should you use?			NHS
	For common ailments and illnesses such as hangover, sore throat or grazed knee	Self-care	
	For advice on conditions such as headaches, aches and pains or an upset stomach	Pharmacy	
	If you have symptoms that don't go away such as ear ache, back pain or ongoing health concerns	GP Surgery	
	For urgent medical help that isn't an emergency NHS 111 can direct you to the right service such as Minor Injuries Unit or Urgent Treatment Centre	NHS 111	
	Use only in an emergency such as loss of consciousness, breathing difficulties, stroke or heavy bleeding	Emergency Department	

NHS top tips to get the best care, and support frontline teams

Health services across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight are currently battling rising Covid infections as well as high levels of demand for other types of care.

To support staff who are working incredibly hard to continue providing safe, high quality care and manage the impact of rising COVID-19 infections, NHS leaders are offering the following advice on how to access the best care and support NHS frontline teams:

- **Get vaccinated against COVID-19** – the best form of protection for you and your loved ones. More information is available [here](#).
- **Help patients get home when they're ready to leave hospital** – it's better for them and frees up beds for others. Some [key tips are available here](#).
- **The Emergency Department (ED)** is for emergencies, not convenience.
- **Not sure what help you need?** Contact [111 online](#) and let the experts help you.
- **Urgent treatment centres** are best for minor injuries and have x-ray facilities.
- **Pharmacies:** Use the expert help available on every high street.
- **Your GP practice has online access** and a range of expert help – a convenient option.
- **Make use of online help** – try www.nhs.uk for health and medicines advice, and www.what0-18.nhs.uk/ if you are concerned about an unwell child.

Employment Support for Parents



Becoming a new parent should be an exciting time but for up to one in five women this isn't the case. PATH (Perinatal menTal Health) is an EU-funded project which works with women, families and healthcare professionals to prevent, diagnose and successfully manage mild and moderate perinatal mental health issues.

**Reach out, talk,
get help.**

The [PATH online hub](#) has a wealth of information, toolkits and resources for parents, families, employers and healthcare professionals who might be impacted by perinatal mental health issues.

In Southampton, the Employment Support Team is working with people affected by Perinatal Mental Health and supporting them into education, employment and training. Support we offer includes:

- Listening to aspirations and fears
- Identifying work that fits around childcare
- Information on pregnancy and maternity rights
- Job searching, application forms, CVs and cover letters
- Interview techniques
- Support with talking to employers about aids, adaptations and support
- Helping to identify pregnant women's wishes whilst on maternity leave/ shared leave, new Dads' when on paternity leave and communicating these to employers
- Support with the transition back to work after maternity leave/ shared leave
- In-work and job retention support if difficulties arise with an employer as a result of pregnancy, maternity leave/ shared leave or returning to work

If you are a parent to be, or have a child under 2 years old, please [contact us](#) to find out how we can help.

For more information about PATH, please visit [Access Southampton](#).

Prepare for job interviews with Virtual Reality

As part of Southampton City Council's Future of Work (FoW) programme, the 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.

Until September 2022, we're giving people the opportunity to use our Virtual Reality headsets to develop their interview techniques and build confidence. This is a unique way to work on your interview skills without fear of judgement and help prepare you for the real thing!

1. Discover a three-step strategy for **preparing yourself for character-related questions** in a job interview
2. Practise techniques for **managing anxiety** and banishing self-critical thoughts before an interview
3. Practise **analysing interview questions** (including curveballs) to identify what the interviewer is looking for
4. Discover a failsafe three-step strategy for **answering behavioural questions** in a job interview
5. Craft winning answers using the **C.A.R.** (Context, Action, Result) **technique**
6. Practise your **verbal and non-verbal communication skills** when delivering responses in an interview

If you'd like to use Bodyswaps, you can drop in to the Young Adults Employment Hub 10am-5pm Monday – Friday

Find out more: bit.ly/BodyswapsSouthampton

Prepare for Interviews
using
Virtual Reality

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 Monday - Friday 10am-5pm

bodyswaps
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

The NLW and NMW rates from 1 April 2022 are:

	Rate from April 2022	Current rate (April 2021 to March 2022)	Increase
National Living Wage	£9.50	£8.91	6.6%
21-22 Year Old Rate	£9.18	£8.36	9.8%
18-20 Year Old Rate	£6.83	£6.56	4.1%
16-17 Year Old Rate	£4.81	£4.62	4.1%
Apprentice Rate	£4.81	£4.30	11.9%
Accommodation Offset	£8.70	£8.36	4.1%

National Minimum Wage

On the 1st April, the National Minimum Wage increased for UK workers. If you are a worker aged 23 and over, and not in your first year of an apprenticeship, you are legally entitled to at least the National Living Wage of £9.50 per hour. The minimum wage for workers under 23 has also increased.

- 23 and over: £9.50 an hour
- 21-22: £9.18 an hour
- 18-20: £6.83 an hour
- 16-17: £4.81 an hour
- Apprentice rate (for apprentices in their first year): £4.81 an hour

The government have launched the [Check Your Pay campaign](#) to help you make sure you're getting paid the right amount, and give you advice on what to do if you're not.

It is illegal for your employer to pay you below the National Living Wage for your age, so check your pay and talk to your manager to make sure you're getting the wages you are entitled to.

Feel uncomfortable talking to your manager? Call the [Acas helpline](#) for confidential advice and support.

Think you are being underpaid? Report this to [HMRC](#). This only takes 5 minutes and you can report your employer even if you no longer work for them. Your details will not be shared with your employer.

[Start your career in care with Hampshire PA Finder](#)

Are you looking for a unique, flexible job? Permanent or temporary, full-time or just for a few hours a week?

Becoming a Personal Assistant to someone with a disability could be the best fit for you! There is no typical PA in Care role. Each job is as unique as the individual you would be supporting. Being employed directly by them means you can really make a difference in someone's life.

[Find out more and sign up for free to create a profile and to be contacted by potential employers](#). Start your career in care today.

[Work for the Employment Support Team](#)

We're looking for an Employment Officer to join our new Solent Get Into Employment project and support neurodivergent individuals into paid employment.

The role of an Employment Officer is to work with individuals using a person centred approach to find and secure paid employment, voluntary work or training appropriate to each client's needs and aspirations.

As part of this team you will require excellent communication skills to maximise opportunities for each client, employer and delivery partner. You will need to be flexible, organised and adaptable to ensure each client receives the highest quality of support on their journey into employment. Clients will need to be supported at locations across the City.

To be successful in this role you will be familiar with guidance and legislation relating to employment and benefits, you will also understand equality, and how it affects the workplace and individual behaviours. You will have an excellent level of IT skills and able to use self-service, digital user platforms and MS Office. Previous experience of supporting individuals into work would be beneficial.

If you think you'd be a good fit for this role, we'd love to hear from you! To find out more and apply, [click here](#).

Closing date: 18th April 2022

[Free Level 3 Courses](#)

If you are aged 19+ and do not already have a level 3 qualification (equivalent to A levels or an advanced technical diploma) you can choose from over 400 free courses to help you boost your earnings or get a better job.

These courses are also available to you if you are unemployed or you earn below the National Living Wage annually (£18,525) - even if you already have a level 3 qualification.

Courses link to a large range of sectors, including accounting, digital, health and social care, construction, early years, catering, agriculture and more.

Find out more on the government's [Skills for Life website](#).

Vacancies at Southampton City Council

View the latest vacancies at Southampton City Council at www.southampton.gov.uk/jobs

Below are some of the current vacancies we have. To view vacancies at Southampton schools, please [click here](#).

Social Worker - Adult's Services Teams	Organisational Development Assistant
Data Analyst - Adult Social Care	Bid Writer
Accounts Payable Officer	Payroll & Pensions Admin Assistant
Senior Social Worker - Children's Teams	Personal Advisers
Quantity Surveyor/Estimator	Apprentice HGV fitter
School Transport Escort (Term Time Only)	Allocations (Housing List) Officer
Social Worker - Adoption	Specialist Teacher Advisor (HI)
Night Rehab & Reablement Assistant	Rehabilitation Officer for the Visually Impaired (ROVI)
Employment Officer	Personal Assistant
Contract Support Officer	School Crossing Patrol Officer (Term Time only)
HR Advisor	Electrical Technical Officer
Social Worker - Adult Mental health	Occupational Therapist
Rehab & Reablement Assistant	Allotment Support Officer

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Trail

Hosted by [Visit Southampton](#) and High Street Safari, you can join in this historic occasion by taking part in this FREE, magical augmented reality (AR) story trail between 30 April - 12 June. It's an interactive experience, and as you visit the story points in order, you'll collect digital stamps, learn more of the story and be able to take selfies with some AR characters.

Located around Southampton city centre there are seven magical characters on a day trip from Buckingham Palace. Follow Sir Barnaby Beacon on the trail as he visits his friends, you'll be able to see them in AR, decide what happens next in the story and even win a free digital fun pack at the end. Not only that, each of the characters will tell you about a decade in The Queen's historic seventy-year reign.

Find out more about the fun trail and how you can get involved [here](#).



#YourVoteMatters. Don't lose it!

Local council elections give you the opportunity to have your say on local issues that matter to you. Southampton will go to the polls on Thursday 5 May.

[Find out more about your local candidates and where your local polling station is](#)



A selection of some events coming up this week

27 April - 30 April: [The Da Vinci Code](#) | Mayflower Theatre

29 April - 1 May: [BBC Gardeners' World Fair Spring](#) | Beaulieu National Motor Museum

29 April: [GHT Lates #1](#) | God's House Tower

29 April: [Macrame Wall Hangings](#) | Southampton City Art Gallery

29 - 30 April | [Bad Girls the Musical](#) | The Hub Theatre

30 April | [Southampton Ghost Tour](#) | Starts at St Michael's Square

1 May | [Hampshire Royal British Legion's Centenary Festival](#) | Mayflower Theatre

For more information about events taking place in and around Southampton this week, this month and beyond, go to the [Events listings](#) on the Visit Southampton website.

Do you have an event you wish to promote for free on [Visit Southampton](#)?
[Find out how here.](#)

We want you to have a wonderful time at events whilst still staying safe.

As [COVID-19](#) is still with us, there are a few key behaviours we can all continue to practise to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe whilst further preventing the spread of the virus, such as:

- Washing your hands regularly
- Wearing a mask in enclosed and crowded public spaces
- Ventilating your space or meeting friends and family outdoors to allow for fresh air flow
- Staying at home if you are feeling unwell
- Getting vaccinated



Don't forget to visit our [Queen's Platinum Jubilee web page](#) which has information about activities taking place in the city, including the [Big Platinum Festival](#) in Mayflower Park on the 5 June and a special Queen's Jubilee exhibition in [SeaCity Museum](#).

A reminder - the closing date to apply for the Mayor's Jubilee Tea is the 1 May.

[Find out more here.](#)

Southampton Mayor Making Ceremony

Weds 18 May - Save the date!

Did you know that 2022 celebrates the 800th Mayor in Southampton?

This annual civic event takes place at the O2 Guildhall where the election of the new Mayor and the appointment of the Sheriff takes place. The ceremony starts at 11am and guests are requested to be seated by 10.45am

Free entry - all welcome.



See Circus Extreme in Southampton

Circus Extreme is thrilled to be returning to Southampton as part of its 2022 World Tour, bringing its high energy show to Mayflower Park between 29 April - 8 May.

A one-of-a-kind performance, that has been five years in the making and features some of the most talented performers in the world. Merging modern and contemporary styles with extreme stunts and classic clown escapades, you will be amazed by the jam-packed Circus Extreme production which features show-stopping performances that will have you on the edge of your seat.

For more details on the show and show times visit www.circusextreme.co.uk or to buy tickets visit

www.circusextreme.co.uk/tickets