



Sheldwich Primary School

Little Hedgehogs Pre-School



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Important Messages

Lunchtime Information

- We are a nut-free school. We currently have some children in school who have severe nut allergies and we thank you for your support in ensuring that your child's lunchbox does not have items in that contain nuts.
- Please remember to order your child's school dinners for next term **before** we return on Tuesday 28th October.
- The Midday Supervisors have noticed that some of the children are saying that they do not eat certain things such as spaghetti bolognese. When selecting a dinner for them, please remember to look at the other option of a jacket potato.
- So far this year, the children have had plenty of space to play on the playground and field with equipment such as balls and tennis rackets. As the field gets muddier, they will be limited to playing on all weather surfaces around the play equipment and the playground and we will then have to put rackets and large balls away. We are starting to think about 'small world' play and would like to create lots of small crates of toys for the children to play with in a designated area. If you have any items at home that you would like to donate to help with the cost such as cars, plastic animals, etc. (basically items that can get wet), please bring them into school after half term. If we have too many items, we will donate them to the PTFA to be used for the tombola at the Christmas Fair.

School Choir



Mrs Morrison is running a school choir during Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes for 15mins. The children are rehearsing Christmas songs to perform at our school fair on Thursday 27th November and in Faversham Market Place as part of the switching on of the Christmas lights on Saturday 29th November. If your child would like to take part, please ask them to speak to Mrs Morrison or the office.

Wool donations

The children are currently enjoying finger knitting at playtime. Please ask those knitters and crocheters if they have any spare balls of wool to donate. Forest School would also appreciate any donations of wool.



Change of date for clubs

Chess, Puzzle and Seasonal Craft due to take place on Thursday 27th November will be moved to Wednesday 26th November due to the school Christmas Fair.

SPORTS NEWS

BasketFUN

We are delighted to commend Leo, Rami, Dottie, Dolly, Cecile, Amelia, Jake and Dylan from Years 2 and 3 for their excellent behaviour and participation at the BasketFun event held at Canterbury Academy on Tuesday, 14th October.

The children took part in a variety of basketball-themed activities, including an obstacle course, dribbling skills games, passing and a shooting skills demonstration. They all showed lots of enthusiasm giving 100% effort throughout the event. In fact, some of the children were so exhausted from all the fun that they even had a little nap on the return journey to school on the minibus.

We are proud of the children's engagement and the positive way they represented the school. Events like these provide valuable opportunities for our students to develop their sports skills, teamwork, and overall well-being. We hope they enjoyed it as much as we did.

Mrs Crisp and Mr Thomas



Sheldwich Best Ever Result at Tag Rugby

A squad of 10 players, a mixture of Years 5 and 6, went to Canterbury Rugby Club last Tuesday for a 13-team competition. We were split into two groups in a round robin format to decide four semi-finalists. We had two tough opening games with a draw and defeat to Blean 1. From there however the team grew in confidence and their skills and teamwork started to pay dividends with three wins in succession. This brought us second place and a semi-final against another Blean team, which we narrowly lost. A third place play off was against Bridge 1 and a tense and close game followed with Sheldwich always taking the lead but then being pegged back. The score at full time was 4-4 so it was to be decided by a 'Golden Try'. We had the advantage of possession to begin with and almost immediately Eddie broke loose for the winning try and third place, our best result at this sport. Well done team! Representing Sheldwich were: Amelia, Ava, Eleni, Ella, Roisin, Dexter, Eddie, Ellis, Harry and Issac.

While our older children were plying their skills above a group of Year 4s were enjoying taking part in drills to learn various skills and playing some friendly matches. At the end of the event, they took on a group of Simon Langton boys and beat them. (We have not been able to discover whether these older boys c.15 years were playing at full speed but we were assured by our children that they most certainly were.) The Year 4s were: Alexa, Flora, Willow, Evan, Jacob, Luca, Rory and William.

Finally, a big thank you to Mrs Dadd and Mrs Twynam for their help and support today.

Mr Lee/Mrs Baker



Football Training at the Abbey School

The children took part in a training and match at the Abbey School led by Dover



Football Academy. They enjoyed learning new skills whilst wearing the new football kit for the first time. Good team spirit and determination shown after conceding a few goals early on. The team had a great after and Roisin was named



Player of the Match. Thank you to Mr Evans for accompanying us.

Mrs Fairs

And finally

The Year 6 Sports Leaders underwent training from Chris from Canterbury Academy this week whereby they learnt what makes a good leader and the roles and responsibilities they will undertake in the year. They also designed and carried out their own sports activities in preparation for conducting their own competitions, clubs and activities throughout the year.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



On Friday 3rd October many of you came to pack out St James' Church to enjoy our Harvest Festival service. Faversham Foodbank were overwhelmed by the generosity you all showed with your kind donations. Thank you so much.



BIKEABILITY



Badgers enjoyed riding their bikes in and around school last week. They began by learning to cycle safely on the playground and then progressed to learning how to ride on the road safely. Bikeability equips riders with skills and confidence to cycle. Thank you to the Bikeability team.



AWARDS



Friday 10th October

<u>Class</u>	<u>Headteacher Awards</u>	<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>
Little		
Hedgehogs	Rory	
Ladybirds	Alina and Isaac	Alba
Class 1	Ingrid and Benjamin	Ethan
Class 2	Hettie and Cecilie	Blake
Class 3	Olivia A and Leo	Edward
Class 4	Indigo and Agnes	Alexa
Class 5	Amelia and Mabel	Dotty
Class 6	Francis and Margot	Joey

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: 3	Pupil: William (4)
Extended Schools: Dottie (3)	Lunchtime: Joshua (3)
Presentation: Harry (2)	Citizen: Thomas H (2)
Attendance Award: Dragonflies and Foxes 100%	

Friday 17th October

<u>Class</u>	<u>Headteacher Awards</u>	<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>
Little		
Hedgehogs	Kit	
Ladybirds	Pearl and Darcey	Grace
Class 1	Hugo and Lola	Jasper
Class 2	Poppy and Felicity	Amelia
Class 3	Marnie and Rose	Amaya
Class 4	Flora and Evan	Ben
Class 5	Roisin and Miles	Katrina
Class 6	Margot and Sylvester	Eddie

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Butterflies	Pupil: Clara (5)
Extended Schools: Mabel (4)	Lunchtime: Ella and Sienna (6)
Presentation: Grayson (R)	LSA award: Dalton (2)
Citizen: Aiden (1)	Attendance Award: Squirrels 99%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

New dates are highlighted

Term 2

Mon 27 th Oct	School closed – INSET day
Tues 28 th Oct	Start of Term 2 for pupils
Friday 31 st Oct	P.F.T.A. Halloween Fun Run
Weds 5 th Nov	Puberty Workshop – Class 5
Thurs 6 th Nov	Class 2 – trip to Oare Gunpowder Works
w/c 10 th Nov	STEM Week
Fri 31 st Oct	P.T.F.A. Sponsored Halloween Fun Run
Tues 11 th Nov	P.T.F.A. Pre-loved Uniform sale
Mon 17 th Nov	Class 3 – Dover Museum
Tues 18 th Nov	P.T.F.A. Coffee Morning
Mon 24 th Nov	R.E. Day
Thurs 27 th Nov	3.30pm – P.T.F.A. Christmas Fair
Fri 28 th Nov	School closed - INSET day
Mon 1 st Dec	Class R – trip to Canterbury Cathedral
Thurs 4 th Dec	9.10am – Class 6 assembly for parents
Fri 5 th Dec	AM – Pantomime for whole school
Mon 8 th Dec	2pm – LH Crafternoon
Friday 12 th Dec	AM P.T.F.A. Elfridges in the hall
Weds 17 th Dec	Christmas jumper day/Christmas dinner
	9.05am– Class 1 performing carols to parents in hall
	2pm – Class 2 production for parents
	5pm – Class 2 production for parents
Fri 19 th Dec	Last day of Term 2
	9.30am – Christmas service in church (Classes 1-6)
	10.30am – Class R Nativity in church
	Last day of Term 2

Term 3

Mon 5 th Jan	Start of Term 3
	Reverend Peter to visit school Epiphany assembly
w/c 12 th Jan	Winter Walk week
Fri 6 th Feb	9.10am - Class R assembly for parents
Weds 11 th Feb	2pm - Little Hedgehogs Crafternoon
	Reverend Peter to visit Class 4
Thurs 12 th Feb	9.10am – Class 4 assembly for parents
Fri 13 th Feb	Last day of Term 3
	Mid-year reports sent home

Term 4

Mon 23 rd Feb	Start of Term 4
	Lent Assembly – Reverend Peter visiting
Tues 25 th Feb	R.E. Day Ramadan
w/c 2 nd March	Book Week
Thurs 5 th Mar	World Book Day – dressing up day
Fri 13 th Mar	Chess tournament – Round 1
	2pm – Class R Mothers’ Day tea
Mon 16 th Mar	2pm – LH Crafternoon
Fri 20 th Mar	9.10am – Class 3 assembly for parents
Fri 27 th Mar	9.10am – Class 5 assembly for parents
w/c 30 th Mar	Spring Walk Week
Tues 31 st Mar	Parents’ evening
Weds 1 st Apr	Parents’ evening
Thurs 2 nd Apr	Last day of Term 4
	9.30am - Easter service in church

Term 5

Mon 20 th Apr	Start of Term 5
Weds 22 nd Apr	2pm – LH Crafternoon
Mon 27 th Apr	Class 1 to St James’ Church
Mon 4 th May	Bank holiday
w/c 11 th May	Class 6 SATs week
Fri 15 th May	9.10am – Class 1 assembly to parents
w/c 18 th May	Art Week (theme – Faversham)
Tues 19 th May	PM – LH Sports Day
	3.45pm – Meeting for new Class R parents
Thurs 21 st May	AM – Junior Sports Day
	PM – Infants Sports Day
Fri 22 nd May	End of Term 5

BOOKTRUST

- GETTING CHILDREN READING



BookTrust is the UK's largest children's reading charity with a history that stretches back over 100 years. If you would like to find book ideas for your child's age and stage take a look at the fantastic resources on their website.

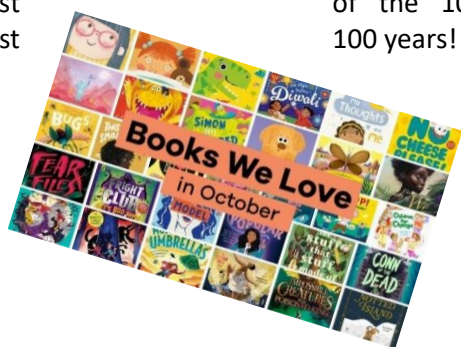
With the **Bookfinder** tool you can search hundreds of reviews of children's books by age and theme to find a child's next read.

Check out **New children's books we love** - each month dozens of books for children and teenagers are reviewed and here you will find a selection of the favourites.

Children often get hooked on a favourite book series or author and struggle to find something they love as much. **What to read after your favourites** can help, with recommendations from librarians, teachers, parents, authors and children.

You may also be interested in BookTrust's **Great Books Guide for 2025-25**, a collection of 100 recently published children's books for reading for pleasure. It includes fiction, non-fiction, poetry, graphic novels and dyslexia-friendly stories across a variety of genres. You can download the guide from the website and there's also a chance to win all 100 books for our school.

BookTrust has also put together a list of the 100 best books for children from the last 100 years!



CLASS NEWS

Little Hedgehogs



After requests from Little Hedgehogs we enjoyed the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We would particularly recommend listening to Michael Rosen's telling of it as it enthused as to go on a bear hunt every day, singing the story as we searched for the bear in a cave. We also decorated teddy bear faces and made honey and marmalade sandwiches. This week we have been sharing stories about hedgehogs. We used forks and paint to decorate prickly hedgehogs, and made cheese and pineapple hedgehogs.

Ways to support your child's learning at home:

1. Learn the rhyme of the week – good rhymers make great readers.
2. Share a story every night.

If you have any pictures, photographs or artwork, for example, that you wish to share with others please give to us to put on the good news board.

Happy Birthday to Edie, Penelope and Mrs Scott. We hope your birthdays are as lovely as you.

Picture of the week: Dixie; Wow! You have been so creative; we love your collage using things you found in the garden.

Headteacher's Certificates: Rory for warmly welcoming others to Little Hedgehogs.

Kit for retelling the story of the Bear Hunt with words and actions.

Shiny is enjoying sending time with Anna and her family.

Have a fantastic break and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Hedgehugs Mrs Scott and team

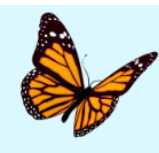
Ladybirds



I cannot believe that we have come to the end of our first term – what an achievement! I am so proud of how much progress our lovely Ladybirds have made. We have learnt new routines, made new friends and learnt a lot of new phonic skills! They have settled in brilliantly and are incredibly motivated learners, a joy to teach! Next term, we will be learning about 'Occupations' and would welcome any visits from family members to tell us a little bit about their jobs and careers – please email ladybirds.ladybirds@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk if you are interested and we can arrange a convenient date and time. Have a wonderful and well-deserved break!

Mrs Minty

Butterflies



Butterflies have had a great time yesterday finding out about Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and some of the musicals he has written. We enjoyed listening to the story and some of the songs from the show. Thank you for all the recycled materials brought in. We made fantastic

Starlight Express trains!

We wrote some wonderful stories last week about our islands and this week have brought them to life in 3D form. We have made islands using newspaper in the shapes of turtles, dolphins, whales, octopuses and seahorses!

I hope Butterflies have a lovely half term break; they have worked so hard this term. Do keep reading and practicing phonics over the holidays. It would also help to practice your number bonds to 10. When we return, reading books will be changed every Friday. Happy holidays!

Mrs Charman

Dragonflies



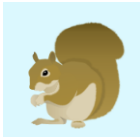
What a wonderful week we have had, ending our first term together in Dragonflies Class! We have been continuing our Addition and Subtraction in Maths, and in English we have been learning and performing the poem 'The Owl and the Pussycat'. We have been doing lots of Design Technology, learning about and making sliding, pivot and wheel mechanisms, including making dragonflies with moving wings which the children really enjoyed! We had so much fun on Music Day, creating fact files about Andrew Lloyd Webber, writing our favourite memories in memory jars, watching lots of songs from 'Cats' and decorating cat masks. We also had a drama workshop which was great fun. It has been

lovely getting to know the children over the past seven weeks and

building a wonderful classroom community. I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and look forward to seeing you again next term.

Mrs Waller

Squirrels



We have had such a fun first term in Class 3! The past few weeks have seen us design, make, eat and evaluate our healthy main course and healthy dessert as well as write an animal story and information text about hedgehogs. Next term, our Topic will be 'Meet the Flintstones' and we will be looking at the Stone Age period, specifically the Neolithic era. In Science, we will be learning about Rocks and Soils and in English we will be reading 'Stig of the Dump'. Children are welcome to bring in a copy if they wish to have their own. Have a good break!

Mrs Hammond

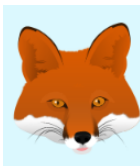
Otters



It has been a brilliant two weeks with our trip to Canterbury Cathedral, scone making and the Music Day. The children have thrown themselves whole heartedly into every activity. Thank you all the wonderful homework. There is such a variety of work, including pictures, computer designs and fabulous 3D habitats. If you did not make a habitat and would like to over half term or in school the first week back save some junk modelling and we will do it our first lesson back. We are so proud of all your hard work and fantastic attitudes this term, keep an eye on our class website page for updates and photos.

Mrs Morrison and Mrs Tyler

Foxes



Wow, what a first term! We have been so busy, working hard, learning lots and trying out loads of new things. We all competed in our own ancient Greek Olympics competing over 5 events: long distance run, javelin, long jump, sprint and shot putt. The winners were all crowned with laurel wreaths and given freedom of the classroom! We have also made Greek vases from clay and been intricately painting our design on them.

Next term, our focus changes to Geography and we will be embracing a topic all about the world, its oceans and continents learning about their culture, geographical features and Art. We will also be beginning our class text so if you would like your own copy – **Eva Ibbotsen – The Secret of Platform 13**. Our swimming lessons will be continuing after the Half Term.

Although there is no homework over the Half Term, I do need you to do a little research for our first RE lesson back on **Thursday 30th October**. I need you to each ask some family members, friends or neighbours about whether or not they believe in God, why they do/don't and how this affects their life. Hopefully, there will be lots of varied answers, there is no right or wrong response, it is the opinions of the people you ask and the God that they believe in or do not believe in. Try to ask 3 different people and get quotes from them which you need to bring to school. You can bring them in by hand or upload them on to Teams (I have set up an assignment) by Thursday 30th October for our R.E. lesson. Thank you.

Mrs Fairs

Badgers



It has been wonderful to get to know the lovely Class 6 children. We have been exploring Space in Science, creating galaxy artwork, finishing out accounts of U.F.O.'s in English and looking at the 1888 strike in the Matchstick factory. Badgers finished the week by creating their own play scripts and songs for their own musical – they were fantastic!

Mr Lines

