



# Sheldwich Primary School

## Little Hedgehogs Pre-School



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5th September 2025

### Message from Mrs Garrett

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome to the start of the new academic year; I hope all of our families had a wonderful summer. It is lovely to see the pupils back at school in their new classes and to meet our new children in Ladybirds and Little Hedgehogs as well as Arlo, Dorothy, Mabel and Katrina.

We have already set dates for lots of events this year which are listed on this newsletter. Please add these to your diaries at home and keep an eye on future newsletters for more events and activities. If you have any questions about the dates and events, please contact the school office.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries about anything. If it is a class matter, you can quickly see the teachers on the playground at the end of the day or email them:

|            |                                                                                                    |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pre-school | <a href="mailto:Little.hedgehogs@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk">Little.hedgehogs@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk</a> |
| Class R    | <a href="mailto:Ladybirds@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk">Ladybirds@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk</a>               |
| Class 1    | <a href="mailto:Butterflies@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk">Butterflies@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk</a>           |
| Class 2    | <a href="mailto:Dragonflies@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk">Dragonflies@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk</a>           |
| Class 3    | <a href="mailto:Squirrels@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk">Squirrels@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk</a>               |
| Class 4    | <a href="mailto:Otters@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk">Otters@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk</a>                     |
| Class 5    | <a href="mailto:Foxes@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk">Foxes@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk</a>                       |
| Class 6    | <a href="mailto:Badgers@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk">Badgers@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk</a>                   |

For all other queries, please ring, come in or email the school office.

Finally, please take a look at the Class Pages on our school website as the teachers will regularly update the information and add photos during each term.

Best Wishes

Mrs S Garrett ☺

### Important Messages

#### Parking

We would like to ask that parents not to park in front of the school for drop off in the morning (marked with the red line below). Parking by school can be dangerous for pedestrians and drivers and prevents the flow of vehicles up and down Lees Court Road. Instead, please park in the church car park or up beyond the garages by the Lees and walk down to school. If you need to drop and go, please drive up to the Lees and turn round so you can turn left into school. Please do not turn right into school if you have come from the A251. We are sure that everyone would appreciate the support of the whole of the Sheldwich School community with considerate parking.



#### Siblings Starting School in September

If you have a younger child who is due to start school in September 2026, we would be very grateful if you could inform the school office. Younger children with a brother or sister in Classes R-5 will have a sibling link and have a place in reception class in September 2026. You will still need to apply. Otherwise, we would advise you to read our Admissions Policy (on the school website) together with KCC's Guide to Applying for a Primary School booklet.

#### Car Park

We would like to remind you all that the gravel car park is for the use of adults collecting Little Hedgehogs, Ladybird children and those with mobility issues. Please DO NOT park here if your child is in Classes 1 to 6 unless you have prior permission from Mrs Garrett.

#### French Club

BilinguaSing French Club will be running again from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> on Mondays (KS1) and Wednesdays (KS2) please use the following links to book:-

[Booking link for the Monday club.](#)

[Booking link for the Wednesday club.](#)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### Term 1

|                                             |                                                                            |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept                   | 9am and 3pm – Parent Helper workshops<br>2.30pm – PTFA AGM in hall         |
| Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept                 | Year 6 Kent Test                                                           |
| Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept                   | 2.50pm and 3.30pm – 'Meet the Teacher' meetings for parents                |
| Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept                   | Clubs start this week<br>School photographer – class and individual photos |
| Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept                  | School photographer – class and individual photos                          |
| Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept                  | School photographer – class and individual photos                          |
| Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept                 | 3.30pm – Secondary School meeting for Class 6 parents                      |
| Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept                  | 1.30pm – Class 5 – bell ringing at St James' Church                        |
| w/c 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept                   | Autumn Walk Week                                                           |
| Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept                  | 2pm – LH Crafternoon                                                       |
| Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct                     | 9.30am – Harvest Festival Service at St James' Church                      |
| w/c 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct                     | Class 6 - Bikeability                                                      |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct                | Flu Vaccinations – Classes R-6                                             |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct                | Parents' evening (Classes R-5)                                             |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct              | Parents' evening (Classes R-5)                                             |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct               | Music Day / Parents' evening (Class 6)                                     |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct                 | Parents' evening (Class 6) / End of Term 1                                 |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Half Term                                                                  |

### Term 2

|                            |                                                       |
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| Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | School closed – INSET day                             |
| Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | Start of Term 2 for pupils                            |
| w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | STEM Week                                             |
| Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | R.E. Day                                              |
| Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov | 3.30pm – PTA Christmas Fair                           |
| Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | School closed - INSET day                             |
| Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 9.10am – Class 6 assembly for parents                 |
| Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec    | AM – Pantomime for whole school                       |
| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec    | 2pm – LH Crafternoon                                  |
| Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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

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| Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan | First day of Term 3 |
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## PTFA NEWS



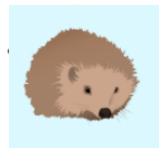
The PTA now called PTFA, will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm in the school hall. Please do come along to celebrate the amazing fundraising total of £20,000 and to find out their plan for this year. All are welcome.

The Pre-Loved Uniform shed will be open on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 3.15pm-3.45pm.



## CLASS NEWS

### Little Hedgehogs



Welcome back Little Hedgehogs and welcome to our new friends. We hope that you all had a fantastic summer.

This week we have loved hearing about your summer, it sounds like everyone had a great time. This term we are talking about new beginnings and learning all about each other. As part of this, we have painted amazing self-portraits. They will be displayed in Hedgehogs very soon. We have also been enjoying stories about Elmer.

- 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:** Mary and Ruger. We hope your birthdays are as lovely as you are.

**Picture of the week:** Khaleesi; Wow! You have been so creative; we love your use of colour.

**Headteacher's Certificates:** Everyone in Little Hedgehogs for returning to Pre-school with enthusiasm.

**Mrs Scott and team**

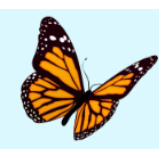
### Ladybirds



What an amazing first week we have had in Ladybirds! I am SO proud of how well the children have been learning new routines, showing good listening and developing new and existing friendships. We will be thinking about our families in the coming weeks – it would be very helpful for the children to bring in a family photograph that they can talk about with their peers/adults. If you are unable to print at home, feel free to send a photo to [ladybirds.ladybirds@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ladybirds.ladybirds@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk) and I can print it at school!

**Mrs Minty**

### Butterflies



Butterflies have had a superb first week back. I am so proud of how confident they are coming into school each morning.

We have been busy writing recounts about our lovely summer holiday, trying to remember to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. In maths we have been busy sorting and counting objects. We have started our topic about the United Kingdom and

enjoyed learning a song to help us remember the four countries.

Please double check that jumpers/cardigans are named. We have already had to put some nameless ones into lost property.

**Mrs Charman**

### Dragonflies



Our new Dragonflies have had a wonderful first week; it has been lovely to see them embracing life in Year 2. This week we have begun our 'Oceans' topic, learning the names and locations of the world's continents and oceans and singing songs to help us remember the names. In Maths, we are consolidating our understanding of number and place value. In English, we have had two exciting 'visits' from an unknown 'creature' who has left us some natural objects and some plastic objects! We enjoyed developing our inference skills by trying to work out who had been in our classroom, then we wrote descriptive lists of the objects left behind. I am really enjoying getting to know the new Class 2 and am looking forward to working with all the children over the coming year.

**Mrs Waller**

### Squirrels



We have had a wonderful first week back and I have been so impressed by how quickly the children have settled into 'junior life'! We have been having lots of fun as we delve into the Year 3 Curriculum – from beginning some Scratch animations in Coding to sharing and writing all about our Summer holidays. We will be doing P.E. on Mondays

(indoors) and Fridays (outdoors) so please make sure P.E. kit is always in school on these days. Next week we will be reading the Hodgehog. If your child would like their own copy please bring it into school named

**Mrs Hammond**

### Otters



It has been brilliant to welcome back the Otters from their summer holidays, despite the weather we have had lots of fun this week strengthening our understanding of Place Value in Mathematics and diving into our Topic (The United Kingdom) with zeal. The children have made the most of their indoor P.E. lesson by creating some

outstanding Gymnastic sequences. Next week we will begin to read the Iron Man in our English lessons, if you happen to have a copy at home could you please send it in with your child. We would also be grateful for a few old newspapers to use in a future art piece, if anyone has any spare. It has been fabulous to see their strong start following the holidays and we look forward to the weeks ahead.

**Mrs Morrison and Mrs Tyler**

### Foxes



Welcome to Year 5 – Foxes Class. I hope that you all had a fantastic summer break and are ready to get stuck into Year 5. It will be a busy, challenging but fun year and I am excited to be teaching you all. We have started well this week, already exploring the Ancient Greeks and the world of Greek myths in English. Our P.E. lessons will be on Monday and Wednesday but Monday's lesson will be swimming

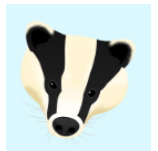
sessions from 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Please ensure that if your child is a free reader that they are bringing a book into school to read, they can of course borrow one for the class book corner or school library.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next Friday at our Meet the Teacher Presentations in the classroom.

**Mrs Fairs**

### Badgers



We have had a lovely start to the new year in Class 6 and the children have all settled in brilliantly. We are reading Sherlock Holmes stories in English and are already deep into the mystery of The Speckled Band. This fits really well with our Topic work this term which is about the Victorian period. In Maths, we are revising our place value understanding and in Science we are learning about Earth and Space.

In preparation for the Kent Test on Thursday, we will be having a familiarisation session on Wednesday morning so that all the children know exactly where they will be sitting, which adults will be in the room and what the test will look like.

**Mr Burns**

## AWARDS



### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Headteacher Awards</u> | <u>Mathematician of the Week</u> |
|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Little       |                           |                                  |
| Hedgehogs    | Everyone                  |                                  |
| Ladybirds    | Aidan and Etty            | George                           |
| Class 1      | Arlo and Art              | Bella                            |
| Class 2      | Anastasia and Dalton      | Elsie                            |
| Class 3      | Dylan and Beatrix         | Arthur                           |
| Class 4      | Luke and Phoebe           | Luca                             |
| Class 5      | Olivia and Rex            | Joe                              |
| Class 6      | Avie and Margot           | Jack                             |

### Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Ladybirds  
Extended Schools: Nathan (3)  
Presentation: Jaxon (2)  
Citizen: Cagan (6)

Pupil: Rafe (5)  
Lunchtime: Joey (6)  
LSA award: Elyza (1)  
Attendance Award: Ladybirds 100%

## CENSUS DAY

To celebrate Census Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, we will be 'off menu' to serve a special lunch. Please see the 'Carnival Festival' flyer at the end of the newsletter. Choosing a lunch on this day helps to determine core funding from the Government for the school. It would be very beneficial if as many people as possible choose a school dinner on this day. Thank you!

