



Sheldwich Primary School

Little Hedgehogs Pre-School



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Important Messages

Reports and Attendance

Reports are being sent home with your child today; please let us know if you do not have their report as soon as possible. If you have any comments about the reports, please address them to your child's class teacher.

Within the report there is a summary of your child's attendance up until Friday 6th February 2026. As you know, absence is very closely monitored both internally and externally and data is collected by Kent County Council and also the DfE.

We have highlighted in green attendance between 90% and 95%. The school monitors attendance for this group and ensures that absence is authorised (sickness, medical appointments, etc).

Attendance below 90% is highlighted in orange. Most children in this group have authorised absence (possibly been in hospital or long term illness). The DfE defines 'Persistent Absent Pupils' whose attendance falls below 90%. For this reason, the school has to report these pupils to our Education Welfare Officer at Kent County Council.

We understand that some absences cannot be avoided (e.g. illnesses). However, please endeavour to send your child to school on days they are well so that they do not miss important lessons and education. Holidays should be taken in school holiday time and special days out arranged for weekends.

Changes at Little Hedgehogs Pre-School

We are delighted to inform you that we have appointed a new manager at Little Hedgehogs Pre-School. Mrs Cooper will be starting her new role on Monday 9th March and will be working three days a week (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays). She is a qualified teacher who has years of experience working in Early Years and is very much looking forward to working with our current staff at Little Hedgehogs and getting to know the children and their parents.

The trustees have agreed to a change in the age that children can start at Little Hedgehogs. Places are currently available to children who are aged 2½ years and older; this will be lowered to age 2 years. If you have a younger child and would be interested in them starting at Little Hedgehogs soon, please come to the office to make an appointment for a visit or collect an information pack.

Book Fair

We will be opening our annual Book Fair on the following dates next term. As usual, the children will bring home details of books they have seen at the fair which parents (if they wish) can pay for and order through the school. Alternatively, books can be purchased by cash, cheque or card at the Book Fair.

Thursday 26th February 9am to 9.30a For parents only - during the PTFA's coffee morning

Thursday 26th February 3.30pm to 4pm

Friday 27th February 8.30am to 9am

Monday 2nd March 3.30pm to 4pm

Tuesday 3rd March 8.30am to 9am

Book week

This year's book week theme is **THE POWER OF IMAGINATION**

We will enjoy a wide range of activities and stories. On Thursday 5th March, please come dressed as any book character, from a non-fiction or fiction text. We are excited to see your wonderful costumes. If you have anytime and skills that you can offer to any classes during our book week please can you send an email to shannon.morrison@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk. You may be an author, illustrator, acting coach, work in publications or even have a passion for Literacy.

100 Club

Congratulations to our February 100 Club winners:- Mrs Wiltshire, Mrs Diddams and Mrs Du Plessis

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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
Tues 10 th Mar	Class 4 - Trip to Leeds Castle
Fri 13 th Mar	Chess tournament – Round 1
	2pm – Class R Mothers' Day tea
Mon 16 th Mar	SCARF wellbeing workshop Classes 1-4
	Class 5 – Trip to Chatham Dockyard
	2pm – LH Crafternoon
Tues 17 th Mar	Class 3 – Trip to Kent Life
Fri 20 th Mar	9.10am – Class 3 assembly for parents
w/c Mon 23 rd Mar	Last week of clubs
Thurs 26 th Mar	Class 1 – Trip to the Gulbenkian Theatre



We are very excited to announce that as a school we have registered with the Royal Academy of Art Summer Show. This means that any of our young artists will be able to independently submit a piece of work for the Young Artists Summer Show 2026 should they wish. These artworks will then be judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

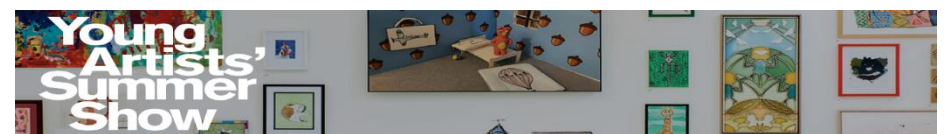
Each student can submit one artwork and there is no theme. When you enter, they will ask for an image of the artwork plus some information about the piece such as title, size, and some text written by the artist which can include why they created the work and what it means to them. Good luck!

You will find more information here:-

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/get-involved>

Key Dates:-

Submission open	Judging	Online Exhibition	Open Display at the RA
Now to 4 th March	May	14 th July	14 th July-30 th August



AWARDS

Friday 6th February

<u>Class</u>	<u>Headteacher Awards</u>	<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>
Little		
Hedgehogs	Alex	
Ladybirds	Ruby and Alina	Lucy
Class 1	Evelyn and Art	Broden
Class 2	Dalton and Eliana	Cecilie
Class 3	Rose and Daisy	Buster
Class 4	Indigo and Teddy	Agnes
Class 5	Ava and Claudine	Olivia
Class 6	Zina and Sienna	Frances

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Otters	Pupil: Joshua (3)
Extended Schools: Joe (5)	Lunchtime: James (R)
Presentation: Betty (6)	Citizen: Matilda (6)
LSA: Amy (6)	Attendance Award: Butterflies 98%

Friday 30th January

<u>Class</u>	<u>Headteacher Awards</u>	<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>
Little		
Hedgehogs	Linda	
Ladybirds	Grace and Etty	Olivia
Class 1	Bertie and Benjamin	Mark
Class 2	Alba and Felicity	Martha
Class 3	Amaya and Rami	Leo
Class 4	Alex and Violet	Rose
Class 5	Asher and Gretel	Roisin
Class 6	Betty and James	Matilda

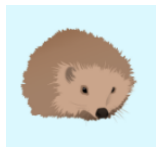
Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Otters	Pupil: Alex B (4)
Extended Schools: Eleni and Ella (6)	Lunchtime: Taylor (5)
Presentation: Olivia A (3)	LSA award: Mr Grave
Citizen: Ava (R)	Attendance Award: Butterflies 97%



CLASS NEWS

Little Hedgehogs



Last week we enjoyed the story of Jack Frost. We hammered away at ice to free the contents and made very tasty coconut ice. **This week** we thought about what and who we love and drew pictures to demonstrate this.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Crafternoon, we really do appreciate you making time for us. After listening to the lovely story about The Invisible String, we decorated large hearts with paint and small hearts, made heart shaped sandwiches, decorated biscuits with chocolate hearts and coloured in pictures. We enjoyed every minute of it.

We would appreciate any trousers/jogging bottoms and socks for our spare clothes box as we are rather short of them. Thank you.

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.

Shiny had a lovely time with George and Amelia, what a lucky bear he is.

Happy Birthday to Rafferty. We hope your birthdays are as lovely as you are.

Picture of the week: Taisley; Wow! You have been so creative.

Headteacher's Certificates: Alex for overcoming concerns about transitions and arriving very happily in the morning, Linda for making us lots of tasty cakes in the role-play area.

We hope that you all have an enjoyable week. Please feel free to share any news for our good news board.

Hedgehugs Mrs Scott and team

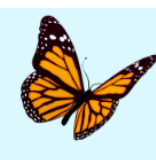
Ladybirds



We have had so much fun this term learning about Space and all the planets in our Solar System! Thank you all for coming to our assembly last week, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Next term, we will be learning about Traditional Tales – we will touch on The Snow Queen, Billy Goats Gruff, Jack and the Beanstalk, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Three Little Pigs and The Gingerbread Man. I hope that you all have a very restful half term!

Mrs Minty

Butterflies



Butterflies have had a brilliant term. Their versions of Goldilocks and the Three Bears were fantastic and it is great to have such enthusiastic writers in the class! Next term we will be learning about Significant People in Topic and Plants in Science. Other exciting events coming up are Book Week and our class trip to the pantomime!

PE kits and pencil cases have been sent home for the holidays. Please check they are complete and replenish any missing items. Do check the website for homework dates and see photos of some of the things we have done this term. Have a lovely half term break.

Mrs Charman

Dragonflies

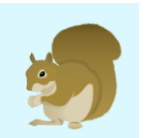


As we reach the end of Term 3 and the half-way point of the school year, it is a great time to reflect on the class' progress. This term the class has really found their confidence, both academically and socially. As I marked our most recent Big Write, it was a delight to see the incredible progress that has been made in writing, since Term 1.

This week, we have been doing a lot of Design Technology is the afternoons, designing, making and evaluating mechanical dinosaur pictures. We have also enjoyed watching, learning, performing and writing poetry. We were fortunate to have a very sunny day for a Poetry Walk and were excited to see a buzzard hovering gracefully above us. P.E. kits and pencil cases have now been sent home. Please can you ensure that your child has the correct stationery items for KS1, including a glue stick and several writing pencils. It would be helpful not to have additional items such as erasable pens, gel pens, tubes of glitter and large novelty pencil sharpeners, as these prove to be very distracting during learning time. Many thanks for your support on this matter, and have a lovely half term break.

Mrs Waller

Squirrels



Well what a term Squirrels have had. We are so proud of their swimming and also how quickly they get changed. We will be continuing our swimming lessons next term. Squirrels have also put all the plastic bottles to good use and made fantastic canopy jars which we are looking forward to showing at our class assembly. Next term,

our Science topic will be 'Green Plants' and we'll still be looking at Ancient Egypt in Topic. We will be studying the wonderful books of Oliver Jeffers in English and learning an Egyptian dance. Hope you all have a lovely half term break!

Mrs Hammond

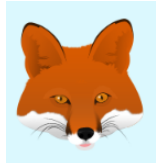
Otters



We have had an amazing term and worked our socks off. We have been enjoying our topic China, learning a range of facts and information as well creating beautiful artwork and 3D models. We hope you enjoyed our excellent class assembly. Next term we will be continuing to read 'The Firework Maker's daughter' and learn decimals in Maths. We are looking forward to book week and our class trip to Leeds Castle. We hope you all have a wonderful half term.

Mrs Morrison and Mrs Tyler

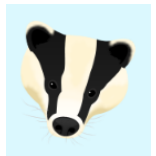
Foxes



We have had a busy end to the term with everyone enjoying their Forest School sessions with Ms Caverly. We had a fantastic time at Dreamland, learning all about the history of the park and how the rides worked and we had a fab time roller skating in their roller disco! In groups we built fairground and theme park rides from K'nex, working as a team to complete the job. Next term, our Topic will be 'Water Worlds and we will be delving into the rivers of the UK and the World, the Water Cycle, coral reefs and then learning about the River System. Have a lovely Half Term break!

Mrs Fairs

Badgers



Lots going on again in Class 6. The debates went brilliantly: the children all acquitted themselves admirably and there were some excellent arguments put forward. We ended our Australia topic by looking at the First Fleet and its journey to Australia – there is a fun game on the Australian Maritime Museum's website that the children might like to continue playing at home: <http://voyage.anmm.gov.au/>. Finally, we had a great day out at Dreamland, learning about the history of the park, and we survived the roller disco without (to the best of my knowledge) any broken bones! Thank you to Mrs Paice for accompanying us. Have a lovely break.

Mr Burns

FOREST SCHOOL NEWS



It was so lovely to see the first signs of Spring in the Forest. There was a blanket of snowdrops and finally the sun was shining for Class 5 to enjoy their last Forest School session. They enjoyed making tin lanterns, creating beautiful stick weaving and crafted some very interesting pine cone 'beings'. We are now looking forward to the warmer weather and for each class to come back and spend another session in the Forest. Butterflies Class will be joining me in our first week back after the half term. If anyone has some lengths of ribbon that they would like to donate to the Forest School, it would be very much appreciated.

Mrs Caverly



SPORTS NEWS

Sheldwich Runners Up at Year 3 & 4 Football

Sheldwich took two teams to Simon Langton Boys school this Tuesday to take part in a 12 team tournament. We were kept apart in the first stage which was a three league round robin format. Our Year 4 team topped their group with two 1-0 victories, while Year 3 had a more mixed bag with two narrow defeats and a victory. The competition then moved to a 'waterfall' format to decide places from first to last. Year 4 found themselves in a group containing winning sides from the other leagues and proceeded to chisel out three 0-0 draws with Jacob's goalkeeping being vital in keeping these clean sheets. Unfortunately, without a victory here we were denied first place and had to settle for runners up, despite being undefeated during the entire competition and not conceding a single goal. Year 4 were represented by: Alexa, Flora, Willow, Alex, Jacob, Fred, Luca, Rory, William and River.

Our Year 3 team were in the competition for 5th to 8th place and again won one match (against Selling) but lost the other two, so were most likely 7th. Wearing the shirts for Year 3 were: Daisy, Marnie, Willow, Indigo, Edward, Joshua, Nathan and Dylan.

Well done everyone for representing Sheldwich so well with excellent behaviour and team spirit. Thanks also to Mr Wilson for coaching Year 4 and to Mr Thomas for managing Year 3 and finally a call out to Josh and Ella from Year 6 for helping with a practise session last week.

Mr Lee

