



Sheldwich Primary School

Little Hedgehogs Pre-School



No. 13

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Important Messages

The School Day

Just a gentle reminder that children should be dropped off at school between 8.40am and 8.55am. We know that sometimes life happens but please try to get your child(ren) here on time. If your child arrives after this time, they will be marked as late.

Key Consequences of School Lateness:

Lost Learning Time: Just 5 minutes of daily tardiness equals nearly 3.5 days of lost education over a school year.

Academic Impact: Children struggle to catch up, leading to lower attainment and potential failure to meet standards.

Disruption: Late arrivals interrupt lessons, impacting the learning of other children.

Social Challenges: Missing morning "settling in" time can make it harder for children to connect with peers and feel comfortable.

Sports Week Plea

Mrs Fairs still needs parent volunteers to help with Sports Week. The theme will be American and Canadian sports, as inspired by the FIFA World Cup which is being held in North America this summer. Therefore, she is currently organising and arranging different coaching experiences for the children. As last year was such a success, with a variety of wonderful parents volunteering their time to work with our children, she thought she would ask again. If any of you would like to come into school and coach the children in a sport such as cheerleading, softball, lacrosse, athletics or any sport that you are interested in. Please contact Mrs Fairs on foxes@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk

Sports Week is the week commencing 22nd – 26th June 2026.

Thank you for all your support with school sports.



Labelling

Over the holidays, please could you check your child's uniform, P.E. kit, coats etc to make sure that they are labelled. As the weather warms up, we expect that many children will be taking their jumpers and cardigans off at playtime. We have a large amount of jumpers in lost property where labels have washed off or the pen has faded. Help us to reunite lost property with its owner and label every item of clothing, shoes/trainers, coats etc which your child(ren) brings to school.

Lunch Times

We wanted to share with parents these joyful images of children at lunch time. As you can see, they are busy enjoying having fun with the new and donated playthings. They are helping to enrich lunchtime as well as encouraging creative play. Our older children have been having fun with the younger children too.



Sports News

Sheldwich on the Podium with a Bronze Medal at Rapid Fire Cricket

Last Tuesday a squad from Year 2 took part in the above competition at Canterbury Primary School. This turned out to be a very close and competitive event where Sheldwich came third but so close to winning. The format was a round robin where we played five matches. Of these we won three convincingly, one against the eventual winners. Of the other two we had the narrowest of defeats, in one game the score was 48-49 and the other 56-58, both tiny margins. If either one of those games were in our favour we would have won. Everybody made valuable contributions during the afternoon both with batting and fielding and showed remarkable stamina over the five games. Well done to the squad who were: Felicity, Anastasia, Alba, Dea, Harry, Harry, Oli, Blake, Manu and Dylan. Thanks Mrs Crisp and Mrs Twynam for their help and to Josh and Lottie in Year 6 for helping the children with a practise session the day before.

Mr Lee



SHELDWICH FETE
SATURDAY 11TH JULY 2026
1.30PM

SUMMER SHOW CLASSES

CLASSES FOR ALL

- CLASS 1 - FLOWERS
- CLASS 2 - FRUIT
- CLASS 3 - VEG
- CLASS 4 - SUMMER FLOWER ARRANGMENT
- CLASS 5 - HOMEMADE CAKE
- CLASS 6 - JAM OR CHUTNEY
- CLASS 7 - ART 2 OR 3D
- CLASS 8 - CRAFT
- CLASS 9 - UP CYCLE - ANYTHING WHICH HAS BEEN UPCYCLED

CHILDREN ONLY CLASSES

- CLASS 10 - CAKE - ANY HOMEMADE CAKE
- CLASS 11 - CRAFT - ANY ART OR CRAFT
- CLASS 12 - WONKY VEG - ANY FUNNY SHAPED OR LARGE VEGETABLE.



ENTRIES CAN BE TAKEN TO THE SHOW TENT BETWEEN 10AM AND 12 NOON.
PLEASE CALL NEIL ON 01795 532851 OR 0794 1476469 TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST.



Dates For Your Diaries

Term 5

Mon 20 th Apr	Start of Term 5
Weds 22 nd Apr	8.45am – SAT’s Meeting for Class 6 parents 2pm – LH Crafternoon Class 1 to St James’ Church
Mon 27 th Apr	Bank holiday
Mon 4 th May	Extra-curricular Clubs start this week
w/c 4 th May	Class 6 SATs week
w/c 11 th May	3.45pm – Kent Test meeting for Class 5 parents
Thurs 14 th May	9.10am – Class 1 assembly to parents
Fri 15 th May	Art Week (theme – Faversham)
w/c 18 th May	PM – LH Sports Day
Tues 19 th May	3.45pm – Phonics Meeting for Class 1 parents 3.45pm – Meeting for new Class R parents Class Photographs
Weds 20 th May	8.45am – PGL Meeting for Class 6 parents
Thurs 21 st May	AM – Junior Sports Day PM – Infants Sports Day
Fri 22 nd May	PTFA Disco End of Term 5

Awards

Friday 27th March

<u>Class</u>	<u>Headteacher Awards</u>	<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>
Little		
Hedgehogs	Hetty	
Ladybirds	Nelly and James	Rosalie
Class 1	Harmony and Theo	Fynnley
Class 2	Elyot and Cecilie	Dea
Class 3	Finlay and Willow	Olivia A
Class 4	Sklya-Mae and Toby	Luke
Class 5	Nicola and Phoebe	Callum
Class 6	Harry and Joey	Felix

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Dragonflies	Pupil: Ernest (5)
Extended Schools: Theo (1)	Lunchtime: Mabel (4)
Presentation: Sylvester (R)	Citizen: William (6)
Attendance Award: Otter 100%	

Thursday 2nd April

<u>Class</u>	<u>Headteacher Awards</u>	<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>
Little		
Hedgehogs	Jack	
Ladybirds	Aidan and Alba	Etty
Class 1	Blake and James	Ezra
Class 2	Ethan and Imogen	Ruby
Class 3	Dottie and Olivia B	Pippa
Class 4	Rose and Olivia	Harper
Class 5	Katrina and Tilly	Amelia
Class 6	Lizzie and Tom	Eleni

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Butterflies	Pupil: Mollie (2)
Extended Schools: Alba (R)	Lunchtime: Quin (R)
Presentation: Alexa (4)	LSA award: George (R)
Citizen: Rex (5)	Attendance Award: Ladybirds 100%

Class News

Little Hedgehogs



After the Easter break, the Little Hedgehogs will be exploring our wonderful world. We will be spending lots of time outside, discovering our beautiful grounds. We will asking curious questions about the world around us as we investigate and explore.

Happy Birthday to Miss Burgess, Fred, Eva and Alex. May your birthdays be filled with sunshine and treats.

Our Headteacher awards: Hetty for recognising the H in her name, good job Hetty! Also for Jack for helping to tidy without needing any reminders!

Well done Jack, I am sure mummy and daddy will be very pleased if you help to tidy your toys away at home too.

I wonder if you can spot the first letter of your names as you explore the world around you and see if you can spot some numbers you might recognise as well. If you would like to send some photos in of your letter and number hunt adventures, it would be lovely to share them with your friends.

Artist of the week: Jack has enjoyed expressing himself at the easel, carefully controlling the brush and mixing colours together to make new ones.

On **Wednesday the 22nd April** you are invited to come and have a play with your child at our dinosaur themed Crafternoon.

Have a wonderful, happy Easter break, stay safe until we see you all again on Monday 20th April for lots more Little Hedgehog’s adventures!

Mrs Cooper and the Little Hedgehogs Team

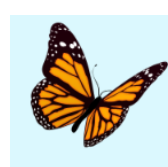
Ladybirds



We had lots of fun last week learning about Jack and the Beanstalk – we have even planted our own beanstalks and are watching them closely to see if they will germinate. We have started to see a few shoots cracking through the bean! This week, we had a lovely Spring Walk and enjoyed noticing how our local environment had changed since our last walk in winter. We hope you enjoyed our Easter song in church – the children looked amazing in their Easter Bonnets! Have a wonderful break – we are looking forward to hearing all the children’s news when we come back in Term 5!

Mrs Minty

Butterflies



What a fantastic term Butterflies class have had! We have enjoyed learning about so many famous people and their amazing achievements, creating fact files and inspiring our own creative writing. In Science, we have learnt all about plants and trees and were able to consolidate our knowledge during our lovely spring walk yesterday. Finally, we enjoyed our trip to the Gulbenkian Theatre last week where we saw Beauty and the Beast. The children were a fantastic audience, watching and listening superbly. A huge thank you to our parent helpers for all your amazing help this term, we couldn’t do these things without you! Wishing you all a very Happy Easter and a restful holiday!

Mrs Charman

Dragonflies



Dragonflies have had another wonderful term which has been lovely to discuss with you at our parent meetings. We thoroughly enjoyed our Spring Walk and thanks to the Merlin app, we were able to identify the different birds we could hear. We finished our ‘Big Write’ which was a story inspired by the wonderful book, ‘I Follow the Fox’, by Rob Biddulph. The stories that the class wrote were a joy to read and demonstrate the incredible progress that has been made in writing this year. We have also had great fun engraving drawings into pieces of foam, which we then coated in acrylic paint to create prints of castles. We concluded our ‘Castles’ topic by learning about the construction and use of the Tower of London, and how this has changed during its lifetime. Thank you so much to all our parent helpers for assisting with reading, walks and trips so far this year, and to all the Dragonflies’ families for supporting the children’s learning at home. I hope you have a well-deserved rest, a very Happy Easter, and I look forward to seeing the Dragonflies in Term 5, when we will be learning all about ‘Rainforests’!

Mrs Waller

Squirrels



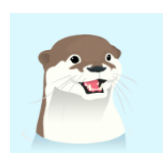
Well what a term this has been for Squirrels! They have thoroughly enjoyed their swimming lessons, enjoyed a trip to Kent Life, and performed in their class assembly brilliantly. We have also enjoyed a Spring Walk making birds nest which were very creative and spotting signs of Spring and also making Shaduf’s at Forest School using water from the Nile to irrigate the crops. There were some fantastic designs. Also, a huge well done to Squirrels performing their song at the Easter service whilst showcasing fabulous bonnets. You are all AMAZING!

Next term we will be learning about the Vikings and Saxons and reading the book ‘How to train your dragon’; home copies of this book are welcome to be brought into school.

Have a fantastic Easter holiday.

Mrs Hammond

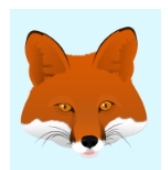
Otters



We have had such a wonderful term. Celebrating with our class assembly, going on a wonderful trip to Leeds Castle and enjoying a wide range of activities and themed events. Next term we are focusing on Islands in topic. If anyone has a picture of themselves on an Island please could they send it in for a display. P.E. will be outside next term so please have the appropriate clothing and footwear and don’t forget to top up your pencil cases. Have a wonderful break and take care.

Mrs Morrison and Mrs Tyler

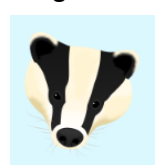
Foxes



Our class has had a very busy end to Term 4. Thank you to everyone who came and watched our class assembly last week – it was lovely to see so many people supporting the children and I am sure you will agree, they did a fabulous job. Our ‘Water Worlds’ topic concluded this week when we looked at coral reefs and made our own from modelling clay and learnt about the Water Cycle. Next term, we will be exploring the world of film and cinema in our ‘Lights, Camera, Action’ topic. So if you or anyone you know work in that industry and fancy coming into school, to share your expertise with the class then let me know – we would love to have you! I hope you have a lovely Easter break.

Mrs Fairs

Badgers



We have had a very busy term, with Book Week, Outdoor Learning, and with so many Year 6 children taking part in the chess tournament! Next term we will be reading Mortal Engines and learning about Evolution and Earthquakes, all while preparing for the SATS, which will take place in the week commencing 11th May. I have sent home some SATS revision packs for the children to have a go at over the break. These are optional, but highly recommended to help get the children get ready for the tests. Have a great break!

Mr Burns