



Sheldwich Primary School

Little Hedgehogs Pre-School



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Important Messages

Weather

As we head into the Summer, please remember to send your child (ren) to school with a labelled hat, waterbottle and apply sun lotion before school.

Parking

We have received complaints from villagers about parents using Nursery Lane and Rest Harrow as turning points. Please could everyone remember to be considerate when driving and parking in the village.



Staffing for 2026/2027

Mrs Garrett is pleased to inform parents and carers that teaching staff arrangements for the next academic year are as follows:-

Class	Teacher
Year R	Mrs Minty
Year 1	Mrs Charman
Year 2	Mrs Waller
Year 3	Mrs Hammond
Year 4	Mrs Morrison
Year 5	Mrs Fairs
Year 6	Mr Burns

LSA staffing will be announced after the half term break.

Sports News

Sports Day

Thank you all so much for coming to support your children during our annual sports days – the weather was kind and the children all participated brilliantly demonstrating many of the sports games values. The day was jam packed and we enjoyed the new water races! The hotly anticipated Yr 6 sprint finals saw Ella and Eddie crowned champions. Well done to the overall house winners, KS1 Sheldwich and KS2 Throwley.

Sports Week Help Still Needed

Sports Week is the 22nd – 26th June 2026 and as the imminent Fifa Football World Cup is being held in the USA, Canada and Mexico, the theme this year will be American and Canadian sports. I have arranged for some great coaches to come into work with the children during the week but I am still looking for anyone who could give up some time to do sessions for the children in: football, line dancing, cheerleading and softball/baseball. If you think you could help or know of someone else who would be available please contact myself at foxes@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk.

Many thanks for your help and support.

Excellent news: Betty in Class 6, having won the Sheldwich virtual dance competition was entered into the Canterbury district competition for KS2 Novice category. She won the bronze medal and we are all incredibly proud of her.

Mrs Fairs

Parkrun

Sheldwich is now a registered Parkrun Primary School, last week we welcomed Clare, the Run Director from Faversham Junior Parkrun, into our assembly to talk to the children about the weekly Parkrun. So let's try and invade the Faversham Junior Parkrun which takes place at the Faversham Rec on Sunday at 9am. You just have to register your child for free before you attend if you would like a time - see the attached leaflet. Look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Fairs

This Girl Can

A group of Year 6 girls travelled to the Canterbury Academy this week to take part in a fantastic transition sporting event. The children enjoyed a variety of activities including yoga, cricket, football, basketball and athletics. They developed a range of new skills and had great fun trying different sports and experiences together. All of the girls participated brilliantly in every activity and showed fantastic enthusiasm



throughout the afternoon. Mrs Baker and I thoroughly enjoyed accompanying them to the event. We all agreed that the yoga session was our favourite — it was so relaxing that we nearly drifted off to sleep!



Mrs Crisp

Arts Week

The theme of this year's Arts Week was 'Faversham through our Eyes' looking at the architecture of the buildings. We were fortunate to have workshops with Mr Cork who worked with Otters and Foxes to do pieces inspired by Sue Cowen, Mr Keshavarz worked with all of the classes using stippling to create amazing artwork. Thank you to Mrs Waller for her inspirational assembly on the architectural history of Faversham. We have had a fabulous week as you can see below.



Mrs Hammond

Awards



Friday 15th May

Class	Headteacher Awards	Mathematician of the Week
Little		
Hedgehogs	Penelope	
Ladybirds	Olivia and Pearl	Sylvester
Class 1	Tamar and Taylor	Ethan
Class 2	Martha and Alba	Thomas
Class 3	Indigo and Edward	Nathan
Class 4	Flora and Isla	Ava
Class 5	Olivia and Aurelia	Tilly
Class 6	Betty and Ellis	Sienna

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Badgers
Extended Schools: Dolly-Rose (3)
Presentation: Reuben (1)
Citizen: Edward (4)

Pupil: Rose (3)
Lunchtime: Elyza (1)
LSA award: Ruby (R)
Attendance Award: Badgers 99.7%

Friday 8th May

Class	Headteacher Awards	Mathematician of the Week
Little		
Hedgehogs	Khaleesi	
Ladybirds	Etty and Gabriel	Mia
Class 1	Polly and Patrick	Harmony
Class 2	Hettie and James	Aria
Class 3	Olivia and Finlay	Logan
Class 4	Toby and Sophia	Indigo
Class 5	Rex and Rafe	Mabel
Class 6	William and Arthur	Amy

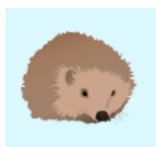
Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Squirrels
Extended Schools: Joseph (5)
Presentation: Tamar (1)
Citizen: River (3)

Pupil: Roxie (4) and Toby (4)
Lunchtime: Ben (4)
LSA award: Elyot (2)
Attendance Award: Squirrels 99%

Class News

Little Hedgehogs



Next term the Little Hedgehogs will be learning about and preparing for different adventures. We will be learning about different countries as well as learning about different animals, cultures and foods. Our oldest Hedgehogs will have plenty of chances to talk about starting school so that when the time comes we will have plenty of time to make the transition as gentle and joyful as possible.

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.

Happy Birthday to Amelia, we all send you some great big birthday hugs and best wishes for a wonderful day.

Our **Artists of the Week** this week are, Noah and Grayson. It was been wonderful to see these two boys proudly create some beautiful works of art at the easel. Well done boys.

Our **Head Teacher Awards** this week go to Penelope and Khaleesi. Penelope demonstrated curiosity and excellent questioning skills, whilst listening to Mrs Griffiths talk about the history of Sheldwich. What a super learner you are Penelope. Khaleesi set an excellent example to her friends by demonstrating excellent tidying skills. Thank you Khaleesi for being a responsible Little Hedgehogs by helping to keep our Pre-School organised and tidy. What a wonderful role model you are!

Mrs Cooper and the Little Hedgehogs Team

Ladybirds

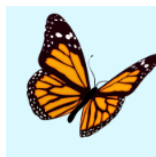


What a brilliant term we have had in Ladybirds Class learning all about our 'Our Wonderful World'. It has been so much fun bug hunting, creating artistic masterpieces and writing about minibeasts. Our Ugly Bug Ball was the most perfect end to our term! Next term, we will be learning about all things 'Under the Sea' and reading books like Tiddler, Gigantic and Commotion in the Ocean! We hope you have the most brilliant half term!

Mrs Minty



Butterflies



Butterflies thoroughly enjoyed sharing their work with you at their class assembly last week. Thank you for coming along and for your amazing support to the children. They did a fantastic job and it is wonderful seeing their confidence continuing to grow.

This week we have enjoyed looking at buildings in Faversham and recreating them in the style of artist Paul Klee. We have made wax resist pictures with watercolour of St Mary's Church and created collages of The Guildhall by cutting and sticking 2D shapes.

Our glue sticks have been very well used and many of us will need a new one for term 6, along with other stationery items please!

Mrs Charman

Dragonflies



Dragonflies have really enjoyed our 'Rainforests' topic this term, along with learning all about 'Plants' in Science. We have looked at the features of seed packets in English, and have designed our own seed packets with instructions for how to plant a sunflower. In Maths, we have finished our 'Fractions' topic and are now learning about 'Time'. It would be very helpful if you could support your child's learning over half term by referring to the time on an analogue watch or clock. This week we have had a fantastic time for Arts Week, looking at 'Faversham through our eyes'. We learned about the history of Faversham and it's different periods of architecture, drew lots of local buildings, and made collages with pastels, paint and pencils of a street in Faversham. We looked at the work of L S Lowry to inspire the colours, shapes and details in our collages. Next term, our topic will be 'Seasides' and we will be learning about the history of seaside holidays. Have a very happy half term!

Mrs Waller

Squirrels

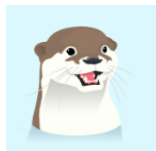


Squirrels have had a fantastic term learning about the Saxons and Vikings. We have also perfected our telling of the time and learnt both analogue and digital times. In English we have been busy reading 'How to train your dragon' and writing our own instruction book of how to train our own dragons that we invented.

We ended off the term with Arts Week, 'Faversham through our eyes'. We learnt about local artist Sue King and admired her art work. We learnt about Stephen Wiltshire and cityscapes and we also learnt about one point perspective to draw Abbey Street. Squirrels art work was amazing!

Mrs Hammond

Otters

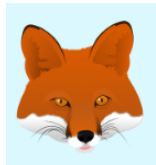


Well, that was a speedy but great term! The Otters have written exciting adventure stories based on the game we have been watching Myst. They have constructed amazing Islands using recyclable materials and been working hard to play short pieces of music on the Glockenspiel.

We are excited to learn about the Romans next term, learn about Sound in Science and listen to African Folk Tales in English. Please do not forget to top up your pencil case. Have a wonderful half term!

Mrs Morrison

Foxes

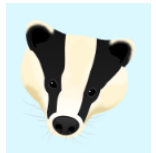


This term has come to an exciting end. We finished our Topic learning about the history of film, by making our own Oscar statues from clay which we awarded to ourselves for the roles we played in our film trailers. The film trailers were a triumph – brilliant costumes, props, acting and directing along with superb editing skills in the imovie software. This resulted in some of the best trailers I have seen – a huge well done. We have also had a fantastic Arts Week – using the buildings and architecture in Faversham to inspire our own pieces of Art. We took inspiration from Paul Klee, Stephen Wiltshire and LS Lowry – learning about drawing from one point perspective, using colour and shape and paying close attention to the architectural details. We thoroughly enjoyed sessions with Mr Cork doing watercolours of the school building and Mr Keshavarz. Some excellent artistic skills were on display by all the children. A huge well done to everyone for taking part in Sports Day so brilliantly – what stars!

Next term, we will be learning all about the Aztecs in Topic and 'Living Things and their Habitats' in Science. Have a wonderful Half Term break.

Mrs Fairs

Badgers



It has been an amazing, but hectic, term with all the SATs, our local walk, and, most exciting of all, auditions for the Y6 performance of Grimm! The children were all amazing in their auditions and I have had a very, very hard time casting it. They all found out their roles today and will be bringing new versions of their scripts home to begin familiarising themselves with their lines over half-term. I will post the revised script, mp3s of all the songs, and a full cast listing on Teams. Remember that it is non-school uniform for the whole fun-week (8th-12th June) when we get back. Have a wonderful break.

Mr Burns

FOREST SCHOOL NEWS



Squirrels have made a fantastic start to Forest School creating some very imaginative and interesting 'beings' from pine cones and sticks. They have also enjoyed a fire striking session which they showed great responsibility and respect.

A new addition to the Forest School calendar is our KS1 and KS2 Extra-Curricular Clubs held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The children have really enjoyed using the space with the addition of a Potion Station and a hammock for those calm meditative moments. As always we have our budding chef cooking up an absolute feast in the mud kitchen.



Dates For Your Diaries

Term 6

Monday 1 st June	First day of Term 6
Fri 5 th June	9.10am – Class 2 assembly for parents
w/c 8 th June	Class 6 Fun Week
10 th – 12 th June	Class 6 PGL residential trip
Weds 10 th June	Class 3 to St James' Church
Weds 17 th June	Class 6 to St James' Church
Fri 19 th June	9am – Class R Father's Day brunch
w/c 22 nd June	Summer Walk Week
	Sports Week
	2pm - LH Crafternoon
Weds 1 st July	Class 4 – Trip to Richborough Roman Fort
Thurs 2 nd July	Transition day
Thurs 9 th July	2pm – Class 6 production for parents
	5.30pm – Class 6 production for parents
Fri 10 th July	AM – fundraising day
	Reports sent home to parents
	6.30pm – PTA Pool Party
Fri 17 th July	Last day of Term 6 for pupils
	1.30pm Leavers' service
Mon 20 th July	INSET Day for staff
Tues 21 st July	INSET Day for staff