

Dear parents and carers,

What a wonderful week!

During my walks around school this week, it has been a pleasure to see so much purposeful and creative learning taking place. Our Reception children walked beautifully around the school, using their “bubbles and tails” to move sensibly and silently, with quiet voices and hands to themselves. Inspired by a pirate’s treasure map, Year 1 have been planning and writing clear instructions. Meanwhile, the children in Year 2 have been exploring action and resolution as they prepare to write their own versions of *The Rainbow Fish*. *The Twits* has captured the imagination of Year 3, who are beginning to plan their own narratives based on the dastardly duo. Further up the school, Year 4 have been contrasting the characters of Miss Trunchbull and Miss Honey before writing stories centred around Miss Honey. Poetry inspired by *The Dreadful Menace* has been the focus for Year 5, while our oldest pupils have been using *The Chronicles of Narnia* as inspiration for their own portal stories. It has been wonderful to see the children developing their ideas, vocabulary and confidence as writers.

A Visit from Satvir Kaur MP

We were delighted to welcome Satvir Kaur MP into school this week as part of UK Parliament Week. She toured the school and commented on how settled and engaged all our children were- a wonderful reflection of their attitudes and the hard work of our staff.

Satvir then joined Years 5 and 6 for a question-and-answer session, where the children certainly put her through her paces! I think their questions may have been even more challenging than those she faces in the parliamentary chamber. Her favourite question was, “How do you become Prime Minister?” What brilliant aspiration from our pupils!

Next week, we will hold our first parents’ evening of the school year. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school to discuss how well your child has settled and the targets they will be working towards this year. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please do so as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Ship





**These pupils received
the most green
TrackIts this week!**

TrackIt Light Shining Example

Zachary (4LS)
Mateus (4T)
Leo (6S)
Zandra (Year R)
Zaviyar (3L)
Mara (1H)
Alina (RH)
Tsepo (2T)
Zion (5D)
Emilia (2C)
Krystian (3H)
Ayanan (6W)
Finley (1B)
Luna (1J)
Theo (5P)



Celebrations

Our 100% attendance HEROs

	RH:		RDH:		1H:		1B:		1J:	
	Azlaan	Sameerah	Marcus	Jamal	Juancho	Ivy-Isobel	Dominic	Levi	River	Summer
	2T:	Alina	Yasin	Augustus	Leah	Angelo	Rafied	Zoey	Inigo	Adhith
	Osman	Yasin	Augustus	Leah	Angelo	Rafied	Zoey	Inigo	Adhith	Bonnie-May
	Bianka	Augustus	Leah	Angelo	Rafied	Zoey	Inigo	Adhith	Bonnie-May	Erik
	Debbi-Ann	Leah	Angelo	Rafied	Zoey	Inigo	Adhith	Bonnie-May	Erik	Sebastian
	Zee-Zee	Angelo	Rafied	Zoey	Inigo	Adhith	Bonnie-May	Erik	Sebastian	Olivia-Debbie
	Dylan	Rafied	Zoey	Inigo	Adhith	Bonnie-May	Erik	Sebastian	Olivia-Debbie	Chelsie
	Stefan	Zoey	Inigo	Adhith	Bonnie-May	Erik	Sebastian	Olivia-Debbie	Chelsie	4LS:
	2C:	Chiemerie	Nasir	Olly	Kaelen	Nathan	Emilia	Bonnie	Tazwar	5D:
										Jason
										Dwayne
										Jett
										Kierra
										Juella
										Jack
										Mason
										Faisal
										Kassandra
										Lourenco
										Grace
										David
										Ladi
										Nelson
										Maja
										Lily
										Jackson-Junior
										Yuvan
										Fatima
										Zion
										Lilly-Rose

These pupils have been at school every day on time this week!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every Day Counts at Shirley Warren!

Every day. Every moment. Every child.



PUNCTUALITY

School opens at 8:35am



After 8:45am

Your child will be marked Late (L).



After 9:00am

Your child will receive a U code, which counts as an **unauthorised absence** for the entire morning session.



Being late can mean children miss important learning, interventions, assemblies and key information for the day ahead.



IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT

If your child is unable to attend school, you must contact the school office **as soon as possible** on the first day of absence.

If we do not hear from you, you may receive:



Phone calls



Text messages



Emails



Home visits



HOME VISITS

If your child has been absent for **3 consecutive school days** and we have not received a satisfactory reason for their absence, we will carry out a home visit.



ATTENDANCE MONITORING

We monitor attendance closely throughout the year.



BELOW 96% ATTENDANCE

You will receive a letter to make you aware of the drop in attendance and offer support where needed.



BELOW 90% ATTENDANCE

This is classified as Persistent Absence and may result in further meetings and support plans.



**96%+ ATTENDANCE =
BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS**



Good attendance helps children make progress, build friendships and develop confidence.

Attendance

This week's attendance:

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
RDH	89%	RH	96%
1B	93%	1H	83%
2C	88%	2T	88%
3H	96%	3L	87%
4L	96%	4T	96%
5D	98%	5P	97%
6S	96%	6W	95%
1J	93%		



EVERY DAY COUNTS

MISSING SCHOOL MATTERS

Missing school means missing out.

WHAT DOES MISSING SCHOOL MEAN?

Good attendance = Better outcomes

95% = 1 DAY
MISSED EVERY FORTNIGHT

95% attendance

90% ATTENDANCE =
APPROXIMATELY 19 DAYS
MISSED OVER A SCHOOL YEAR

90% attendance

80% = 1 DAY
MISSED EVERY WEEK

80% attendance

High attendance gives your child the best chance to learn, achieve and reach their full potential.

PENALTY NOTICES

5 DAYS

UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE
IN A ROLLING 10 SCHOOL
WEEK PERIOD
MAY RESULT IN A
PENALTY NOTICE.

This includes term time leave and any absence not authorised by the school.

CURRENT PENALTY NOTICE FINES (PER PARENT, PER CHILD)

FIRST OFFENCE
£80
if paid within 21 days
£160
if paid after 21 days

SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)
£160
per parent, per child

Further unauthorised absences may result in legal action rather than a Penalty Notice.

FINES ARE ISSUED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY – NOT THE SCHOOL.
There is no right of appeal once a Penalty Notice is issued.

WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT
If you are experiencing difficulties that may affect your child's attendance, please contact us as early as possible. We are here to help.

PENALTY NOTICES ARE ISSUED BY SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
in line with national attendance guidance.

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

Dates for your diary



Friday 9th
October
2026

Some dates to be confirmed and some will follow:



Thursday 8th October	Year R bring a bike/scooter to school day
Monday 19th October	Harvest Festival assembly- donations!
Thursday 22nd October	End of term celebration
Friday 23rd October	Non school uniform day (Rainbow Raffle)
Friday 23rd October	Last day of Autumn 1
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October	Half term
Monday 2nd November	First day of Autumn 2
Wednesday 4th November	EYFS Diwali Celebrations Day
Thursday 5th November	Coffee Morning & Second Hand Uniform Sale
Friday 13th November	Children in Need Pjama Day
Friday 25th November	Flu Immunisation Day
21st December - 1st January 2027	Christmas Holidays
29th January 2027	INSET Day
15th - 19th February 2027	Half Term
Friday 19th March 2027	INSET Day
Friday 26th March 2027	Bank holiday- school closed
29th March - 9th April 2027	Easter Holidays
Friday 21st May 2027	INSET Day
31st May - 4th June 2027	Half Term
Friday 2nd July 2027	INSET Day

Safeguarding is our absolute priority. Please act on any concerns that you have about any children that you know. If you have a concern about a child or young person and you think they need help, contact the Children's Resource Service on 02380 83 3004 (Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm and Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm) or 02380 23 3344 (weekends, Bank Holidays and outside of office hours). Anyone can make a referral. At Shirley Warren, Mrs Ship is the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) while Mr Lyon and Miss Cassar are Deputy DSLs. Please remember, anyone can make a referral and safeguarding is everyone's concern.