

# SHERINGTON WEEKLY

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## This week

It's been a very busy week –even more so than usual with Ofsted visiting on Tuesday and Wednesday. The process is a lengthy one and you'll be notified when the report is published. Until then, it remains confidential.

Apologies for the short notice of having to postpone parent/carers evenings and mornings because of Ofsted. They will be rescheduled after half term. Please **let the office know if you did not receive our text communication as we may have the wrong contact details** for you. Please note that if you have the Eduspot app, text messages will be received via the app. Please ensure your notifications are turned on. Many thanks.

## Year 6 School Journey

Last week, Year 6 went to Wales on their annual residential. A wonderful time was had by all and we are grateful to our dedicated staff who took time away from their own families to accompany our pupils.



## Year 4 Educational Visit

On Thursday, Year 4 children visited the Gurdwara Sahib in Woolwich and were warmly welcomed by the leader of the Sikh religion. The children were delighted to see the Guru Granth Sahib (Holy book) and to listen to the religious story of Guru Nanak and how the Golden Temple came to be situated on the lake in India. All children took part in a question and answering session to discover more about this faith. Members of the local community commented on the exemplary behaviour of our pupils whilst they were out and about.

## Harvest Assembly

Thank you to those who were able to attend one or both of our assemblies this morning. We expressed our gratitude through song and poetry—Sebastian performed the first commission as poet laureate. Many thanks to everyone who donated food to Greenwich Food Bank.

## Christine our cook

The kitchen was visited by environmental health yesterday and given the maximum grading of 5 stars. A great achievement by Christine (our cook) and her team. We said goodbye to Christine in our KS2 assembly this morning after 13 years service to Sherington. Many thanks and best wishes from us all.

## Word of the Day

This week's vocabulary has been: glint, expand, lunge, stark and malfunction. How can you weave these in to this weekend's conversation?

## Attendance

The award for last week's attendance goes to 6D with 100%

## Dates for your diary

### Year 6 parents

Please note that the deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October. For further information, please visit [Secondary school admission guide | Apply for a secondary school place | Royal Borough of Greenwich \(royalgreenwich.gov.uk\)](#)

## Flu Vaccination program

As part of the National Childhood Vaccination schedule your child is being offered the nasal flu vaccination. This is being offered routinely to all children in special schools and children in primary and secondary schools in the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

Please Use the QR Code or follow the link to complete the consent online at:

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Oxleas/imms/Oxi2324Flu/100141>

If you experience difficulties accessing the eConsent system, please email: [parentsupport@schoolscreener.com](mailto:parentsupport@schoolscreener.com) and they will be able to assist you.

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, You Must Decline using the eConsent Form. This will automatically remove your child from the flu programme, and we will not contact you further.

The vaccination session will be held at Sherington Primary School on Tuesday the 31st October 2023.



## Friends of Sherington

Just like last year, FOS are organising a Product Fundraiser with Xmas 4 Schools. (They turn children's artwork into cards and other products. £1 from each product sold is raised for the school.) These are being sent home with the children today **on behalf of the Friends of Sherington and are completely optional**. Please note that the deadline for returning your child's design is Wednesday 1st November.

**Xmas4schools.co.uk** Beautiful FUNDRAISING  
**CHRISTMAS PRODUCTS**  
FROM CHILDREN'S Artwork

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Don't miss the chance to have your child's artwork turned into beautiful Christmas cards, poster calendars, mugs, gift labels, or our fabulous waffle textured tea towels and help the school at the same time!

It's that time of year again and your child will either have already created their own special Christmas design at school/nursery, or will have brought the materials to do it home. This is a great opportunity to turn their creation into a range of professionally printed products, which you are able to purchase for family and friends this Christmas.

**£1.00 from the sale of each product will go straight back to the school/nursery or PTA!**

**Christmas Cards**  
12x A6 Cards & Envelopes  
**A3 Poster Calendars**  
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**Tea Towels**  
Soft, waffle textured tea towel  
**Blank Cards**  
12x A6 Cards & Envelopes  
**Mugs**  
1x Mug  
**Gift Labels**  
(Self Adhesive) 12x Labels

For prices please go to [www.xmas4schools.co.uk](http://www.xmas4schools.co.uk)

Please complete the form on the reverse of your child's artwork and return it to school by the date indicated. Once we have received your forms, we will send you an email and text message containing your order code and a link to our online ordering portal. Enter your order code to log in and complete your order and make payment.

Many thanks & we look forward to receiving your order.

Our very best wishes,  
The Xmas4Schools Team

Call us today on

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## Poppy Appeal

The school office will be selling poppies to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal from Monday 6th November.



## Individual and sibling photos.

Individual and sibling photos will be taken on Friday 17th November.

## Useful Information

### School Meals



**FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL CHILDREN FROM SEPTEMBER**

Dear Parents/Guardian,

From the new Autumn term commencing September 2023, all children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 living in Greater London will be offered Free School Meals.

In response to the rising cost of living, the Mayor of London has made a commitment that every primary school child is entitled to a Free School Meal. This important step extends the existing Free School Meal provision - currently available to children in reception, and years 1 and 2 - to all primary school children in Greater London.

Chartwells Schools - as your catering partner - design nutritious seasonal menus, lovingly created by our team of talented chefs and dedicated nutritionists, who make sure the menus are packed with all the ingredients children need to grow strong and healthy.

Every day there is a choice of two hot main courses, jacket potatoes, pasta or a packed lunch. The meals are nutritionally balanced and feature seasonal favourites as well as exciting new flavours, to encourage children to try something different.

We also cater for children with allergies and intolerances, so they can feel safe and included with their friends whilst eating school meals. If your child has a dietary requirement, please read the attached letter from the Chartwells Medical Diet Team to ensure we can cater for all children from September. Please provide all information as soon as possible, and before 21st July 2023, to allow the Medical Diet team enough time to develop an appropriate menu for your child/children. Please visit your school's website for any further information on how to order meals in advance.

**Chartwells**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**LOVE SCHOOL MEALS**  
NUTRITIOUS FOOD AND MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES

**MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES**

**THE BENEFITS OF SCHOOL MEALS**

**TASTY THINGS DAYS**

**WE EDUCATE AND INSPIRE CHILDREN WITH OUR BEYOND THE CHARTWELLS CATERING EXPERIENCE**

**Save up to £400 a year on school meals**

Please inform the office if you wish to change your child's meal pattern for this term. Thank you.

Please note that Sherington has a no debt policy. Please clear any debt you may have accrued last term. Thank you.

### Menu - Sherington Primary School

### Governors

Sherington governors share the enthusiasm and excitement for learning that pupils and staff have and are proud of Sherington's outstanding achievements. We are committed to the Sherington vision of "Aspire, Believe, Create, Achieve" and between us we bring a wide variety of skills and experience to our role. Governors can be contacted on [governors@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:governors@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk)

For more information, click here: [Sherington Governors](#)

### Uniform

Please ensure all uniform is labelled. This helps us return lost items. Lost property can be found in the office foyer

### Walking home

Please inform the office in writing if your Year 5 or 6 child will be walking home alone. Thank you.

## **Absence Reporting**

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please report this using the absence line: 020 8858 5497 - option 1. Absences must be reported daily.

From Monday 13th March if you are reporting your child absent via email please use our new attendance email [attendance@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk).

Any evidence relating to absences i.e. Dr appointments, prescriptions etc. should also be sent to this address. You can continue to report absences by phone using the absence line. All other general enquiries should continue to be sent to [sao@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:sao@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk)

Parents and carers are reminded of the importance of high attendance. High attendance leads to great achievement. We receive a number of requests for pupils to be absent from school during term time. Parents are reminded that the school cannot authorise a leave of absence for a holiday and we will only grant a leave of absence for exceptional circumstances. Every day of school missed by a pupil reduces their attendance by 0.5%, meaning that a child with 95% attendance has missed ten whole days of school and a child with 90% attendance has missed twenty whole days of school. By the time a pupil is persistently absent (85% attendance), they have missed six weeks, or half a term, of schooling.

Days Absent at the End of the Year	Absence Percentage	Attendance Percentage at End of Year
1	0.5%	99.5%
5	2.5%	97.5%
10	5%	95%
20	10%	90%
30	15%	85%

Punctuality is crucial so that children are settled and ready to learn together. School starts at 8.55am.

## **Term dates**

### **Half Term**

Monday 23rd October 2023 –Friday 27th October 2023

### **Autumn Term 2**

Monday 30th October 2023–Thursday 21st December 2023

### **Christmas Holiday**

Friday 22nd December 2023–Friday 5th January 2024

### **Spring Term 1**

**INSET:** Monday 8th January 2024\*\*Children return to school on Tuesday 9th January\*\*

Tuesday 9th January 2024- Friday 9th February 2024



## In the local area

### Greenwich Supports

Get help with the cost of living.

You can find lots of information here about support from the council, local charities, and community groups.

<https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/Greenwich-Supports>



### Enjoy free holiday meals this half term

During the October half term, children can pick up free holiday meals from libraries and adventure play centres in Royal Greenwich.

From Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October, any child can pick up a nutritious packed lunch from sites across the borough. There are no forms or fuss - simply turn up, tuck in, and enjoy.

The pickup locations will also be hosting a range of fun activities for children to get involved with, allowing parents to take a breather this half term.

[Find your closest pickup location and check their serving time.](#)

### Blackheath Rhinos Holiday camp

Blackheath Rhinos run three of our after school clubs (Ballskills, Multisports and Athletics)

Please see flyer below.

The flyer for Blackheath Rhinos Holiday Camp features a background image of a person's legs in white socks and black shoes, with one foot on a soccer ball. The text is arranged in a clear, organized manner. At the top left, there is a small icon of a building. The main headline reads 'THIS ENTITLES YOU TO ONE FREE CAMP DAY'. To the right of this, there is a circular logo for Blackheath Rhinos Football Club. Below the headline, the dates '23rd - 27th October 2023' are written in a cursive font. The right side of the flyer contains a table of session options and prices. At the bottom left, the coupon code 'SHERINGTON CAMPS' and the booking website 'blackheathrhinos.co.uk/book' are provided. At the bottom right, there is a logo for 'Sporting projects'.