

Important Notice

## Wordsworth Pinboard - Messages/Dates for your Calendar

### Individual Class Photos

Cardwell and Simons photographers will be visiting the school on Wednesday 5th November to take individual class photos.

Once your child has had their photograph taken, they will be given a QR proof card, which will have their name on it. Around 24 hours after the photo shoot, they link the photo to the QR code and you will then be able to order them.

*We will let you know once their photos are live.*



### Sibling Photos

To minimise disruption to their learning, our Sibling photos will be taking place after school again, at Shirley Baptist Church with Cardwell and Simons from 3.30pm to 4.30pm on the school photo day Wednesday 5th November. It will be in the smaller of the two halls.

As mentioned above, your child will be given a QR code/proof card from their portrait photos taken earlier in the day. If you can have those cards ready to use for the sibling photos, then it will help Cardwell and Simons to make sure everyone is linked up correctly.



*If your child is absent on this date, unfortunately there will be no alternative session.*

### Governor Vacancy

The Wordsworth Primary and Nursery School Local Governing Committee (LGC) has one vacancy for a parent governor.

Interested? If so please click [here](#)

### Home Farm Deposits

A gentle reminder that Home Farm Deposits were due on Friday 17th October. Please could you go to your MCAS app under trips and visits and pay the deposit for your child. If you no longer wish your child to attend the residential, please do let us know by emailing [info@wordsworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:info@wordsworthprimary.co.uk), so we can offer this place to another child.

If we have too many children that no longer wish to go, we may unfortunately not be able to go ahead with the residential. We will of course let you know. Thank you



### Parents Evening: Date for your Diary

Bookings are now LIVE!

- Tuesday 4th November 3.40pm - 6pm

Each appointment will be 10 mins. These will be face to face appointments.

- Thursday 6th November 3.40pm - 7pm

Each appointment will be 10 mins. Telephone appointments only.

Snow Leopards Class Only:

- Tuesday 11th November 3.40 - 6pm; these will be 10 minute face to face appointments
- Thursday 13th November 3.40 - 7pm; these will be 10 minutes telephone appointments

These will be bookable via your child's MCAS account, under Parents Evening. If you can no longer keep your appointment, please could you ensure you cancel it to allow other parents to book and please can only 1 person within the family book the appointment to avoid double bookings.



#### Wordsworth Primary and Nursery School

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9<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### Year group visits to Shirley Library

We are excited to let you know that we have scheduled visits to Shirley Library; The timings will be 1.20pm until 2.05pm and the next lot of children will go at 2.10pm until 2.55pm. The Library is an important part of Shirley as a community and the purpose of the visits, is to develop the love of reading.

We have booked a block of dates so far, with more to follow in the Spring Term and Summer Term:

- ~~Year 2 - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025~~
- ~~Year 2 - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025~~
- Year R - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- Year 1 - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- Year 6 - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- Year 5 - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- Year 4 - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025

If your child has a Library card and they wish to take it to the Library when their class visits, to take out a book, they are more than welcome to.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Prudence

## Shirley Library

### Halloween Pit Stop Free Treat for Families!



Looking for a fun and friendly place to stop during your trick or treating adventure? Come along to the Halloween Pit Stop @ St James Road Methodist Church in Shirley (SO15 5HE), just outside *Make and Brew* on Friday 31st October from 5.30pm—7.30pm.

We'll have 1000 FREE Hotdogs and drinks, craft activities, Live Music and a giant bouncy castle - all completely free and open to everyone!

It's a lovely way to take a break, enjoy some tasty food and have fun in a safe and welcoming space. Whether you pop by for few minutes or stay a while, we'd love to see you!

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# Avon Tyrrell

### Yr 6 Avon Tyrrell

#### Final Parent Meeting

We would like to invite the parents/guardian of those children who have signed up to attend Avon Tyrrell Residential, in for a final information evening about the residential.

This will be on Tuesday 11th November at 3.30pm. Please could you sign in at Reception and Mr Jenkinson will be down to meet you and take you to the meeting location.

#### Attendance Class Award This Week

This weeks winners were Wolves (99%) and Swans (96%).

The children that accepted the awards on behalf of their classes were Malika and Jason who are this weeks attendance star monitors.

The stars and certificate will be on proud display in their classrooms for the rest of this week.



There are still places available to go on our Year 6 Residential to Avon Tyrrell in December.

The date we have booked is Monday 1st December to Friday 5th December 2025. The children will leave school on the Monday morning and return to school at approximately 3pm on the Friday.

The price of the trip includes transport, food, accommodation and the cost of various activities which will include: archery, climbing, zip wire, tree top trail, problem solving, discovery walks, adventure course, pioneering, campfire, kayaking and a disco.

If you would like your child to attend the residential, then please log onto your MCAS app and go to Trips and Visits and you will find the residential there including the cost. If you click on it and add to the basket, you will have the option to pay in the instalments we have set out or to add them all to the basket and pay for them in one go. The deadline for all payments will be 17th November and must be all paid up before your child can attend.

## Year 6 Residential

### After Half Term at Re:Minds...

3rd - 7th November 2025

#### SEND Legal Advice Clinic

Wednesday 5th Novmeber  
12.30pm

We are linking with Shentons Solicitors to offer free SEND legal advice clinics to our Re:Minds families who require advice around education, tribunals, appeals etc.

Please email [info@reminds.org.uk](mailto:info@reminds.org.uk) to book a slot, or follow the link on the event



#### Shirley Support Group Friday 7th November 10am

Join us for a friendly cuppa with others who truly 'get it'

Meet fellow parents/carers, chat about the ups & downs of neurodiversity and mental health in our children, share experiences, pick up top tips and get support & advice from the Re:Minds team

No need to book, just drop in! There's no cost to attend and you'll be warmly welcomed!

You can also access the book & sensory library while you're here

This is an adults only group unless otherwise stated

Find us at:  
St James Road Methodist Church, SO15 5HE  
Upstairs in Room 7  
Access is from the rear of the church via the car park  
Please let us know if you need to use the lift



#### House Points Reward

Our children enjoyed a hot chocolate yesterday with Mrs Hixon and Miss Hastings. Our children enjoyed hot chocolate, marshmallows and cream!

Click [here](#) to see the photos of the children enjoying their well deserved treat.



At Wordsworth in Key Stage 2 we use a reading program called Accelerated Reader by Renaissance.

A letter is being sent home for parents to access AR and check on their child's progress in reading. Children will be completing star reading quizzes which give children a reading level. Your children will read books at this level and complete a short quiz to see if they have understood the book they have read. As parents you can keep up to date on the progress.

Please look out for these letters.

Please email [info@reminds.org.uk](mailto:info@reminds.org.uk) to book your space at the clinic. You do not need to book to attend support groups - just come along!



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**Share My Learning**  
Dates for your Diary



We would like to invite parents in to share in their child's learning in an event called 'Share My Learning'.  
If you would like to stay and look at some of your child/rens work, the timings will be **3.30pm - 4pm** on the dates below.

~~**Autumn 1**  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October~~

**Spring 1**  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

**Summer 1**  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

If you would like to attend one of these sessions, please collect your child/ren and come to Reception to sign in. This is your opportunity to view your child's work; any details about your child's education and progression, will be discussed with you at Parents Evenings.

**PE**

On the day your child has PE, please:

- ensure they are wearing appropriate footwear, e.g. trainers, or they have them in school to change into
- long hair is tied back
- earrings are removed if your child is unable to remove them in school themselves.



Inside	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Year R PE	Year 2 PE			Nursery PE
PM	Year 3 PE	Year 5 PE	Year 1 PE	Year 6 PE	Year 4 PE

OUTSIDE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Year 1 PE				
PM	Year 2 PE	Year 4 PE	Year 3 PE	Year 5 PE	Year 6 PE

**Arts and Humanities Day**  
**Saturday 8th November**

The University of Southampton would like to invite as many students, families and Southampton locals as possible, to our next event, which is Arts and Humanities Day on Saturday 8th November. It's a free event and is open and suitable for all. Each year the festival presents a vibrant program. Our free family-friendly event features engaging hands-on activities, workshops, talks and exhibitions. This year the event will be back at the Southampton Cultural Quarter, Sir James Matthews Building, in collaboration with the University of Southampton's branch of the ESRC Festival of Social Science, John Hansard Gallery, SeaCity Museum and Southampton Library plus many more community partners.

To find out more information about this event, please click here: [Arts and Humanities Day](#)

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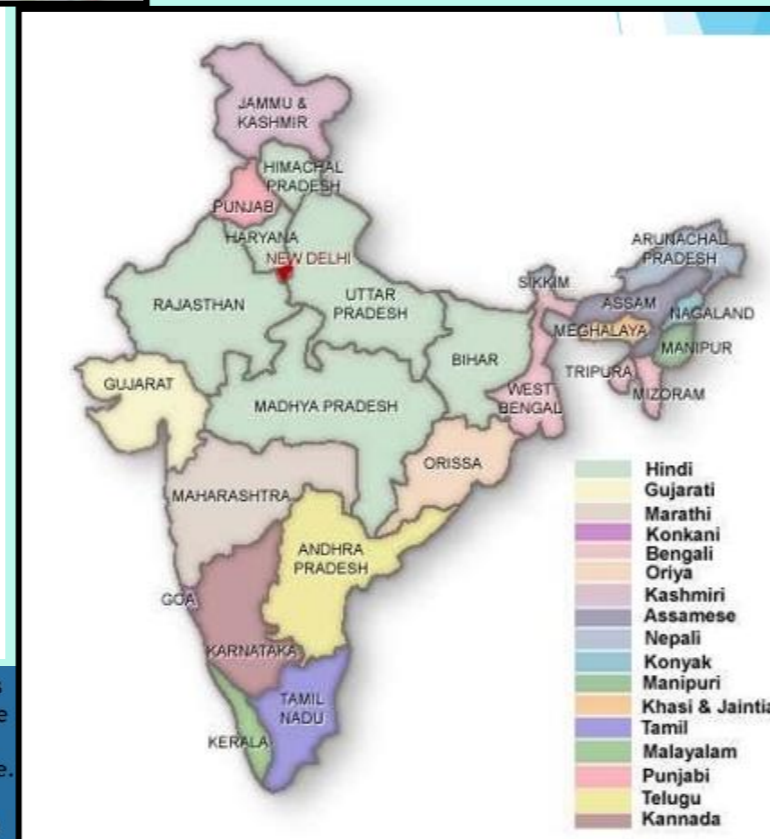
# Hindi



In our school, there are 4 children whose first language is Hindi. Many other children in our school can speak Hindi as their second or even third language. Let's see what we can learn about Hindi.

### Facts about the Hindi language:

English and Hindi are the two official languages of India. Apart from India, Hindi is also spoken in other countries including Mauritius, Suriname, Nepal, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, and South Africa. It is a first language to about 425 million people and a second language to 120 million. Hindi is written from left to right just like the European languages. However, it is much easier to read Hindi than European languages because words are written exactly as they are pronounced. Hindi does not have the articles 'the' or 'a.' The sentence structure differs from English because the verbs go to the end of the sentence. All nouns have gender, either feminine or masculine, verbs and adjectives change according to their gender. ([worldatlas.com](http://worldatlas.com))



### Greeting gestures:

- In many parts of India and during formal occasions, it is common for people to greet with the traditional Hindu greeting of "Namaste" ('I greet the divine within you'). This is accompanied with a nod of the head or a bow depending on the status of the person you are greeting.
- A common gesture when greeting is pressing the palms together with the fingertips facing upwards (i.e. in a prayer position). This greeting is sometimes accompanied with a slight bow.
- Verbal greetings vary between regions and also differ depending on people's relationships. For example, a common Gujarati greeting is "Kem cho" ('How are you?').
- Muslims may greet by shaking the hand of their counterpart accompanied by the phrase, "Salaam".



The Taj Mahal in Agra was built by an emperor in the 1600s as the final resting place of his favourite wife. It remains the jewel of Muslim art in India. It is a Muslim tomb, not a Hindu temple and it receives around 7 million visitors every year.



The Himalayan Mountains



The Bandra-Worli Sea Link - a bridge that connects Mumbai's main business district to the rest of the city



### Diwali Festival – the most famous Hindu festival

- Deepawali, Diwali or Diwali is the Hindu Festival of Lights.
- (*deep* = light and *avali* = a row i.e., a row of lights).
- Diwali is not only the Festival of Lights but also marks the beginning of the Hindu New Year.
- It is the biggest and the brightest of all Hindu festivals.
- Diwali celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance.
- There are various legends, from different parts of India, associated with Diwali.
- The most famous legend is the Hindu story of Rama and Sita called the Ramayana.



Diwali is celebrated in the honour of Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth.