

Important Notice

Wordsworth Pinboard - Messages/Dates for your Calendar

Prayer Spaces

On Thursday 4th December, we will be running Prayer Spaces. The year groups taking part will be Years 4, 5 & 6. Children in Year 6 that will be attending Avon Tyrrell residential will have this catch up on their return.

Prayer Spaces aim to help explore life's 'big questions' while also helping to develop a sense of identity, self-worth and personal insight.

Children have opportunities to experience stillness, to express their thanks, hopes, dreams, questions and fears and to explore ways of reflecting or praying.

For Wordsworth's first Prayer Spaces event, children will be able to engage in various activities to explore personal memories of Christmas, share personal gifts, ask Big Questions and reflect on what Christmas means to them. They will also be able to think about what Christmas is like around the world for others who may live in poverty and share personal wishes, reflections or prayers. There are no right or wrong answers. It is simply a chance to explore and



INSET DAY

A reminder that the school is closed to all children except Nursery, on Friday 28th November.

Year 2: Zoolab

Our Year 2 children had special visitors on Wednesday from Zoolab.

The children got to learn about some of the creatures that visited. Their skilled ranger brought along a large snail, a cockroach, a spider, corn snake and scorpion.



Have a

lovely weekend!

Parent Survey

Wordsworth Primary and Nursery School are in the process of reshaping our vision and values. We would love our parents and carers input on what our values and visions should be and look like.

Your feedback is very valuable and important to us. This survey should take approximately 5 -10 minutes to complete.

[Wordsworth Primary and Nursery School Vision and Values Parent Survey: November 2025](#)



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9th 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 3 - Monday 20th October 2025~~
- ~~Year 2 - Wednesday 22nd October 2025~~
- ~~Year R - Monday 10th November 2025~~
- ~~Year 1 - Wednesday 12th November 2025~~
- ~~Year 6 - Monday 17th November 2025~~
- ~~Year 5 - Wednesday 19th November 2025~~
- Year 4 - Monday 24th 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

Attendance Class Award This Week

This weeks winners were Flamingos (97%) and Robins (97%).

The children that accepted the awards on behalf of their classes were Agathe and Filip 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.



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Spare Clothes

Do you have any washed, good condition clothes to donate to the school so we have spares to give to children if they need it.

We are particularly looking for:

- Trousers
- Leggings
- T-Shirts



We are looking at all age ranges from year R to Year 6 please.

Many thanks.

Winter Coat Swap



Do you have Christmas Jumpers or coats that no longer fit your child/ren? If you do and would like to donate to the school, we are doing a 'Christmas Jumper Swap' and 'Coat Swap'.

We will have a rail in Reception (once we have enough donations) where we will hang your donated Christmas Jumpers and Coats and other children that may not have one, can take it. You can donate and not take if you would like or take even if you cant donate.

Please could you donate freshly washed, good condition Christmas Jumpers and/or Coats, with a hanger to our school office.



The Importance of Hygiene

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of helping our children feel comfortable and confident each day, we kindly ask for your support in encouraging good personal hygiene at home.

Please remind or help your child to:

- Shower or bathe daily
- Brush their Teeth
- Use deodorant each morning (if applicable to their age)
- Keep nails short and clean
- Hand washing before eating and after using the bathroom
- Wear clean clothes to school



These habits not only promote health but also help the children feel their best throughout the day.

Linked to PSHE Learning

In our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) lessons, we are teaching students about the importance of self-care, personal hygiene, and how these habits contribute to overall wellbeing and confidence. Reinforcing these routines at home helps strengthen what they are learning in school and supports their social development.

Thank you.

Can you help with toy donations?

We are looking for Duplo blocks, big beads for threading and toy skittles, wind-up toys like music boxes or jack-in-the-box toys for our SEN provision. If you have any of these in good working order to donate, please could you bring them to the office.



Discover the Joy of Reading with myON!

myON is a personalised digital reading platform that gives students access to thousands of engaging books anytime, anywhere. With myON, your child can choose from a wide range of fiction and nonfiction titles matched to their interests and reading level. The platform also includes helpful features like audio narration, highlighting, and quizzes to build comprehension and confidence. Whether at home or on the go, myON helps every reader grow a love for books while teachers and families can track progress along the way.

Letters with your children's log in details were sent home last week. Encourage your child to log in, explore, and enjoy reading with myON today!



Nursery Christmas Photos

Date for your Diary!

We wanted to let you know that Cardwell and Simons will be coming in to take photos of our Nursery children on **Wednesday 26th November** from 9am until midday. If your child is normally in Nursery on this day, the Nursery team will assist with the photos being taken.

If your child is not in Nursery on a Wednesday or only in the afternoon, then you can come to the Nursery between 9am and 9.30am and they will be photographed whilst you wait. This is to avoid busy change over periods with the children already in and being collected at lunch.

Cardwell and Simons Photography

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How can I help my child with phonics at home?

**TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER
/ FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER**

3.20-4.00PM

**Squirrels Classroom
(enter through Year R garden)**

Drop in sessions with Miss Harvey for families of children in Year R, 1 or 2.

Wild Wordsworth Forest School

We are excited to announce that we shall be introducing Wild Wordsworth Forest School sessions to our School. Every child in Nursery, Year R and Year 1 will have the opportunity to attend sessions throughout the year. Ducklings, Foxes and Robins class will take part in Forest School during the Spring Term. At Wild Wordsworth Forest School your child will have the opportunity to take part in outdoor learning activities planned to meet your child's needs and interests. Sessions offer them the unique opportunity to learn in an outdoor 'woodland' environment which we are lucky enough to be able to provide within our Nature Zone.

To find out more we would like to invite you to an **Information Meeting** on **Monday the 8th of December** at **2.30pm**. Please come to the main office, the meeting will take place in the gallery.

This meeting will let you know more about the ethos of Forest School, the type of activities your child will be taking part in and how we manage risks. The meeting should only take 30 minutes.

When will sessions run?

Children will attend 6 Forest School sessions, once weekly. Each session will last at least 2 hours. We will send you a letter home soon with your child's session dates.

What will my child need?

So that your child gets the most out of their Forest School sessions they will need to come into school dressed ready for Forest School in appropriate clothing (listed below). We also ask parents and carers to pack spare clothes in their school bag just in case. The Forest School Leader will carry some spare emergency clothing.

Forest School Clothing Guide

Ideal clothing/kit for...

All sessions, all weathers, all year round...

Long sleeve top
Long trousers
Comfortable footwear e.g. outdoor/walking boots and/or welly boots.
Insect repellent or bands



Rainy Days



Don't get caught out by surprise showers, these are good to bring every session.

Waterproof coat, Waterproof trousers or all in one.



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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 21st October
Thursday 23rd October~~

Spring 1
Tuesday 10th February
Thursday 12th February

Summer 1
Tuesday 19th May
Thursday 21st 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.

Tree of Light

Sponsor a light in memory of a loved one

Suggested minimum donation £8 per light

Light switch-on events:

St James by the Park Church Sun 16 th Nov (5pm) Join us at 3pm for a memorial church service and/or 4pm for crafts and refreshments before the switch on at 5pm.	St. Mark's Church, Archers Road Sat 6 th Dec (5.30pm) Join us at 4.30pm for crafts, refreshments and carols before the light switch on at 5.30pm.	Woolston Millennium Garden Sat 6 th Dec (5.30pm) Join us at 5pm for carols around the tree led by The Rising Stars and switch on from 5.30pm. Bring a lantern if you'd like!
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Sponsorship forms can be found on our website: www.communicareinsouthampton.org.uk

For more details call the Communicare office: 023 8250 0050 or email: accounts@communicareinsouthampton.org.uk

With thanks to:



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Bengali

There are 4 children who first language is Bulgarian.



Ancient city of Nessebar



Black Sea beach in Bulgaria



Sofia is the capital city of Bulgaria with over 1 million residents



Can you guess where Bulgarian is spoken?

Facts about Bulgaria and the Bulgarian language:

- Bulgaria is the only country in Europe that didn't change its name since its establishment in 681 AC.
 - 9 million people speak Bulgarian
- Famous people who speak Bulgarian:

Nina Dobrev
(actress)



Grigor Dimitrov
(tennis player ranked as high as World No 3)



Head shake and nod mean the opposite to the rest of the world: head nod is "No", head shake is a "Yes"

Greeting gestures:

When people meet they usually have a handshake and/or a kiss on each cheek.

Language of the Week