

SHERDLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



A note from Mr Gawne ...

It certainly feels like Summer has arrived this week with the surge in warm weather - let's hope this continues over the coming weeks and remains bright for our upcoming Sports Days. As with this week, please continue to ensure that children come to school with a water bottle so that they can keep hydrated throughout the day and that they have a sun hat and have had sun cream applied in the mornings to keep them protected while outside. Sports Day events this year will continue to run as they have done in previous years with a carousel of activities and the winning house from across school being announced in classes at the end of the week.

Next week, Year 2 are heading off to Blackpool Zoo for their Summer trip and we have some other exciting events taking place with Year 4 having a virtual visit from the author, Cressida Cowell, and the Wheelchair Basketball team in school on Monday to deliver workshops and promote inclusivity in Sport.

I end this week's message with thanks to Mr Hughes and the wider team for organising an excellent 'Sherdley Fest' and the biggest congratulations to all of our performers. Definitely some future stars! Thank you for joining us!

Thanks for your continued support.

Attendance Year to Date:

94.8%

Our Attendance
HERO's last week:

Class 40

96.5%

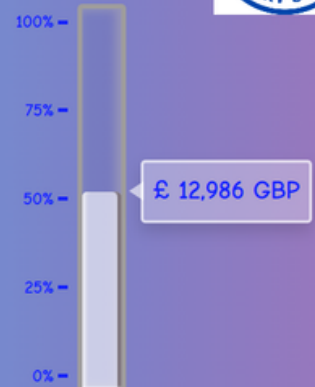
*Here, Everyday,
Ready, On time*

Colour Run 2025

I am delighted to share
that we have raised:

£7460.70

Playground Fundraising
£ 25,000 GBP



Congratulations to...

Our students who received the following awards this week:

	Hardworker Award	Golden Pupil Award	Writer of the Week
RR	Vienne-Rose	Connie C	Leonie
RE	Olive	Alfie F	Thea
1K	Bobby G	Lyra	Max W
1W	Lucas	Ayda	Evie M
2F	Thomas O	Betsy	Logan W
2S	Tobie	Sofia D	Sophie H
3H	Harley	Shanza	Moses
3W	Chloe	Teddy P	Seth
4O	James I	Lianna-Rose	Amilia
4W	Maia M	Molly F	Poppy E
5M		Liverpool Museum Event	Jack Ha
5R	Ellie H-M	Stefani R	Oliver H
6C	Poppy F	Harry H	Alicia
6J	James	Katie L	Poppy L

We are super proud!

Congratulations to...



Josh W

Josh walked 20 miles on Saturday 14th June, taking him just 7 hours. An athlete in the making! Olympics here he comes! Josh set himself this challenge to raise money for school PE equipment as well as his cricket and rugby club. In total, he raised £800 – £230 for Sherdley PE. What an incredible achievement. Josh – thank you!!! We are so proud of you!

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The Sherdley Oscars

The following children have been shortlisted for a Sherdley Oscar

You've got a friend in me Oscar : Ellie C, Florence B, James W, Charlie C	Picasso Oscar: Leonie, Teddie H, Sofia M, Teddy P
Broadway Oscar : Walter, Evelyn, Amelia M, Connie G	Resilience Oscar; Katie L, Jack H, Fearne D, Ava D
Following the script Oscar: Riley Mc, Louie E, Moses, Scarlett	Best Director Oscar: Amira, Nancy, Cooper G, Joshua W
Sports and Well-being Oscar : Max S, Harriet, Jack Hu, Lexie	Pythagoras Oscar : Ted S, Hallie W, Kacper, Owen F, Jack D-L
Eureka Oscar: Aiden T, Oliver F, Brandon, Lianna-Rose	Bookworm Oscar: Zak M, Alfie B, Archie H, Penny L, Bella L
The Oscar Jack Lawrence Scott – Greatest Showman Oscar Patrick B, Archie A, Martin, Connie G	

Sports Days

Pre-School am	Thurs 26th June	9:30am start
Pre-School pm	Thurs 26th June	1:00pm start
Reception	Wed 25th June	1:30pm start
KS1 (Y1 & 2)	Tues 24th June	1:30pm start
LKS2 (Y3 & 4)	Fri 27th June	9:30am start
UKS2 (Y5 & 6)	Mon 23rd June	1:30pm start



Sports Days at Sherdley are focused on demonstrating respect towards each other, inclusivity, fun and coming together in sport rather than high competition.

All children participate in their houses – in some year groups, houses look like they have less pupils in, however across the school this is broadly the same.

All children contribute points from their activities across 4 days of activities. These are then totalled for an overall House winner for the entire school.

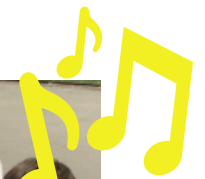


SHERDLEY FEST!

Thank you for joining us today for a truly wonderful Sherdley Fest – technically our first as we were rained off last year. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!!



SHERDLEY FEST!



Dates for your Diary

23rd June – Sports Days Week

23rd June – Demonstrating Respect Week

27th June – Wear Purple in support of Logan Year 1

2–4th July – 3 day transition week – move up to the next class.

3rd July – The Oscars – invitation only

9th July – Reports home

17th July – Y6 leavers assembly doors open 9:15, start 9:30am –
max 2 people per family

18th July – School closes for Summer at 1:30pm – No BLAST

Tuesday 2nd September – School re-opens Autumn 1

**School
closes on
Friday
18th July
at 1:30pm**

**School
re-opens
on
TUESDAY
2nd
September**

Transition – 2nd, 3rd and 4th July

**Year 6 – transition to High School The Sutton Academy
Go straight there!**

2nd July – Reception to Y5 go to your current class.

After registration in September, teachers will collect their new class and take to their new rooms.

At the end of day on the 2nd July, 3rd and 4th July – children should be taken to and collected from their NEW CLASS.

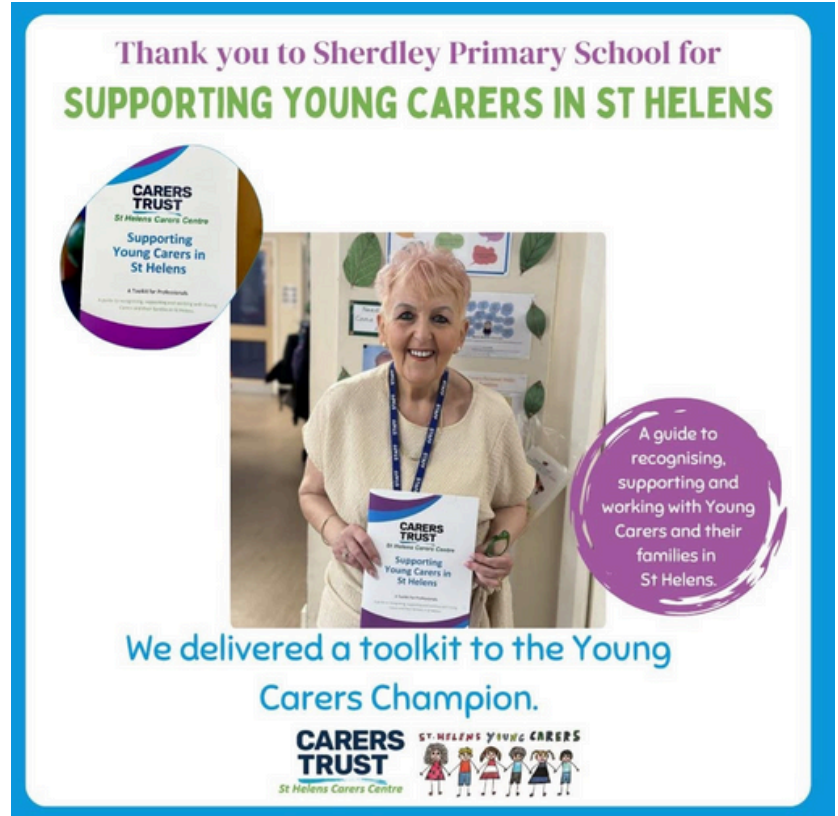
Monday 7th July – return to current class as normal.



Young Carers

Thank you to the team at St Helens Young Carers for coming in and delivering workshops to our KS2 children last week and for helping to raise awareness of those young people amongst us who help to care for others.

Thanks to Mrs Lakey for organising the event.



Young Carers Awareness Day Key Stage Two PSHE Workshops Sherdley Primary School



Sherdley Shares



The poster features a blue bird flying in the top left corner. A clothesline with five colorful pairs of underwear (red, pink, blue, orange, green) hangs across the top, each with a letter of the word 'PANTS'. A blue sign with white text 'TALK PANTS AND HELP KEEP CHILDREN SAFE' is attached to the clothesline. Below the clothesline, a stack of five white speech bubbles contains the following text: 'P RIVATES ARE PRIVATE', 'A LWAYS REMEMBER YOUR BODY BELONGS TO YOU', 'N O MEANS NO', 'T ALK ABOUT SECRETS THAT UPSET YOU', and 'S PEAK UP, SOMEONE CAN HELP'. In the bottom left corner, a cartoon orange dinosaur wearing green patterned shorts is standing on a green patch of grass. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds. The NSPCC logo is in the bottom left, and the slogan 'EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR' is in the bottom right. A pink circle in the bottom right contains the text 'Find out more: nspcc.org.uk /talkpants'.

Let's Talk PANTS

Talk PANTS is all about having important conversations with children to help keep them safe from sexual abuse – with the help of Pantosaurus, of course!

From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides a simple but valuable rule.

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S PEAK UP, SOMEONE CAN HELP

Find out more:
[nspcc.org.uk /talkpants](https://nspcc.org.uk/talkpants)

NSPCC EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

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FREE EVENT

Live music,
Military parade, displays,
and much more!

SATURDAY 21 JUNE
11am - 4pm (PARADE: 12 NOON)
VICTORIA PARK,
ST HELENS, WA10 2UE



Sherdley Shares

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

AGE RESTRICTION 4+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

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