



SHERDLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



A note from Mr Gawne ...



It has been a pleasure to welcome back our Sherdley Family after the Summer break and lovely to meet so many of you at the start of the term for our 'Meet the Teacher' events. Starting a new class with a new teacher can be a challenging time but the children have settled back in to the routines of school life so well and made a really positive start back. It has also been great to welcome you back in to school for our weekly celebration assemblies and, as I mentioned in my parent presentations, that partnership between home and school can not be underestimated.

A very special welcome must go to all of our new Sherdley families in Pre-School and Reception also. We have loved getting to know you all and are looking forward to the years ahead together. This term we also welcome Mrs Johnson and Mrs Perkins as teachers in our Pre-School and it's been great to have them join the team!

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**Sherdley's Whole
School Attendance
Target for this
Academic Year:**

96%

**Sherdley's Whole
School Attendance
since returning in
September:**

ATTENDANCE HERO
**Here, Every day, Ready,
On time**

Family

A note from Mr Gawne ... Continued

Please familiarise yourself with the dates that have been shared with you and are also included below – these will be updated as the Autumn term progresses but I am keen to ensure you have as much notice as possible so that you are able to plan ahead and support where you wish to. There will occasionally be times where things come up last minute – that is the nature of school life – but we will always do our best to share any key dates with you in advance.

On Monday, I am looking forward to interviewing our Year 6 prefect applicants and I am confident that we will soon have some excellent ambassadors for our school alongside school council and our House Captains. Myself and Mrs Bennett were very impressed with the quality of the applications and the decisions on Monday will be tough!

As we move towards Week 5 of the term, could I please ask for your support in continuing to ensure children come to school in the correct uniform and keep the standards high, as we started the year with. We have tried to keep our uniform policy simple but please do reach out to us if you are struggling or we can help in any way. I must also mention the great start we have made with attendance for the year – so far we are averaging just below 96%! I know the germs and bugs start to make an appearance this time of year but let's all do our bit to ensure we keep that 96% in the run up to Christmas. School will always telephone if your children are too poorly to be in, and you have not contacted us to inform us. There are times when we may need to complete a home visit.

Finally, please take a look at our 'Sherdley Shares' section at the end of the Newsletter for events, support groups or workshops out in the local community alongside a copy of our term dates for this academic year. The term dates for 2026-2027 are currently in draft and as soon as these are approved by our school governors, I will share these with you.

For any concerns, please do contact our school office, your child's class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team at the gate of a morning and we will be able to sign post you to the best member of staff to help with your concern or query and we will always do our best to resolve any problems you have quickly.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend and best wishes

Mr Gawne



Welcome

At the start of September, we welcomed over 60 new children to Sherdley and our Sherdley Family. We are delighted to meet you all and look forward to getting to know you and your families.

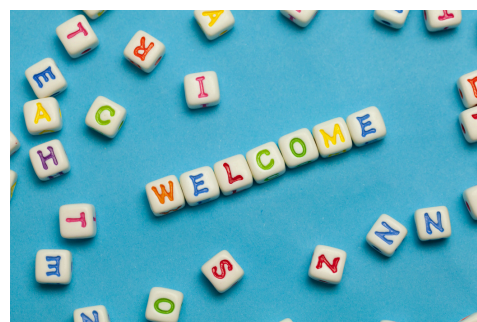
We continue to have a few spaces in our Reception classes. Please share this information with anyone who may be looking for a Reception place for their child. They can contact the school office for more information.

We will be holding 2 Open Evening events for families looking to join us in Reception or Pre-School in September 2026. Please share the times and dates with family members.

Thursday 9th October 6-7pm

or

Monday 20th October 4-5:30pm



Open Evening!

Sherdley Primary School

Starting
School in
2026?



Thursday 9th October - 6:00pm - 7:00pm



Monday 20th October - 4:00pm - 5:30pm



**Contact The School Office To Book A
Place - 01744 678 683**

**COME & VISIT US ON OUR OPEN
EVENINGS!**

EYFS Open Events 2025



In June, Josh completed a sponsored run to raise money for school PE and playground equipment. We have used the money to repaint the sports markings which can be used for both.

Thank you Josh!



Sherdley School Council

Our School Councillors are in their final weeks of their roles. After the October half-term, they will support Miss Essex with the voting for our new councillors. The team have supported our school really well over the last year, showing true commitment and dedication to the role.

They have restarted the Woodland Trust Award.

Raised plenty of money for our school and charities.

They organised a 20p fundraiser which allowed us to purchase 4 gigantic Connect 4 games for school, to use at lunchtime.

On behalf of the whole school community – Thank you.



The school council raised money through the 20p fundraiser. They purchased 4 extra large connect four games. One for each key stage.

Sherdley School Council



Voting for our new School
Council will take place after
half-term.

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Friday 26th September is National Teaching Assistant Day.

We are very lucky at Sherdley to have a wide range of Teaching Assistants and support staff who work tirelessly to support our children and staff.

We really appreciate all their hardwork and commitment.



Mental Health Monday

Each Monday, websites, useful information, hints and useful tips will be shared with parents, linked to supporting our children's Mental Health.

mental

health

awareness



Mrs Bennett is the Deputy Head at Sherdley. She is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mental Health Lead. She also leads the Pastoral Team.



Mrs Eccleston
DSL
Attendance



Mrs Stroud
Deputy DSL
SENDCO



Mrs Bridge
The Hub
Pastoral

Attendance

Often, in a test for example, a score around 90% is considered good; however, when we link this to attendance, it is a very different picture. Our whole school target is 96%. We recognise that there are times when children are too unwell to attend school, but where possible, and children are well enough to do so, we ask that children attend every day. In some circumstances, we can administer medicines. **These must always be signed into the school office.**



Our target for individuals and our whole school is 96%

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

SAFEGUARDING AT SHERDLEY



Designated Safeguarding Leads



MRS BENNETT



MRS ECCLESTON

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



MR GAWNE



MRS STROUD



MR DAVIES

**Contact us: sherdley@sthelens.org.uk
01744 678683**

DSLs and Deputy DSLs are outside, around school most mornings. If you have any worries or concerns, please speak to one of us. We can also be contacted via the Sherdley email – sherdley@sthelens.org.uk or the Parent App. If you would rather not share information with the office team, you can request a call back regarding a safeguarding worry.



FRIDAY 24th

OCTOBER

**PREPARE YOUR
COSTUMES**

www.rockkidzuk.com

The Rock Kidz logo, featuring the word "ROCK" in red block letters with a white 'X' and a star, and "KIDZ" in white block letters with a microphone and a lightning bolt. Below the logo is a white banner with the text "Rock Kidz - Primary School Workshops That Rock!" and the Rock Kidz Online logo.

Rock Kidz - Primary School Workshops That Rock!

Rock Kidz Online

Term Dates 2025 – 2026



Term Dates for September 2025– July 2026

Autumn Term:

Open on the morning of Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Close on the afternoon of Friday 24th October 2025

Open on the morning of Tuesday 4th November 2025
Close on the afternoon of Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term:

Open on the morning of Tuesday 6th January 2026
Close on the afternoon of Friday 13th February 2026

Open on the morning of Monday 23rd February 2026
Close on the afternoon of Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term:

Open on the morning of Monday 13th April 2026
Close on the afternoon of Thursday 21st May 2026

Open on the morning of Monday 1st June 2026
Close on the afternoon of Friday 17th July 2026

Easter Bank Holiday:

Good Friday: 3rd April 2026

Easter Monday: 6th April 2026

Bank Holiday During Term Time:

May Day: Monday 4th May 2026

Inset Days:

Monday 1st September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Sherdley BLAST



**Meet our BLAST staff – from L-R:-
Miss Follin, Mrs Woods, Mrs Gaffney, Mrs Stout & Mrs Brown**

Breakfast Club

Mrs Woods
Mrs Gaffney
Mrs Stout

After School Club

Mrs Woods
Miss Follin
Mrs Brown

Reminder for any new parents to Sherdley using BLAST:-

- All bookings must be made the day before via School Money- you cannot book on or cancel a place on the day.
- Please do not turn up for BLAST without booking as we rarely have spaces so your child won't be able to stay.
- Late charges are applied if you collect your child late from after school club at both the 4.15pm and 5.30pm sessions.
- **Autumn 2 Term bookings will open on School Money on Wed 22nd October 2025 at 9am** – please ensure if you pay by tax free childcare vouchers that you have sent them over to School's account before this date.

Sherdley Shares



Autumn Term Events ... so far!



Event	Date
School Opens – Children return to school	Tuesday 2 nd September
Year 6 Meet the Teacher (09:00am) Year 2 Meet the Teacher (2:30pm)	Thursday 4 th September
Year 5 Meet the Teacher (09:00am) Year 1 Meet the Teacher (2:30pm)	Friday 5 th September
Year 3 Meet the Teacher (09:00am)	Monday 8 th September
Year 4 Meet the Teacher (09:00am)	Tuesday 9 th September
MacMillan Coffee Morning – All Welcome	Friday 26 th September
Year 3 Stone Age Day	Friday 3 rd October
Reception Stay & Play (Phonics) for RF & RR 8:40am – 9:30am – Sign Up Required	Monday 6 th October
Reception Stay & Play (Phonics) for RR 8:40am – 9:30am – Sign Up Required	Tuesday 7 th October
Reception Stay & Play (Phonics) for RF 8:40am – 9:30am – Sign Up Required	Wednesday 8 th October
Reception Stay & Play (Phonics) for RF & RR 8:40am – 9:30am – Sign Up Required	Thursday 9 th October
EYFS Reception 2026 Open Evening – 6:00pm – 7:00pm	Thursday 9 th October
World Mental Health Day – Children Wear Yellow	Friday 10 th October
Year 1 Parent Phonics Meeting & Classroom Visits – 9:00am	Monday 13 th October
Y5 Bikeability Sessions Begin (Until 24 th October)	Thursday 16 th October
EYFS Reception 2026 Open Evening – 4:00pm – 5:30pm	Monday 20 th October
RockKidz Day – Dress as Rockstars (Optional)	Friday 24 th October
School closes for half term	Friday 24 th October
School opens	Tuesday 4 th November
Odd Socks Day (Anti Bullying Week Begins)	Monday 10 th November
6M Class Assembly- 2:35pm	Monday 10 th November
Parents' Evening Drop In – 3:15pm – 5:00pm	Wednesday 12 th November
Children in Need Day <u>In School</u>	Friday 21 st November
School Photographer – Individual Photos (All children in School Uniform)	Tuesday 25 th November
Christmas Performances Begin (Individual Details TBC)	W/B Monday 8 th December
Rocksteady Christmas Concert – 10:00am for families	Friday 12 th December
Christmas Party Week (Individual Phase Details TBC)	W/B Monday 15 th December 2025
School closes for Christmas Holidays – 1:30pm	Friday 19 th December

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catch NHS
Common Approach To Children's Health

Empowering you to manage your family's health and wellbeing

A free app providing local NHS-approved support and information to expectant mums, parents and carers of children aged 0-5



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search for catch app

 **Family Hub**

0-19+ Service Launches Instagram

0-19+ Service Instagram page











The [0-19+ Service St Helens](#) Instagram page is packed full of service information, updates and news. The page is aimed at parents and carers and shares public health messages and promotes the service offer across the borough. The team has also produced video content to help service users feel at ease when accessing clinics.

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Autumn 1 Extra Curricular Clubs

MONDAY	Mindful Colouring Y2 4pm finish 	Cheer & Dance (run by Saints) Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 4:15pm finish 	Rugby League (run by Saints) Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 4:15pm finish 	
	Choir Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 4.15pm finish 	Baking Club Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 4.30pm finish £1 per week to cover resources 		
WEDNESDAY	Dance ran by The Sutton Academy Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 4pm finish 			
	Baking Club Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 4.30pm finish £1 per week to cover resources 	Martial Arts – St Helens Martial Arts Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 4pm finish £3:50 per week 		
FRIDAY				

Our after-school clubs run for 5 weeks each half-term. The Autumn term is trickier to facilitate lots of clubs as when the weather is bad, we are limited by space.

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Neurodevelopment pathway drop ins



Mersey Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Come along to one of our drop in sessions in St Helens.

Our team will answer questions you have about the neurodevelopment pathway process.

You don't need to be using our service, you can drop in if you have any questions to ask about this.

We look forward to meeting you.

Tuesdays at Parr Children's Centre and Central Link Family Hub
See details and times below

12 August at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

23 September at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

25 November at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

26 August at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

7 October at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

9 December at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

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18 November at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

16 December at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

We work with children and young people with complex neurodevelopmental difficulties, who need an assessment to gain a better understanding of their needs.

Sutton Family Hub, Ellamsbridge Road, Sutton, St Helens, WA9 3PY

Central Link Family Hub, Westfield Street, (off Peter Street), St Helens, WA10 1QF

If you need more information you can contact us on 01744 415 608 or email: mcn-tr.sthelensneuropathway@nhs.net



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St Helens Family Hub & Children's Centres

Our Family Hub offer:

- Early education
- Family friendly support and advice on pregnancy, child development and family health
- A seasonal timetable of activities for children
- Parenting programmes
- Speech and language support
- Volunteering Opportunities
- Help with access to employment - support with work or training
- Half term holiday activities and food programme

SUTTON FAMILY HUB

Ellamsbridge Road
Sutton
St Helens
WA9 3PY

Telephone: 01744 671788
Email: childrenscentres@sthelens.gov.uk
Opening hours: 9:00am - 5:00pm

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www.sthelens.gov.uk/socialcare

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES

www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/1816/children-s-services

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