



SHERDLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



A note from Mr Gawne ...

Dear Parents and Carers,



We know this month has been a tricky one for many families, with lots of children hit by seasonal bugs and illnesses. Thank you for your continued efforts to keep attendance a priority—let's aim to climb back above 96%.

Earlier in November, we had an Aspirations focus, reminding us of the importance of looking forward in our lives whilst living out our Sherdley Values. It was great to hear how children wanted to be politicians, athletes, shop workers and homemakers.

We voted and recruited our new School Council, and our Year 6 Prefects have started their new positions with pride and confidence—they've already been fantastic role models for our school. You will recognise them by the emerald green tie that they wear.

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

96%

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

94.4%

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

Family

A note from Mr Gawne ... Continued

It's been a busy half term for visitors too! We've welcomed cricket workshops, Kooth Mental Health Support, and Faith visitors into school. Every visitor commented on the excellent manners and behaviour of our children—we are so proud of them.

Over the last few weeks, it's also been a real pleasure to welcome more new families to Sherdley, especially our youngest members in Reception and Pre-School. They've settled in beautifully and are already making wonderful contributions to our community.

Looking ahead, the Christmas calendar has now been shared, and we're excited for all the festive events coming up. We can't wait to enjoy Nativities, Carol Concerts, and of course, Christmas Parties—always a magical time for our children and families.

As the weather turns colder, please make sure children come to school with warm coats, hats, and gloves so they can enjoy outdoor play comfortably.

Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to an exciting few weeks ahead filled with more learning, creativity, and opportunities for our children to shine.

Mr Gawne



Attendance

At Sherdley, we know how important it is for children to be in school every day and on time.

Coming to school regularly, helps your child learn, feel happy and safe, make friends, and enjoy all the exciting activities that we offer.

Every day counts. Is your child in?



What we expect from our families

To help your child attend as much school as possible, you can:

Promote positive and healthy attendance patterns with your child and set good bedtime and morning routines.

Ensure your child arrives at school every day, on time and equipped and ready to learn. If you might be late, please come anyway. This is better than staying off all day.

Ensure we have at least three up-to-date addresses and telephone numbers so we can contact you quickly when required.

Report absence via our School App before 8:30am each day until your child returns to school.

Ensure medical appointments are made outside of school time.

Avoid making holiday requests during term time.

Contact school if you are experiencing difficulty getting your child to attend school.

Work with the school and any other agencies of support to resolve any difficulties which may affect regular school attendance.

Attendance - What you can expect from us

Celebration of excellent attendance that is above 96% on a weekly and termly basis in assemblies and via our school app.

Celebration of excellent punctuality on a weekly and termly basis in assemblies and via our school app.

We will write to you to inform you of your child's attendance. This includes if attendance falls below the government expectations. **This is our statutory duty.**

We trust you when you tell us your child is ill, however, if this falls low, we must write to you and inform you. We may then request evidence to authorise your child's absences.

An onsite Attendance Support worker – Mrs Eccleston – is dedicated to working with children, families and staff to improve attendance each and every day.

Our pastoral team work closely with pupils to help them feel confident, happy, and ready to learn. By offering guidance and encouragement, we support every child to aim high and achieve their full potential—both in and out of the classroom.

Surely 1 or 2 days absent a week doesn't seem much but this is how it is..

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

If your child is late 10 minutes a day - surely that won't matter or affect my child..

Only missing just..	That equals..	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

Next Year's Term Dates - 26-27



Term Dates for September 2026– July 2027

Autumn Term:

Open on the morning of
Close on the afternoon of

Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Friday 23rd October 2026

Open on the morning of
Close on the afternoon of

Monday 2nd November 2026
Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term:

Open on the morning of
Close on the afternoon of

Tuesday 5th January 2027
Friday 12th February 2027

Open on the morning of
Close on the afternoon of

Monday 22nd February 2027
Thursday 25th March 2027

Summer Term:

Open on the morning of
Close on the afternoon of

Monday 12th April 2027
Friday 28th May 2027

Open on the morning of
Close on the afternoon of

Monday 7th June 2027
Friday 16th July 2027

Easter Bank Holiday:

Good Friday: 26th March 2027
Easter Monday: 29th March 2027

Bank Holiday During Term Time:

May Day: Monday 3rd May 2027

Inset Days:

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Monday 19th July 2027
Tuesday 20th July 2027
Wednesday 21st July 2027



December Events



Event	Date
4M Class Assembly – 2:35pm	Monday 1 st December
Santa Dash – Whole School	Friday 5 th December
LKS2 Christmas Carol Concert for Year 3 parents - 2:15pm at St Nicholas Church	Monday 8 th December
LKS2 Christmas Carol Concert for Year 4 parents – 9:15am at St Nicholas Church	Tuesday 9 th December
S1 Nativity – 2pm	Tuesday 9 th December
KS1 Nativity – 9:30am	Wednesday 10 th December
UKS2 Christmas Concert for Year 5 parents – 2:15pm	Wednesday 10 th December
Festive Jumper & Dinner Day	Thursday 11 th December
EYFS Nativity – 2pm – for RR parents	Thursday 11 th December
EYFS Nativity – 9:15am – for RF parents	Friday 12 th December
Rocksteady Christmas Concert – 10:00am for Rocksteady families	Friday 12 th December
UKS2 Carol Concert for Year 6 parents – 2:15pm	Friday 12 th December
EYFS Christmas Party	Tuesday 16 th December
UKS2 Christmas Party	Tuesday 16 th December
KS1 Christmas Party	Wednesday 17 th December
LKS2 Christmas Party	Wednesday 17 th December
School closes for Christmas Holidays – 1:30pm	Friday 19 th December

Youth Engagement - Merseyside Fire

Merseyside Fire Brigade have successfully secured funding for Youth Engagement, supporting a wide range of children across Merseyside. Sherdley was successful in applying for and was chosen to attend workshops this half-term. Mrs Bennett and a group of 11 children from UKS2 have been attending each week. The children have learned a wide variety of Firefighter skills, including using hoses with water, hoses with foam, found their way through tight, enclosed, dark spaces, evacuated a smokehouse, met Scout the Fire Dog and passed out as Firefighters. It was an incredible experience.

The children were an absolute credit to our school and their families.

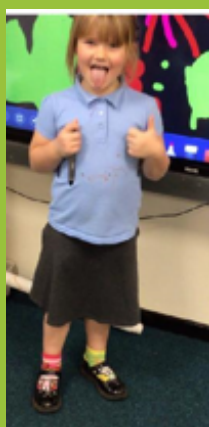




Spotlight on Anti-Bullying Week – 10th November

This year, we launched Anti-Bullying Week with 'Wear Odd Socks Day'. The purpose behind the day is to promote individuality and uniqueness. We are so proud of everyone who made a big effort to participate.

If you are worried about your child being bullied, there is a wide range of information on our website. Techniques to support conversations, strategies and who can support both from school and wider agencies like Kidscape.



Spotlight on year 5 - Bikeability

At the end of Autumn 1, our Year 5 children took part in Bikeability Level 1 & 2 training. Everyone who joined could already ride a bike on their own, and the sessions helped them to become more confident and safe cyclists.

We began by practising on the school playground, learning how to check our bikes and make sure they were safe to ride. Once the instructors were happy that everyone was ready, we moved out onto the quiet local roads around school to practise real-life cycling skills.

The children worked in small groups of six with two trained instructors, who taught them how to ride safely, signal, and look out for traffic.

Everyone did brilliantly, showed great concentration, and learned how to ride safely and confidently on the road! 🌟🚲♂️🚲♀️

It was amazing! I loved being the leader and it sure helped my confidence on the road. Nathaniel.



Spotlight on year 5 - Bikeability



Very beginner friendly
and fun! Maddie

I loved riding on the road, going to Sutton Park and
learning the signals. Jessica



This was perfect for people
who cannot ride their bike.

Lianna

I liked everything,
including going on the
roads. Amelia M

I loved it! My favourite thing was riding
up and down going vroom! Dylan



School Council

On 7.11.2025, Year 2- 6 voted for their new school council. The current council set up a voting system that reflected a typical election. Children who wanted to be considered put themselves forward for nomination, we had voting slips and ballot boxes, and the current council worked hard to maintain the integrity of the vote.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank our outgoing school council for their commitment, hard work and fundraising that they have supported and facilitated during their term of office.

Our new school councillors are:

Alice , Rose, Bobby and Scarlett.

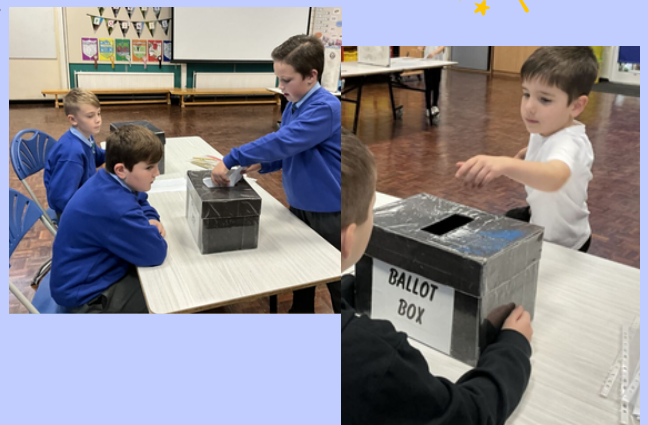
Thomas, Emily, Noah and Jack.

Rowan, Daniel, Eva and Lena.

Dylan, Amelia, Maddison and Luca.

Sophie, Oliver, Oliver and Connor

Congratulations!



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. To avoid these charges please bare in mind the increase in traffic leading up to the festive period as this definitely has an impact on our parents pick up times.
- **Spring 1 Term bookings will open on School Money on Monday 15th December 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.

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.

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Close on the afternoon of Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term:

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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:

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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:

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Easter Monday: 6th April 2026

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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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 **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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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

SOCIAL CARE

Tell us about a child
being abused or
neglected

Get help, support or
social care

Children's services

Contact Cares

Adult Social Care Strategy

Protecting vulnerable adults

Emergency Duty Team

Care homes

Adults with additional needs

Occupational therapy

Supported Living

Living independently at home

Help with visual problems

Pause

Mental health support

Adult Social Care Market Position
Statement

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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

Concerned about a child's safety or welfare?

Adoption, fostering and special guardianship

Care leavers

Family Hubs

Why join St Helens Children's Social Care?

St Helens Children We Look After Council

Commissioning services for children's social care

Disabled children and young person's register

Oral health for ages 0-19



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FOOTBALL CLASSES

First class FREE to try

All sessions are based around fun, with matches being played. Even if you are in a team why not come along for extra training. My sessions are designed to build confidence, learn new skills and make new friends.

I am DBS approved and an FA qualified coach. I have over 16 years experience in coaching both in the UK and overseas.

CLASSES AVAILABLE

Tuesday 5-6pm

Boys Years 2-4

Wednesday 5-6pm

Boys Year 5-7

Wednesday 6-7pm

Girls Year 3-4

Thursday 5-6pm

Mixed Year 1-3

Thursday 6-7pm

Mixed Years 6-8

Friday 5-6pm

Mixed Reception/Year 1

Friday 6-7pm

Mixed Years 7-10

Saturday 9.45- 10.30am

Mixed age 3-4

Sunday 11am-12pm

Mixed Year 4-6



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**Water, shin pads & trainers
essential.**