



# SHARPS COPSE NEWS

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*Its half term!*

*Have a lovely break everyone, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 23rd February 2026.*



## ATTENDANCE AND LATES

We have a **low** attendance rate and **high** 'late' issue which we need to **significantly** improve. We will work with you to help and support as much as we can but ultimately it is the **parent/carers responsibility** to ensure that the children are in school and on time.

As a result, we will have targeted meetings with parents to help set up support plans and then monitor the improvement. Unfortunately, if things are not heading in the right direction then it will likely become a **legal matter and prosecution** could be the end result. So, we feel it is vitally important that we initially work together to avoid this situation becoming a legal matter. Here are some new changes to help improve the whole school attendance: -

### Lates:

**You need to be on the playground for 8:45 am.** If the classroom outer doors are closed and you have to come through the office to drop off, then this is classed as a late. When you come through the office, instead of talking to the office team, you will be given a clipboard and pen to fill out a late form for us to file and keep. This form will take approximately 10 minutes to fill in and will ask you a series of questions. If you are later than 9:20 then this is recorded as an **unauthorised absence**. Parents always need to accompany their child/dren if they are late and fill out the form for them.

### Absence:

If your child is absent we will be monitoring this very closely using our new **Arbor** system. If you are close to the warning zone we will inform you. If you cross into the absence zone then we will be calling you in to an attendance support meeting and potentially creating an attendance support plan/agreement. We will monitor this carefully and hopefully avoid heading towards prosecution. By engaging with us and working with us we hope to see a vast improvement in the attendance rate.

It is your responsibility to **inform** the School by 9.15am if your child(ren) are absent, either by phoning the school office

**023 9248 4545** (answerphone will be available to take messages when the Admin Team aren't); alternatively you can email

[adminoffice@sharpscopse.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@sharpscopse.hants.sch.uk) with the details of absence. Please always advise us of the reason your child(ren) will be away from school.

*Let's work together to improve the School's 'Attendance' and 'Lateness'.*

## READERS

We would like to say **thank you** to our **volunteer readers**, you do a wonderful job listening to the children read.

We say with grateful thanks, farewell to **Laura**, who has been reading with us for a while and welcome **Jane** and **Lindsey** to the team. Also thank you to Jonathon for his continued dedication. The children and everyone at Sharps Copse appreciate you all.



Volunteer Reading Help  
confident children, literate for life

## School Closures 2026

**Friday 27th March Inset Day**

**Wednesday 15th April Inset Day**

**Monday 4th May Bank Holiday**

**Thursday 7th May Polling Day**



## **LOST PROPERTY, COATS & JUMPERS**

Please ensure your child brings a **coat** to school **everyday**. All clothing and belongings need to be labelled with your child's name and if possible class, we cannot return clothing to pupils if they are not labelled. We spend so much time trying to find the owners of clothing! Thank you.

In the reception on a rail we also have lots of **free** used jumpers and cardigans which have been kindly donated. All items are washed and are in size order. Please come and take some if you need too.



# Diary Dates 2026

Friday 13th February - Last day of term

*Half term Monday 16th February 2025 - Friday 20th February 2026*

Monday 23rd February - First day back of term Spring 2

Yr R Balance Bikeability (4 days until Thursday 26th February)

Friday 27th February - Yr R Staunton Farm

Wednesday 4th March - Yr 6 Bikeability (3 days until Friday)

Friday 6th March - Yr R to Leigh Park Library Visit

Thursday 5th March—World Book Day

Tuesday 10th March - Yr R Leigh Park Library Visit

Wednesday 18th March - Parents Evening (Details to follow)

Friday 20th March - Comic Relief (More details to follow)

Wednesday 25th March - Class Photos

Thursday 26th March - Yr R Church Visit

Last day of school

Friday 27th March - Inset Day school closed to pupils

*Half term Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April 2026*

Monday 13th April - First day of term Summer 1

Wednesday 15th April - Inset Day School closed to pupils

Monday 20th April - Yr R Dino Workshop

Tuesday 28th April - School Nurse in for Yr R NCMP

Thursday 5th March—World Book Day

Thursday 30th April - Whole school visit Staunton Park

Monday 4th May - Bank holiday school closed

Thursday 7th May - Polling Day school closed to pupils

Friday 8th May - Yr R Dinosaur Museum to Parents

Friday 22nd May - Last day of term

*Half term Monday 25th May - Friday 28th May 2026*

Monday 1st June - First day of term Summer 2

Wednesday 10th June - Yr R Splashpark Trip

Tuesday 30th June - Transition am

New Yr R Stay and play 9:15-10:15

Wednesday 1st July - Transition pm

Friday 3rd July - Transition pm

Monday 6th July - Reports home

Wednesday 8th July - New Yr R Stay and play 9:15-10:15

Thursday 16th July - New Yr R Stay and play 3:15-4:00

Wednesday 22nd July - Last day of term

*Summer Holidays -Thursday 23rd July*

Letters issued to parents this half term via email:

**Whole school letters:**

RSE Whole School  
Census Jan 2026  
Feb Activ8 leaflet

**Year R letters:**

Yr R Balance Bikeability  
Yr R Entry School Review

**Year 1/2 letters:**

After school multi sports club

**Year 3/4 letters:**

After school sports club Yr 3-6  
Yr 3/4 Seacity Trip

**Year 5/6 letters:**

Yr 5 Runaways End Residential Trip  
Yr 6 SATs letter  
Yr 6 Bikeability letter

*Please make sure we have your up to date email and telephone details.*



**STATIONERY STORE**

As a school we currently sponsor two children in Tanzania as part of a Grassroots scheme, Rosie and Dominic. To try and raise funds to help with the cost of the sponsorship we are reopening the Stationery Store at school on a Tuesday and Thursday during morning break from the school office. Prices range from **10p – 50p** for a variety of items, pens, erasers and rulers to name a few. *Please allow your child to bring a small amount of cash in a named envelope and we thank you for your continued support.*

**We have some new items available for after half term so please tell the children!**



**All our letters and important information are available on our website**

**[www.sharpscoseprimary.co.uk](http://www.sharpscoseprimary.co.uk)**

## What's been going on at Sharps Copse??



Children in Yr 5/6 had a Harry Potter afternoon where the children were put into houses using the sorting hat!



Our new school library was officially opened by Author Jenny McLachlan.

Jenny's books are a wonderful mix of adventure, humour, friendship and fantasy.

Jenny told the children about her ideas and how she writes a story. She then stayed and signed copies for the children that had brought their books in.

It was a truly magical morning.



Yr 1/2 had a wet but fun trip to Marwell Zoo!

Well done to Maisie who made the character of Crowky from the Land of Roar at home.



A group of children won 5th place overall in an indoor Athletics competition with Mr Kennett -

Lexi won the Standing Long Jump

Scarlett won in the Chest Pulls

Kayson won in the Javelin



## DINNER PROVIDER AND MENU FOR 2026

Chartwells are now our new provider of school meals and at the reduced price of £2.75 per day, £13.75 per week.

If your child is currently registered with us as having a special menu due to medical needs, the details will simply transfer over to them from Hampshire Caterers; for any child with a newly diagnosed medical condition there is an online application for you to complete.



**The New menu is here for you to share with the children, the only change recently made is Salmon jacket potato is now Tuna Mayo jacket potato.**

Please encourage and chat through with your child so they are ready to order in class at registration each morning.

Our children love their 'Better & More Respectful' dining experience.

### Week 1 Commencing 05/01/26, 26/01/26, 16/02/26\*\* & 09/03/26

DAY	RED CHOICE	GREEN CHOICE	BLUE CHOICE
Monday	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with potato wedges	Veggie Feast Pizza with potato wedges	Tomato Pasta
Tuesday	Beef meatballs in tomato sauce with pasta	Meatless balls in tomato sauce with pasta	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with roast potatoes and veg	Roast Quorn with roast potatoes and veg	Tomato Pasta
Thursday	Chicken and sweetcorn pasta bake with veg	Macaroni Cheese with veg	Jacket Potato with Beans
Friday	Battered fish with chips	Veggie fingers with chips	Tomato pasta

### Week 2 commencing 12/01/26, 02/02/26, 23/02/26 & 16/03/26

DAY	RED CHOICE	GREEN CHOICE	BLUE CHOICE
Monday	Macaroni cheese with veg	Veggie Burrito with rice	Jacket Potato with Beans
Tuesday	Pork Sausages and mash and veg	Vegetarian sausages and mash and veg	Tomato pasta
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with roast potatoes and veg	Vegetarian Shepherds pie with veg	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Thursday	BBQ chicken with rainbow rice	Cheese and tomato pizza with potato wedges	Tomato pasta
Friday	Battered fish with chips	BBQ vegetable wrap with chips	Jacket potato with Tuna mayo

### Week 3 Commencing 19/01/26, 09/02/26, 02/03/26 & 23/03/26

DAY	RED CHOICE	GREEN CHOICE	BLUE CHOICE
Monday	Cheese and tomato pizza with wedges	Potato and lentil curry and rice	Tomato Pasta
Tuesday	Beef Bolognese with pasta	Vegetarian Bolognese with pasta	Jacket Potato with Beans
Wednesday	Roast Gammon with roast potatoes and veg	Roast Quorn with roast potatoes and veg	Tomato Pasta
Thursday	Chicken and vegetable pie with mash and veg	West African rice and veg	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Friday	Fish fingers with chips	Quorn Dippers with chips	Tomato Pasta

\*\* Please note 16/02/26 is our half term so we will return to Week 2 after that break 23/02/26