



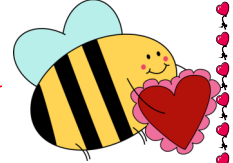
SHARPS COPSE NEWS



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We would like to wish everyone a happy February half term!

Enjoy the break and we will see you all back in school on Monday 24th February 2025.



ATTENDANCE AND LATES

We have a **low** attendance rate and **high** 'late' issue which we are going to 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. Ultimately, 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.

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 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'.



BUILDING WORK SCHOOL SITE AND CARPARK

Please take extra care when accessing the school via the pedestrian crossing through the car park. We will monitor the situation and update you as the works progress. Only Parents/Carers with a **Blue Disability Badge** will be able to drive on site. Please come to the School Office with your **Blue Badge** so we can note down all your information and discuss this with you .

COLLECTING YOUR CHILDREN

If you have a change to who is collecting your child after school, please contact the office ideally **before 12:00** by phone **02392 484545** or email at adminoffice@sharpscopse.hants.sch.uk

This is so we can inform teachers via their afternoon registers. We are currently receiving a lot of telephone calls **very late** in the afternoon regarding collection changes and this means that we are having to find staff that can interrupt teachers. Sometimes this happens repeatedly, which does not help good learning. Thank you for your understanding.

Diary Dates 2025/26

**Friday 14th February - Year R Staunton Gardens visit
Year 5/6 Love for Refugees Day 2.15 in the hall
Last day of Spring 1 Term**

Half term Monday 17th February -Friday 21st February 2025

**Monday 24th February - First day of Spring 2 Term
Year 4 Swimming Grp 1 week 6**

Tuesday 25th February - Year R Staunton Farm

Monday 3rd March - Year 4 Swimming Grp 2 week 1

Wednesday 5th March - Snuggle with a Story 4.00-4.45 (after school event)

**Thursday 6th March - World Book Day
Yr 6 Fontwell Trip**

Friday 7th March - Yr R Library Visit 9-11.30

Tuesday 11th March - Year 1 Search Museum Trip Blue

Wednesday 12th March - Year 1 Search Museum Trip Leopard

Friday 14th March - Comic Relief

Wednesday 19h March - Parents Evening

Wednesday 26th March - School Photos Class Groups & Leavers

Tuesday 1st April -- KS2 Easter Singing to parents 2.30

**Wednesday 2nd April - Yr 3/4 Show to parents am
Yr R /KS1 Easter Singing to parents 2.30**

Thursday 3rd April - Yr 3/4 Show pm

Friday 4th April - Last day of Spring 2 Term

Half term Monday 7th April to Friday 18th April 2025

Monday 21st April - Bank Holiday school closed

Tuesday 22nd April - First day of Summer 1 Term

Monday 28th April - Year R (Summer Birthdays) NCNP & Vision Screening

Wednesday 30th April - Book Fayre in the playground for 3 days after school

Monday 5th May - May Bank Holiday school closed

Monday 12th May - Yr 6 SATS week

Thursday 22nd May - Yr 2 Portchester Castle Trip Whale Sharks

Friday 23rd May— Yr 2 Portchester Castle Trip Zebra Sharks

Half term Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

Monday 2nd June - First day of Summer 2 Term

Friday 4th July - Reports home today

Monday 21st July - Whole school Staunton Picnic

Tuesday 22nd July - Last day of Summer 2 term

Letters issued to parents this half term via email:

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



Whole school letters -

- School Census 16th January
- Parent Coaching for ADHD
- Attendance Focus Letter
- Household Support Grant
- Newsletter

Year R letters

- Yr R Nurse NCNP Visit
- Yr R Leigh park Gardens Visit Feb 25
- Yr R Library Visit

Yr 1 letters

- Search Museum Trip

Year 3/4 letters

- Yr 4 Swimming Lessons
- Yr 3/4 Dragon Days performance

Years 5/6 letters

- Love Refugee Day
- Yr 6 SATS Maths club letter

All our letters and important information are available on our website

www.sharpscopeprimary.co.uk

