



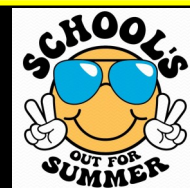
SHARPS COPSE NEWS

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*We'd like to wish everyone a lovely summer holiday.
Be safe, have fun and enjoy the break. We look forward to seeing you
back on Thursday 3rd September 2026*



FAREWELL

As this academic year comes to a close, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Cake who is retiring. We would like to extend a massive thank you for all her hard work over the 21 years she has worked here at Sharps Copse Primary. Her commitment to the school; the children and their families over the years she has been here has been amazing. We will miss you!

We'd also like to thank Mrs Cassidy-Rice who has been covering in Silvertip Sharks and Mrs Rogers who has been doing her teacher placement with us in Yr R, good luck to you both in your next positions.

We wish them all the best.



SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY OVER THE SUMMER

Here is the website address for Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership www.hampshirescp.org.uk

This website has a Parent/Carer Tab that has a wealth of information/online resources, useful telephone numbers and Local Events happening. *Check it out!*

School Closures 2026/2027

Tuesday 1st September—Inset Day

Wednesday 2nd September—Inset Day

Friday 26th March - Good Friday/Bank holiday

Monday 3rd May—May Day/Bank holiday



LOST PROPERTY, COATS & JUMPERS

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!

All clothing in lost property and leftover at the end of the last day Wednesday 22nd July will be on the playground at the end of the day to be claimed. Anything left and unnamed will be donated to the clothing bank.

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.



FREE SCHOOL MEAL UPDATE

Upcoming Changes From September 2026, the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals will change. All households receiving Universal Credit will be included, but eligibility will be divided into two groups:

- **Targeted Free School Meals** For households receiving Universal Credit with an annual income below £7,400.
- **Expanded Free School Meals** For households receiving Universal Credit with an annual income above £7,400.

What You Need to Do:

- If your child already receives Free School Meals and you have applied through the Hampshire portal, you do not need to do anything.
- If you think your child may now be eligible, please submit an application through the Hampshire portal: Free school meals | Education and learning | Hampshire County Council
- Please note: children eligible under the expanded criteria will only begin to receive Free School Meals from September 2026.

Transitional Protections (until August 2026) Transitional protections have been in place since 1 April 2018 and will continue until the end of the 2025 to 2026 school year During this time:

- Any child who becomes eligible for benefits based Free School Meals will continue to receive them until July 2026.
- This will not change even if household income increases.

From September 2026, these protections will end. From this point, all families must meet the new eligibility rules for their child to receive Free School Meals.

Imagine Your Future Bartons Green Skills Garden

Bartons Green is already an important part of the local community. At the bottom of the site is an ageing Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), which

has served the community for many years but now presents an opportunity for change.

We are exploring how this space could be redeveloped into a Skills Garden — a welcoming, inclusive and active place that encourages people of

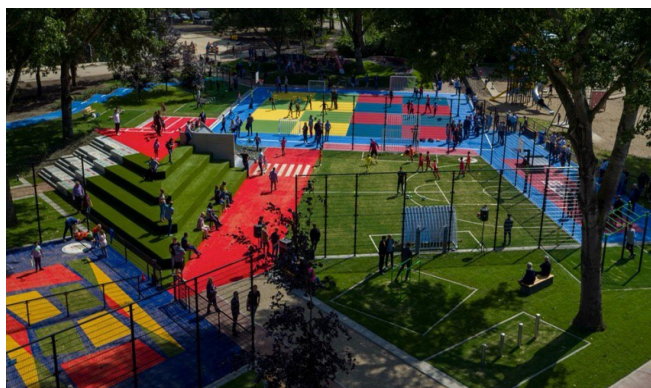
all ages and abilities to move, play, learn, meet and enjoy being active.

Before any design is developed, we want to understand what matters most to the people who know Bartons Green best. We want to hear your ideas, your experiences and your aspirations.

Here are a couple of pictures of what the development could look like.

We will be sending out more information in September and will have forms for you to add your ideas.

Watch this space.....





Yr 1/2 fun at Staunton
Park finding
Mini Beasts
and water fun!



Diary Dates 2026/2027

Tuesday 21st July - Yr 5/6 Chocolate Lady in

Wednesday 22nd July - Last day of term

Summer Holidays -Thursday 23rd July to 31st August 2026

Tuesday 1st September—Inset Day

Wednesday 2nd September—Inset Day

Thursday 3rd September—First day of term

Thursday 3rd September - Bikeability Yr 3/4 see email sent 20/7/26

Monday 5th October—School Nurse in for Yr R and Yr 6

Thursday 15th October—Whole School Flu Vaccines

Friday 23rd October—Last day of term

Half Term - Monday 26th—Friday 30th October

Monday 2nd November—First day of term

Wednesday 4th November—Individual and Sibling Photo's

Wednesday 2nd December - Yr 3/4 Butser Trip

Friday 18th December—Last day of term

Christmas Holidays - Monday 21st December —Friday 1st January 2027

Monday 4th January - First day of term

Monday 25th January - Yr R Spring Term School Nurse

Friday 12th February - last day of term

Half term - Monday 15th February –Friday 19th February

Monday 22nd January - First day of term

Thursday 18th March - Yr R Summer Term School Nurse

Thursday 25th March - Last day of school

Friday 26th March - Good Friday/Bank Holiday school closed

Easter holidays - Monday 29th March—Friday 9th April

Monday 12th April - First day of term

Monday 3rd May - Bank holiday school closed

Friday 28th May - Last day of term

Half term - Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Monday 7th June - First day of term

Wednesday 21st July - Last day of 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:

HAF Summer Activities leaflet

Warblington Summer School Leaflet

Year R letters:

YSports Day Yr R, 1 & 2

Yr R, 1 & 2 Singing Assembly

Year 1/2 letters:

Yr R, 1 & 2 Singing Assembly

Yr 1 & 2 Staunton Mini Beast Expedition

UFSM letter to current Yr 2

Sports Day Yr R, 1 & 2

Year 3/4 letters:

Sports Day Yr 3/4 and Yr 5/6

Yr 3/4 Bikeability letter

Yr 4 Multiplication Checklist

Year 5/6 letters:

Sports Day Yr 3/4 and Yr 5/6

Yr 6 Leavers Assembly and Silent Disco

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

www.sharpscapseprimary.co.uk