



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SHEPHERDSWELL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

10TH OCTOBER 2025

FRIDAY 17TH OCT

BREAK THE RULES DAY

OUR SCHOOL RULES:

- Wear school uniform
- Bring a healthy snack
- Have neat hair
- No temporary tattoos
- No nail varnish
- No face paint or make up
- School shoes only
- Only water in your water bottles
- No favourite teddies

50P FOR EVERY RULE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO BREAK

£1 TO GO ON THE INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE

Please pay via the School Comms App.

CLUBS

Please note there will be no clubs apart from Dance Club, Cooking Club, Elite Football & Girls Football (no Boys Football) next week due to Parent Consultations.

After School club will run as usual but will be limited on numbers.



School Photos Individual & Siblings



Just a reminder that our school photographers will be in on Tuesday next week. If you have preschool siblings you'd like photographed with your child/children, please bring them in at **8:15am**.

All siblings will have their photo taken together, as well as individual photographs of each child. All children should come in full uniform, and if it's your child's PE day, please send their kit in a separate bag. As always, there's no obligation to purchase any of the photos.

IQ Christmas Cards

Please make sure your orders for your child's Christmas designs are submitted no later than Monday 13th November.

After this date, the online shop will close for orders.

Thank you for your support!
The PTA



READING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a passion for reading?
Would you like to help develop a child's literacy skills?
Have you got a couple of hours free each week?

If the answer to these questions is yes, then come and be a reading volunteer at Shepherdswell C. E. Primary School where you can make a real difference in developing a child's life-long love of reading!

Join our reading volunteer programme - full training provided. Contact the school office on 01304 830312 for further details.



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER

A big thank you to everyone who wore yellow to support World Mental Health Day.

It was wonderful to see so many pupils and staff taking part and helping to raise awareness of the importance of looking after our mental health.

LANTERN WALK & BONFIRE

Our Lantern Walk & Bonfire Night is coming up on Friday 7th November! This fun-filled event is perfect for the whole family and will include a lantern walk, bonfire, sparklers, crafts, and games for the children.

If you're able to help on the night, your support would be greatly appreciated!



GIRLS FOOTBALL UPDATE

Our girls' team put on a fantastic performance in the McCarthy Cup, finishing second in their group and earning a place in the playoffs. Although the result didn't go our way after a tense penalty shootout, the whole school is very proud of their determination and teamwork.



Celebrating Sporting Success!

Mr Graham is putting together a Sports Success Board to celebrate pupils' achievements both in and outside of school.

If your child has taken part in any recent sporting activities or enjoyed success in a sport outside of school, please email the details to

tgraham@shepherdswell.kent.sch.uk.

These achievements will be proudly displayed on our new board in the school corridor.



SCHOLASTIC

Don't forget that our latest Scholastic Book Club is now online [here](#). There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from, and every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club will earn 20p for our school in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by 3rd November 2025.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival with a Thanksgiving service in St.

Andrew's church on Wednesday 15th October which parents are welcome to join. KS2 will start at 1.45pm and Year

R, 1 & 2 will start at 2.30pm. Please note this is a church led service and space in the church is limited.

As in previous years we will be asking for food contributions for Dover Foodbank, as well as a small monetary donation which we will also donate to Dover Foodbank to help with their essential costs.

Although any tinned/long life items would be gratefully received, the items that are currently in short supply are on their poster.

DOVER FOODBANK MOST needed ITEMS HARVEST 2025



WE HAVE A NEW SCHOOL DINNER MENU FROM TERM 2. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER. THIS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PRE-ORDER ON THE APP BY MONDAY.



Please click on the Facebook logo to take you to our Facebook page, please follow for news and updates.

TERM 1- DIARY DATES

Date	Event
w/c Monday 13 th October	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 14 th October	Family & Individual Photos
Wednesday 15 th October	Harvest Festival
Friday 17 th October	End of Term 1

TERM 2 - DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Monday 27 th October	Start of Term 2
Monday 3 rd November	Flu Immunisation
Friday 7 th November	Lantern Walk & Bonfire
Monday 10 th November	Odd Socks Day
Friday 14 th November	Coffee Afternoon (with Speech & Language Therapist)
Monday 17 th November	Meeting/tour of school for September 2026 new parents 2pm & 6pm
Friday 21 st November	Children in Need
Monday 1 st December	Decorations Day
Tuesday 9 th December	Y1 & Y2 Nativity - 2.15pm start
Wednesday 10 th December	YR Nativity - 2.15pm start
Thursday 11 th December	Y1 & Y2 Nativity - 2.15pm start
Friday 12 th December	Save the Children: Christmas Jumper Day & PTA Christmas event
Wednesday 17 th December	KS2 Pantomime - 6pm
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 19 th December	Christingle Service
Friday 19 th December	End of Term 2



Determination - Love - Justice - Gratitude