



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SHEPHERDSWELL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

26TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Next Thursday is our school census day when the government collect data about our school. This information impacts our next year's funding and so we would like to ensure Shepherdswell CE Primary School is in receipt of the maximum amount possible to future proof the success of the school and give our children the best possible resources and staffing.

In order to achieve this, we ask that as many children, most importantly children in KS1 have a school dinner on this day. You may also provide a packed lunch on this day if you think your child will not eat a school dinner but would like to try.

Our KS2 children are most welcome to enjoy the school dinner too, please pay via our school app. Please can all parents ensure they make their child's selection via the app by Wednesday evening.

Census Day Menu

Battered Chicken Steak
or
Cheese Puff

Herby Diced Potatoes

Baked Beans or Cucumber Sticks

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Cookie

National  
Teaching  
Assistants'  
Day

In the heart of every  
classroom,  
Teaching Assistants  
ignite the spark of  
learning.



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## WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER



On Friday 10th October, we invite all children to wear something yellow to show their support for World Mental Health Day. This could be a yellow accessory or an item that replaces part of their uniform. Please note, this is not a non-uniform day, so children should still wear their normal school uniform alongside their yellow item.

## KS2 PANTOMIME

Our KS2 school pantomime, 'A Hint of Snow', will take place on Wednesday 17th December, 6:00-7:30 pm.

If you haven't done so already, please confirm via Schoolcomms Payments whether your child will be able to take part on the night.

This applies to KS2 children only.



## PTA UPDATES

Our PTA AGM is happening on **Monday 29th September** in the school hall at **4:30pm**.

We'd love to see new faces and welcome anyone interested in getting involved. Please come along, meet other parents, and have your say in making our school even better!



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A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support our Macmillan Coffee Morning today. We raised £200 for this wonderful charity. Your generosity and support are truly appreciated!



## Forest School Volunteers! WE NEED YOU!

We are incredibly proud to offer Forest School sessions to our children, but we need your help to keep them going!

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join us on Thursdays, to support Mrs W-T with our wonderful Reception Class.

If you have availability to help us, no experience is necessary, just a love of the outdoors and a willingness to get stuck in!

A full DBS check will be required (we will organise this for you).

Your time will make a real difference to our children's learning and well-being.

If you're interested or would like more information, please contact the school office at [admin@shepherdswell.kent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@shepherdswell.kent.sch.uk).



### LANTERN WALK & BONFIRE

Our Lantern Walk & Bonfire Night is coming up on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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!

| TERM 1- DIARY DATES                 |                                                           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Date                                | Event                                                     |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September   | PTA AGM - 4.30pm                                          |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October     | All Sorts Music Concert (for private music lesson pupils) |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October     | World Mental Health Day - Wear Yellow                     |
| w/c Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October | Parent Consultations                                      |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October    | Family & Individual Photos                                |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October  | Harvest Festival - see change of timings (now afternoon)  |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October     | End of Term 1                                             |

# HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival with a Thanksgiving service in St. Andrew's church on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October which parents are welcome to join. KS2 will start at 1.45pm and Year R, 1 & 2 will start at 2.30am. 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

- ☐ CEREAL
- ☒ UHT MILK
- ☒ FRUIT JUICE (UHT)
- ☒ TINNED MEAT
- ☒ TINNED FISH
- ☒ JAM AND SPREADS
- ☒ NOODLES
- ☒ CUSTARD
- ☐ TINNED VEGETABLES
- ☒ INSTANT MASH
- ☒ MALE & FEMALE DEODORANTS
- ☒ SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER
- ☒ LAUNDRY PRODUCTS
- ☒ CLEANING PRODUCTS

**PLEASE NOTE**

We have plenty of beans & pulses

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