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Newsletter

Thursday 1st October 2026, 9:00am - Year R Phonics
Workshop

Friday 2nd October 2026 - Non-Uniform Day, £1 Donation

Thursday 8th October 2026 - Year 2 Fort Nelson Trip

Wednesday 14th October 2026 - Year 4 Spirit of the Wild

Thursday 22nd October 2026 - Individual and in School
Sibling Photographs

Friday 23rd October 2026 - Harvest Donation

Friday 23rd October 2026 - Last Day of Half-Term



A Message From Mrs Jones

Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome back to a new school year at Shamblehurst. We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure every child thrives academically, socially and emotionally.

This year, one of our key priorities is to further develop a culture of **Reading for Pleasure** across the school. We want every child to see reading not simply as something they do in lessons, but as something they genuinely enjoy and choose to do.

Research consistently shows that children who read for pleasure achieve better educational outcomes, develop a richer vocabulary, improve their comprehension, and gain broader knowledge of the world around them. Importantly, studies have found that reading enjoyment can be a stronger predictor of educational success than a child's socio-economic background.

Reading for pleasure is also linked to:

- Improved language and communication skills.
- Greater empathy and understanding of others.
- Stronger mental wellbeing.
- Increased academic achievement across the curriculum.
- Better concentration and memory.

One of the most powerful things families can do is continue reading with and to their children throughout the primary years.

While children may become independent readers, sharing a story together remains incredibly valuable. Reading aloud introduces children to richer vocabulary and more complex texts than they may access independently, while also creating valuable opportunities for discussion, imagination and connection.

Just 10-15 minutes of reading together each evening can make a significant difference over time. Whether your child is in Reception or Year 6, bedtime reading remains one of the simplest and most effective ways to support learning and foster a lifelong love of books.

Throughout the year, we will be launching a range of initiatives to celebrate reading, recommend great books, involve families and ensure reading is at the heart of life at Shamblehurst.

Attendance

Excellent attendance remains one of the strongest indicators of educational success.

The Department for Education is clear that every day in school counts. Missing lessons means missing learning, friendships, routines and opportunities which cannot always be replicated afterwards.

Attendance percentages can sometimes be misleading:

- **95% attendance** means a child misses around **10 school days** each year.
- **90% attendance** means a child misses approximately **19 school days**, equivalent to nearly **four weeks of learning**.
- Pupils whose attendance falls below **90%** are classed by the DfE as **persistently absent**.

We want every child to attend school as often as possible, with our aspiration being attendance above **96%** wherever possible.

This year, Shamblehurst will be introducing the '**A Star Attendance**' package to help us monitor attendance more effectively and provide timely support to families.

This system will replace many of our previous bespoke attendance letters and will help us:

- Identify attendance concerns more quickly.
- Communicate consistently with families.
- Ensure support is offered at the earliest opportunity.
- Track attendance patterns and trends accurately.

Our approach will remain firmly based on understanding and supporting families. The DfE's attendance guidance emphasises that attendance difficulties should be understood and addressed through partnership working wherever possible.

Where a child's attendance falls below **90%**, families can expect an invitation to meet with school staff. The purpose of these meetings is to:

- Understand any barriers to attendance.
- Explore appropriate support.
- Develop a shared plan to improve attendance.

We are committed to a supportive, family-centred approach and will always seek to work together to secure the best outcomes for children. Where it is clear this approach is not working, the school will seek support through the Hampshire Attendance Legal team.

Attendance continues to be an important aspect of school effectiveness. Ofsted expects schools to understand attendance patterns, work closely with families, remove barriers to attendance and demonstrate that they are doing everything reasonably possible to secure the highest levels of attendance.

Being in school every day is important, but being **on time** is equally vital.

The school day begins promptly, and the first few minutes of learning often set the tone for the day ahead. Arriving late can mean children miss important instructions, early reading activities, registration, and opportunities to settle calmly into class routines.

Regular lateness can quickly add up. For example:

- Arriving just **5 minutes late every day** can result in over **3 days of learning lost** across a school year.
- Arriving **15 minutes late every day** can mean a child misses almost **2 weeks of learning** over the course of a year.

Punctuality also helps children:

- Feel settled and ready to learn.
- Develop positive habits for later life.
- Build confidence and independence.
- Start the day alongside their friends and classmates.

We ask all families to support us by ensuring children arrive at school on time each day, ready to learn. Where punctuality becomes a concern, we will work with families to understand any challenges and provide support where needed.

The partnership between home and school is vital to children's success and we thank you for your continued support. We look forward to an exciting and successful year together.



Warm wishes,
Mrs Jones
Headteacher



**Starting school
in September
2027**

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2027, they can start school in September 2027

Applications open for Hampshire residents on **1 November 2026**

THE NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS **FRIDAY 15 JANUARY 2027**
DON'T MISS IT!

**For more information go to
www.hants.gov.uk/admissions**

BEST START IN LIFE

OPEN DAYS

**SHAMBLEHURST
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**WE ARE NOW TAKING BOOKINGS FOR SCHOOL
TOURS FOR YEAR R SEPTEMBER 2027**

**COME AND SEE OUR SCHOOL
AND MEET OUR TEAM**

SCHOOL TOUR DATES & TIMES:

 Saturday 7th November 2026 at 9:30am	 Thursday 12th November 2026 at 2:00pm
 Thursday 12th November 2026 at 2:00pm	 Thursday 26th November 2026 at 10:00am
 Thursday 19th November 2026 at 2:00pm	 Thursday 3rd December 2026 at 10:00am

WHAT TO EXPECT:
We will start in the hall for a short presentation before splitting into small groups for an informal tour of the school. The session will last approximately 1 hour.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING
LINK TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:**

<https://forms.gle/NptXgegBa9tBMNyl8>

**Together We Can
Shamblehurst Primary School**

We are delighted to be continuing to offer face-to-face clinics throughout the coming academic year; while we are endeavouring to continue to offer local hub appointments, we do recognise that for some parents the date in their local area may not be accessible, therefore we have also included information for our alternative locations which parents can access if they would like to.

Please see below the dates for the upcoming term.

Hedge End Clinic - Held at Salvation Army Hall, Whites Way on a Tuesday (AM)

10/11/2026

Netley Abbey Clinic - Held at Netley Abbey Junior School on a Friday (AM)

02/10/2026

27/11/2026

Eastleigh & Chandlers Ford Clinic - Held at Places Leisure Centre on a Monday (AM)

05/10/2026

12/10/2026

30/11/2026

07/12/2026

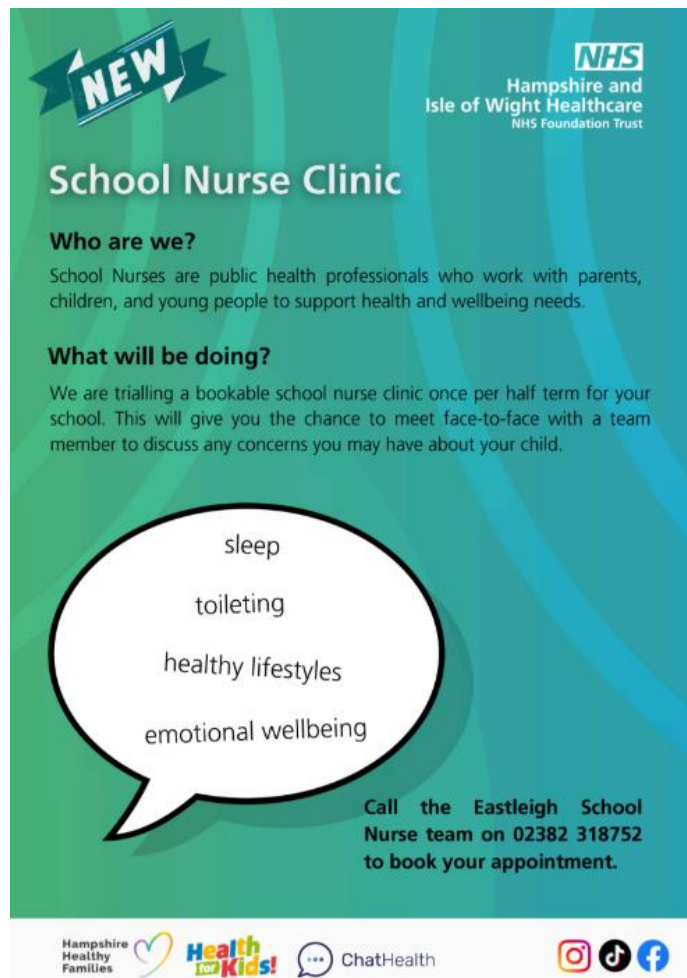
School Nursing Team

Wednesday 21st October 2026,
3:30pm - 6:00pm
ADPR, Additional SEND Parents Evening

Tuesday 24th November 2026,
3:30pm - 7:00pm
Parents Evening (in person)

Wednesday 25th November 2026,
3:30pm – 7:00pm
Parents Evening (via zoom)

Further information regarding making appointments will be sent out nearer the time



NEW

NHS
Hampshire and
Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

School Nurse Clinic

Who are we?
School Nurses are public health professionals who work with parents, children, and young people to support health and wellbeing needs.

What will be doing?
We are trialling a bookable school nurse clinic once per half term for your school. This will give you the chance to meet face-to-face with a team member to discuss any concerns you may have about your child.

sleep
toileting
healthy lifestyles
emotional wellbeing

Call the Eastleigh School Nurse team on 02382 318752 to book your appointment.

Hampshire Healthy Families Health for Kids! ChatHealth

Play Sports Juniors are launching a brand new Play Sports Juniors Netball Academy just a short distance from your school.

They would love to invite children from your school to come along, and we're offering every child a **FREE** **taster session**.

Deer Park School, Sika Ave, Botley, Southampton
SO30 2HT
Sundays

9:00–9:50 – Reception–Year 2

10:00–10:50 – Years 3–4

11:00–11:50 – Years 5–7

The Academy is designed to give children a fun, friendly and welcoming place to enjoy netball, whether they're completely new to the sport or already love playing.

All abilities welcome

Experienced coaches

Fun, structured weekly sessions

All equipment provided

Join on your own or with friends

First taster session FREE

Parents can find out more and register here:

<https://www.playsportsjuniors.co.uk/netball-academy/locations/hampshire/botley/>

Thank you very much for supporting a new local sporting opportunity for children

Year 3 - Butser Ancient Farm Trip



Harvest Festival - Friday 23rd October 2026

For Harvest Festival we will be supporting the Hedge End Food Bank and they are in desperate need of donations.

On Friday 23rd October 2026 (last day of term) we are asking for any donation to be brought in to school.

Hedge End Food Bank are looking for tinned food, tinned soup, tinned meat, packet rice, curry sauce, sauces, jam, baked beans, tinned veg, tinned fruit, toilet roll, deodorant, tea, coffee, washing up liquid, toothpaste, soap, etc

We kindly ask you to please ensure all items are in date. We would like to thank you for your support.

Please take donations to class.

It has been brought to our attention that children are bringing to school large backpacks.

Please ensure that children only bring a book bag to school as their school bag.

We have 400 children in our school, all of who have an allocated peg or cubby hole. The layout of the school building does not lend itself well to this – in that all corridors are also fire escapes.

Hence, when corridors are cluttered, it becomes a safeguarding issue, under the health and safety guidance.

School bags have got bigger and bigger – whilst they are often beautiful, they are impractical in terms of what children need in school.

Thank you for your understanding.

HAVE FUN THIS HALLOWEEN

FUN SESSIONS

MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER,
WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER &
FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

UNDER 7'S – 9:30AM-10:30AM
UNDER 11'S – 11:00AM-12:00PM

WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER
SOMERSAULT SHENANIGANS (7-13YRS)

THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER
TRAMPOLINE TAKEOFF (SCHOOL AGE 4-13YRS)

02380 455 007

[HTTPS://DYNAMOGYMNASTICS.CO.UK/OCTOBERHALFTERM](https://dynamogymnastics.co.uk/octoberhalfterm)
OR SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION!



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HAMBLE SPORTS COMPLEX
SATCHELL LANE, SO31 4NE

Dynamo
GYMNASTICS



MEN'S 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL PLAYERS NEEDED!

Looking for a midweek kickabout? We're a casual group of dads and friends who play 5-a-side every week, and we need a few more regulars! Each week we vote on the day, whichever gets the most votes is when we play.

WHEN
17
Tue or Thu
7:00pm - 8:00pm

WHERE
Botley Rec Ground
Astro Pitch

COST
£5.20
per session

WHAT
Casual 5-a-Side
Friendly matches

👉 **ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!**
It's about staying active and having a good time, not being brilliant.

INTERESTED? JOIN OUR WHATSAPP GROUP!

Scan the QR code to request access. Once you're in, please introduce yourself with your connection to Sharnhurst Primary (parent, staff, family, or who told you about us).

Nick Sahota

(Aamir and Armaan's dad, Meerkat and Hedgehog class)



Swimming Lessons

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Preschool

After School

At
Durley House

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Small
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teachers

*Little steps...
big confidence!*

Please contact
Helen
07969 361590

or email
LittleWaves
SwimAcademy@gmail.com

Road Safety Update

With 221 children and young people, between the age of 0 - 15 years, killed, injured or seriously injured on Hampshire's roads in 2025, it is essential children are learning about the dangers of the road from an early age.

The Road Safety Team are launching support for parents - encouraging them to educate their children about road safety from a very early age. The leaflet and webinar will share what behaviours parents should model from an early age to ensure their children develop safe behaviours throughout their early years, and these behaviours continue into their teenage and adult years –

Monday 16th November 2026 from 12:00pm - 12:30pm - [Parent webinar registration form](#)

Always use the green cross code

- Find the safest place to cross, then STOP.
- Stand on the pavement near the kerb.
- Use your eyes and ears, look all around for traffic and listen.
- Wait until you're sure it's safe then walk across the road - DON'T RUN.
- Keep looking and listening for traffic as you cross.
- If you're not sure, don't cross.

STAY SAFE!



3-4 YEARS

INDEPENDENT CLASS

BUILD CONFIDENCE, HAVE FUN, ACHIEVE MORE! 

-  **DEVELOP STRENGTH & COORDINATION**
-  **LEARN NEW SKILLS & TECHNIQUES**
-  **BUILD CONFIDENCE & RESILIENCE**
-  **HAVE FUN MAKE FRIENDS & LOVE MOVING!**



 **DEVELOP STRENGTH, COORDINATION & NEW SKILLS!** 

 **CLASSES IN HAMBLE AND WEST END**

BOOK A TASTER SESSION! 

 **BOOK YOUR TASTER SESSION AT**
<https://gym-tots.co.uk>



2 YEARS

PARENT ACCOMPANIES CHILD

LEARN TO JUMP, CLIMB, BALANCE AND MUCH MORE! 

-  **DEVELOP COORDINATION & MOTOR SKILLS**
-  **BUILD BALANCE & STRENGTH**
-  **BOOST CONFIDENCE & INDEPENDENCE**
-  **MAKE FRIENDS AND HAVE LOTS OF FUN!**



 **CONFIDENCE SKILLS FRIENDSHIPS FUN!** 

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UNDER 2'S

PARENT ACCOMPANIES CHILD

LEARN TO ROLL, CLIMB AND MUCH MORE! 

-  **DEVELOP MOVEMENT & COORDINATION**
-  **BUILD CONFIDENCE & INDEPENDENCE**
-  **BOND, PLAY AND HAVE LOTS OF FUN!**



 **PRECIOUS MOMENTS, STRONGER FUTURES** 

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In support of  **Guide Dogs**

Join us!

Community Funday

Games- Speakers- Cake & Coffee- Community

Hosted by Guide Dogs Southampton Fundraising Group

Sunday 25th of October from 10:30 am till 4:00 pm,
Peartree Church Hall, 80 Peartree Rd, Bitterne,
Southampton, SO19 7GZ

Entry: £1 per child, £2 per adult - Token Cards for activities: £5 for 6 tokens, £10 for 12. Entry tickets and tokens on the door.

Additional costs: facepainting, raffle, and food and drink. Guide dog stock only no pet dogs please.

Contact: Katie Murton, katemurton@yahoo.co.uk

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Shamblehurst Primary School

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Thursday 22nd October

4:30pm – 5:45pm
Year R, Year 1,
Year 2 and Year 3

6:00pm – 7:15pm
Year 4, Year 5
and Year 6

£5.00 each
Tickets cost **£5.00** each
payable via Arbor under
the club selection.

Arbor

Includes crisps
and unlimited
squash/ water

Tuck shop available
including sweets and
pocket money items

SHAMBLEHURST PRIMARY
★ FRIENDS OF SHAMBLEHURST SCHOOL ★

FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR!

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

AMAZING FIREWORK DISPLAY!
HOT FOOD & DRINKS!
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2026

FIREWORKS EARLY BIRD – CHILD ENTRY **£5.50**
FIREWORKS EARLY BIRD – ADULT ENTRY **£9.00**
UNDER 3s ARE FREE

SCAN TO  **BOOK TICKETS!**

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SPOOKY FUN FOR EVERYONE!

JOIN MARVIN FOR A HOWLING GOOD TIME!

£12.50 PER CHILD
£2.50 PER ADULT

29TH & 30TH OCTOBER
5:30PM - 7:30PM

FUN GAMES TREATS MEMORIES

- MINI DISCO & DANCING
- FANCY DRESS COMPETITION
- SPOOKY CRAFTS
- GAMES & PRIZES

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A PLACE TO **CONNECT, CHAT & HAVE FUN!**

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

- POOL TABLE
- FOOTBALL TABLES
- TABLE TENNIS
- SHUFFLE TABLE
- BOARD GAMES
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- OCCASIONAL BAKING
- FUN SPECIAL EVENT NIGHTS!

£1 PER SESSION!
FOR AGES 8 – 18YRS

TUESDAYS
(TERM TIME ONLY)
6.30PM – 7.30PM

TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE!

SCAN ME! FOR MORE INFO & UPDATES

ANCHOR COMMUNITY CHURCH
26 QUOB LANE,
WEST END, SO30 3HN

Email: anchorcommunitychurch2018@gmail.com
www.anchorcommunitychurch.com

★ ALL WELCOME – BRING YOUR FRIENDS! ★



Healthy Lunchboxes

Shamblehurst promotes healthy eating. A balanced, healthy, nutritious diet is important for the development of a child's physical state, as well as for their intellectual abilities.

Please note the following recommended guidelines set out by the British Nutrition Foundation.

A child's lunch should include only the following:

- A portion of starchy food, eg. wholegrain bap/bread, pitta bread, plain, crackers, pasta or rice salad
- Fresh fruit and vegetables, eg. apple/ orange/ banana, cherry tomatoes, carrot sticks, mini fruit chunks, etc
- A portion of milk or dairy food, eg. cheese, plain/fruit yoghurt, etc
- Small portion of lean meat, fish or alternative, eg. two slices of ham, chicken, beef Quorn, cheese, tuna, egg or hummus, etc
- A drink - fruit juice (not fizzy), water (not flavoured), milk (not flavoured)

Please ensure that children bring a water bottle to school with them each day - please ensure that this is named.

We would like to say a big well done to all of the Year R children and for settling in really well.

Year R Team



Individual Photographs and in school sibling photos will be taken on Thursday 22nd October 2026

We will update you nearer the time with further information.



All of our communication is sent via email - please ensure that we have your up-to-date contact details.

Our school calendar on our school website is regularly updated - please ensure this is checked if you are unsure