SHARPNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Miss Helen Buckingham

Newsletter: 22nd October 2026

Children in Need



A huge thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need. We raised a fantastic £85, which will help support the charity's important work. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Sharpness School Assosiation Christmas Update



We are excited to share details of some of our upcoming Christmas events and hope you will join us in celebrating the festive season!

Friday 27th November – Non-Uniform Day and Christmas Raffle

Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a £1 donation.

Every £1 donation will automatically give your child one entry into our Christmas raffle, with the chance to win a fantastic Smiggle Advent Calendar!

Want to increase your chances of winning? Additional raffle tickets can be purchased for £1 each.

To purchase extra tickets, please send the money into the school office in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

Good luck, everyone!

Friday 11th December – Christmas Movie Night!

We would love for children to join us for a cosy and festive Christmas movie night!

Date: Friday 11th December
Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Cost: £2 per child

The ticket price includes a small snack and a drink to enjoy during the film.
To make the evening extra cosy, children are welcome to wear their favourite pyjamas and bring along a blanket to snuggle up in while watching the movie!
Further details about purchasing tickets will follow shortly. Tickets will also be available to purchase on the evening.

We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you all!

Sharpness Primary School Christmas Singalong- Thursday 17th December at 3:15pm!

We would love to invite all our families to join us for a festive Christmas Singalong.

Our wonderful Sharpness School Choir will be performing a selection of Christmas songs, followed by some familiar festive favourites for everyone to join in with. It's the perfect opportunity to come together and get into the Christmas spirit!
There will be plenty of festive treats and refreshments available, including mulled wine, soft drinks, mince pies and Christmas cookies. Our tuck shop will also be open, and we'll be holding a raffle with the chance to win a fantastic Christmas hamper!
Please remember: This is an outdoor event, so make sure you wrap up warm and dress for the chilly December weather!

We look forward to welcoming lots of you for an afternoon filled with festive fun, music and Christmas cheer!

SCARF – Valuing Difference

Sharpness Primary School uses SCARF for its PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) education and RSE (Relationships and Sex Education). With SCARF, children learn vital life skills they need to help them be happy, healthy and safe.

Our theme this term is Valuing Difference.

The children will be learning about how to develop respectful relationships with others, recognise bullying and, for older children, to understand their responsibilities as a bystander. This contributes to the school's work around British values. Link to access SCARF home activities: Family SCARF – Valuing difference (coramlifeeducation.org.uk)

Letter from the Chair of Governors Re. Miss Buckingham

Dear parents and carers,
I'm writing to inform you that Miss Buckingham is taking an extended break from school due to medical reasons. We hope that she will be back in early December, but it's possible that she may be absent for longer; we'll keep you up to date on the situation.
In the meantime, Mr. Wiggall will be taking over Miss Buckingham's role. During this time, Miss Stannard and Mrs Martin will be teaching Pluto class. Mr. Wiggall will be happy to answer any questions or concerns that you may have. You can reach him by contacting the school office on admin@sharpness.gloucs.sch.uk
If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email smatthews@sharpness.gloucs.sch.uk
Rest assured, we aim to continue school life as normal and your child's education should not be affected by this news. I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing Miss Buckingham a healthy return to school.

Yours sincerely,

Sara Matthews (Chair of Governors)

Y5/6 Football

Our Y5/6 football team took part in the district tournament at Rednock. Despite fielding a much younger team than many of the other schools, the children competed brilliantly, showing great determination, teamwork and resilience throughout the afternoon. We were incredibly proud of their effort, positive attitude and excellent sportsmanship. Well done to everyone who took part! A big thank you to the parents who kindly supported us with transport.

Y5/6 Netball



Last Wednesday, our Y5/6 netball team took part in the district tournament at Rednock, putting in a fantastic performance to finish in an impressive 2nd place! The children played brilliantly throughout the afternoon, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and some fantastic netball skills. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and the wonderful sportsmanship they displayed. Well done to everyone who took part! Once again, a big thank you to the parents who kindly supported us with transport.

Cross Country

A huge well done once again to our fantastic Team Sharpness Cross Country team! Despite the torrential rain and challenging conditions, nothing could dampen their spirits! The children showed incredible determination, resilience and enthusiasm, producing some truly amazing performances with plenty of smiles along the way. We are extremely proud of everyone who took part and represented the school so brilliantly. A big thank you to all the parents and supporters who braved the good old British weather to cheer the children on!






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Class	Gold Award	SHARP	Out of School Achievements
MARS	Bailey Justin	Tiago (Successful) Peyton (Happiness)	
VENUS	Jack S Aurora	Maddie (Proud) William (Successful)	Coby - Water safety award
MERCURY	Cora Grace	Gracie (Happiness) Sam (Successful)	
JUPITER	Marley Elliott	Oliver (Responsible) Arthur C (Responsible)	Ben - Football Elliott - Swimming - Water safety Alfie - Football - Player of the match Poppy - Swimming - completed stage 4b
PLUTO	Arthur Dotty	Ruby (Responsible) Ava H (Successful)	Lawrence - Tennis - player of the week Ava SP - Football - player of the week Hannah - Football - Player of the week Kaden - Football



Winner 5th November: Severn

Winner 12th November: Wye

Dates for your diary (please check under the *Useful Documents* tab for all 2026/27 term dates)	
Friday 27th November	Non-uniform day & Christmas raffle
W/b 7th December	Christmas Performances: Monday – Dress Rehearsals (am) Tuesday – KS2 Performance 2:00pm Tuesday – KS1 Performance 6:00pm Wednesday – KS1 Performance 1:45pm Wednesday – KS2 Performance 6:00pm
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 11th December	Christmas movie night
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 17th December	Class Parties
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Term
Friday 18th December – End of Autumn Term	
Monday 4th January	Children return to school