



# NewsLetter

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Welcome back! It has been a very positive and successful start to the term. We are very pleased with the way the children have settled back into the routines and school learning.



## Design and Technology

Last term, Year 5 showcased impressive creativity and teamwork during their Design and Technology unit, where they collaborated to design and build a toy car. This project challenged pupils to think like real manufacturers—considering design, testing, and improvement. Some of their cars were great at reducing air resistance due to their design whereas some children focused primarily on ensuring the slingshot mechanism works upon release. [You can see some photos here...](#)

## Year 2 at the Portrait Gallery

Chestnut Class and Ash Class had a fantastic time taking part in an interactive workshop at the National Portrait Gallery this week. Guided by a resident expert, the children explored a range of fascinating portraits and listened to captivating stories about the people behind the paintings. The pupils were encouraged to step inside the artwork, carefully observing objects, themes, and artistic choices made by the artists. This hands-on experience brought learning to life and perfectly complemented our recent Art topic on portraits and our History topic on Significant People. It was a truly inspiring day, and the children were fully engaged throughout. [You can see some photos by clicking here...](#)

## New Macbooks

We are committed to ensuring that our pupils benefit from up-to-date technology to enhance their learning. We are pleased to announce that a new class set of MacBooks has recently been purchased and is already being used across the school to support computing and wider curriculum lessons.



As always, online safety remains a key priority. Each year begins with age-appropriate lessons on staying safe online, and all children engaged in these sessions last term. We will continue to reinforce this important message later in the term as we celebrate Safer Internet Day on 10 February, alongside sharing helpful tips and guidance for parents and carers.

## Sports Hall Athletics

This week, Year 5/6 participants from the word go, were fired up and ready for their indoor athletics tournament. Not only performing really well in the field events, but winning the majority of the track events convincingly. With lots of encouragement from each other, we crossed the line in 1st place in our heat and qualify for the finals which take place next week. Well deserved winners and exciting young athletes!



## Before and Afterschool Clubs

This term's exciting new round of clubs is now underway. In response to high demand, we are delighted to have introduced a second Junior School Choir, providing even more opportunities for pupils to enjoy music together.

Later this term, we will also be launching an Italian Club, aimed at children with Italian-speaking backgrounds—an excellent opportunity to celebrate language and culture within our school community.

There are still vacancies in the following clubs: R-Y2 Hockey, R-Y2 Striking & Fielding, R-Y2 Dodgeball, Y3-6 Table Tennis, Y3-6 Girls Only Football, Y3-6 Racquet Sports, Y3-6 Gymnastics, Y3-6 Athletics, Y5 & 6 Football, Y4-6 Tag Rugby, Y3-6 Basketball, Y3-6 Drama Club

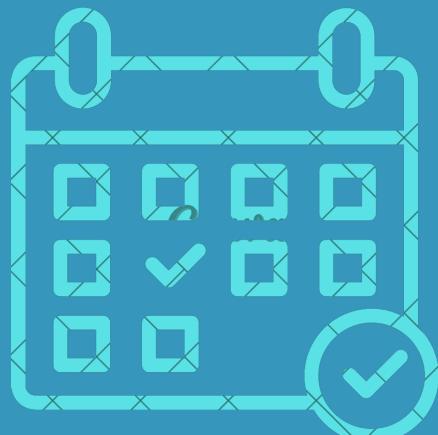
Please email admin for further details.

## Parent Governor Vacancy

You should have received a letter earlier this week about the election we are holding to fill the vacancy on our governing body for a parent governor. We are very grateful to the three parents who have put themselves forward for this important role. If you need another ballot form, or have questions about the election process, please email us ([admin@shsharingey.co.uk](mailto:admin@shsharingey.co.uk)). The deadline for voting is next Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January and the ballot box is located in our reception area.

## Key dates

- [HERE](#) are the published term dates for 2025/26
- Guitar Concert - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2:45 - 3:13pm
- Violin and Cello Concert - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2:45 - 3:15pm
- Year 3 & 4 Parent Meetings - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March
- Year 5 & 6 Parent Meetings - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March
- Reception Parent Meetings - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March
- Year 1 & 2 Parent Meetings - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March



- **Super Readers for this week:** Sebastian C 3W, Mila 4C, Arthur 5M, Hanny 6M
- **Quiz Master class this week:** 6 Maple
- **Mathlete for this week:** Theo (6 Acer) 1560 points
- **Mathlete for last week:** Efthimios (2 Chestnut) 4124 points
- Mathlete class for this week: 6 Maple
- Mathlete class for last week: 2 Chestnut



## Kind reminders for Parents/Carers

- For any queries relating to payments, vouchers, or similar matters, please contact our Accounts team directly at [accounts@shsharingey.co.uk](mailto:accounts@shsharingey.co.uk)
- If you need to pass on a pick-up message for your child, please email the school office before 3:00pm. This allows sufficient time for the message to be relayed to the class teacher. Please remember to include your child's full name and class (or class teacher) in the email.
- If your child is absent, please notify the school office by phone call or email before 8:30am on each day of absence

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.