Village Schools Federation

Sherington CE School

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2 2026



Welcome back

We hope you have all had a lovely half term break and are set for a busy and exciting new half term, beginning with this week in reception the children will be learning about bonfire night and Diwali.
Our theme for KS1 is **Respect Our World**, a subject we hope will fascinate and inspire our children long beyond their years in our school. From learning to write factual sentences on the life and work of Sir David Attenborough, exploring the book George saves the World by Lunchtime to focusing on animal life cycles, how to keep healthy and the weather across the world we have a lot to pack in!
We are keen to support children both near and far and therefore this half term we will be supporting through donations to Children in Need by holding a non-uniform day and Save the Children and wearing our Christmas Jumpers.

Our value this half term: Compassion



During this half-term across the VSF, we will be learning all about the value of ***compassion.*** We will explore how we care about others, treat them with kindness, and develop a strong desire to help people in need.



Safety for All

Through our RSE and PSHE curriculum we will be covering three national campaigns to teach our children about proactive behaviours. Through **Road Safety Week** the children will learn about safety in their school locations and beyond, particularly important at this time of year as the days draw in. **Anti-Bullying Week 2026** focusses on encouraging open conversations, listening, speaking up and taking action both face to face and online bullying. Since September grief, loss and **bereavement education** became mandatory in all schools across England. VSF staff have all received training through the local charity Harry's Rainbow. For our children in KS1 we will explore the concept of change, big emotions and beginnings/ends through age- appropriate stories.

Clubs



Monday – 3:30 - 4:30
- **Football**

Tuesday - 3:30 – 4:30
- **Tennis**

Wednesday –3:30 – 4:30
- **Art Club**

Thursday - 3.30-4.30
- **Clay Club**

Thank you for continuing to support our clubs. Clubs will finish on Wednesday 16th December.

Christmas is coming…..



Christmas is such an exciting time in school and this year is no exception. On Saturday 5th December we will gather at the *Christmas Tree Festival* in Olney to sing together and admire all the trees, including the VSF Christmas tree.

Sherington School Christmas performance will be held on Wednesday 16th December at 6pm in the church and the next day we will be visiting The Stables Theatre to watch the performance of *The Gruffalo* with all our friends across the VSF. Newton will be also joining us at Sherington for a Christmas themed afternoon.

Toscana Strings

We are delighted to invite Toscana Strings in to our school's on the 4th December. They will lead a workshop using their quintet and ballet dancer based on the classic story of The Snowman. We are most grateful to MK Music Service for supporting the VSF to offer this as part of our enrichment programme once again. We have an extra treat for Sherington as they will be spending the day at Newton Blossomville School for a Snowman themed day and forest school too!

Could you be a parent governor?

Want to make a real difference to our schools? We're looking for a Parent Governor to help shape the future of our school and support the best outcomes for all children.
No special qualifications are needed, just enthusiasm, a commitment to our school community, and a willingness to share your perspective as a parent. Look out for the ParentMail with details of how to apply.

SIAMS

We are so grateful to parents and carers who spoke to the inspector when they visited last month. We confidently demonstrated how our Christian vision shapes the life of the school and enables pupils and adults to flourish.

As the weather changes

As it grows colder please make sure that your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves in school – all named. For PE they will need navy/black tracksuit bottoms and hoodies as some of our lessons are outside.

Dates for your diary

- Parents Evening - **11.11.26**
- Children in Need – **13.11.26**
- Kingston Gym – **16.11.26 and 23.11.26**
- Toscano Strings at NB for day– **4.12.26**
- Christmas Tree Festival/VSF choir– **5.12.26 1pm**
- Christmas Jumper Day - **10.12.26**
- Christmas Lunch - **15.12.26**
- Christmas Play – **16.12.26 @ 6pm**
- Christmas Theatre Trip and Party – **17.12.26**

End of Autumn Term – **18.12.26 @ 1pm**

A note from Mrs Wallace

I am delighted that we have so many exciting musical enrichment opportunities this half-term, including a range of live performances. Music, theatre and dance play a vital role in children's development, helping them build connections with the wider world while supporting communication, creativity and emotional wellbeing. They can enhance language development, memory, concentration and confidence, while also providing valuable opportunities for self-expression.

Music also links closely to our value of **compassion**. It has a unique ability to bring people together, deepen our understanding of others and inspire empathy. As our children learn that compassion is empathy in action, they will be exploring ways to show kindness and care in school, at home, within our village communities and beyond, not just at Christmas but throughout the year.

I look forward to seeing you at the school gate and at the many events taking place across the federation this half-term.