



John Shelton Primary School Newsletter

Sway Edition 2

19th December 2025

Headteacher's Comment

Dear Families

As we approach the end of the Autumn Term, I wanted to take a moment to share some wonderful highlights from this term.

First, I'm delighted to celebrate the incredible engagement we've seen recently. It was lovely to welcome so many parents to our SEND coffee mornings and Family Hub events. Our Nursery Rhyme week and the Christmas crafts afternoon were well attended - it was lovely to see families being creative together.

A special mention goes to our Year 3 and 4 pupils who delivered fantastic class assemblies. Their confidence and enthusiasm were lovely to see.

What a busy week we've had! Seven performances in just four days! Every child from Nursery to Year 6 performed and they were all amazing! The support from our families has been appreciated and I want to express my thanks for making these events so special for the children.

Our Christmas Fair was another highlight, bringing our school community together in true festive spirit. Keep an eye out for an exciting new raffle coming in January - it promises to be something special!

As we look forward to the holiday season, I want to wish everyone a lovely Christmas. Children return to school on Tuesday, 6th January. We are sure that everyone will be refreshed and ready for another term of learning and discovery.

Warmest wishes for a peaceful holiday.

Janine Storer

Head Teacher



Colder Weather



As the weather is now colder, please make sure that your child comes to school with a coat each day. We are trying to use the outdoors more for our learning so a warm, waterproof coat is essential. If you need some help with providing a coat please let us know.

OPAL play

With the wetter weather arriving, **children will also need wellies** for our OPAL play sessions so they can continue to enjoy our outdoor spaces safely.

We are really proud to be developing OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) at our school. OPAL encourages children to be creative, active and cooperative through play, helping them to build friendships, resilience and problem-solving skills. You may have noticed the children exploring a wider range of equipment and materials during playtimes this is all part of our commitment to giving them rich, imaginative outdoor experiences. As we continue to

develop this approach, suitable outdoor clothing and wellies will make sure everyone can join in whatever the weather.



Parking

Please remember **not to park in front of or near the school gates** in the morning or at the end of the day as this causes congestion and poses a risk to children's safety. We have also received several complaints from our neighbours in John Shelton Drive as they are being blocked in and some cars are parking on their drive!

Please make sure that you park considerately in John Shelton Drive and Briscoe Rd.



Teacher Training Days for next academic year 2025-2026

Monday January 5th 2026

Monday July 20th 2026

Punctuality

Recently we have seen a high increase in pupils being late for school.

The start of the morning is the most crucial learning. Children should be in school by 8.45am ready to start their learning.

School gates open at 8.35am and close at 8.45am.

If you arrive after the gates have closed please go to the school office.



Our before school provision is still available and is run by KITS academy.

They use an easy booking system called **Pebble**.

👉 **Book your sessions on Pebble here**¹

KITS Academy are hoping to be able to take Childcare vouchers soon which they know will help families.

REMINDERS



1 - Please remember we are a NUT FREE school.



2 - Appointments to be made out of school hours.



3 - Please collect your child on time.

¹<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/kits-academy-john-sheldon-am-wrap-around-coventry-9861136f-09c3-497b-afa7-6d0ed7396493>

School Lunch Menus

School lunches are paid for weekly on Monday morning and from September 2025 cost £2.40 per day £12.00 per week. Our preferred method of payment is online via School Gateway², however please ensure you have notified the office that your child requires a dinner otherwise they will not be catered for. If your child is eligible for free school meals please ensure that you take up this entitlement using this link -

<http://coventry.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>. Families in receipt of Income Support or Income based Job Seekers allowance are entitled to free meals for their children. If you are unsure of how to claim your entitlement, please see the school office as soon as possible. We advise you to claim your free meals even if you decide to send your child with a packed lunch from home or take him/her home for dinner. Part of every school's budget share depends on the uptake of free meals. By claiming your entitlement you ensure that the school is financed as well as possible.

²<https://login.schoolgateway.com/>

AUTUMN TERM

WEEK 1

Monday

Pork Sausages
Vegetarian Sausage (V)
Served with Mashed Potato,
Peas, Coleslaw
Lemon Sponge served with Custard

Tuesday

Homemade Beef Lasagne
Vegetarian Lasagne (V)
Served with Sweetcorn & Salad
Diced Herbs Potatoes
Shortbread Finger
with Fruit Wedges

Wednesday

Roast Chicken
Vegetarian Mince and Onion Pie (V)
Served with Roast Potatoes,
Green Beans, Carrots
Iced Chocolate Sponge

Thursday

Mild Beef Chilli con Carne
Vegetable Enchilada (V)
Served with Rice, Sweetcorn, Broccoli
Apple Crumble & Custard

Friday

Fish Fingers
Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)
Served with Chips, Peas,
Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit

WEEK 2

Monday

Beef Burger in a Bun
Tomato and Pizza Cheese Pinwheel (V)
Served with Potato Wedges, Mixed Salad
& Coleslaw
Jam Sponge

Tuesday

BBQ Chicken
Chickpea and Vegetable Biryani (V)
Served with Fluffy rice, Peas & Broccoli
Mini Sultana Oat Cookie
with Fruit Slices

Wednesday

Roast Turkey with Gravy
Vegan Quorn Sausage (V)
Served with Roast Potatoes,
Green Beans, Carrots
Pineapple Upside Down Cake
with custard

Thursday

Chicken Wrap
Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)
Served with Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Salad
Chocolate Brownie

Friday

Fish Fingers
BBQ Vegetable & Bean Wrap (V)
Served with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit

WEEK 3

Monday

Ham Pizza
Mixed Bean Fajita (V)
Served with Potato Wedges,
Salad, Coleslaw
Shortbread

Tuesday

Mexican Chicken
Macaroni Cheese (V)
Served with Warm Baguette,
Peas, Broccoli
Chocolate Sponge with Custard

Wednesday

Roast Gammon with Gravy
Roast Quorn Fillet
with Gravy (V)
Served with Mashed Potatoes,
Carrots, Green Beans
Banana Traybake

Thursday

Pasta Bolognese
Vegetarian Chilli (V)
Served with Bread, Sweetcorn, Broccoli
Chocolate Cookie

Friday

Salamon Fish Fingers
Vegetable fingers (V)
Served with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit



AVAILABLE DAILY:
Jacket Potato topped with either Beans,
Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise
Choice of sandwiches:
Cheese, Tuna Mayonnaise, or Ham
Choice of Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Salad Bar,
Water, Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt and Fruit Jelly.

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Early help video



To find out more what Early Help is please watch the video at Early help videos – Coventry City Council³

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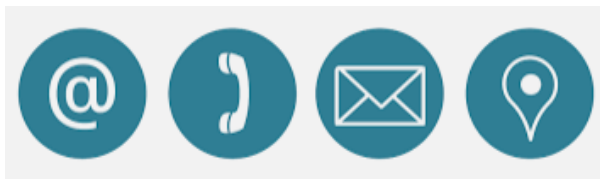
www.johnshelton.org.uk⁵

³<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/common-assessment-framework-caf/early-help-videos>

⁴<https://www.facebook.com/p/John-Shelton-Community-Primary-School-100063944137890/>

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- Facebook: John Shelton Community Primary School⁶



⁵https://www.johnshelton.org.uk?utm_source=chatgpt.com

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