



SHEEPY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Spring Term News

We hope you all had a wonderful half term, despite the continued wet weather. The half terms after Christmas are significantly shorter than those in the autumn term. In fact, it is only a 5 week half term before we break up for the Easter holidays. The children have lots going on and the teachers are busy planning to ensure children's learning opportunities are maximised.

Helping children stay safe online

LCC Public Health

In today's digital world, our children are online more than ever – playing games, chatting with friends and exploring new things. Here is a quick reminder of a few simple ways we can help them stay safe: Chat about what they're doing online – the apps they use, who they talk to and what they enjoy. It helps them feel confident coming to you if something doesn't feel right.

Remind them not to share personal details like your address, their school, passwords or photos with people they don't know in real life.

If something upsets them, encourage them to save it and show you – no pressure, just support.

Younger children may need more supervision, while older ones might need help with privacy settings and managing online friendships.

Diary Dates

Tues 3rd Mar:

Y2 Netball Festival

Weds 4th Mar:

KS2 Gymnastics Final

SEND Parents' Evening

Y5/6 Unity Football Match ⚽

Thurs 5th March:

World Book Day: Dress as a frog! 🐸
9am-9.30am Read with your child in school

Saturday 7th March (new date)

Snarestone Cross Country 10.30am

Thurs 12th Mar:

KS2 Library Bus

Fri 13th Mar:

Year 5/6 PTA Cake Sale

Sat 14th Mar:

Packington Cross Country

Weds 18th Mar:

Sheepy's Got Talent 5.30pm

Weds 25th Mar:

Easter Service 9.30am at church

Fri 27th Mar

Achievements from home assembly

Easter Enrichment Day

Fri 27th Mar - Mon 13th Apr

Easter holidays 🐰

Mon 13th Apr

Swaledale swimming lessons start

Sat 18th Apr

Griffydham Cross Country

Thurs 23rd Apr

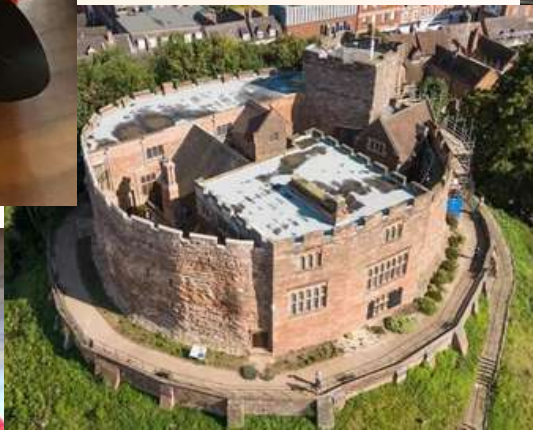
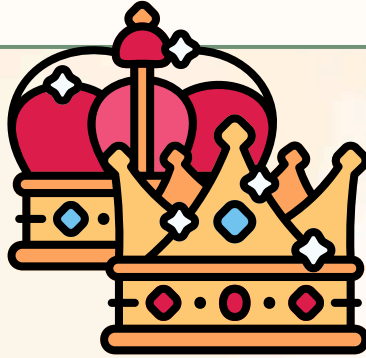
St George's Day Enrichment Day

KS2 Library Bus



KS1 Trip to Tamworth Castle

Portland and Cotswold class had a fabulous trip to Tamworth Castle before half term as part of their topics on castles, kings and queens. The children experienced life in a castle and looked at a variety of things from weapons to turrets to banquets. The children had a wonderful day which enhanced their learning.



WORLD BOOK DAY

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2026

**COME TO SCHOOL
DRESSED AS A FROG!**



**LEAP INTO A WORLD
OF STORIES!**

Governor Spotlight

Deb Wood
Co-opted Governor



I am a retired Deputy Head of an all Boys' Grammar School with 46 years service in Education. My main roles were Raising Standards, discipline, Safeguarding and SEND. My own daughters attended Sheepy School, and now the two older grandchildren of three, also enjoy the opportunities available at Sheepy. It is always a pleasure to go into school and I look forward to working with staff and children in the future.

George Absi
Parent Governor



Hi, I'm George. As a Parent Governor, I help ensure that a parent's view is fully considered in discussions and decisions of the Governing Body.

I've recently been invited to support the development of the School's new 3 year strategic plan, which will set out key priorities and practical actions needed to drive continuous improvement to give every pupil the best opportunity to thrive. We will be engaging with teachers, pupils, parents and partners to help shape the plan, with the aim of publishing it ahead of the new school year. My professional background is in healthcare, with experience in governance, assurance, performance improvement and strategy.

Governor Recruitment

Over the last few weeks, we have introduced our governors. Our staff governors, who you are all familiar with, are Mrs Field, Mrs Goadby and Mrs Croxton.

We are currently seeking to appoint a further co-opted governor, which cannot be a parent. Please see the next page for further information and please share with anyone who you think may be suitable.

CO-OPTED SCHOOL GOVERNOR WANTED!



School governors are volunteers who work as part of a team to support the strategic leadership of the school.

As a co-opted governor, you will:

- Contribute to setting the vision, ethos, and strategic direction of the school.
- Hold leaders to account for the educational performance of pupils and the effective management of staff.
- Oversee the school's financial performance and ensure resources are used well.
- Support and challenge leaders, acting as a critical friend.

What we're looking for

You don't need to be an expert in education. We are particularly interested in people with experience in:

- Finance and business management
- Health and Safety

Most importantly, we are looking for someone with commitment, curiosity, and the willingness to make a positive impact on the lives of children and young people.

Governors serve a four-year term of office. The role involves attending three full governing body meetings per year, plus committee meetings and occasional school visits. You will also be expected to undertake training.

We are an Operation Encompass School

For further information, please come and see us.



Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience.

Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right¹.

We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care.

Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident.

This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want.

We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this.