

Welcome to



Shenfield St. Mary's Church of England Primary School



Mission Statement:

***Unlock every child's potential as a
unique child of God***

*Our aim is to ensure that every child's unique
strengths are celebrated and strengthened
alongside gaining an excellent academic, social,
emotional and physical education.*

*We are proud of all of our children and we want
everyone of them to enjoy and learn at our
school.*

Class Names and Allocation

Each class has its own unique name that they keep until the end of Year 2. The classes are then mixed and two new classes are created and given a new name too.

Our classes are always mixed ability. We try to have an even balance of genders and birth terms.

Please visit our 'class pages' to find out what we do in school (and at home in recent months).

Before starting school

- ▶ We will provide information for you regarding uniform
- ▶ Give you advice about getting ready for starting school, for example getting dressed independently
- ▶ Provide a gift of a book bag as a welcome gift
- ▶ Arrange induction opportunities for both you and your child



Induction Arrangements 2021/22

(subject to Covid restrictions being reduced)

- ▶ The teacher and support teacher will arrange a home visit; this is your chance to speak personally and privately about your child and to introduce him or her to the teacher.
- ▶ Please join us at our Summer Fair in June to familiarise your child with the environment
- ▶ Come along to our Celebration Evening in July to visit the classroom
- ▶ A special morning will take place for him/her to meet the whole class in July
- ▶ All children have a part-time start for three weeks, to help them settle in a smaller group of fifteen
- ▶ In the first term, we will invite you to our MacMillan Coffee Morning where you can meet other parents/carers and see your child perform
- ▶ A little later we begin our EYFS Workshops where we introduce our teaching approach to you actually in the classroom

School Uniform

- ▶ All must wear black shoes/completely black unmarked trainers with socks or tights in grey or white
 - ▶ Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
 - ▶ Blue polo neck t-shirt - with the school logo
 - ▶ Maroon jumper, slip-on or cardigan - with the logo
 - ▶ White shirt and school tie from Year 1
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- ▶ Optional items:
 - ▶ Summer dress with white socks
 - ▶ Blazer - with the school logo
 - ▶ School coat - with the school logo



Physical Education



- We either complete the daily mile or a PE lesson every day in school
- A wide range of sports are taught and fitness is a priority



How do our children learn?

- ▶ In the Early Years Foundation stage the children can initiate their own learning through play. A wide range of games, toys and educational resources are rotated throughout the week to enable all areas of learning to take place.
- ▶ There are also whole class sessions, for example, teaching phonics and reading
- ▶ In addition, the class teacher and learning support assistant will teach the children one to one or in small groups.
- ▶ All children have to complete specific learning tasks independently across the whole curriculum.



Learning will progress across the seven years at school

- ▶ As the children move through the school, learning becomes more formal/traditional. They have daily maths and English lessons, with a full broad curriculum across the other subject areas.
- ▶ Our curriculum is presented in detail on the 'curriculum' page. It is based on termly topics, with learning linked together to aid in long term memory acquisition.
- ▶ The pupils' learning outcomes are excellent at Shenfield St Mary's. We encourage them to work hard and have fun at the same time. We use our vision to underpin all approaches to learning, both in and outside of the classroom.



The structure of a typical day

- ▶ Registration
- ▶ English
- ▶ Worship
- ▶ Break time
- ▶ Guided reading and improvement time
- ▶ Maths
- ▶ Lunch
- ▶ Two other subjects
- ▶ Home-time or Clubs (from Year 1)



Clubs

- ▶ We run many breakfast, lunch and afterschool clubs.
- ▶ Some are fee-paying but many are run by volunteers.
- ▶ Clubs start from Year 1 but there are more for junior age pupils.
- ▶ A few examples are:

Football, netball, tennis, karate, cricket, rounders, multi-sports, gymnastics

Choir, orchestra, drama

Engineering, lego, science, computing, Spanish

Making Good Progress

- ▶ A baseline assessment takes place when the children join us
- ▶ Parents' evenings each term
- ▶ Assessment is ongoing throughout the year, each year
- ▶ End of year formal outcomes are shared
- ▶ If we have concerns, we will not wait until parents' evening but get in touch for us to work together



Helping with learning at home

- ▶ Successful learning is due to an excellent partnership between home and school.
- ▶ We encourage our children to Read! Read! Read!
- ▶ Homework will take place that is appropriate for the age group throughout your child's years here.



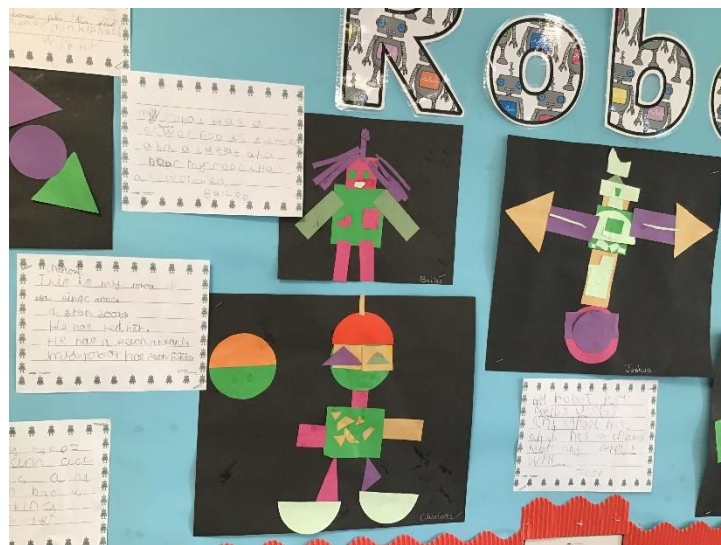
Communication from the school

- ▶ In the first year at school you will receive a home-link weekly from the teacher
- ▶ A newsletter is emailed each week from the head - online/email
- ▶ Texts will be sent for immediate class or school messages
- ▶ Letters or other communication will be sent via email
- ▶ Phone calls will be made for personal contact
- ▶ Home-learning will be sent via Google Classrooms learning platform



Communication from home

- ▶ Immediate messages for the teacher, via clerk@Shenfield-st-marys.essex.sch.uk or phone call via the office
- ▶ Non-urgent enquiries to admin@shenfield-st-marys.essex.sch.uk
- ▶ Private conversations should be arranged for the end of the school day, not before school. During Covid times, this will be via a phonecall or video conference meeting
- ▶ Questions regarding home-learning will take place via Google Classrooms



Our School Dinners

- ▶ The menu follows the national Food Standards
- ▶ Everything is cooked on the premises from fresh everyday
- ▶ Three week rolling menu, three daily choices
- ▶ School dinners are free for all Infant children
- ▶ Menu published weekly
- ▶ Packed lunches are allowed but parents are expected to follow the school policy
- ▶ A leaflet is shared to provide more detail for us to work together
- ▶ We try to always avoid nuts. We work together if your child has an allergy.
- ▶ Whilst Covid restrictions are in place, we offer three choices of packed lunch and one hot option.



Leadership of the school

- ▶ Shenfield St Mary's is a part of the Mid Essex Anglican Academy Trust
- ▶ This is led by Trustees, who manage resources, personnel and premises, whilst overseeing all other school matters
- ▶ The Governors focus on child related matters
- ▶ The Trust Executive Head Teacher is also the Head Teacher of Shenfield St Mary's
- ▶ We also have a Deputy Head and a Senior Leadership Team
- ▶ The first person you contact if you have a question regarding your child's well-being or learning is the class teacher.





Shenfield St. Mary's
PFA



shenfieldstmaryspfa@gmail.com

We have an excellent Parents and Friends Association. They run many fun activities for our children as well as raise much needed funds.

Recent purchases include:

- ▶ New climbing frame
- ▶ All weather play surface
- ▶ School Minibus
- ▶ iPads and laptops
- ▶ Reading books
- ▶ Christmas Panto and Parties
- ▶ Author visits
- ▶ Book bags for new joiners



How we raise money



- ▶ Summer Fair
- ▶ Christmas Fair
- ▶ Wine tasting
- ▶ Quiz night
- ▶ Ladies night (shopping & beauty treatments)
- ▶ Children's disco
- ▶ Film night
- ▶ School uniform shop
- ▶ 100 club
- ▶ Adventure Island tickets



- ▶ Christmas puddings
- ▶ Christmas cards
- ▶ Sainsbury's gift cards
- ▶ Yellow Moon
- ▶ Easy2Name labels
- ▶ Easy Fundraising
- ▶ Matched giving



Sainsbury's

How you can get involved with the PFA?

- ▶ Become a class rep
- ▶ Volunteer to help at events such as the disco or film night
- ▶ Come along to our adults events - they are great fun!
- ▶ Matched funding - do you work for a cc to match charitable funds raised? This to help us raise funds.



Questions

If you have any questions about the school, please email admin@Shenfield-st-marys.essex.sch.uk

They will be added to the FAQs sheet and answered as soon as possible.

