Shenley Fields Daycare and Nursery School

Autumn 2026 Newsletter



FREE Full and Part Time Places

Spread the word to friends and family, we have **FREE Full and Part Time Places** available for children 9 months – 4 years of age

You can pick up a registration form from the front office or call 0121 675 3065 for more information.

It has been lovely to welcome back those of you who were with us last academic year.

We are delighted to welcome new children and families to Shenley Fields and for us all to begin the Autumn term together.

Have you seen our video about life at Shenley Fields? The script for this video was compiled completely from children's feedback about their experiences of nursery. The link for this is below to enable you to watch it again or for the first time. We hope you enjoy it.

Shenley Fields - https://hosting.sch.life/shenley-fields/Shenley-Fields-Nursery-4K.mp4









Important Reminder

We are an allergy aware school. Please can we ask that you do not bring any food containing nuts or eggs into nursery.



nuts



eggs

There are children and adults who could become very poorly if they come into contact with these foods. Thank you.

Applications for Reception places 2027

If your child was born between the 1st September 2022 and the 31st August 2023, you need to apply online for a Reception class place for September 2027.

Visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions to submit your online application. You can do this from now until the closing date which is the 15th January 2027.

We have registered with the Eco School Early Years programme again for this academic year. Last year we were successful in completing the program and achieving the Green Flag Award. This year we are aiming to achieve the Green Flag Award at a higher level.

Eco Schools have been going for 31 years so far and it is the nation's largest environmental school programme. Last year, 2300 eco schools were awarded green flags and 600 of these were nursery settings. Eco Schools is a global programme with around 100 countries around the world taking part. In September 2024, Eco Schools Early Years was launched which is a more bespoke programme for early years settings and youngest learners.

We have lots of exciting new things planned with the children as we complete the 7 steps which make up the Eco Schools Early Years programme.

We will keep you updated with the actions we are taking and the activities and experiences children are engaging in through Tapestry and our social media.

Exciting News



Coming soon…



Balance bike sessions for children at Shenley Fields

These sessions will be great for developing children's resilience, balance and co-ordination, core strength, gross motor skills and of course, their riding skills.

Cycling is great exercise and is a carbon neutral activity so is great for the environment.

More details to follow soon.



myHappymind

We use myHappymind resources with the children and can see that it is having a positive impact on them. myHappymind is an award winning digital mental wellness program for schools, nurseries, families and organisations. It teaches preventative habits that support mental health, resilience and self-esteem. All the concepts that are taught are based on science and research and grounded in neuroscience and positive psychology.

myHappymind is operating in over 1000 schools across the UK.

Have you downloaded the parent app so that you can use the same resources as us at home?

If you haven't, click on the link below and follow the instructions

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We have successfully completed our bronze and silver accreditations and are now working towards gold

Our Curriculum and TAPESTRY ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

Did you know that we use Tapestry to share lots of information with you about our curriculum and the learning opportunities and experiences on offer to your child?

This includes:

- Our planning for each area of continuous provision both indoors and outdoors.
- Observations and photos of the activities detailed in our planning in action.
- The core book we are focusing on, including the key vocabulary we will be teaching.
- The song/rhyme we are focusing on from our Shenley Rhyme Time and how these enhance our planning for phonics and maths.
- Our Makaton sign/s of the week
- Our rights respecting focus
- For children in Sunbeams (3-4's), we also include Early Years Picture News which also includes home learning opportunities.

Please activate your Tapestry account and log in to have a look. You can also add photos and share information about things you have done at home together.

If you have any difficulty activating your account or logging in, please let us know and we will problem solve to enable you to access your child's Tapestry journal.





We are very proud to be a Gold Rights Respecting School. We were first awarded gold status in January 2021 and maintained gold at our reaccreditation in January 2024. Our next reaccreditation is January 2027.

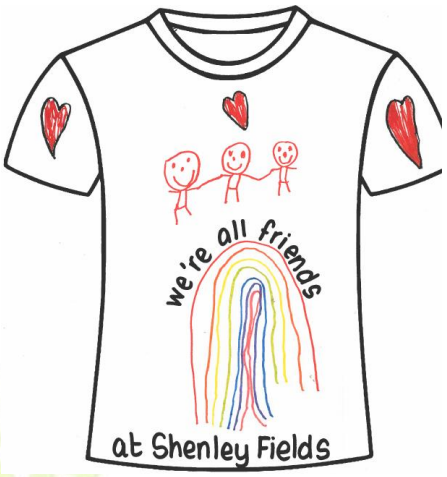
We have a coat exchange scheme. Shenley Fields coat exchange aims to encourage us to recycle and donate coats that children have outgrown rather than putting them in the bin. Please bring in your unwanted coats and if your child needs a coat, please take one free of charge from inside the main entrance. When you no longer need it or your child grows out of it, bring it back and swap it for another coat.

We will keep you updated weekly on the focus of our rights respecting work.

We are delighted to announce that Shenley Fields Daycare and Nursery School has been chosen to perform at the UNICEF Celebration at Birmingham Town Hall on 20th November 2026.

Staff and children will be performing a song, supported by Makaton, which has been written by one of our talented staff members.

Thank you to everyone who sent back a t shirt design for those performing at the Town Hall to wear. After showing all of the designs to the children, this is the one that was chosen.



Attendance

Shenley Fields

Every day at nursery is an opportunity for your child to learn, play, make friends and build important skills.

To encourage regular attendance, we hold a 'Healthy Hamper Prize Draw' every half term.

Children with attendance of 90% or above will be entered into the draw to win a healthy family hamper! Which includes food, activities and a book.

We understand that children can sometimes be unwell. If your child is going to be absent from nursery, please let us know as soon as possible.

Good attendance helps children make the most of every nursery day!

"Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results." (DfE)



Article 28 of the UNCRC says that children and young people have the right to education no matter who they are: regardless of race, gender or disability; if they're in detention, or if they're a refugee.

WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.

Collection Timings

Your child's day at nursery starts at 9am. Please make sure they are on time to enable them to make the very most of their day with us. If you arrive later than 9.10 am, you will need to take your child to our main reception and wait for them to be collected by a member of staff.

Collection time is 3pm. If you have any circumstances which make this collection time difficult, then please discuss this with us.

Wednesdays are the only exception to this:

If your child's place is the beginning of the week, drop off is at 9am and collection at 12 midday.

If your child's place is at the end of the week, drop off is at 12.15pm and collection at 3.15pm.

Drop off and collections outside of these times is hugely disruptive and impacts on the experiences on offer to the children.

Child Safety Concerns

The access that leads to our entrance is a private road intended for the shopkeepers, householders and garage owners. They share our concern regarding the volume of traffic using this access at busy times, which has led to a number of 'near misses' between cars and children.
Our advice is that cars are parked on the surrounding roads.
Alternatively, if you live within walking distance, leave your car at home and encourage your children to get into the habit of walking. A number of families do use the access road due to their personal circumstances with our knowledge and consent.

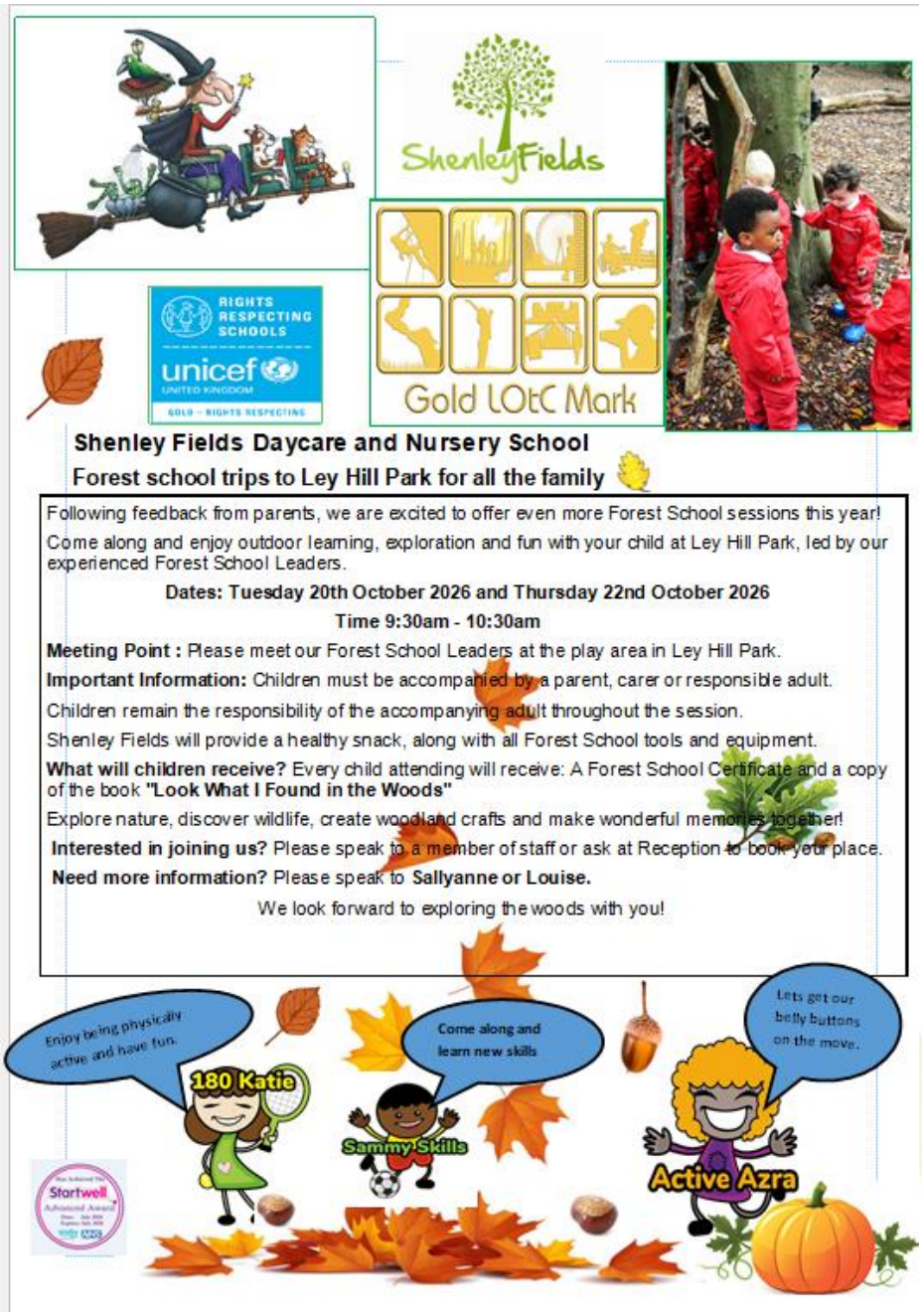






Dates for Your Diary

Family Forest School Trips:



Half Term:

October half term is Monday 26th October until Friday 30th October. All of our provisions are closed during this week. Holiday club will be running during half term. Booking forms are available from reception.

Photographer:

We have booked the photographer for Tuesday 10th November and Thursday 12th November. We will send out a letter with further information nearer the time.

SEND/Inclusion

Please let us know if there are any specific topics you would like covered at our coffee mornings.





Parent/Key Person Consultations:

We offer every family the opportunity to have a booked appointment with their child's key person each term. These meetings provide the opportunity to share how your child has settled, their interests, development and anything else you would like to discuss. Our consultation dates for this term are as follows:

Raindrops (2-3's): week beginning 16.11.2026

Sunbeams (3-4's): week beginning 23.11.2026

Sunshine (0-2's): week beginning 30.11.2026

Food Bank Collection:

This year for Christmas we want to help our community by donating food for our local food bank run by "**The Life House"**. We would greatly appreciate your kindness in gifting a food donation large or small into nursery from week beginning 9th November 2024 There will be boxes placed in provisions for you to put your donations in. We would like to donate as much as possible for this

worthy cause, as the work of the “Food Bank” is invaluable within our local community to fight hunger and to help care for each other.

Christmas Trip:

We are delighted to be offering a Christmas trip to Dudley Zoo on Wednesday 9th December. Letters to follow after half term.

Christmas Stay and Play Sessions:



Please Remember…

Labelling your Child’s Belongings - Please name your child’s belongings - especially coats, bags and lunch boxes. We have lots of coats and bags that are the same.

Spare Clothes - Can you please send your child to nursery with a set of spare clothes in their bag and return any borrowed items as soon as possible.