



## FREE Full and Part Time Places

Spread the word to friends and family, we have **FREE Full and Part Time Places** available for

2, 3 and 4 year olds for September. We are also welcoming applications for January and April 2027

You can pick up a registration form from the front office, call 0121 675 3065 or email us at [enquiry@shnlyfld.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@shnlyfld.bham.sch.uk) for more information.



Our family trip to Attwell Farm is on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**. We still have spaces left on the coaches for more of you to join us. If you need another letter giving details of the trip, please pick one up from Reception. It is going to be a great day out.

## Attendance

“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)

To recognise and celebrate good attendance, each half term, we will give a hamper of goodies to the family whose child has the highest attendance. If there is more than one child eligible for this, they will be entered into a raffle and a name drawn out to see who wins.

Attending medical appointments will not impact on eligibility for the hamper.



The children have taken part in lots of Eco School activities to learn about the affect our actions have on our environment and the changes we can all make which can have a positive impact on our climate.

We have submitted our completed Eco Schools application which contained a wealth of evidence from Sunshine, Raindrops and Sunbeams. We are very much hoping to be awarded Green Flag status and we will keep you posted on the outcome of our application.

## Learning Outside the Classroom

We offer cooking opportunities every day and there are many children who really enjoy cooking and regularly take part. We are excited to build on this interest by taking them to the nearby grocery shop. During the visit, they will help choose the ingredients needed to make their own fruit and savoury scones — an activity they've been really enjoying. Moving forwards, we will look at further opportunities linked to children's developing skills and interests.

**WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL**



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



We are taking part in UNICEF's *OutRight Campaign 2025/2026*. Through this programme, the children have been learning about their rights under the UNCRC, the importance of international aid, and how global issues such as climate change and access to education affect children around the world. They have also been exploring how they can use their voices to engage with decision makers and contribute to positive change.

The children have been growing a wide variety of fruits and vegetables in our outdoor spaces and our community allotment. They use the produce they grow for snacks and cooking activities and

they are incredibly proud of being able to grow their own food. With the support of their families, they have planted cauliflower, peas, carrots, beetroot, sprouts, broccoli, tomatoes, lettuces, potatoes, and cabbages.

The children have learned that growing your own vegetables is good for the planet because it:

- Reduces pollution from transport
- Keeps soil healthy and full of life
- Avoids plastic and energy-intensive storage
- Reduces the need for harmful chemicals
- Turns food waste into compost instead of methane

## My Happy Mind



We were delighted to be awarded the Bronze myHappyMind accreditation in January 2026 after evidencing the work we are doing to support and enhance the resilience, self-esteem and well-being of the children and the positive impact this is having on them.

We have now been invited to submit evidence for our silver accreditation. We will keep you updated on our progress.

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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## Induction Day

We know that many of you who have children moving from Sunshine (0-2's) to Raindrops (2-3's) or Raindrops (2-3's) to Sunbeams (3-4's) have requested the opportunity to meet your child's new key person and to see the environment your child will be moving to in September.

To facilitate this, we will be closed to all children on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

No fees will be charged for this day.

Our environments will be set up for you to come with your child at any time between 9.30 – 11.30 or 12.15 – 3.15 to enjoy a stay and play session, meet your child's key person and be given your start date for September.

These sessions will also be open to new families joining us in September.

## Transition

We have planned robust transition opportunities for every child moving from Sunshine to Raindrops or from Raindrops to Sunbeams in September. This includes weekly opportunities for children to spend time in their new environment and also for their new key person to join them in their current environment. These opportunities support children to become familiar with and comfortable in their new environment and to begin to make the important relationship with their new key person. This will begin after the Whitsun holiday at the end of May.

## Dates for Your Diary



### Exciting News



Meet the newest member of our Shenley Fields family. He is a rescue tortoise who will be coming to live here at Shenley Fields on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

We are doing lots of research with the children and we will be well supported to learn how to look after him and make sure he has a happy life here with us.

Children will have opportunities every day to see him and help look after him.

There is lots of research that supports the benefits of children having a pet.

"Pets can be an excellent way for children to learn about being caregivers and understand responsibility, as owning a four-legged friend teaches them about looking after someone. By helping with pet-related tasks (such as filling up the water bowl or helping with daily brushing), children can learn to develop nurturing behaviour, compassion, and empathy – attributes that are vital in later life. Children can benefit emotionally from having a pet, knowing they always have a buddy nearby. But a pet can teach children about emotional intelligence too, as they learn how to respond to the needs of others and how to interact with other living beings with respect and kindness." PDSA



### Tortoise collection:

We are collecting our tortoise from the rescue centre on Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup>. We are all very excited to meet him and welcome him to his new home. Thank you to everyone who has suggested names and drawn pictures for him. There's still plenty of time to help us think of a name and draw a picture.

You are invited to our

## Sleep Workshop

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**  
**The Staff Room 9.15 -10.45**

An Occupational Therapist from the SEND Therapy Team will be explaining how best to support your child if they are having difficulties with their sleep. She can offer practical advice and address any concerns that you may have.

Relax over a drink and biscuits, and chat in a friendly, supportive environment.





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The session is for parents and carers but, if you wish to attend and do not have childcare, please still come with your child.

### **Inset day:**

We are closed to all children on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May for staff training and an open afternoon for new families.

### **Half term:**

We are closed for half term from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Holiday club is available from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Booking forms are available from reception. Places are offered on a first come first served basis.

### **Healthy Eating Cooking Workshops:**

We have planned cooking sessions for families to join in with their children, delivered by our Startwell Provision Leads.

Cooking sessions will take place on: **Monday 8th June, Tuesday 9th June, Thursday 11th June and Friday 12th June 2024.** These sessions will start at **9.15 am and finish at 10.30am.** Your child must be accompanied by an adult to attend these cooking sessions. Shenley Fields will provide ingredients, aprons and cooking utensils.

We will be exploring healthy foods, learning about the Startwell characters and their healthy messages and demonstrating how cooking activities can help your child's learning.

Each family will receive a certificate of attendance and you are also able to take home the things that you have made.

If you would like to attend a cooking session with your child please ask at reception. For further information please speak to your child's key person.



### Key person/Parent 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 15.06.2026

Sunbeams (3-4's): week beginning 22.06.2026

Sunshine (0-2's): week beginning 06.07.2026

### Family Forest School Trips:



**Shenley Fields Daycare and Nursery School**  
Forest school trip to Ley Hill Park for all the family

Forest School offers child led adventures that build confidence, resilience, and emotional strength. Fresh air, freedom, and hands on learning help children feel calmer, happier, and more connected.

In response to the feedback from parents we have planned more forest school sessions for this academic year. These sessions are for you and your children to join in with. The sessions will take place at Ley Hill Park with our forest school leaders.

**Location:** Ley Hill Park **Date:** Tuesday 30th June and Thursday 2nd July 2026

**Time:** 9:30am – 10:30am

**Meeting point:** The play area at Ley Hill Park

Your child must be accompanied by an adult throughout the session, and they will remain your responsibility during the visit.

Shenley Fields will provide a healthy snack/picnic as well as all Forest School tools and equipment.

If you would like to join us for this Forest School session, please speak to Sallyanne, Lynsey or Louise D for more information.



# School Wheelbarrow Competition



We are delighted to be taking part in the school wheelbarrow competition again this year. The theme for the wheelbarrows this year is 'Make a Meal Matter'. We have been encouraged to think about the food ingredients that make up some of the meals we love and how some of these can be grown at home, in allotments or in our school grounds. We have done lots of research with the children about their favourite meals to eat and have linked this to our Eco Schools work as we have discussed sustainability, reducing food waste and plastic packaging by growing our own food.

A group of children, their families and staff will attend Gardeners Live at the NEC to see our wheelbarrow in the competition. We will let you know how we get on.

## End of Term Stay and Play Sessions

We will be inviting you all to join us for a stay and play session as the academic year draws to a close. This will be an opportunity to join in with your child in all areas of continuous provision, speak to staff and enjoy an ice cream with us. We will send out invites nearer the time.



# Safeguarding

**We take safeguarding seriously and it is of the utmost importance to us.**

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

Shenley Fields is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children and expects all staff to share this commitment.

Under procedures laid down by the Education Authority, the Executive Head Teacher is responsible for child protection and has a legal obligation to take appropriate action where non-accidental injury or abuse of any kind is suspected. It is the duty of every adult coming into contact with the children to refer any concerns regarding a child's welfare to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) who are:

David Aldworth (lead)

Louise Shepherd

Lynsey Healey

Sallyanne Bromley

Kate Bowler

Richard Sinton

Maria Mackey

If you have any concerns that a child has been harmed, is at risk of harm or you receive a disclosure, please contact our main reception as soon as possible and ask to speak to one of our DSL's listed above. Our first priority is your child's welfare and therefore there may be occasions when our concern about your child means that we have to consult other agencies even before we contact you. The procedures we follow have been laid down by the Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board. The school may disclose your child's personal data to statutory bodies where we consider it necessary within the requirements of the Data Protection Act.

A copy of our Safeguarding and Child protection Policy (September 2025) is available on our website <https://shenleyfields.sch.life/page/detail/school-policies-documents-and-links>

If anything concerns or worries you, please report it to us immediately on 0121 675 3065

Mobile Phones: Please do not use your mobile phone in the building.

## 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 which 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.

## Library

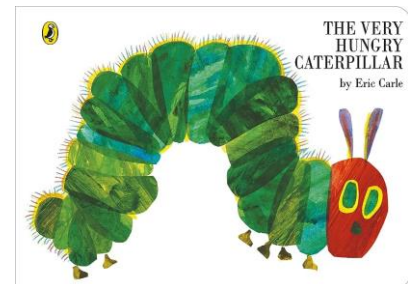
Have you been to visit our library yet?

It is a lovely space to spend time with your child, with a great range of books to share and enjoy together. Every child has their own book bag to take the book they have chosen home.

Our school library will be open every day from 8am-9.30am.

You can use the library to share books with your child or just choose one to take home and enjoy together.

Your child can change their library book as frequently as they would like to. Just bring your book back and choose a new one.



## Please Remember.....

Please can we ask that you do not bring the foods containing the following to nursery:



Nuts



Eggs

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

**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.

**Early Collection** - Please allow us to remind you that if you need to collect your child early from nursery this is strictly by **booking only**. Doing so early without prior arrangement causes disruption to the children's end of day routine. Thank you.

**Collection Timings** - It is very important that your child is collected on time at the end of their nursery session. Being collected late has a negative impact upon children's emotional wellbeing. Please note that there is a late fee of **£15** for every 10 minutes that you are late collecting your child.

