

# Shere Church of England Infant School

Roots to grow, wings to fly

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## Diary of Events

### September

#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

Book Focus – Jack and the Flum Flum Tree  
British Food Fortnight  
Cooking at the Dabbling Duck

#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

First All Stars Choir

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

All Stars Choir Assembly

### October

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> - 10.00am

Harvest Festival in Church

#### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Book Focus – The Magic Paintbrush

#### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

The Big Draw Art Project

#### Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

Book Focus – Room on the Broom  
Nasal Flu Vaccinations (Y1&2)

#### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Rev'd Nick Assembly  
Full Governors Meeting

#### Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

INSET Day

Dear Families,

We are having a fantastic time learning through our book focus this week. The children are enjoying the collaborative aspects of this book and are putting their learning skills to good use to work as a team.

#### Academic Excellence:

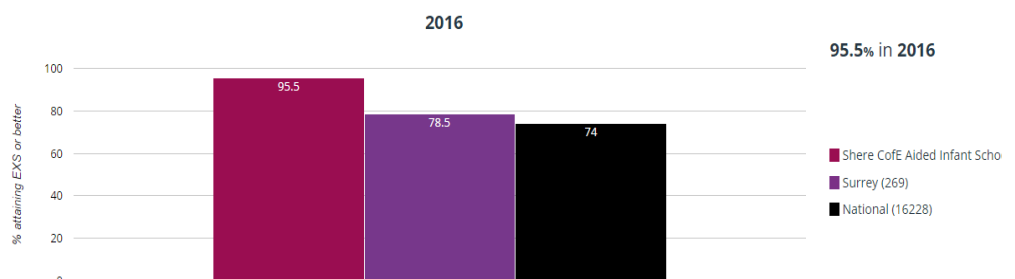
We have made a lot of changes to our curriculum in the last academic year. As a team we were confident of the benefits of our hands-on, child focused approach. During this time the government implemented new national expectations which many professionals feel mark a significant increase in the standard expected of children in infant schools.

It must admit it was a challenge as a headteacher to be faced with such high academic targets at the same time as implementing a practical creative curriculum and I admit to many sleepless nights worrying if the current educational climate was the place in which to introduce radical change in our little school.

I am so pleased that we stuck to our philosophy and can now share with you how our children performed in these high level national tests.

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Reading - attaining EXS or better



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**WB 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Half Term

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Back to school  
Focus – Festivals of Light

## **November**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 3.30 -6pm**  
Parent Teacher  
Consultations

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 5.00 –  
7pm**  
Parent Teacher  
Consultations

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November**  
Open Morning for  
prospective families

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Book Focus – The  
Smartest Giant in Town  
Anti-Bullying Week

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Rev'd Nick Assembly

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>**  
School Photos

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Remembrance Day

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Book Focus – Cave Baby

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Rev'd Nick Assembly

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 5.00 –  
7.00**  
Year One & Two Parent  
Teacher Consultations

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 3.30 - 5.30**  
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## **December**

### **British Food Fortnight:**

Our story for the next week is all about a little boy who travels far and wide to find food to make his poorly Granny better. In assemblies we have been celebrating British Food Fortnight with a focus on food that grows in our country. Each morning a group of children from Year One and Two will be visiting the Dabbling Duck to find out about British food and to cook delicious flapjacks. Look out for these delicious treats in books bags!!

### **Specialist Teaching:**

I am pleased to announce that we have now begun our specialist teaching at Shere on a Wednesday afternoon. All year groups are involved and are benefiting from direct teaching sessions in computing, music and physical education. The sessions ran smoothly and the children seemed to enjoy each activity.

We warmly welcome Sam our new PE coach who will be delivering high quality sports coaching for all our children.

### **E-Safety:**

E-safety remains high on our agenda at Shere and we will be reinforcing these key concepts again this term. It can be surprising how skilled our young learners are online and the websites they access are wide and varied. It can be really helpful if you can reinforce the key messages at home, please find the poster we use in school in your child's book bag.



### **Stick Man:**

The children had a wonderful time watching Stick Man at G-Live. It was an excellent performance that brought the story to life in a new and exciting way. It has certainly resulted in some excellent writing outcomes back at school. The value of trips and shared experiences has a huge impact on children's learning - thank you for supporting us in getting your children out and about!

Best Wishes.

Vicky Voller

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>**

Christmas Tree  
Assembly

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

FOSSA Christmas Fair

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>**

Book Focus – The  
Gruffalo

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> @ 1.45**

Whole School Nativity  
Production in the Village  
Hall

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1.45**

Whole School Nativity  
Production in the Village  
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**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Last day of Autumn Term  
and Christmas Service  
School ends at 1.30

**Shere School  
Celebrates**



**Star of the Week:  
Citizen of the  
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