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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Autumn Term has been extremely enjoyable and much has been achieved thanks to the hard work of our pupils and the dedication and commitment of our superb staff team. The children are now ready for their well-deserved Christmas break and I hope that you will enjoy some family time together over the holiday.

I wish to thank all parents and carers for their support this term and especially those who have contributed in any way, large or small, to the amazing work of FOSS. The children were pleased to choose gifts for loved ones in the 'Elfridges' Secret Santa Shop and also to receive their gift from Santa when he visited us after the Christmas Concert, which was a tremendous display of our children's confidence and musicality.

I would like to thank parents who have provided feedback on the new, brief end of term progress reports which replaced our previous version. With the introduction of The Pioneer Academy processes, there have been some changes to systems such as reporting. One of the key aims of these changes has been to reduce teacher workload, allowing staff to spend more time focused on teaching, learning and high-quality interactions with the children. While the format of report cards is much more concise, our aim at Shoreham Village School is for communication with parents to remain strong and accessible. Our staff are always available for face-to-face discussions and we actively encourage parents to arrange a meeting with teachers should they wish to discuss academic or non-academic progress in more detail. We have also maintained the parent consultation meetings that were offered in October (and will be offered again in February), providing an opportunity for in-depth discussion about each child's development. At the end of the school year, a more detailed written report will be sent home containing information on progress in the core subjects plus non-academic feedback. Please be assured that our staff will not wait for a parent consultation or report timeline to contact you if they feel you need to be updated on your child's progress or behaviour.

All essential school dates are available on the school website, included in our fortnightly newsletters and advised by letter for each individual event. Overleaf, is an overview of the next two terms which should assist in forward planning. Some class trips and events have yet to be finalised and added, and these dates will be advised as soon as they are available. Also attached to this letter is The Pioneer Academy newsletter.

It only remains for me to wish you a joyous and restful festive season. I hope that you are able to spend time with loved ones and I trust that 2026 will be successful and will bring health and happiness to you all. Do have a lovely Christmas holiday and I look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Gillian Lovatt-Young
Head



Shoreham Village School Diary Dates, Spring Term 2026	Date	Time
Staff Inset	05/01/2026	
Term Starts	06/01/2026	
Year 1-2 Tennis Champs at Sevenoaks School	08/01/2026	12.30-2.30pm
Understanding Worries Workshop - Moore Class	09/01/2026	1.10-2.10pm
Understanding Worries Workshop - Cameron Class	09/01/2026	2.10-3.10pm
Clubs start	12/01/2026	
Barton Class Trip to Otford Library	12/01/2026	9.15-11.15am
Staff CPD Cricket at Sevenoaks School	14/01/2026	3.00-4.30pm
Closing Date for Kent Primary Admissions	15/01/2026	
Pupil Census	15/01/2026	
Class Parent Representatives Meeting with Head	15/01/2026	9.00-9.30am
Cicero Debating at Sevenoaks School	19/01/2026	8.45-3.30pm
Infant Agility Y2 at Knole Academy	26/01/2026	3.00-5.00pm
Waterpolo at Sevenoaks School	28/01/2026	4.00-6.00pm
Family Forum (TBC NS)	02/02/2026	9.00-9.30am
Years 3 to 6 Inter-house Football	02/02/2026	1.00-3.00pm
Sevenoaks League Football Match - Knole Academy (Chevening/Churchill)	03/02/2026	3.30-5.00pm
Dare to Believe Festival (Yr 5 and 6) at Sevenoaks School	04/02/2026	1.00-3.00pm
Cameron Class Curriculum Celebration - Parents and Carers Welcome	06/02/2026	9.00-9.30am
Reception to Year 6 Learning Review Evening and Curriculum Open Evening - Online	09/02/2026	3.30-7.00pm
Safer Internet Day - 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'	10/02/2026	
Reception to Year 6 Learning Review Evening and Curriculum Open Evening - Face 2 Face	10/02/2026	3.30-5.00pm
Moore Class Curriculum Celebration - Parents/ Carers Welcome	13/02/2026	9.00-9.30am
Half Term 16th-20th inclusive		
School Re-opens	23/02/2026	
House Meetings	24/02/2026	11.30-12.00pm
Sevenoaks League Football Match - Knole Academy (St Lawrence/Dunton Green)	24/02/2026	
PE AGM	25/02/2026	3.45-5.00pm
FOSS World Book Day Costume and Book Sale	26/02/2026	3.20-4.00pm
Palmer Class Curriculum Celebration - Parents and Carers Welcome	27/02/2026	9.00-9.30am
Secondary School Places Offered	02/03/2026	
World Book Day	05/03/2026	
Shoreham Cultural and Arts Eisteddfod Festival- Parents/ Carers Welcome	05/03/2026	2.30-3.20pm
Barton Class Curriculum Celebration- Parents/ Carers Welcome	06/03/2026	9.00-9.30am
Y1 Phonics Screening and Y2 , Y6 SATs Information Meeting for Parents/ Carers	11/03/2026	9.00-9.30am
Water Safety Assembly - Zambezi		1.05-1.35pm
FOSS Mothers and Special Others Shop	12/03/2026	9.00-11.00am
Mothers Day Café (Mother's Day 15th March 2026)	13/03/2026	2.45-3.20pm



Football Tournament - Knole Academy	14/03/2026	8.30am-12.30pm
Final week of Clubs	16/03/2026	
Inter-house Cross Country	16/03/2026	1.00-3.00pm
Basketball Tournament at Sevenoaks School	18/03/2026	3.00-5.00pm
Moore Class Trip to Natural History Museum	20/03/2026	
Schools Love to Dance at the Stag Theatre - Dress Rehearsal	23/03/2026	9.10-10.15am (Time TBC)
Schools Love to Dance at the Stag Theatre (4pm / 7pm performances)	23/03/2026	2.50-7.15pm (Time TBC)
Cross Country at Sevenoaks Prep School	30/03/2026	1.30-3.30pm
End of Term Reports to Parents/ Carers	24/03/2026	
Whole School Spring Concert - Parents/carers welcome	27/03/2026	1.15-2.00pm
End of Term (at 2pm)	27/03/2026	2.00pm

