

THE SHELFORD STAR

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

We live and work in harmony with love for one another, so we can achieve our potential within a community of life-long learners

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NEWSLETTER IN 60 SECONDS

Dear Members of the Great and Little Shelford Community,

We hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well. In fact, it is hard to believe that this is our penultimate newsletter of 2021.

- Nativity and Carols by Candlelight
- Key Dates
- Digital Ambassadors
- Celebration Worship
- Christmas events and updates
- Announcements

We are looking forward to the Christmas and end of term celebrations, with our Nativity and Carols by Candlelight videos being released next week.



It has been wonderful to hear the school full of music and song once again. On Monday, I was delighted to accompany Y2 to church to record their Nativity elements. Today, Reception, Y1 and Y2 recorded their singing parts together. Meanwhile, Mrs. Alderson has been accompanying and supporting rehearsals for the carols in the KS2 Carols by Candlelight. Each KS2 class is also preparing their own song and readings to contribute to the service. As with last year, we have a lovely combination of the traditional and a few twists!

The traditional Shelford Christmas Day will take place on on Friday 17th December. On this day, pupils come to school dressed in smart party clothes or Christmas jumpers. We will be raising funds through Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. You can donate [here](#), or by following the QR code below.



This date and other key dates for the remainder of this term can be found below:

- **W/C 13/12/21** – Release of pre-recorded Nativity and Carols by Candlelight
- **17/12/21** – Shelford Christmas Day – End of Autumn Term
- **4/1/21** – School closed to pupils – Staff Professional Development Day
- **5/1/21** – Start of Spring Term for pupils

Digital Ambassadors

Recently, Miss Bachewich and Mrs. Fox have been working to appoint Digital Ambassadors to lead computing elements throughout the school. They have led their first meeting together and we are delighted to introduce them to the school community.



Christmas Cards

The Christmas Postbox is now situated in the junior entrance near the red doors into the School Church Garden.

Children can post cards to anyone in the school, please include the class and name of the child.



Great Shelford Free Church

GSFC Christmas Dates

WEDNESDAY 22ND DECEMBER AT 6:30PM- DRIVE-IN CAROLS (BOOK VIA THE CHURCH WEBSITE)

FRIDAY 24TH DECEMBER AT 7:30PM - CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE (ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM ONLY)

SATURDAY 25TH DECEMBER AT 10:30AM - CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE (VIA FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM AND IN THE CHURCH BUILDING)

Book via:

**www.shelfordfreechurch.org.uk
administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk**

CPupils gathered together on Zoom for our weekly Celebration Worship. As we joined, we shared this [Advent in Two Minutes video](#) , linked to our focus on Advent. We opened the celebration worship with our signed gathering statement linked to our school vision: **Leader:** We live and work in harmony
Response: With love for one another
Cross Country: We heard that our team that entered last week came 5th out of 16 schools.

Kindness Week: We shared that the [school's fundraiser](#) for the Anti-bullying Alliance has raised £274 so far.

Celia - Emily C - kindness to all others, including encouraging others to make the right choice.

Cyril - Miss Hudson - for kindness to others, especially in how she cares for those in her class and for making learning fun.

Silver Bins: Reception & Year 4 (third week running)

Dinner Winner: Year 2

Wonderful Walkers: Year 1

Shelford Mile:

5 miles: Joseph B

Silver - 25 miles: Hannah B, Lelaini C, Jemima M, Lily M-J, Eleanor P, Lilianna S

Star Writers:

- **Georgia F** - for your letter to Father Christmas and his reply to you. You included some realistic details about all the preparations that have to be made to the sleigh and how Father Christmas had no more time to write as he needed to go back to see to the reindeer. You wrote in great detail with neatly joined handwriting and some excellent original ideas.
- **Matthew B** - for your letter to Father Christmas and his reply to you. You wrote a lovely description of the preparations you and your family are making for Christmas and I enjoyed reading about how Father Christmas is feeding the reindeer extra carrots for the bumpy ride! Well done!

Headteacher Awards:

- **Theo B-C** - for focusing really well in our phonics sessions this week. You have listened nicely and joined in with all of our action songs. What a Concentrating Crocodile!
- **Freddie B** - for such enthusiasm for learning all of our nativity songs! You have enjoyed listening to the tunes and practising the words.

This week's winning house is - domus inspiratorum - the house of inspiration - The Eagles

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITIES, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HOLIDAY VOUCHERS

A letter relating to holiday vouchers for those families entitled to free school meals can be found [here](#).

SAWSTON LEISURE CHRISTMAS OPENING

A summary of the events and opening of Sawston Sports Centre can be found [here](#).

VACANCY

Clerk to the Governors at Great and Little Shelford CE(A) Primary School

Great and Little Shelford CE(A) Primary School is looking to appoint a Clerk to the Governors, to provide efficient and effective administrative support in their vital strategic role. The successful candidate will be highly organised, provides attention to detail, is reliable and has excellent communication skills. The clerk prepares meeting papers, takes minutes and carries out a range of administrative tasks for the Board so flexibility in working hours is necessary. As the operation of the Board is paperless, computer literacy is essential and familiarity with Google Drive would be helpful.

Clerking of 9 evening meetings per year is expected, three per term. These may be virtual or in-person, and attendance at all meetings will be required. Training is available, along with mentoring and support from the Chair, Deputy Chair and outgoing Clerk. An honoraria of £1000 per annum is offered, paid in three termly installments.

For further information or to express interest in the post, please contact the chair of governors, Anna Caroe by email chair@shelfordschool.org.uk.

The deadline for applications is 13th February 2022. The timescale for starting is flexible but a period of handover by July 2022 is essential.



ROMSEY MILL

Creating opportunities with young people and families

OUTDOOR

Christmas Market

GREAT SHELFORD

CARA COFFEE

Sunday 12th December
12-3pm

Come and enjoy an afternoon of mulled wine, mince pies, shopping and carols whilst raising money for the Romsey Mill Christmas Appeal

Personalised accessories | Homeware |
Cashmere | Prints | Gifts | Jewellery & more

Early Intervention Family Worker Newsletter

6th December 2021

Parent Carer Support Line

Offers the opportunity to speak to a friendly professional from the E I Family Worker Team about your young person aged 4 to 12 in Cambridge City and surrounding areas.

You can ask question, seek support around behaviour, routines, and boundaries, or just talk about how it is to manage parenting during current times. We will give advice, support, and help with signposting or just listen. You can telephone or email for support any time. Please leave a message with contact details, someone will call you back within 10 working days. We are not an emergency service. [Phone 01354 750420](tel:01354750420)

5 Parenting Tips.

#1 Be a good role model

Walk the walk. Don't just tell your child what you want them to do. Show them.

#2 Be a safe haven for your child.

Children raised by parents who are consistently responsive tend to have better emotional regulation.

#3 Talk with your child.

By keeping an open line of communication you will have a better relationship with your child and they will come to you when there is a problem.

#4 Pay attention to your own wellbeing.

Don't be afraid to ask for parenting help. Having some me time for self-care is important.

#5 Keep things in perspective and

remember your parenting goal.

What is your goal of raising a child?

Fun Christmas Activity

Homemade crackers, use up any leftover Christmas/tissue paper and toilet rolls to create these homemade Christmas crackers. Fill them with sweets and your favourite jokes.



PARENTING TOGETHER

Parenting together; Reducing Parental Conflict.

Christmas can be a very stressful time.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councils are working together, with other Local Authorities in the region and with the Department of Work and Pensions to broaden the range of resources available to improve outcomes for children by reducing parental conflict.

If you are a family who would benefit from support, please contact the Early Help Hub on 01480 376666

Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? Pinpoint (www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk) have lots of information, advice and tips. For Cambridgeshire's Local Offer go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer



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