

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,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well after an enjoyable half term break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week and hear the tales of a variety of adventures from last week.

- Welcome Back
- Collective Worship Spotlight
- Arts Days
- Announcements

On Monday, we welcomed Reverend Julie to lead our collective worship. We explored the feelings of temptation together, before understanding why Ash Wednesday is an important day for Christians.

Today, we marked the start of Lent by building our Lenten altar together. We changed our cloth to purple and children could explain that the colour purple represented royalty - linked to the Servant King. Meanwhile, we built a small scene amongst sand to symbolise the three temptations that Jesus experienced in the desert.

Additionally, we have received this year's Lenten Challenge from Bishop Stephen - 'Live Life Full this Lent'. We explored the idea of how to 'fill our own cup' and 'fill the cups of others' by the choices we make.



Arts Days

Pupils enjoyed a terrific couple of days exploring Indian visual and performing arts. Reception and KS1 took part in fantastic Indian dance workshops with Miss Louise. Meanwhile, KS2 explored using acrylic paint to produce magnificent canvas boards with Indian symbols, e.g. lotus flower, Bhindi teardrop, Taj Mahal. We were delighted to welcome back visiting artist, Heidi Street-Ward, who worked with us back in 2018 on some felt-making. After the dance workshops were complete, the whole school was invited to watch performances together in the hall. The children performed with lots of energy and enthusiasm, impressing the entire audience with their concentration and focus. The paintings produced by KS2 were an absolute delight to see – such an array of vibrant colours and vivid imagery. We hope to have these on display in school soon!

“The music was good. I can remember the actions!” Rupert, Reception Class.

“It was really fun and I liked the dancing!” Nina, Reception Class.

“I really enjoyed the art workshops. I like being creative and I have learned some good tips!” Daya, Year 4.

“The painting was fun and I really liked decorating my painting with some gems to give it extra detail.” Henry, Year 3.

Both Miss Louise (Primary Workshops for Schools) and Heidi (Artists in Schools) commented on how enthusiastic and well-behaved our pupils were throughout their workshops. We thank them for spending time with us and also thank all of the wonderful volunteer helpers over the course of the two days.

A big thank you to Mrs. Unwin for leading the day!

Arts Days - Artwork



Arts Days - Dances



Churchyard

It has come to our attention that there is a mixture of litter and some personal possessions left in the churchyard. For safety, we would advise children to be supervised in this area.

Twinning

We are pleased to share that the village twinning visits will recommence. You can find information about the twinning association's upcoming visit to Verneuil-en-Halatte [here](#).

What's On - South Cambridgeshire

The Child and Family Centre 'What's On' brochure can be found [here](#). It contains a variety of courses and events.



SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE
CHILD AND FAMILY CENTRE

WHAT'S ON

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Welcome to our Child & Family Centres.

We aim to make sure families have access to the services, support and information they need in a welcoming place.

There is a small charge for some groups but please let us know if payment may be difficult.