

# 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. This last week, it has been wonderful to welcome children back and enjoy their enthusiasm for their learning. You can read all about our curriculum and how it is carefully woven together [here](#).

- Curriculum Thread
- Lent Challenge
- Thank you to staff!
- World Book Day
- Prayer Meeting
- Village Twinning
- Cake on the Gate
- Announcements

Our new curriculum thread for this half term is: **Community: Empathy**. On Monday, I was delighted to be able to pop into Year 4 and share some of their class text - The Boy at the Back of the Class. This text explores the journey of a Syrian refugee in a UK primary school.

Meanwhile, Year 2 have been exploring Fairtrade and understanding the different profits received by the groups of workers involved in the production of chocolate.

Year 3,5 and 6 have been exploring different communities and how they operated through history in their history-led topics:

- Y3 - Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages;
- Y5 - Egyptology;
- Y6 - The Vikings - fearsome raiders or farmers and traders; are we fair to the Vikings?

Looking at other aspects of empathy, children in Reception are exploring their own preferences and the preferences of others through their 'Yuck or Yummy' topic. Year 1 are exploring applying empathy in thinking about what like was like in the time of their grandparents through comparing the toys they would have enjoyed.

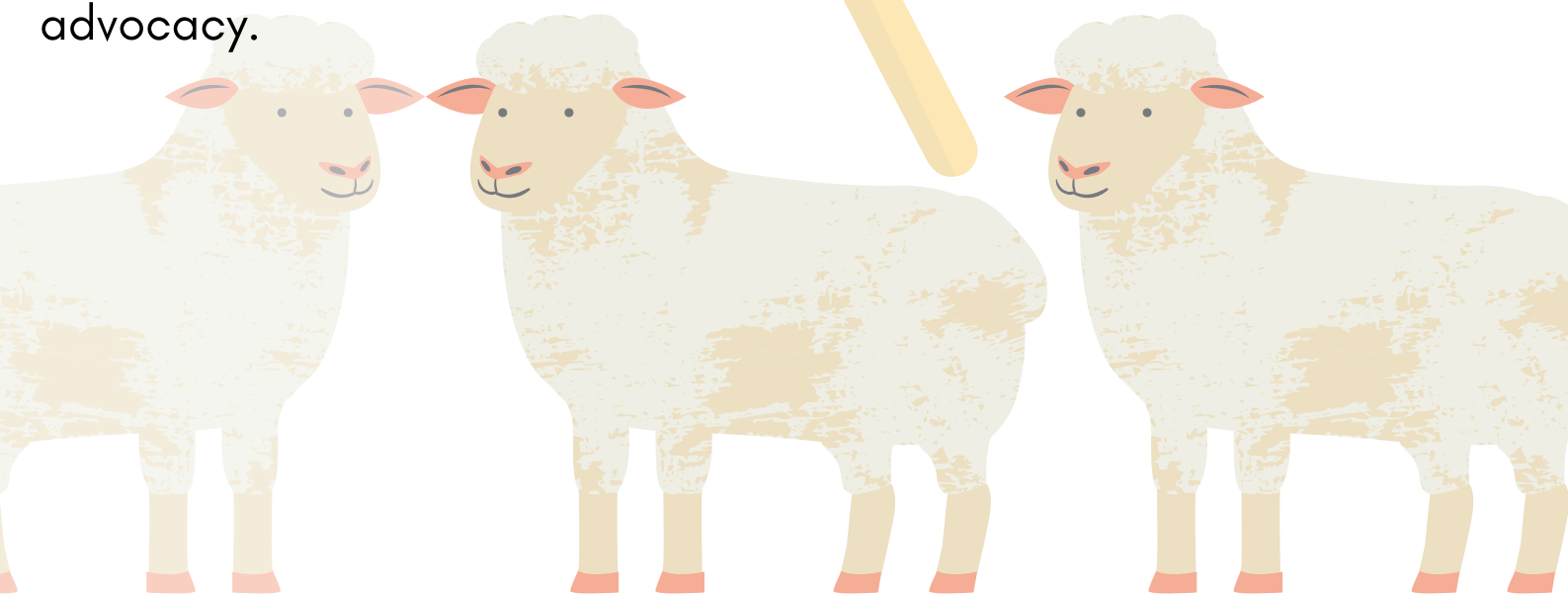
# Lent Challenge

This week, we have continued with Bishop Stephen's Lent Challenge - 'live life to the full this lent'.

We explored the idea of what it means to be a shepherd - linking this to the analogy of the Lord being a shepherd and psalm 23.

Meanwhile, we continued to understand the role of a Bishop - as a shepherd for the diocese and were delighted to receive a gift from the diocese.

We unpacked a beautiful new trophy for celebrating courageous advocacy. Next week, School Council will be launching a new challenge to classes to explore those things that need to change in different aspects of our world. We will be encouraging children to stand up for what they know is right and make a difference - through applying courageous advocacy.



## Thank You!

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I would like to thank all the staff for continuing to provide uninterrupted, provision for families during the national and local strike dates. Whilst we recognise that eligible staff have the right to strike, we are very grateful for the continued hard work and dedication of all staff to make it smooth and seamless for families.

## World Book Day

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We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day tomorrow - Thursday 2nd March. We will be holding a parade on the playground at 9:05am. Families are welcome to stay to appreciate the array of costumes! There will also be a variety of reading and book themed activities and events during the day for pupils.

## Prayer Meeting - Thursday 2nd March

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A group meet up once a term to pray for our school and local community. **We will be meeting at 8.30pm on Thursday 2nd March at 78 Hinton Way, Great Shelford, CB22 5AL.**

We would love to have others join us - do come along if you would like to.

## Twinning

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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](#).



# CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Friday 24th February

## GATHERING

We entered the hall to  
Never Giving up, by  
Fearless Soul

We gathered with our  
vision statement - also  
signed in sign  
language:

*We live and work in harmony  
with love for one another*

## LEBRATIONS ->

## SENDING

We were sent with our  
vision statement - also  
signed in sign language:

*we can achieve our potential  
within a community of life-long learners.*

and 'Shine from the  
inside out'

**Celia** - Joseph S  
**Cyril** - Mr. Grey

**Sports Leaders:** Matias B; Jasper C; Gilly G;  
Max M - Play Leader Bronze Awards for  
leading 10 play sessions as Play Leaders at  
lunchtimes.

**Wonderful Walkers** - Year 1

**Star Writers** -

**Matylda P** - for a carefully written story -  
The Bear and the Flute, inspired by The  
Bear and the Piano

**Headteacher Awards:**

**Amal R** - for demonstrating kindness and a  
caring nature within the class.

**Alex K** - for showing enthusiasm and  
demonstrating good participation in whole  
class writing this week.

**Rupert K** - for excellent listening and  
participation in class discussions.

**Ruby J** - for giving a great summary about  
your recent experiences in Germany,  
including sharing the similarities and  
differences to the school you visited and  
Shelford School.

**Barny N** - for being a 'Go for it Gorilla' in  
this week's fruit tasting, linked to the class  
work on Handa's Surprise.

**Eloise L and Rose L** - each for taking their  
enthusiasm for learning home and  
exploring and creating a variety of pop-up  
pages and mechanisms.



# Cambridge Festival

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Have you seen the amazing array of events available at the Cambridge Festival? If not, check them out [here](#).

## CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL

### My School Fund

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Thank you to those parents who have registered for **My School Fund** which is a reward system through Sainsburys and Argos. School has earned £89.14 so far which we can use to fund purchases from one of our suppliers - ESPO.

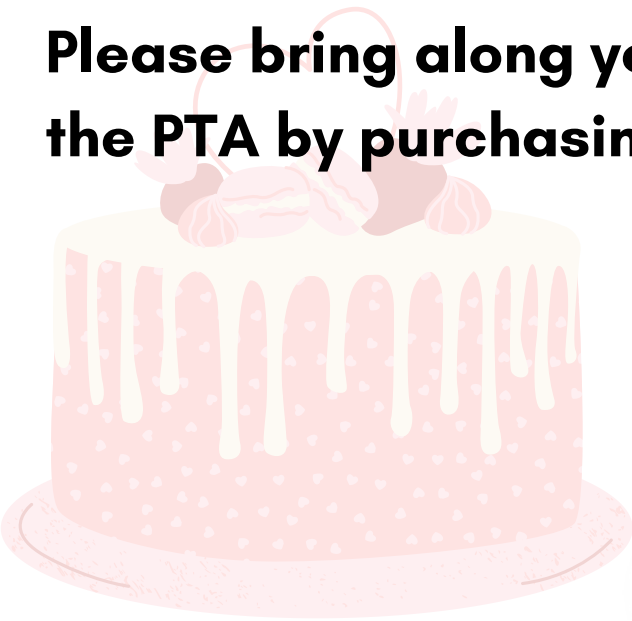
Parents also benefit from using this scheme. For more details please click [here](#).

### Cake at the Gate

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**Year 3 are organising 'cake at the gate' this Friday 3rd March after school.**

**Please bring along your cash or cards and support the PTA by purchasing some sweet treats!**



# Spring & Summer

## at Anglesey Abbey

### World Book Day

4 & 5 March

Free child entry and free childrens lunch boxes from Redwoods restaurant for every child who is dressed up, brings their favourite book, or can tell a member of the team their favourite book. There will be storytelling, a creative writing competition and a mad hatters tea party in Redwoods.

For the full terms and conditions see our website.

### Easter adventures at Anglesey Abbey

1-16 April

Join the egg-citement this Easter and head on an adventure inspired by the magic of books. Don't forget your chocolate egg reward!

Pre-booking essential  
£3 per trail

Come and enjoy a summer of play at Anglesey Abbey. To find out all the latest information and what's on visit our website.

[nationaltrust.org.uk/Anglesey-Abbey](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/Anglesey-Abbey)

