

THE SHELFORD STAR

WEEKLY SCHOOL 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. We are now in the middle of Summer Term 1. Each half term brings a new curriculum thread. For this half term, we focus on Growth and Changes.

- Growth and Changes curriculum thread
- Reception Chicks
- Spotlight on Year 2
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Straight after Easter, Reception children welcomed living eggs to their classroom. Lots of joy, wonder and amazement was evident at the hatching of the chicks. Meanwhile, the way that they grew and changed really surprised the children. Fortunately, we may hear some updates as 4 hens were adopted by one of the families. Well done to Reception children for demonstrating great kindness and responsibility in caring for the chicks. You can read about their full journey on our [Chick Watch 2024 page](#).



Reception Class' Living Eggs

My Chick Diary

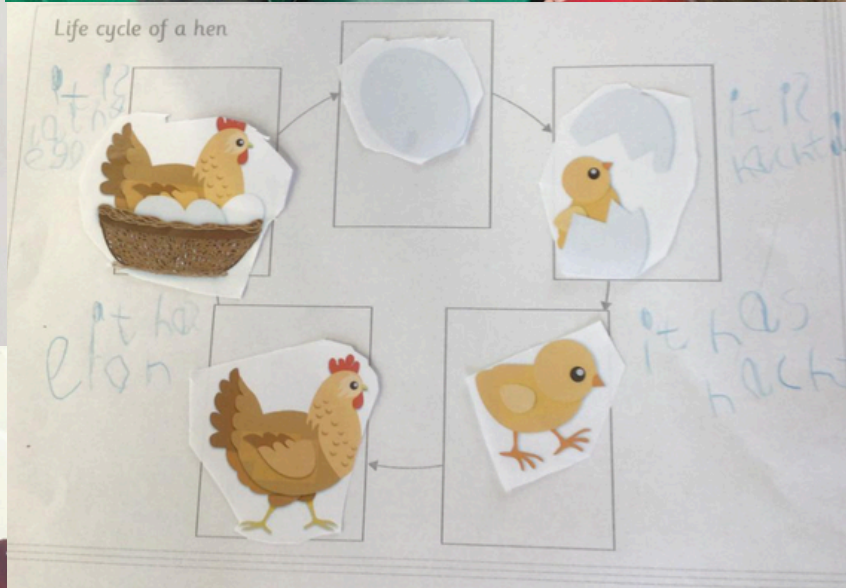
Week Beg: 15.4.24

Name: Noah

What can you see today? Look carefully at the incubator/brooder and draw and label what you see in the box below.

Can you write some sentences to describe what is happening / what has changed? What is the same / different to the last time you saw the eggs/chicks?

all ten chicks
have hatched.
they like
their food.



AMY

6+4

9+1

5+10+0



Chick watch

6 male

4 female

we think!

Spotlight on Year 2

Year 2 have recently enjoyed three exciting enrichment events. On Thursday 18th April, children in Year 2 enjoyed a creative chocolate workshop. This was linked to their topic on chocolate. Children particularly enjoyed the hands-on chocolate lolly making session!



On Monday 22nd April, Year 2 headed off to Wandlebury. During this visit, they focused on animals and their habitats, along with a variety of plants.



Finally, on Thursday 30th April, the class enjoyed a Fairytale Castle Day, linked to their topic, 'Look at that Beanstalk Grow!'. Children enjoyed undertaking a variety of castle 'jobs' in the morning, before a banquet in the afternoon!



Summer Music Events

Music is something we prioritise at Shelford. We are fortunate to have it flowing throughout the curriculum and throughout our daily life, including in worship. As part of our continued showcasing of music, we will be holding our annual **Instrumentalists' Concert** and **Summer Concert** this term. In addition to this, the choir have a public engagement at The Shelford Feast!

Our Instrumentalists' Concert will take place on the evening of **Wednesday 6th June 2024**. It will start at **6:00pm in the school hall**. It commences with a performance by orchestra. This will be followed by individual performances from instrumentalists.

As we are fortunate to have so many pianists, the younger pianists' concert will take place on **Tuesday 5th June 2024**. This will start at 2pm. This concert is for pupils in Years 2, 3 and 4 to perform to their families and a small audience of pupils.

Our annual Summer Concert comprises performances by our orchestra and choir. This is set for the evening of **Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 6:00pm**. It will take place at Great Shelford Free Church.

Each year, our choir perform at The Shelford Feast. This year, they will perform on **Sunday 7th July**. Choir members will need to meet at **3:00pm** on the day!



Year 4 visit to Kew Gardens

At the end of April, Year 4 visited Kew Gardens. They enjoyed a wonderful trip, learning more about their climate learning in geography and biomes learning in Science. The trip included an exploration of the gardens and informative educational talk.



OFSTED Visit

As you will be aware, we welcomed OFSTED inspectors to the school on the 12th and 13th March. It was a pleasure to be able to share the life of the school with them.

In particular, it was a great opportunity to showcase the exceptional work of our staff team with the wonderful opportunities that they plan and lead with the children.

We have had sight of our draft report and are awaiting the final report. We will share this with families when it has been received.

Pentecost Reminder

As per the dates circulated in September, we will be marking Pentecost on Monday 20th May. **This will be a non-uniform day for pupils.** They are invited to wear their own clothes, with as much red, yellow and orange as possible!

Key Dates Summary

	20/05/24	All Day	Pentecost Party – pupils to wear non-uniform in colours of red, yellow and orange	School
	24/05/24	All Day	Y4 Bikeability	Playground
	24/05/24		End of Summer 1	
	w/c 27/05/24		May Half Term	Somewhere inspiring
	03/06/24		Start of Summer 2	School
	03/06/24 – 14/06/24		Year 4 Multiplication Check Fortnight	School
	w/c 10/06/24		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	School
	21/06/24	AM	Group Photographs	School
	03/07/24		Transition Day (Y6 to SVC and Shelford Transition Day)	SVC / Shelford
	03/07/24	3:30pm – 4:15pm	Meet the Teacher 2024-2025 and School Development Afternoon	Hall
	TBC		Y6 Production	TBC
	19/07/24	9:30am	Leavers' Service	St. Mary's
	19/07/24		Leavers' Day	School
	19/07/24		End of academic year	

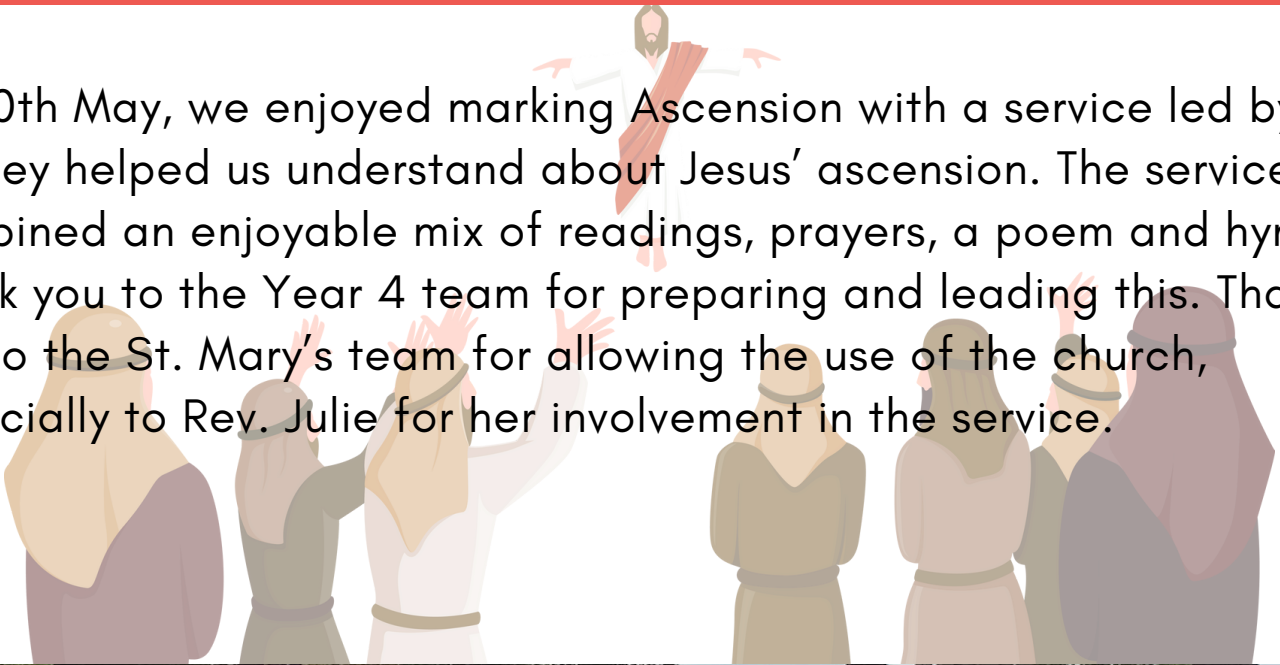
French Role Play Day

During the week commencing 22nd April, we held an International Week. On Thursday 25th April, we held a French Role Play Day. Children across the school enjoyed applying their French language to a variety of contexts in a role play village. Thank you to Mrs. Spencer for arranging and leading this for the school.



Ascension Service and Picnic

On 10th May, we enjoyed marking Ascension with a service led by Year 4. They helped us understand about Jesus' ascension. The service combined an enjoyable mix of readings, prayers, a poem and hymns. Thank you to the Year 4 team for preparing and leading this. Thank you to the St. Mary's team for allowing the use of the church, especially to Rev. Julie for her involvement in the service.



PTA Announcements

Smartboards for Y1, Y4 and Y6

We are currently fundraising for essential smartboards. Thank you for all your generous donations so far ! If you do have any spare cash, do consider making a bank transfer to the PTA account towards these items:

Account Name: Shelford School PTA

Sort Code: 30-91-74

Account No: 01248038

Year 4 have even written a poem!

A Plea for an Essential Tool

Games, quizzes, reading, it all goes through the board,
A treasure trove of knowledge the teachers like to hoard.

But why are they needed? I hear you all cry,

To keep the kids engaged and reaching for the sky. We model how to write and the children join in too, All the interactives change a person's view.

The white boards are static and info can't be stored,

We really, really, really, need our interactive boards!

Tea Towels

Thank you to Clare Mellor and teachers for doing a fantastic job of organising over 200 children to do whole school tea towels and raising over £750! Rainbow/Sunbeam parents - look out for your hand print tea towels coming soon.

Easter Egg hunt

The Easter Egg hunt on the Rec led by Rainbow preschool was a great success with well over £600 being raised. Special thanks to organisers Rosie Twist, Joe Christopher, Vanessa Nash and Alice Walker as well as Easter Bunny Allison and all the parent volunteers for making this community event run so smoothly.

Save the Dates

Campout - Saturday 15th June - overnight at school

Summer fair - Saturday 22nd June - 1-4pm at school

Kids' Disco - Wednesday 10th July - 4-5:30pm in the Feast tent

SHELFORD SCHOOL
SUMMER CAMP OUT
SATURDAY
JUNE 15TH



Cambridgeshire SEND Information Hub (Local Offer)

Visit the SEND Information Hub website to find services, support and advice for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their families

send.cambridgeshire.gov.uk



Visit the SEND Information Hub by scanning the QR code



**Cambridgeshire
County Council**

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP 2024 FOR CHILDREN AGED 4- 12 YEARS @ FOXTON VILLAGE HALLS

Monday 29th July - Friday
2nd August from 10.00am-
4.00pm (with Early Start
& Late Stay available)
Children will participate
in Dance, Drama and
Gymnastics lessons plus
outdoor Games, Craft
sessions, a Forest School
Experience, BMX Scooter
Workshops and an end of
week party! A great
opportunity to learn new
skills whilst making new
friends! Please click on
the attached flyer for
more information.

To join us for the week
please use this link:
[https://the-lane-
academy.classforkids.io/c
amp/18](https://the-lane-academy.classforkids.io/camp/18)

To join us for specific
dates please book here:
[https://the-lane-
academy.classforkids.io/c
amp/20](https://the-lane-academy.classforkids.io/camp/20)

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**THE LANE
ACADEMY**

**Summer
HOLIDAY CAMP**

Fun All Day Long!

Children of 4-12 years can join us to enjoy learning new skills whilst making new friends. Activities include: Dance, Drama, Gymnastics, Outside Sports & Games, Arts & Crafts sessions, a Forest School experience, a BMX Scooter Workshop and a Musical Theatre Workshop with a guest West End Performer!

When: Monday 29 July - Friday 2nd August

Times: 10.00am-4.00pm daily
(Early start 9.00-10.00am &
Late Stay 4.00-5.00pm available)

Where: Foxton Village Halls,
Hardman Road, Foxton CB22 6RN

How to Book:
Online: <https://the-lane-academy.classforkids.io/camp/18>
Contact us: info@laneacademy.co.uk