

# 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. Yesterday, we marked Safer Internet Day. The day commenced with a special worship session led by Miss Hudson around important themes relating to online safety. This year's theme was - **'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'**.

- Safer Internet Day
- Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations
- Upcoming Events
- Choir
- Arts Days
- Indoor Athletics
- STEM Ambassadors - volunteers needed
- Announcements
- Celebration Worship

A highlight of this week has been to welcome our Y1 to Y6 families to Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations. It has been a very welcome return to our face-to-face format for the Spring term.

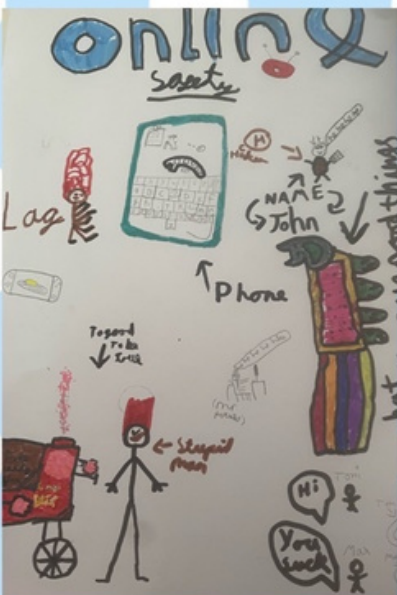
We have enjoyed sharing the records of learning that pupils have completed in the first half of the academic year. This forms an important part of knowing what your child is learning in school and knowing how well they are doing.

This has been a very positive and welcome return to normal and such a delight to welcome families to the school for these events. **We have also been seeking parent feedback via a very short survey, which you can access [here](#).**

# Safer Internet Day 2023

## Safer Internet Day 2023

Let's Talk About It!



# Upcoming Events

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- **Thursday 9th February** - remaining Parents' Consultations
- **Thursday 9th February and Friday 10th February** - Arts Days - see below for details.
- **Friday 10th February** - end of half term
- **Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February** - February half term holiday
- **Monday 20th February** - return to school
- **Tuesday 21st February** - Scootability (Y2) and Balanceability (Reception) commences weekly
- **Tuesday 21st February** - Shrove Tuesday
- **Wednesday 22nd February** - Ash Wednesday
- **Friday 24th February** - Choir commences for Y5 & Y6
- **Thursday 2nd March** - World Book Day - details to follow
- **Monday 6th March** - KS2 Growth Mindset: Urban Strides
- **Thursday 9th March** - Y1 History off the Page - Toys
- **w/c 13th March** - Start of Shelford Science Fortnight
- **Monday 13th March** - Isabel Thomas (Science Author) Visit
- **Wednesday 22nd March** - Science Centre Events in school
- **w/c 27th March** - Book Fair
- **Thursday 30th March** - Y5 Ancient Egyptian Museum
- **Friday 31st March** - Easter Service
- **Friday 31st March** - end of spring term
- **Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April**
- **Monday 14th April** - start of the summer term

## Choir

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Mrs. Barlow is running the choir for Key Stage 2 pupils on Friday mornings at 8am in the Hall. The start dates are below:

- **Year 5 and Year 6** - from Friday 24th February
- **Year 3 and Year 4** - from Friday 3rd March

[To register click here.](#)



# Arts Days

9th and 10th February

We are looking forward to hosting two days' of exciting art activities: an Indian dance workshop for EYFS and KS1 provided by 'Primary Workshops for Schools', and acrylic painting on canvas boards for KS2, also with an Indian theme, facilitated by visiting artist, Heidi Street-Ward.

## Indoor Athletics



Last week, we shared with you that the Year 3s and Year 4s took part in the Indoor Athletics, led by SVC Sports Leaders. Our 8 finalists will soon be competing against the other finalists across the cluster.



# STEM Ambassadors

Following the success of events in previous years, we are interested in recruiting some STEM Ambassadors for school to help bring STEM subjects alive and provide real-life examples of industry careers, facilitating an invaluable link between schools and the world outside.



**If you work in Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths and would be interested in getting involved, please do get in touch. We are interested in hearing from anyone who would be prepared to either lead a short assembly to the whole school (10-15 minutes) or willing to be involved in increasing our Science Capital in any other way e.g. leading a workshop, supporting a Science Club, or if preferred, preparing a talk to be shared virtually.**

Initially we are looking for volunteers to be involved during British Science Week this year, Wk Beg 13th March (or a time near to that date), but we would also love to hear from parents or carers for whom it may be preferable to support us at a different time in the year.

If you are interested in finding out more or getting involved, please contact Mrs Clarke, Science Leader via [office@shelford.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@shelford.cambs.sch.uk). We know we are really lucky to have a wonderful wealth of expertise amongst the parent body and are keen to use local STEM Ambassadors to make that link really clear between the learning pupils are doing in the classroom and how they will be able to use that in the real world.

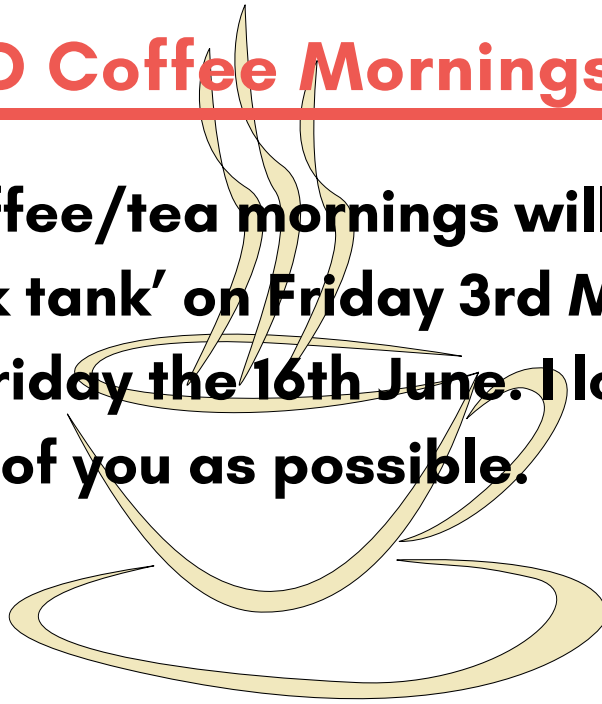


## **SEND Coffee Mornings**

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**SEND parent coffee/tea mornings will be held at 9am in the 'think tank' on Friday 3rd March , Friday 28th April and Friday the 16th June. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.**

Mrs. Pickard



## **Prayer Meeting**

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### **School Prayer Meeting - Thursday 2nd March**

**A small 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.**

# PTA Announcements

The first PTA Ceilidh held on Saturday 4th February was a huge success and great fun for all who attended. The evening began with an impressive and truly Scottish welcome as Douglas Leckie played everyone in on the bagpipes. The band, Catch the Pigeon and their caller were then introduced. The fantastic playing of the band along with the energy and enthusiasm of the caller had everyone up dancing almost every dance (with just the occasional rest or rehydration needed). Thanks must go to Amanda Smith for the work she put into leading this event and to all of the PTA team who also worked to make it such a success. There have already been many requests since to repeat the Ceilidh experience so watch this space for future Ceilidhs!

Along with the Ceilidh we have also been running a raffle with a wonderful selection of prizes donated by our local businesses. This will continue this week and be drawn at the end of the school day this Friday, 10th February when winners will be announced. Thank you to everyone who has supported these fundraisers.

## Future PTA dates for your diaries:

**Friday 3rd March -**  
Second hand book sale  
(donations from Mon 27th Feb)

**Saturday 11th March -**  
Bike sale

**Saturday 20th May -**  
Quiz (this will be held in the school hall with more details to follow after half term so please start organising your teams to participate)



Celebrate World Book Day with the Shelford School PTA

# BOOKS & CAKE

At the school gate

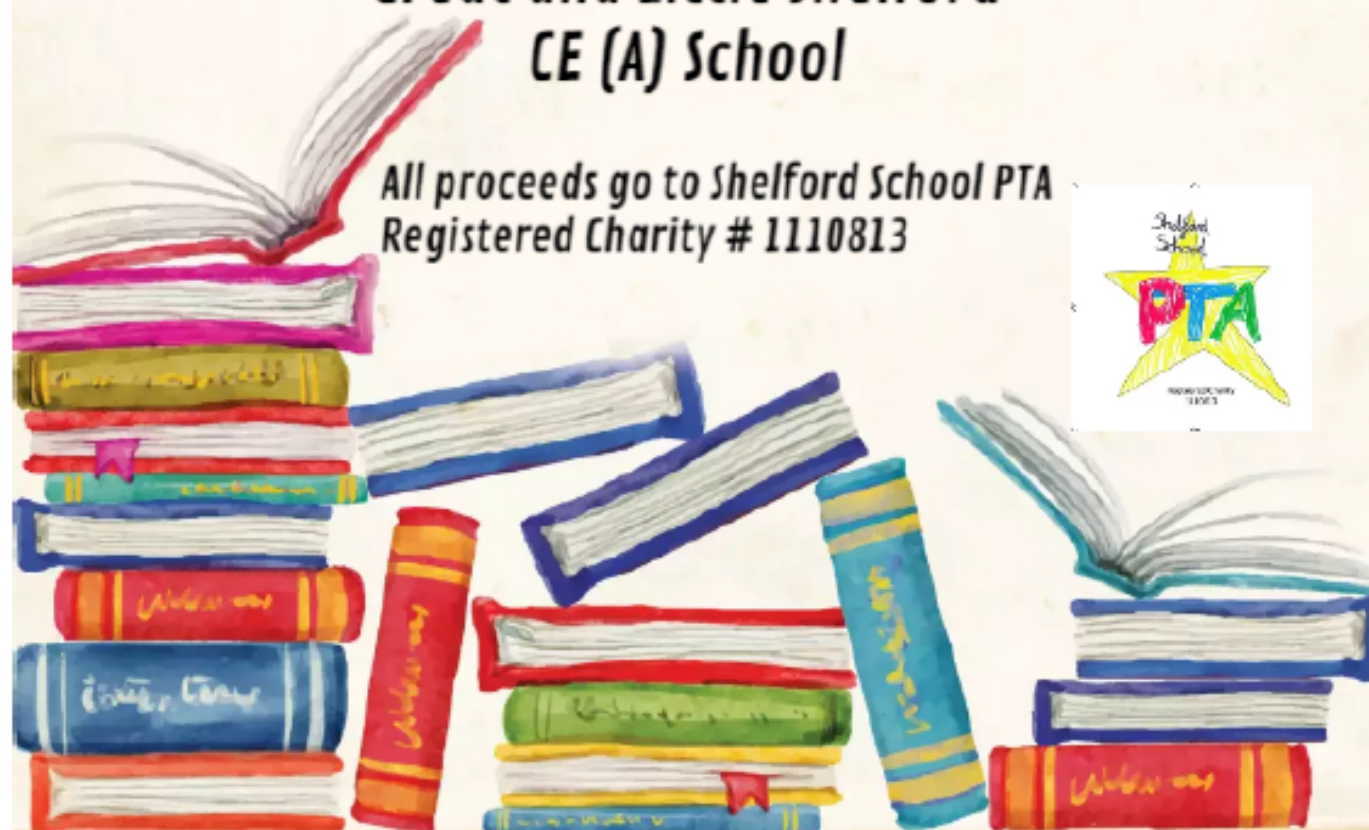
*Pre-loved books in great condition*

Friday, March 3

3.20 PM onwards

Great and Little Shelford  
CE (A) School

All proceeds go to Shelford School PTA  
Registered Charity # 1110813







# CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Friday 9th 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 - Hatty L** - for helping many people  
over time, showing a caring nature for  
others.

**Cyril - Mrs. Murray** - for being a great  
teacher when leading maths and PE lessons  
for Year 4.

**Silver Bins** - Year 1 and Year 3 (4th week  
running)

**Dinner Winners** - Year 2

### Headteacher Awards:

**Charles A** - for applying learning from  
growth mindset morning, encouraging  
others and continuing to try hard.

**Olivia T** - for working hard on cursive  
handwriting, improving due to continued  
effort.

**Bertie G-C** - for great contributions in  
group reading sessions, finding evidence to  
support answers.

**Jessica S** - for excellent focus and  
participation in phonics, leading to good  
progress.

**Daya M** - for a fantastic self-portrait  
using oil pastels - in the style of Henry  
Matisse.



## HOUSEPOINTS

**Housepoints: this week's  
winning house is domus  
pertendentium - the  
house of determination-  
The Red Squirrels.**



# Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter

## February 2023



I am Naomi Shepherd and I am part of the Education Inclusion Family Advisor team.

Education Inclusion Family Advisors can offer support with a range of themes including challenging behaviours, bedtime problems, worries etc. Please get in touch via my details below for further information.



### Parenting Top Tips Safer Internet Day 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023

For parents/carers to help support their child to stay safe and happy online

- Make space for enjoying and exploring the online world together!
- Make space for working as a family to agree expectations for going online
- Make space for learning about the apps, games, and websites your child is using
- Make space for supporting and reassuring your child if things go wrong

More info: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/>



### Activity Idea - Well done jar!

A great way to encourage behaviours you want to see.

What you will need:

- A clean jar
- Paper
- Pens/pencils



Catch your child being good!

Every time you spot your child doing something write it down and pop it in the jar. If you or your child are feeling creative, decorate with any craft materials you like.

A great way to promote positive behaviours and improve self-esteem.



### Another Resource

Here is a link to access free downloadable resources around children's social and emotional and emotional resources. If you like and enjoy the many free downloads, you can check in with them each Friday as this is when they create another free resource.

To access them, click on the link below :

[Free Resources Archives - ELSA Support \(elsa-support.co.uk\)](https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/)

To get you started I have added a download called 'Friendly February'

Download: [Friendly February](#)



**Does** your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? Pinpoint ([www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk](http://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](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer)



Cambridgeshire  
County Council



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Contact me directly on



# Term Dates 23-24

The school term dates for next academic year have now been approved by governors and can be found [at this link](#).



## Great and Little Shelford CE (A) Primary School Term Dates 2023 - 2024

September 2023							
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44	30	31					

November 2023							
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December 2023							
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February 2024							
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March 2024							
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June 2024							
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July 2024							
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Key							
	PD Day (no pupils in school)						
	Holiday						
n	Bank Holiday						
	Term time (pupils in school)						
	Weekends						

## Community Awards 2023

Following the well received inaugural awards in 2022, Great Shelford Parish Council are, once again, looking for nominations for their Community Awards 2023.

We are looking to celebrate anyone under 18 years of age who has overcome personal difficulty or made a stand to improve their life or the lives of others. Some examples may be coping with bereavement, bullying, disability or medical conditions, or someone who has supported others who face such problems.

Nominations are easy and there is a really simple form on the website (via this [link](#)). The deadline is 17th February.



# 'RARE-i-Tea' Party

Celebrate International Rare Disease Day  
with CamRARE's community and friends

Cambridge Rare Disease Network (CamRARE) and their Unique Feet community group warmly invite you to join them at their Rare-i-tea party for tea and cakes to celebrate this year's Rare Disease Day.

## WHEN & WHERE?

Saturday, Feb 18, 2023, 2pm - 4pm

Storey's Field Centre, Eddington Ave, Cambridge CB3 1AA, UK

## WHO IS THE EVENT FOR?

Everyone! This public event is open to all - children, families, those affected by rare conditions and those working with them, students, company representatives, scientists, healthcare professionals, and friends of CamRARE. Everyone's welcome!

## WHAT'S ON?

As well as the tea and cake available to buy, there will be:

- sensory activities
- crafts
- science activities
- accessible indoor games with Power2Inspire

## CamRARE

Learn about CamRARE's community work and meet members of the Unique Feet group.

If your child has a rare or undiagnosed condition apply for a rare bear and learn about joining the Unique Feet community group and adults, or parents of children, with a rare condition can sign up for the pilot Rare Patient "This is Me" passport trial.

## WHAT IS RARE DISEASE DAY?

Rare Disease Day is an annual event "raising awareness and generating change for the 300 million people worldwide living with a rare disease, their families and carers"

You can find out more here: <https://www.rarediseaseday.org>

## TICKETS:

Find out more about what's in store and get your tickets here (tickets are free but you must book in advance):

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rare-disease-day-rare-i-tea-party-cambridge-tickets-510660809227>

Sat February 18th | 2pm - 4pm |  
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