

THE SHELFORD STAR

WEEKLY SCHOOL UPDATE

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Dear Members of the Great and Little Shelford Community,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well. This week, we've continued with regularly revisiting and exploring our whole school rules in classes and collective worship.

This week, our focus in collective worship has been comparing our behaviours to a drop falling into water – the ripple effect. We explored small acts of kindness, thinking what these could be and how they impact on others. We used [this video](#) to see how just one kind behaviour can influence others.

When exploring our whole school rules, we chose two as particular targets at the moment:

- Listen to others;
- Walk around the school safely and smartly.

At this week's celebration worship, we were able to celebrate many examples of how pupils have shown our Shelford Star Values.

NEWSLETTER IN 60 SECONDS

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Our Whole School Rules

- Be kind and respectful with our words, bodies and actions!
- Listen to everyone!
- Be inclusive!
- Help others!
- Walk around smartly and safely!
- Look after the environment!

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Burwell House Residential

On Monday 8th January, Year 5 arrived at school with smiles and suitcases. Full of excitement and anticipation, they boarded the coach to Burwell House.

They arrived at the house and were greeted by Edward, who oversaw the majority of the activities through our time there.

After a briefing and exploration of key values-based targets for the trip (responsibility, respect, teamwork) we commenced the Snail Game - finding clues around the site, whilst becoming familiar with the grounds. During the remainder of day 1, we explored the TV Studio and an orienteering activity.

Day 2 saw the carousel of activities linked to the TV Studio and creating batik bags. In the TV Studio, children performed their scripts that they prepared at school and also had a turn with the technical aspects.

On our final day, we took part in the activity that the children later voted as their favourite... Burwell Fox. Whilst the teachers enjoyed a cup of tea, 4 farmers were welcomed to the site - Farmer Weston, Farmer Sheppard, Farmer Haigh and Farmer Grey. Their aim was to catch the vast number of 9 and 10 year old foxes that had plagued Burwell!

To read a detailed account of what they've been up to, you can read the Burwell blog [here](#).



Choir Take Part in Young Voices 2024

On Monday 15th January, Year 4, 5 and 6 members of the choir travelled to the O2 Arena, London to take part in Young Voices 2024.

The children have been practising a range of songs over the past few months during their choir sessions and some additional rehearsals. The visit commenced with a rehearsal. This was no mean feat, as there were around 8,000 children present! The song performances included dance moves, harmonies and parts.

In the evening, the O2 welcomed another 8,000 people to the performance! Thank you to all the families who attended to share in the special event.

Well done to the children who attended. They were particularly noticed for demonstrating responsibility and resilience during the trip. Thank you to the adults who accompanied the trip and to Mrs. Barlow and Mrs. Bell for leading the rehearsals. A special thank you to Mrs. Smith for making a wonderful new banner!



Curriculum Thread



Our Community - local and global

A new half term brings a new curriculum thread. Our termly curriculum threads tie each class' topics together. A summary of these can be found below:

Reception - It's freezing here!

Year 1 - Wonderful Weather!

Year 2 - Chinese New Year

Year 3 - Mighty Mountains

Year 4 - Europe Now and Ancient Egypt

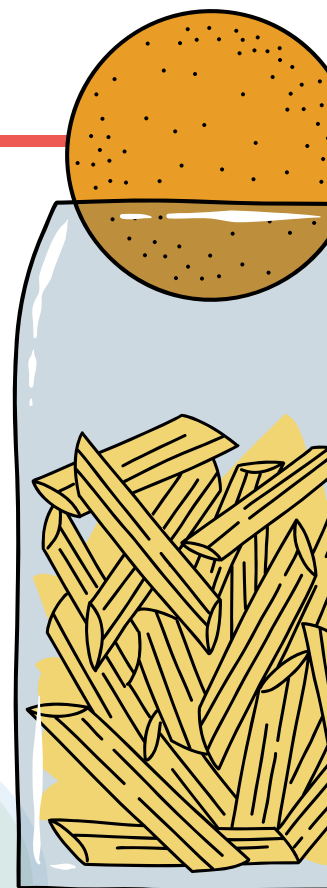
Year 5 - Life on the Nile

Year 6 - Anglo Saxons - where did they settle and how do we know? To find out more about our curriculum, you can read the topic thread definitions [here](#).

We look forward to a variety of engaging and enriching opportunities linked to the topics for the half term ahead!

Parent Point

Reinforcing pro-social behaviours at home can feel like an additional load on top of our already busy lives. A simple way to reinforce pro-social behaviours can be done quickly, easily and at no cost. One tried-and-tested way just involves an empty jar and pasta! You can set a particular target - e.g. tidying up, getting ready independently etc. Or, have a general agreement about what you want to see. Also, agree a reward for when the jar is full - activities that centre on spending time together work really well, for example, a visit somewhere as a family or a movie night with the child(ren) choosing the film. Each time you see a pro-social behaviour that you wish to reinforce, pop a piece of pasta in the jar. **Top Tip** - don't use the pasta as a bribe! Make sure you acknowledge the behaviour spontaneously when you notice it.



As always, please do reach out if you or your family require any support. We are always happy to listen, help, support and signpost. Meanwhile you can read our [Early Help Offer](#).

Key Dates Summary

	02/02/24	2:30pm	Candlemas Service led by Year 2	St. Mary's
	13/02/24; 14/02/24 and 15/02/24	3:45pm – 6:30pm	Y1 – Y6 Parents' Consultations	School Hall
	16/02/24		End of Spring 1	
	w/c 19/02/24		February Half Term	Somewhere restful
	26/02/24		Start of Spring 2	School
	11/03/24 – 13/03/24		Y6 Grafham Water Residential	Grafham Water
	w/c 25/03/24		Shelford Holy Week	St. Mary's / All Saints' / GSFC / School
	25/03/24 & 26/03/24		Kapla Bricks Workshop	School Hall
	28/03/24	1:30pm	Easter Service	All Saints'
	28/03/24		Maundy Thursday – end of term	
	29/03/24 – 12/03/24		Easter Holidays	Somewhere peaceful
	TBC 10/05/24	11:00am	Ascension Service	St. Mary's
	TBC 10/05/24	12:00pm	Ascension Picnic	School Field

Uniform Reminders

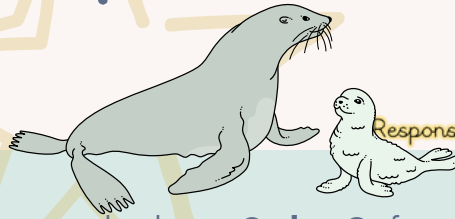
Please remember, PE uniform is the house t-shirt with a plain black or navy blue tracksuit. Other colours are not part of the school's PE uniform.

Earrings must be removed for PE sessions.

Black school shoes are uniform on non PE days (not trainers).

Celebration Warship

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Kindness

The Celia Award was awarded to **Orla S** for outstanding kindness in caring for a younger pupil who was upset - complimenting her and asking interesting questions to find out more about her. The Cyril Award was awarded to **Miss Thompson** for her kindness in Year 6, delivering learning in an engaging way. Meanwhile, Ffion M achieved a headteacher's award for kindness.



Creativity

This week, we heard about the creativity, responsibility and resilience demonstrated by the choir members who attended the visit to the O2 for Young Voices 2024.

Well done to all the children and adults that attended and thank you to everyone who made the trip possible.



Resilience

We shared the first 4 Silver Shelford Mile awards - well done for your resilience on the Shelford Mile track!

Meanwhile, **Alex K, Rosamunde B** and **Tom, S** received headteacher's awards for resilience.



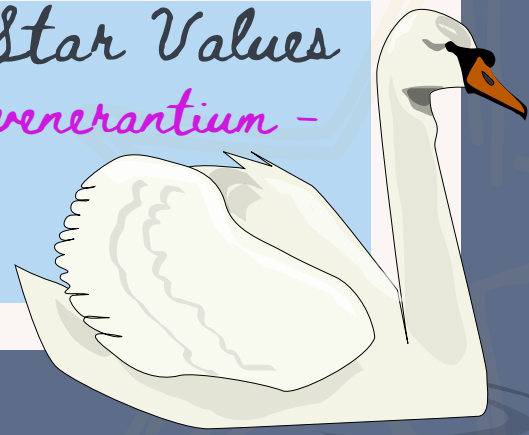
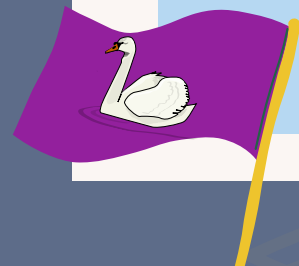
Responsibility

We recognised the responsibility shown throughout the school in different ways. The Eco Award was awarded to Reception. Dinner Winner was awarded to **Year 4** for their responsibility and kindness shown at lunchtimes. The following pupils received Headteacher's Awards for responsibility: **Sophie H, Daniel A-C, Hunter M,**



Housepoints for our Shelford Star Values

*This week's winning house is domus venerantium - the house of respect:
The Swans*



Swap seed with other gardeners

If you haven't got seed to swap come anyway

TRUMPINGTON ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

SEEDY SUNDAY

28th January
2024

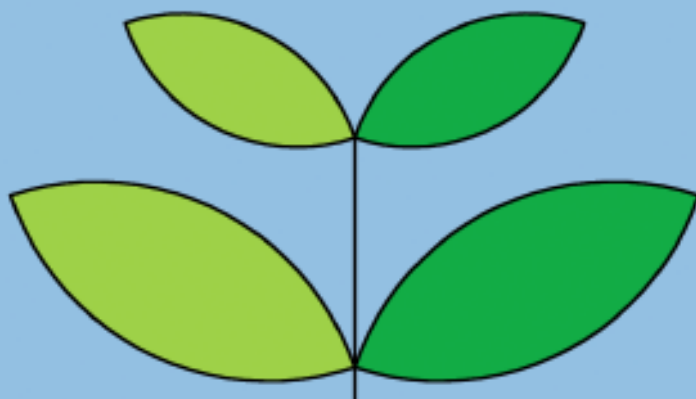
1.30 - 4.00pm

TRUMPINGTON
PAVILION
CB2 9JF

Entry £2
Children free

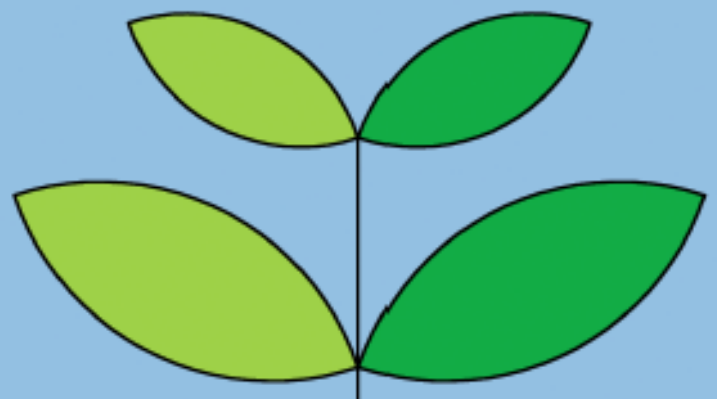
Please bring your unused seed clearly labelled to swap on the day

Just make a small donation in exchange for the seed you take



Tea & cakes
Memory Cafe

Heritage
Seeds
Thomas Eddy
Seeds



Trumpington
Community Orchard

Transition
Cambridge
Community
Groups



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