

# 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. We have been enjoying a variety of different events recently and are looking forward to those coming up too.

Last week, a group of Year 4s - Flossie P; Lola S; Elliot M and Tommy A - attended the St. Faith's Maths Challenge. They gave a good summary of the different challenges they undertook at the event in Celebration Worship. Thank you to Mrs. Murray for leading the visit.

On Tuesday 31st January, Y3 and Y4 enjoyed taking part in the Indoor Athletics Event, led by SVC Sports Leaders. They had a wonderful time and it was great to see their efforts in trying their very best. There will be a final for 8 pupils to attend on Tuesday 7th February at SVC.

**I am delighted to let you know about the reinstatement of the incredibly popular school choir! Mrs. Barlow will run 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.](#)**

- **Recent Events**
- **Choir**
- **Upcoming Events**
- **Arts Days - volunteers needed**
- **STEM Ambassadors - volunteers needed**
- **SEND Coffee Mornings**
- **Prayer Meeting**
- **Celebration Worship**

# Upcoming Events

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- **Thursday 2nd February - 2:30pm - Candlemas Service led by Y2 - St. Mary's**
- **Monday 6th February, Tuesday 7th February, Thursday 9th February - Parents Consultations**
- **Tuesday 7th February - Safer Internet Day**
- **Tuesday 7th February - 8 finalists to Indoor Athletics final at SVC**
- **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 - British Science Week**
- **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**

# 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.

KS2 classes are looking for 2 or 3 parent volunteers to assist in each of their workshops. Class teachers will liaise with class reps, so please contact them if you are able to help at the following times:

Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Year 4 - 9am - 12pm Year 5 - 12.45pm - 3.30pm	Year 3 - 9am - 12pm Year 6 - 12.45pm - 3.30pm

We are also looking for donations of old, adult-sized shirts to use as art aprons. Please send these in as soon as possible.

The painting workshops will take place in the Think Tank so please be aware that Breakfast Club will be relocated over those two days:

Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Year 3 Classroom	Hall

# 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.**

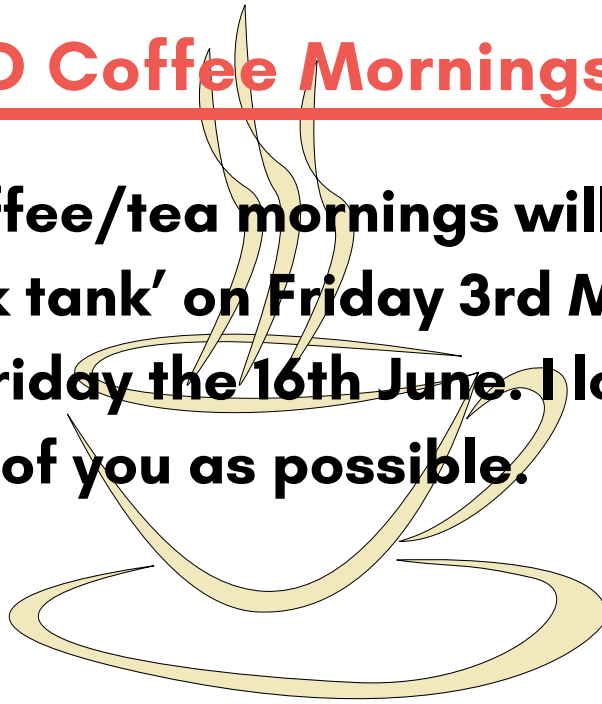
Initially we are looking for volunteers to be involved during British Science Week this year, Wk Beg 13th March (or a time near to that date), but we would also love to hear from parents or carers for whom it may be preferable to support us at a different time in the year.

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.**



## **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

*You are warmly invited to...*

*A good ol' knees-up  
with 'Catch the Pigeon' Ceilidh band (with caller)  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
8pm - 11pm  
Great Shelford Memorial Hall, Woollard's Lane*



*£15 - Includes a Welcome Drink*

*(Bar and snacks available to purchase on the night by card or cash).*

*Limited availability! Reserve your place now by expressing  
your interest using the link*

<https://forms.gle/ECGXVhhZZmWFZCiU9>

*... pay later!*

*All profits to Shelford School PTA  
(Registered Charity number 1110813)*





# CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Friday 14th January 2023

## 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'

**Maths Challenge-** we congratulated the children who represented the school at the Y4 Maths Challenge held at St. Faith's: Flossie P; Lola S; Elliott M; Tommy A

**Friendship Games** - we congratulated the team of Y5 pupils who attended the Friendship Games and took part in a variety of 'friendly' sports activities with other schools.

**Silver Bins** - Reception and Year 3 (3rd week running)

**Dinner Winners** - Year 1

### 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 Henri Matisse.

## HOUSEPOINTS

**Housepoints:** this week's winning house is *domus inspiratorum* - the house of inspiration - The Eagles.

