

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've enjoyed a wonderful half term. Throughout Summer 1, there have been many enjoyable, exciting and enriching opportunities.

- Pentecost Party
- Enriching Events!
- Summer Music Events
- PTA Challenge
- Key Dates
- Announcements

On Monday 20th May, we enjoyed celebrating Pentecost. Children attended in colours of red, orange and yellow. We welcomed Mrs. Jenkin to lead a special worship session. Every collective worship session begins with the first part of our vision said and signed as a gathering statement. However, in this session, Mrs. Jenkin had translated it into a variety of languages.



The session really appealed to to the senses! We listened to the rushing wind, watched flags representing the fire and reflected on the story of the Holy Spirit descending to the apostles. A variety of activities took place throughout the day, including making Pentecost hats in Year 1 (*below*).

Year 1 Pentecost Hats



Enriching Events this Week

This week saw three particularly enriching events take place in school.

On Tuesday, children in **Year 3** dressed as Victorian school children as part of their Victorian Day. The class has been learning about the Victorian era through the lens of the history of our Victorian school. As part of the day, children took part in activities inspired by Victorian school life - such as 'drill' (following a set of instructions as a form of physical exercise).

On Wednesday, **Reception** children visited Shepreth Wildlife Park. This has linked to their topics on animal life cycles and animal habitats, when focusing on understanding the world. Despite the rain, they enjoyed a brilliant visit and enjoyed exploring the range of animals at the wildlife park.

Finally, Friday saw the school welcome Bikeability instructors for the second time this half term! This time, it was **Year 4's** turn to practise a range of key cycling skills to develop safe cycling.

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! **Please see the corrected dates and locations below.**

Our Instrumentalists' Concert will take place on the evening of **Wednesday 5th 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 4th 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!



PTA: Try Something New Challenge

Recently, the PTA ran a 'Try Something New' challenge. Children were encouraged to show the star value of resilience and give something new a go. There was a great variety of themes from trying new: sports; foods; languages and even ways to help the environment.

Overall the challenge raised over £1000! Thank you so much to everyone who took part in the challenge and to those who sponsored pupils. All children who entered received 5 housepoints and a £5 Scottsdales voucher.

Raising the most and getting the highest number of sponsors:

Olivia T built and sold bee hotels to 27 sponsors, raising £175.53. This meant that Olivia won 2 £15 Scottsdales vouchers!

Intriguing and thought provoking entries:

Isabelle and Olivia K each undertook a number of activities and included a litter pick that helped the local community. Joe C ran the distance of a marathon and created a graph to plot his progress. Hannah B undertook a new dive from the 3m board.

Date	Activity	Amount	Target
13/05/24	C	0	42.2
13/05/24	T	7	7
13/05/24	C	7	7
14/05/24	C	5.5	32.5
14/05/24	C	32.5	32.5
14/05/24	C	32.5	32.5
14/05/24	C	15	15
14/05/24	C	15	15
14/05/24	E	21	21
14/05/24	C	21	21
14/05/24	T	28	28
14/05/24	C	28	28
14/05/24	T	35	35
14/05/24	C	35	35
14/05/24	C	37.5	37.5
14/05/24	C	37.5	37.5
14/05/24	C	42.2	42.2



Key Dates Summary

	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	

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!

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

