

Kindness

Resilience

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

Responsibility

Creativity

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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.

It has been a pleasure to continue to see the children enjoy the start to the new academic year - exploring new topics and discovering plenty of new facts! This was evident in yesterday's Meet the Teacher drop-in sessions, where it was wonderful to see photos of Year 3's re-enactment of the Battle of Hastings (*below*); have an enthusiastic conversation about the Great Fire of London in Y2 with a pupil and to hear of a pupil's enthusiasm to share the story of Romulus and Remus in Y4. We look forward to welcoming more families to the classes tomorrow!

NEWSLETTER IN 60 SECONDS

- Welcome back!
- Meet the Teacher
- Our Late Lady Sovereign
- Roald Dahl Day
- Uniform Reminder
- Enrichment Academy
- Celebration Worship
- Announcements

Meet the Teacher

*Tomorrow -
3:40pm -
4:10pm*



Our Late Lady Sovereign

As we shared with you on Friday, we led a special service on Friday morning to understand and reflect on the passing of our Late Lady Sovereign Queen Elizabeth II. You can see a summary video on our [homepage](#) or [here](#).



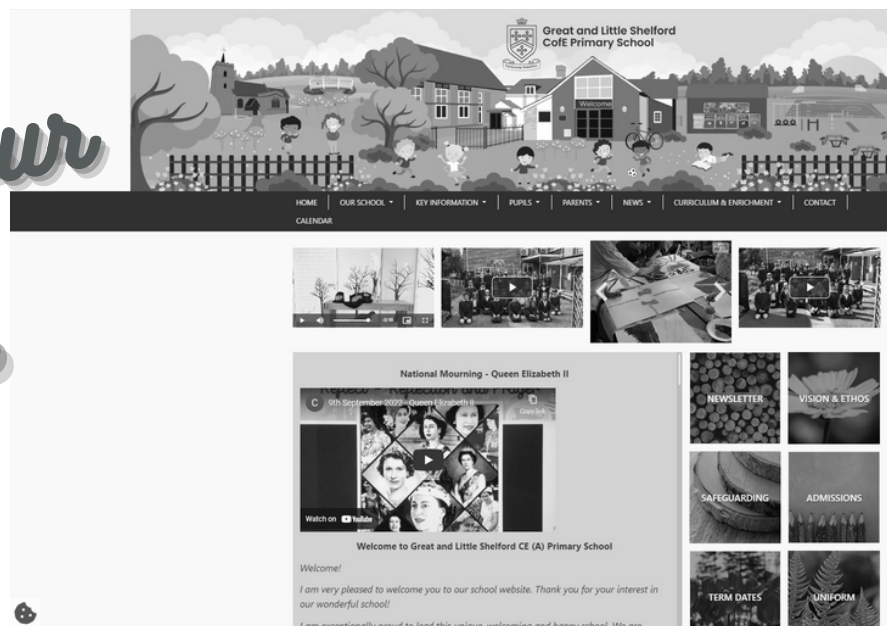
In this session, we explored the following:

- understanding what happens next;
- recalling our events from the Jubilee and the Queen's letter to the nation;
- exploring the Queen as a person through her actions and words;
- hearing several tributes;
- reflecting on the Queen's advice on how to live well;
- a prayer to give thanks for the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

If you wish to see in greater detail what pupils have covered, you can see our summary of the session [here](#).

As confirmed on Monday, the school will be closed on Monday 19th September.

“Don't adjust your sets!”



You may have noticed that the colour of the school's homepage has been adjusted. This will be for the duration of the national mourning.

ROALD

Roald Dahl Day

Yesterday marked Roald Dahl Day and Mrs. Alderson shared a special worship session to commemorate the day.

Every day this week, school staff have (and will) share a Roald Dahl text (or extract from one) in the story telling circle at lunchtimes.



Enrichment Academy

This year, we are delighted to continue to welcome Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Watkis to the school to provide exciting enrichment activities. There is a rota in place to enable each class to access some of these exciting opportunities. Last year, the children got to know the amazing staff from Enrichment Academy well - so I am sure they will continue to enjoy the variety of opportunities. **Please see the rota below for the classes. Please can pupils wear their PE Kit on the days below:**



Date	Class with Enrichment Academy
Thursday 8/9/22	Y2
Thursday 15/9/22	Y5
Wednesday 21/9/22	Y4
Thursday 29/9/22	Y1
Thursday 6/10/22	Y3
Wednesday 12/10/22	Reception
Wednesday 19/10/22	Y6
October Half Term	

Uniform Reminders

At Shelford, we prepare our children for real life. In-line with understanding the expectation of presentation and appearance in the workplace, we expect all pupils to follow our uniform expectations.

Please do take some time to double check the school's uniform expectations - especially after we had relaxed some of the expectations during the years affected by Covid (summary [here](#)). Of course, we always continue to ensure that our uniform expectations are accessible to all - allowing the school's crested uniform along with both plain polo shirts and sweatshirts (plain red sweatshirts for Reception to Year 5 and plain royal blue sweatshirts for Year 6). Meanwhile, the PTA kindly run second hand uniform events.

In particular, please double check the PE uniform expectations. This is important as pupils attend school for the whole day in their PE uniform.

Pupils have (a) nominated day(s) for PE in school. On these days, pupils will be required to come to school dressed in their PE Kit. Pupils should wear their house T-shirt and dark blue or black weather-appropriate bottoms / tops. For example, Jogging bottoms, house T-shirt and a tracksuit top. Pupils can wear shorts under their jogging bottoms if the weather is changeable.

COMING
SOON

Communication regarding purchasing new house T-shirts will be coming soon - if needed!



CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Friday 9th September 2022

GATHERING

We entered the hall to a song relating to

resilience: 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

CELEBRATIONS ->

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.

We left the hall to a song relating to **resilience:** Try Everything by Shakira

➤ CELIA THE SEAL AWARD - KINDNESS NOMINATION

LILIANNA S

for being a good and kind friend in helping another pupil settle into school, helping others when they have been worried or didn't know what to do.



➤ CLASS AWARDS

Silver Bins - Y1 and Y5

Dinner Winner - Y1

Wonderful Walkers - Y3

➤ HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Mhinaku G - for an excellent start to Year 6, trying hard in every lesson and including great handwriting!

➤ HOUSEPOINTS

This week's winning house is domus pertendentium - the house of determination - The Red Squirrels!



Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter September 2022

Newsletter update

We are excited to be back after the summer break. Before the end of term, we sent out an evaluation form for our newsletter to schools/parents/carers and staff. We had a huge response and received many positive comments regarding the newsletter, so thank you to all that contributed. Following this feedback, we have now changed the newsletters to monthly, as requested. We hope you enjoy the new format. We will use the newsletter to keep you updated about workshops being offered throughout the county. We will also include parenting tips and resources based on the feedback we received from the evaluation results.

Summer Holiday update

We were busy over the summer holidays with our workshops and drop-ins. We had a total of 72 parents/carers join us which was fantastic!

We ran weekly drop-in appointments and weekly workshops, covering a mixture of themes including sleep, supporting with feelings of worry, supporting with feelings of anger, what to do when kids push our buttons and sibling rivalry.

We received lots of feedback from those that attended and we are already planning the next half-terms offer.

Workshops

Please see below our list of workshops that we are delivering this term, starting weekly from Tuesday 11th October, from 12-1pm.

- *Supporting with feelings of worry – 11th October*
- *Supporting with feelings of anger – 18th October*
- *Support for managing conflict for separated or separating parents/carers – 8th November*
- *Digital safety – 15th November*
- *Parental well-being – 22nd November*
- *Supporting with feelings of worry – 29th November*
- *Supporting with feelings of anger – 6th December*
- *Sleep – 13th December*

To book, please use the link below or QR code via your camera to be directed to the booking form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/qXaZKsEnaC>



23rd of September is the **International Day of Sign languages** – why not incorporate some one to one time in with learning a new song/words in sign language to raise awareness of Makaton and sign language. CBeebies has information for parents/carers alongside songs/programmes such as Something Special and Magic Hands that use Makaton and British Sign Language (BSL) within its programmes.

[Using signs and symbols to communicate - CBeebies - BBC](#)

Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? Pinpoint (www.pinpoint-cams.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

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Family Open Day

Saturday 17 September
10.00am-2.00pm

Join us for
a fun-filled
day for all
the family!

Get expert advice, while
the children enjoy a range
of exciting activities

FREE
ENTRY &
PARKING

**EXPLORE
THE
CLINIC**

What's on:

- Teddy bear hearing tests (bring your own teddy!)
- Pin the ear on the donkey
- Play-Doh earwax removal
- Learn about our hearing solutions
- Look inside your family's ears
- FREE ear health checks
- Face painting
- Refreshments



Call us to pre-book an appointment or drop in on the day • 01223 661399 •



Teddy's Treasure Hunt

Teddy has hidden his little brother Buddy's favourite tennis ball, but left him some clues and a map below!
Can you help Buddy find his ball?



Start on the Recreation Ground – it's a great place for walkies and playing!

1. Sniff on over to find a bench near the PlayScape, dedicated to a lady born in 1902. Her initials match that of a possible hiding place. You can cross that one off your treasure map, as the tennis ball isn't there!
2. Playing is what dogs do best. A man on a sign by the PlayScape said we stop playing when we grow old. What are his initials? Cross off the place on your map that has these same initials.
3. Stretchy legs time, over to Memorial Hall. Find the map by the door and look at the "Key to Map". The next place you can cross off starts with the same letter as the place that is number 7 on the Key.
4. Cross the street to the library (make sure you look both ways, Buddy!). What loves cartoon flowers? (Cross the place off on your map that has those two initials, as I have not hidden the ball there!)
5. You are doing well, Buddy! With your tail towards the library window, turn right and walk towards the Chinese restaurant. You'll see a green metal fence just a little way past it, with a small white sign. It has the name of the road you are on (Woollards Lane), some numbers and two initials. Cross off the map the place name with the same two initials.
6. Not far now! Head back towards the angli-EAR clinic (where we often hang out). They do lots of things to help look after people's ears. Which service on the window has a red squiggle by it? Cross off the place with those initials! The ball isn't there either!

That leaves only one place the tennis ball can be hiding! Write it below.

Competition is open to all ages, prize is a £50 Scotsdales voucher. Closing date is midday 26 September. Winner will be randomly drawn from correct entrants on 26 September, 2022 at 5pm. For full terms and conditions visit <https://anglihearing.co.uk/hearing-info/teddys-treasure-hunt-terms-and-conditions/>



Good Luck!

Write your answer here



Name:..... Age:..... Address:.....

Phone:..... Email:.....

Your Answer:.....

£2 suggested donation to enter. All proceeds go to Shelford PlayScape. All correct answers will be entered into a prize draw, to win a £50 Scotsdales voucher.