

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,

We hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well. We are busy preparing for our Advent Service on 30th November, where the classes will gather virtually to build this year's Advent Wreath. We will be learning about the different symbols that make up the wreath and the theme of each candle as we journey through Advent in hopeful expectation.



Continuing the theme of our journey through Advent towards Christmas, children are busy preparing for our two main annual events to mark Christmas. Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 teams are working on their Nativity performance - 'A King is Born'. Meanwhile, Key Stage 2 pupils are preparing for their Carols by Candlelight Service. Both of these events will take a virtual format this year. We will be releasing these during the week commencing 13th December.

Another Shelford tradition that will continue is our Shelford Christmas Day on Friday 17th December. On this day, pupils come to school dressed in smart party clothes or Christmas jumpers. We will be raising funds through Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day.



Key Dates

This date and other key dates for the remainder of this term can be found below:

- **25/11/21 - Y4** to Tree Planting at Community Orchard during Forest School time.
- **26/11/21** - Cross Country Team to Cross Country Tournament.
- **29/11/21** - Celebratory Tree Planting at School of Lilac Tree to commemorate 150 years of Newnham College.
- **29/11/21 - Y5** Antibullying Workshop
- **30/11/21** - Advent Service in School for children.
- **W/C 13/12/21** - Release of pre-recorded Nativity and Carols by Candlelight
- **17/12/21** - Shelford Christmas Day - End of Autumn Term
- **4/1/21** - School closed to pupils - Staff Professional Development Day
- **5/1/21** - Start of Spring Term for pupils



PTA Update

On Saturday 27th November 4pm - 6pm, the PTA are proud to host the official opening of the Shelford Playscape AND the Village Lights Switch On! The Playscape will be beautifully lit up for a magical play time whilst Christmas music and side shows will get you in the festive spirit.

The Rainbow Hamper Raffle is a big fund raiser at the event, so thank you for donating items to your reps. Each year group also has a stall to man, so please do volunteer to help for a 30 min slot if you can.

Your help & support really makes a difference and the money we raise for projects will directly benefit your children within and beyond the classroom! Thank you for your support and we hope to see you there!

Christmas
at
SHELFORD PLAYSCAPE

OFFICIAL OPENING!

4-6PM
SATURDAY 27 NOV
GREAT SHELFORD REC

PLAYSCAPE
GREAT SHELFORD

HOSTED BY
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HEAD TOWARDS THE PAVILION FOR MULLED WINE, HOT CHOCOLATE,
RAINBOW RAFFLE, SHOT IN THE DARK FOOTBALL & A VISIT FROM SANTA!
FUNDS RAISED GO TO GT & LT SHELFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

GREAT SHELFORD
PARISH COUNCIL

Pupils gathered together on Zoom for our weekly Celebration Worship. As we joined, we shared the '[One Kind Word](#)' song linked to this week's focus on Kindness in-line with Anti-Bullying Week. We opened the celebration worship with our signed gathering statement linked to our school vision: **Leader:** We live and work in harmony **Response:** With love for one another

Celia - Amanda B and Phoebe F - for taking responsibility and demonstrating compassion towards our environment by creating an environment-focused club.

Cyril - Mrs. Stewart - for her kindness, patience and hard work in ensuring the very best for our children.

Silver Bins: Year 1 & Year 4

Dinner Winner: Year 2

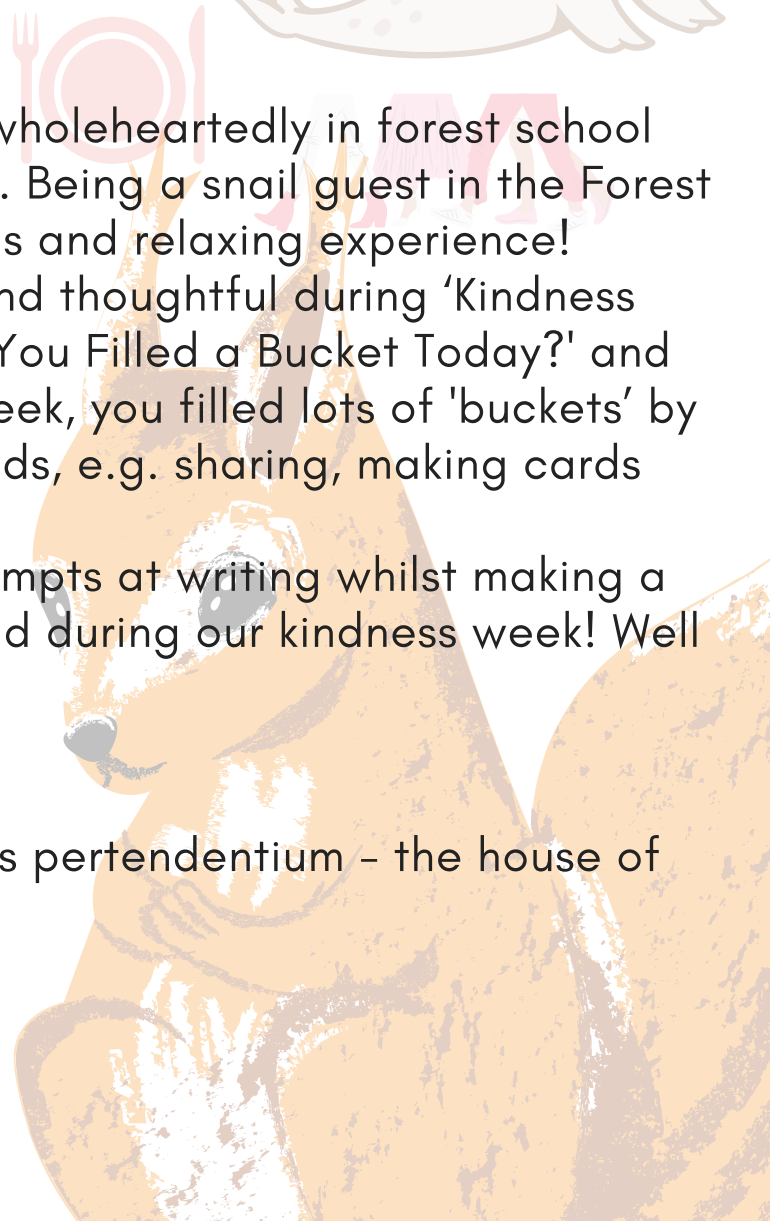
Wonderful Walkers: Year 2



Headteacher Awards:

- **Jack S** - for immersing himself wholeheartedly in forest school with such passion and creativity. Being a snail guest in the Forest Lodge Hotel was such a luxurious and relaxing experience!
- **Charles A** - for being so kind and thoughtful during 'Kindness Week'. We read the story 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today?' and then during the course of the week, you filled lots of 'buckets' by doing lovely things for your friends, e.g. sharing, making cards etc. Thank you!
- **Sihali S** - for making super attempts at writing whilst making a 'You are Special' card to a friend during our kindness week! Well done!

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITIES, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS AWARD

Last week, Mrs. Unwin was delighted to attend a virtual award ceremony to mark our reaccreditation of our International Schools Award 2021-2024. The award marks the amazing commitment from the whole community to our international partner work. Thank you to Mrs. Unwin and all the team for this continued excellent work.



STAFF UPDATE

On Friday 19th December, a panel made up of governors, staff and pupils interviewed and appointed a wonderful teacher to the role of Year 3 teacher for 2 days per week. We will be sharing a further update in next week's newsletter.

FAMILY WORKER NEWSLETTER

This week's Family Worker Newsletter can be found [here](#). There are also some online courses for parents available linked to [anxiety, sleep, parenting styles and labelling](#). In addition there are further workshops on [sibling rivalry, anger, anxiety and Sleep](#).



DRIVE IN CAROLS

Great Shelford Drive-In Carols!

Join us at Shelford Rugby Club on
Wednesday 22nd December for a drive-in carol
concert from the comfort and warmth of your own
car!

The gates will open at 5:45pm with the carols
starting at 6:30pm.

Spaces are limited! For booking information
visit www.shelfordfreechurch.org.uk

This event is in Partnership between; The Free Church, Parish Council, St
Mary's Church, and the Rugby Club of Great Shelford, as well as SSYI

Donations in aid of SSYI and the Shelford Mobile Warden scheme can be
made by card on the night (no cash tendered).