

# 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. Thank you to everyone who supported the school's Summer Fair. It was a real success - even the weather! A special thanks goes to the PTA for all their hard work in planning and organising the event!

- Curriculum Thread
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We've continued with our curriculum thread of curiosity this half term. It has been wonderful to see this being reinforced in a variety of ways. Last week, Year 2 ventured off to the Sedgewick Museum to reinforce some of their work from earlier in the year. They explored the museum and took part in a hands-on fossil workshop. There were a great deal of curious items in the museum and the discovery of the Cambridge hippos was one moment that piqued curiosity!

In the afternoon, pupils enjoyed their lunch at the front of the Fitzwilliam Museum, before entering and discovering a great range of items. They started in the portrait galleries and explored the variety of garments on display. They then further dwelled on their curiosity by planning questions to ask the people in the portraits. Finally, there was a lot of curiosity in the armory, so pupils enjoyed exploring the great range of artifacts on display here, before heading back to school.

## Key Dates

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03/07/24		Transition Day (Y6 to SVC and Shelford teachers to visit new classes)	SVC / Shelford
03/07/24	3:30pm – 4:15pm	Meet the Teacher 2024-2025 and School Development Afternoon	Hall
05/07/24	PM	Sports Day (Families welcome for lunch on the field onwards to the end of the day)	School Field
10/07/24	AM	Transition Morning – Shelford pupils move to new classes for the morning	School
10/07/24	2:00pm	Y6 Production Performance	Hall
11/07/24	6:00pm	Y6 Production Performance	Hall
19/07/24	9:30am	Leavers' Service	St. Mary's
19/07/24		Leavers' Day	School
19/07/24		End of academic year	

## Parent Governor Outcome

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The deadline for nominations for parent governors passed at 1pm on Friday 21st June. The school received one nomination, so I am pleased to share that Hannah Mohamad will be appointed to the Board as a parent governor from next term. Many of you will know how Hannah has already served the school as part of the PTA committee, and the Board will now benefit from her professional skills and strategic leadership as a parent governor.

Parent governors play an important role along with all other governors, fulfilling the core functions of governance but do not act as representatives of the parent body. I would love to speak with other parents, carers and friends of the school who might consider getting involved in school governance.

Whilst the Board has a set number of seats, you may be able to contribute through an Associate Membership role. Please get in touch by contacting the school office.

Anna Caroe, Chair of Governors

## 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 hold annual concerts: an **Instrumentalists' Concert** and a **Summer Concert** this term. In addition to this, the choir have a public engagement at The Shelford Feast!

On Tuesday 4th June, we enjoyed the Younger Pianists' Concert. It was a pleasure to hear a range of pieces and see the children practise the skill of performance. Well done to the pianists and thank you to Mr. Bond for his hard work and preparation with the children.

During the evening of Wednesday 5th June, we enjoyed a stunning Instrumentalists' Concert! The evening commenced with a range of pieces from the orchestra. Throughout the evening we heard a range of individual performances, duets and ensembles. You can also enjoy a little snippet of the evening here:

- **Orchestra**
- **Violin**
- **Pianist Group 1**
- **Guitarists**
- **Pianists Group 2**
- **Woodwind**
- **Cellists**
- **Pianists Group 3**

Thank you to the PTA for providing refreshments for the audience!

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!

## Shelford School Support Fund

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The cost of living crisis has also affected schools. Unfortunately, many aspects of our school's provision that we see as important are kindly funded by either the PTA or our governors' Shelford School Support Fund.

From enhanced music and arts provision to room refurbishments, we have been very grateful to benefit from the donations of the community to support enhanced opportunities for our children. To find out more about the fund and to donate, please click [here](#).

### Piano Lessons

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Mr Bond has a small number of vacancies for piano lessons in school from this September. These are open to pupils from years 2 to 6.

Please contact him direct by email if you would like to register or need further information. ([bondroger@hotmail.com](mailto:bondroger@hotmail.com)) Those parents with children already on the Mr Bond's waiting list should also confirm their interest.

### Football

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Just to remind all families that each class has their own class football for use in school (equipment from home is not permitted). There is a rota in place to make access to the pitches fair. We continue to reinforce the expectations of fair play with pupils



## PTA Announcements

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### Swimming pool refresh

Thank you to Reception parent Holly Demanze from Johnson and Johnson who provided a team of volunteers as well as supplying painting materials to refresh the school pool area. What a fantastic effort! The school and PTA really appreciates the hard work put in for the pupils to benefit from this valuable resource.



### Recent events

Thank you for supporting recent PTA events and to the volunteers who made them possible. The Summer Fair was a real success - thank you to everyone who made the event possible.

Our Bingo Night raised nearly £1300 for the PTA and the Try Something New Initiative raised approx £1000. The Whiteboard fundraiser has raised well over £1500. Thank you for your generosity. The school and preschool have enjoyed spending the money on whiteboards, a picnic table, classroom equipment and towards school trips and enrichment activities.

### Save the dates

- **Shelford Feast family fun day - Sunday 7th July (pm)**
- **Kids' Disco - Wednesday 10th July - 4-5:30pm in the Feast tent**

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