

# 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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Dear Members of the Great and Little Shelford Community,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well. I can hardly believe it is the final day of the academic year. I would like to start by saying a sincere thanks to the pupils for their amazing continued resilience this year as we have continued to recover, through reinstating the amazing Shelford traditions – old and new!

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# THANK YOU

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to the parents, who have supported events run by the school and the PTA as they have returned to the calendar! Meanwhile, your continued support of the work of the school and learning at home is greatly appreciated. To the governors, I would like to thank you for your continued support and hard work within the leadership of the school. Finally, to the phenomenal staff team – sincere thanks for your endless support, dedication and hard work in ensuring that Shelford School continues to be the very best it can for each pupil, parent, governor and colleague. It has been an incredibly challenging year in every primary setting – but the amazing staff have made it all the more achievable for us all!

# Leavers' Day

We have enjoyed an amazing day celebrating our wonderful Year 6 class as they move forwards to secondary school. This amazing group of young people have developed a great, close bond as a group and we will really miss their positive approach to school life.

We started the day with our Leavers' Service at St. Mary's Church. This was a beautiful mix of memories, songs, hymns, readings, reflections and prayers. This included emotional moments - like our pupils sharing two performances of specially-prepared songs and a prayer for Mr. Paduano; moments of laughter - like some of the hilarious memories; and moments of reflection - looking backwards upon what our Year 6s have achieved and what their next steps will bring. A special thanks to St. Mary's Church for hosting the service, to Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Weston, Miss Moralee and Miss Baron for their help with preparing the service, to Mrs. Barlow for accompanying the Year 6 performances and to Mrs. Jenkin, Mrs. Caroe and Mr. Cairns for their readings, reflections and prayers.

After this, the rest of the school lined the path back to school and applauded the Year 6s and their families. The Year 6s and their guests enjoyed refreshments in the slightly cooler weather. Huge thanks to the parents of Year 6 for all their hard work in arranging this. We enjoyed looking at baby photos of the Year 6s, trying to match each photo up! Pupils were then presented with their bibles, accompanied by a few words about each pupil, before receiving their year books. Thank you to the Church Schools of Cambridge for providing these and to Mrs. Alderson for her hard work on the Year Book! Thank you also to Mrs. Cousins, who shared some very well-selected words of thanks to the staff team on behalf of the parents.

Later, the Year 6s enjoyed their chosen lunch menu at their 'Top Table' in the hall, complete with table decorations. Thank you to the parents for their hard work on this. This afternoon has been filled with T-Shirt signing and a glimpse at the production video!

Later on, we look forward to sending our amazing Year 6s at the green gates!



# French Breakfast

On Thursday 14th July, the Year 6 pupils became French waiters and waitresses, donning red, white and blue to serve the school community with a selection of French breakfast items. Thank you to Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Weston for their hard work in preparing the menus and a huge thanks to the parents of the Year 6 for the amazing decorations and smooth service!





# International Day



The children all looked fabulous dressed in red and green to celebrate our Morocco Day on 8th July! We gathered together at the 'airport' before heading off in Houses to our various destinations to discover more about this wonderful country through a series of activities surrounding art, food and culture. We made decorative Moroccan lamps, tasted cous cous, falafel and mint tea, investigated buildings and landscapes and even tried our hand at writing in Arabic, Morocco's official language!

Thanks go to the PTA for funding resources, to parent volunteers for giving up their time and of course to the super Shelford staff for planning and preparing the fun activities across the day. It was also lovely to work with local artist, Clare Basel, who was impressed at how creative and resilient our children were when it came to their art work! Morocco Day was inspired by our partnership with Secteur Scolaire Annour, our partner school in the Atlas mountains. They were incredibly excited to hear that we were planning such a special day and so prepared for us a wonderful video which can be seen here, along with some photos of the day, on our shared [Padlet](#)





# Maths Day

On Tuesday 12th July and Wednesday 13th July, we were delighted to mark Maths Day! We enjoyed welcoming Mr. M. Ede in for a selection of problem solving mathematical puzzles.

Throughout the day, we enjoyed seeing great perseverance and resilience, along with some super visualisation skills with the different puzzles. These included several 3d shape puzzles. Thank you to Miss Beck for arranging and leading the day.



# Final Celebration Worship

On Monday, it was a pleasure to gather together (in the coolest part of the day) to share some very special celebrations.

We shared various certificates - like some Shelford Mile gold awards; a Star Writer and many Headteacher's Awards. Additionally, we shared the Digital Leaders' short video on Online Safety. We also said a belated well done to the team that represented the school at the St. Faith's Maths Challenge - Oscar, Sophie, Daksh and Humphrey.

We said farewells to: Alice M; Lumi A; William L; Molly C and Lucas B, who are all moving on to new schools in September. Meanwhile, we gave thanks to the adults that are leaving the school - Mr. Kerin, Miss Moralee, Miss Kingman, Mrs. Mulholland and Miss Bachewich. It has been a pleasure to work with each of these amazing people and we sent all the pupils and staff with the Celtic Blessing.

With great anticipation, our new Head Girl - Lottie ; new Head Boy - Milo; new Deputy Head Girl - Annie and Deputy Head Boy - Felix were appointed.

After the whole academic year of hard work and totting up housepoints - thank you to Miss O'Bryan for her hard work in this area. We were able to announce that the Eagles are the overall winners this year! Congratulations!



the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
May the rain fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the  
palm of his hand.



# Staff Updates

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At the end of this year, we send some of our staff on to new adventures with lots of love and luck for the future.

Mr. Kerin joined us this term, teaching in Year 4. It has been great to work with Mr. Kerin within the Shelford Team and wish him all the best as he joins Cambridge University Primary School in September.

Miss Moralee joined us this year working as a Teaching Assistant in Year 6 and Year 1. It has been wonderful to get to know Miss Moralee's very creative approach and we are particularly grateful for her hard work in nurturing pupils and her house board artwork and props!

For next academic year, Miss Kingman has achieved one of 25 places on a highly-sought-after paramedic training course - with 300 applicants. It has been a pleasure to work with Miss Kingman, who has worked in Year 1 as a Teaching Assistant this year and in Reception last year. Huge congratulations and good luck!

Mrs. Mulholland is stepping down from her regular commitments at Shelford to allow more time with her family. We are grateful for her hard work over the past two academic years and look forward to welcoming her back for casual supply work.

Of course, Miss Bachewich, who has been our Year 2 Teacher for 5 years, leaves us to join her partner in Arizona. Words cannot really capture Miss Bachewich's amazing contribution to the school community - with respect to her class; leadership of DT and computing; PTA Link role and Staff Governor! Miss Bachewich came along to the Shelford community and leaves having added something special to each and every one of us. Miss Bachewich will be immortalised at Shelford as a blueberry. Therefore, you can read a special **[additional chapter to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory here](#)**. Thanks to Mrs. Sidders for arranging for each of the classes that Miss Bachewich taught to sign a chapter each!

Thank you to everyone who helped organise, run and came along to the summer fair on Saturday. It was a scorcher, so we really appreciated families coming to support the event. The stalls were all busy and the hamper raffle tickets sold like hot cakes! We are still adding up the final figures, but it looks like it raised over £1500.

We'd also like to thank the 26 families who stayed on to camp out in the field, for what turned into a glorious evening. Huge thanks to Ian Haigh and Miles Nicholas from the Docky Barn Cafe and Morgan's Butchery, for sponsoring and serving a delicious BBQ. The kids had a great time, a water fight cooled everyone down, and just as we thought it was time for some sleep, a surprise spectacular firework display got everyone back out of their tents!

Thanks to a wonderful PTA Committee and the resilient class reps, it's been a joy to hold in person events again this year, including the Christmas event with Playscape, a hybrid Quiz night and a bike sale. The PTA committee, past and present, were saddened to hear of Mr Paduano's passing. Mr Paduano was instrumental in setting up the PTA bike sales and continued to help spruce up the bikes and run the event for several years, raising thousands of pounds for the school. He will be sorely missed.

We'll be back next year, but if you're interested in becoming the PTA Secretary or Treasurer, come and speak to us in September. In the meantime, enjoy a break from PTA requests!

Wishing you all a very happy summer break,

Anna, Ellie and Suzanne  
PTA Co-Chairs



# New Staff

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In light of the changes above, in September, we will be pleased to welcome some new members to the Great and Little Shelford team.

Mrs. A. Harrison will join us as Year 4 teacher - alongside Mrs. Stewart. Mrs. Harrison joins us from The Spinney Primary School.

We also look forward to welcoming Mrs. Hulland, Miss Baron and Mrs. Cheng as Teaching Assistants within the team next year. I know you will join me in warmly welcoming the new staff to the team.

## Woodwind Exam Results!

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Congratulations to the children below for their amazing hard work!

Nina Mitchell - grade 1 clarinet

Lumi Ayres- initial flute with merit

Henry Robinson - initial clarinet with distinction

Emily Ford- grade 2 flute with distinction

## Key Dates

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- **20th July** - End of term for pupils,
- **1st and 2nd September** - Professional Development Days for staff - school closed for pupils.
- **5th September** - first day back for pupils
- **14th September** - Meet the Teacher Event (format and timings to be finalised based on parent feedback)
- **21st October** - break up for half term
- **W/c 24th October** - Half term
- **31st October** - Professional Development Day for staff - school closed for pupils
- **21st December** - last day of Autumn Term
- **4th January** - Professional Development Day for staff - school closed for pupils
- **5th January** - Spring Term begins for pupils



## Special Author Event for Children at Great Shelford Library!

**Thursday 11th August**

Ages 5-7 years: 2.00 - 3.15pm

Ages 8-10 years: 3.30 - 4.45pm

**Come and meet local author Alison Miles and learn about how she writes and illustrates her wonderful rhyming stories about the irresistible Snippy the Crab. Have a go yourself with Alison's expert guidance!**

Please pre-book a place as numbers are limited. Phone 0345 045 5225, email [Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or call in to the library. Cash payment at the time of booking is appreciated. Parents and carers must stay with their children at all times.



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# FUN RUN



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# Green Paper Letter - Local Authority

A letter from the local authority regarding the Green Paper can be found by clicking the screenshot below - this is with respect to SEND provision.

