

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,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well. Welcome back! It has been a pleasure to welcome families and pupils back over the past few days. We have enjoyed hearing tales of exciting summer holidays.

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Welcome

Each new half term brings a new Curriculum Thread and this half term's thread is **Identity**. It has been fantastic to see all the children commence the new year with such enthusiasm and I have taken great pleasure in seeing the children settle into their new classes. Thank you to the staff for planning great activities to help the children's transition into their new year.

This half term's topic may relate directly to children's own identity, exploring what makes up identity, evolution and inheritance or the identity of our country. You can find out more about our curriculum and what each of the threads means [here](#).

Welcome and Vacancies

Welcome to our wonderful new Reception pupils! It has been a delight to see our new Reception pupils settle in so well.

Meanwhile, thank you to our Year 6 buddies who have commenced their roles this week.

This academic year, we welcome the following staff to our team:

Miss Chapman - Teaching Assistant (Y1 and Reception)

Mrs. Sheppard - Y5 Class Teacher

Mrs Spencer - Y4 Class Teacher (2 days)

Miss Westley - Teaching Assistant (Year 3)

Whilst **Miss Palmer** was with us in the summer term in Year 2, we formally also welcome her as our Year 2 Class Teacher!

We are currently advertising for the roles of:

- Finance Secretary and Office Manager
- Midday Supervisor

Miss Smith has left in her role as Caretaker and we will shortly be advertising that role, along with Maternity Cover for Mrs. Alderson's teaching role in Year 6.

Y1 - Y6 Meet the Teacher

This year, our Meet the Teacher event returns to a face-to-face evening for Year 1 to Year 6 families.

The evening will commence at **6:00pm** in the hall on **Thursday 21st September**. After this, families are welcome to visit their children's classes for a short, informative summary about the year group of their children. Families with more than one pupil at the school should start in the classroom of their youngest child. We look forward to welcoming you on Thursday 21st September.

School Dinners

Please see a summary of the menu for school dinners below. We apologise that some families did not receive this by email. It appears that @gmail and @googlemail block emails from the school that contain attachments. The menu can also be found on the website [here](#). Please remember that universal free school meals apply to Reception to Year 2. Meals can be paid for on [School Gateway](#).

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Red	Organic Pork Meatballs with Tomato Sauce	Margarita Pizza	Roast Chicken stuffing and gravy	Organic Beef Bolognaise	Oven Baked Fish Fingers
Green	Vegetable Meatballs with Tomato Sauce	Macaroni Cheese	Roast Quorn fillet stuffing and gravy (V, VG)	Vegetable Cottage Pie (V)	Vegetarian Fish Fingers (V) (VG)
Blue	Jacket Potato with cheese or tuna or beans				
Sides	Vegetables, a salad bar, bread.				
Desserts	Two dessert choices are available each day, plus fruit or yoghurt as an alternative.				

Week 1 menu

2023- 4/09, 18/9, 2/10, 16/10, 30/10, 13/11, 27/11, 11/12.

2024 – 8/01, 22/01, 05/02, 19/02 4/03, 18/03, 1/04, 15/04, 29/04.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Red	Margarita Pizza	Farm Assured Pork Sausages	Roast Loin of Pork, Apple Sauce & Gravy	Chicken Pie	Battered Fish
Green	Tomato Pasta Bake (V)	Vegetarian Quorn Sausages (V) (VG)	Roast Quorn Fillet Stuffing and Gravy (V) (VG)	Vegetarian Pie (V) (VG)	Quorn Dippers (V)
Blue	Jacket Potato with cheese or tuna or beans				
Sides	Vegetables, a salad bar, bread.				
Desserts	Two dessert choices are available each day, plus fruit or yoghurt as an alternative.				

Week 2 menu

2023 – 11/09, 25/09, 9/10, 23/10, 6/11, 20/11, 4/12.18/12.

2024 – 1/01, 15/01, 29/01, 12/02, 26/02, 11/03, 25/03, 8/0, 22/04.

PE Uniform

Please remember that PE Uniform is required for PE Days. Class Teachers will be sharing the timetabled days with families.

Please remember that the PE Uniform is as follows:

- House T-Shirt
- Black or Navy blue shorts
- **Plain black or navy blue tracksuit trousers and jacket.**

In particular, please note that tracksuits must be plain blue or black. If you are not able to locate one, pupils may wear their school jumper or cardigan. Other items are not part of the PE Uniform.

Parking Reminder

We were pleased to see our local PSCO supporting safe parking this week outside school. Please remember to park responsibly. It is vital for the school and the community to maintain positive relationships.



Violin Slots Available

Mrs. Poole has some availability for pupils to commence violin lessons. To enquire, please email: francesp333@gmail.com

Drop off and Collection Reminders

- Please remember that pupils remain the responsibility of family adults supervising. Use of the climbing frame is not permitted at this time. Please ensure that the fences and the walls are left responsibly for their intended purpose.
- Year 5 and 6 pupils can walk independently to/from school. If doing so, they should be on-site **no earlier than 8:30am.**
- The gates close promptly at 8:55am. Arrival after this is via the office.