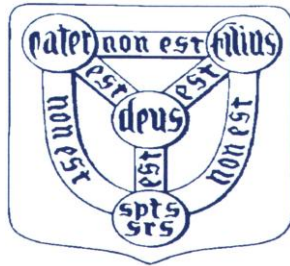


# Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

**School Newsletter**

**Spring Term Three 2025 - Issue 1**

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***Value for the next two weeks: Respect and Reverence***

**'Show respect to everyone.'**

**1 Peter 2:17**





Dear Shellingford School Family,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! The staff wish to express their sincere thanks for your generous gifts and cards which we received at the end of last term. Thank you also for supporting the charity 'Helen and Douglas House' which provides hospice care for children. £197.46 was collected at the Nativity performances.



## **CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS AND SUPPORT AT HOME**

Attached is a Curriculum Newsletter for each class from your child/ren's Teacher. This will give you an overview of the work being covered this term, along with a list of activities you can do at home to support your child/ren's learning. Each class has chosen the following learning focus:

-  Class 1 – Ice and Fire / Grow, Grow, Grow
-  Class 2 – Carnival
-  Class 3 – Through the Ages / Poles Apart
-  Class 4 – Mayans / Fair Food

We are always looking for additional resources or expertise to enhance curriculum topics; please let us know if you can offer anything to help as we would be most grateful.

**Homework** will continue on a regular basis for all classes. We ask all children from Reception to Year 6 to be in the habit of reading or sharing books regularly throughout the week. This is one of the most important things you can do to support your child's learning.

## **DIARY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM**

Although this term is a particularly short term there are a number of events due to take place. Please make a note of the dates listed at the bottom of this newsletter. Some of these dates are provisional and further details will follow as the term progresses.

## **WHOLE SCHOOL EVENT: BRIGHT SPARKS SCIENCE WORKSHOP- WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2025**

All classes will be taking part in a workshop linked to their curriculum focus this term. We are very grateful to FoSS who have kindly funded this workshop for the whole school.

### **AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS**

Our Spring Term After-School Clubs begin on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January. Clubs will run for 4 weeks this term (unless otherwise notified) and after-half-term for 5 weeks. Please remember that there will no clubs the week of Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

### **EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES PROCEDURES**

We will endeavour to keep the school open at all times. However, if for example snow falls overnight or flooding occurs, and local conditions make the journey to Shellingford for pupils, parents and staff too risky, the Headteacher may take the decision to close all or part of the school. The decision will be made early in the morning and published on our [website](#) and broadcasted on local radio stations BBC Oxford VHF/FM 95.2 and Heart (Thames Valley) VHF/FM 102.6 and 97.4/102.9/103.4 or Jack FM VHF/FM 106.8 and its sister station 107.9. A list of 'Emergency and Planned School Closures' can be found on the [Oxfordshire County Council website](#). Please refer to the email sent to all Parents on 20<sup>th</sup> December, thank you.

### **CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY - FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025 (2.30 - 3.00pm)**

Please join us for our first Celebration Assembly of the New Year. The children always look forward to sharing their learning with everyone. FoSS will also be holding a stall afterwards on the green outside of the front of the school.

#### **PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS (PTIs) - TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS**

Our Parent Teacher Interviews will be held as **telephone appointments** this term from **3.30-6.30pm** on the following dates:

- **Class 1 & 2: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**
- **Class 3 & 4: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

Each Telephone Consultation will last for 10 minutes. Your child's Class Teacher will ring you at the time of your appointment on the telephone number linked to your School Gateway account.

We will be sending out information on how to book an appointment in the next couple of weeks. **Please look out for an email notification from the School Office giving booking instructions.**



Thank you for supporting our events leading up to Christmas. The refreshments at the Nativity performances raised £242.00, the Children's Christmas Party £240.00 and the Christmas Jumper Day raised £65.00.

Please make a note of the forthcoming FoSS events listed below in the Diary Dates for the Spring Term. More information will follow in due course.

With Best Wishes,

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### DIARY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM:

SPRING TERM THREE		
Week	Date / Time	Event
1	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring Term Three begins (School opens at 8.45am)
	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 1 and 2: Forest School
	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 3: OCMS Strings Music Tuition begins (weekly)
		FoSS: Events Meeting (7.45pm) – The Old Crown Coaching Inn, Faringdon
2	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	After-School Clubs begin for Y1-6 (for 9 weeks until 27 <sup>th</sup> March)
		Class 4: TA Sports Stars (pm) weekly
	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 3 and 4: Forest School
	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	School Council meeting (pm)
3	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School Event: STEM Week
	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Class 1 and 2: Forest School
	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Whole School Event: Bright Sparks Science Workshop
	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January (2.30-3.00pm)	Whole School Event: Celebration Assembly & FoSS Stall
4	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Whole School Event: Stand By Me ‘February on the Floor’
	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3: Ball-Bearing Maze Event at FCC
	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 3 and 4: Forest School
		6.30pm: Year 6: SATS Parents Meeting (in school)
	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 3: Hill End Parent Meeting (3.30pm – 4.00pm)
5	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School Event: Children’s Mental Health Week
	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 1 and 2: Forest School
	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	FoSS: General Meeting (6.30pm) in Class 4
6	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Friday	*No After-School Clubs this week (clubs resume again on Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February)
	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 1 & 2: Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI’s) 3.30 – 6.30pm - telephone consultations
	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 3 & 4: Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI’s) 3.30 – 6.30pm – telephone consultations
	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School Event: Safer Internet Day
		EYFS / Year 6: National Child Measurement Programme
		EYFS: Vision Screening
		Class 3 and 4: Forest School
	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 3 Visit: Stonehenge
	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	FoSS: Wear Pink or Red (non-school uniform day)
End of Spring Term Three (School closes at 3.15pm)		

SPRING TERM FOUR		
1	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Spring Term Four begins (School opens at 8.45am)
		Class 4: TA Sports Stars (pm) weekly
	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 1 and 2: Forest School
	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 3: OCMS Strings Music Tuition begins (weekly)
		School Council Meeting
		FoSS: Events Meeting (7.45pm) – The Old Crown Coaching Inn, Faringdon
	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February (3.15 – 5.15pm)	FoSS: Film Club
2	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 3 and 4: Forest School
	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Event: World Book Day
	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Event: Phonics and Reading Parents Open

		Morning (9.00 – 9.30am)
3	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Event: Bassistry Arts' Music Workshop
	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 3 & 4: Bassistry Arts Music and IT Workshop
	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March (2.30 – 3.00pm)	Whole School Event: Celebration Assembly & Dedication of the School Pond to Helen Wilson (Vice Chair of the Governing Body)
4	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 1 and 2: Forest School
	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 3 & 4: K'nex Workshop (am)
	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	*Last week of After-School Clubs
	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 3 and 4: Forest School
	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	FoSS: General Meeting (6.30pm) – in Class 4
	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Event: Screen Printing Workshop
6	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Whole School Event: Screen Printing Workshop
	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	FoSS: Easter Bonnet Competition & Easter Stall
	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April (2.00pm)	Easter Service at St Faith's Church, Shellingford (led by Class 3)
	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	FoSS: Virtual Balloon Race
		End of Spring Term Four (School closes at 1.30pm for the Easter holidays)