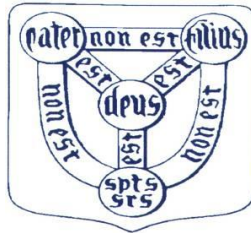


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

Summer Term Five 2025 - Issue 1

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Value for the next two weeks: Belonging and Peace

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.

Mother Teresa

Dear Shellingford School Family,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! We hope that you and you family have had a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday.

We were very impressed with the number of entries for the **Easter Bonnet Competition** at the end of last term. Clearly much effort and creativity had gone into the designing and making:



There was a winner and runner-up for each year group for the Easter Bonnet Competition:

Year Group	Easter Bonnets	
	Winners	Runner Ups
6	Ella	Imogen
5	Ewan	Seth
4	Bea	Eva
3	Arthur	Mia
2	Theo	Holly
1	Lara	Maeve
EYFS	Otilie	Olivia

We have started the new term thinking about embracing difference and realising that everyone is worthy of belonging – not because we are alike, but because we are all of inherent value. During our daily school Collective Worship we will be thinking about including others, so no one is left alone.

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 Long, Long Ago / Big Wide World	Class 2 To Infinity and Beyond
Class 3 Romans on the Rampage	Class 4 Oxford: City of Spires

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.

Annual Parent Questionnaire

Many thanks to those parents who kindly responded to the questionnaire. We had responses from 40 of the 68 school families. We are just delighted by the number of incredibly positive responses, and the fact that 100% of the responses indicated that you would recommend this school to another parent.

In addition, 100% agreed that their child is well looked after and feels safe at school.

Overall 91% of responses are entirely positive and we were particularly pleased that 98% of children are happy at school and that the school responds well to any concerns raised.

Whilst this is all very positive we are as a school constantly looking to move forward and develop further, therefore we have looked at the data in detail and also the further comments section:

We endeavour to keep parents fully informed of the curriculum covered via the Class Curriculum Newsletters which are emailed to all parents at the start of term.

Please remember that our [school website](#) contains a detailed Curriculum Overview for each class and the website is also updated regularly with diary dates, newsletters, policies and other key information about the school for parents to access.

The majority (98%) felt they were kept fully informed of their child's learning, 98% also felt that parents receive helpful information from the school about their child's progress. We try to keep parents regularly informed of their child's progress and we are keen for parents to be involved in their child's education. Please do not feel you have to wait for a questionnaire to forward your views, if you have any concerns at all we hope you can come and talk to us as we want to address any issues immediately.

The full feedback from the 2024 parent and pupil questionnaire are attached to this newsletter and will be available on the school's website.

VE DAY 80th CELEBRATIONS – Thursday 8th May

The school will be marking the 80th anniversary of VE Day to celebrate 80 years of peace since the end of World War II in Europe. The children and staff will be writing prayers, poems and messages of peace and placing it in a candlelit 'Pot of Peace' on the green outside the front of school. We will be inviting parents and the residents of Shellingford to also write a message in a jam jar. Please look out for more information on this event.

DIARY DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM

I have included some key dates at the end of this newsletter, details of which will follow as the term progresses. Class 3 are also getting excited about their residential to Hill End Outdoor Education Centre next week!

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT REMINDERS

We would appreciate your support with the following:

Please ensure that children bring to school daily the appropriate school PE kit (in a drawstring bag), an art apron and a book-bag (containing reading book, home-school diary and homework) to support curriculum activities. We understand that occasionally these items are forgotten but when frequently left at home it makes it difficult for the children to fully access the curriculum. Please remember that we cannot accommodate ruck-sacks at school due to limited cloakroom space in each classroom. Thank you.

Water bottles are also a vital item which must be brought into school every day. Bottles can be purchased from FoSS at a cost of £3.00 for 1 or £5.00 for 2. Spare lids are available at 60p per lid. Please speak to a member of the FoSS committee.

SUN CREAM AND SUN HATS

We always aim to use our wonderful school grounds and to take learning outdoors throughout the school year. Please ensure that the children now bring a sun hat (clearly named) to school every day. Sun-cream should be applied before school. If in exceptional circumstances sun-cream needs to be reapplied during the school day the children need to do this themselves. Please provide labelled sun-cream which can be kept in school. Thank you.

SUMMER TERM - AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS (REMINDER)

Start week commencing: Monday 28th April

The last week for all clubs is: Monday 23rd June



SAVE THE DATE!

FUN DAY – SATURDAY 21ST JUNE (11.00AM – 2.00PM)

Please support our big fundraising event!

Finally our first **Celebration Assembly** this term is **next Friday 2nd May (2.30 – 3.00pm)** followed by a **FoSS Stall** on the green at the end of the school day. It would be lovely to see everyone and we do hope you can support these events.

With Best Wishes,

Judith R Terrell

DIARY DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM:

SUMMER TERM FIVE		
Week	Date / Time	Event
1	Tuesday 22 nd April	Summer Term Five begins
	Wednesday 23 rd April	SEN Consultations (all day)
	Thursday 24 th April	Class 3: OCMS Violin lessons (weekly)
2	Monday 28 th April	After-School Clubs begin (for 8 weeks until 27 th June) Class 3: TA Sports Stars (weekly)
	Tuesday 29 th & 30 th April	Year 3 & 4 Residential: Hill End Outdoor Educational Centre
	Thursday 1 st May	No school lunches (Local Elections / Community Hall in use)
		School Council Meeting
	Friday 2 nd May (2.30 – 3.00pm)	Whole School Event: Celebration Assembly & FoSS Stall
3	Tuesday 6 th May	Class 1 and 2: Forest School
	Thursday 8 th May	Whole School Event: VE Day 80 th Celebrations – ‘Pots for Peace’
	Friday 9 th May	FoSS: Bag2School Collection
	Saturday 10 th May (10.30am-12.30pm)	St Faith’s Church Spring Fayre (Community Hall)
4	Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th May	KS2 (Year 6) SATS week
5	Tuesday 20 th May	Class 1 and 2: Forest School Year 6: Junior Citizens programme (Oxford)
	Wednesday 21 st May	Photogenic Photographers: Whole School photograph & Year 6 Leavers’ Photograph
		FoSS: General Meeting (6.30pm) in Class 4
	Thursday 22 nd May	Ascension Day Service at St Faith’s Church, Shellingford
		FoSS: Summer Children’s Party (5.00pm – 7.00pm)
	Friday 23 rd May	FoSS: Non-School Uniform
		End of Summer Term Five

SUMMER TERM SIX		
1	Tuesday 3 rd June	Summer Term Six begins (school opens at 8.45am)
	Wednesday 4 th June	New Parents meeting for September 2025 Reception children (3.30 – 4.30pm)
	Thursday 5 th June	Class 3: OCMS Violin lessons (weekly)
		FoSS: Events Meeting (7.30pm) – venue TBC
	Friday 6 th June	Whole School Event: Roots to Food Workshop FoSS: Film Club (3.15 – 5.15pm)
2	Monday 9 th June (pm)	Class 3: TA Sports Stars (weekly) Class 4: Museum of Oxford visit
	Tuesday 10 th June	Class 3 and 4: Forest School
	Tuesday 10 th & Wednesday 11 th June	Whole School Event: ShWimbledon Tennis Tournament
	Wednesday 11 th June	Class 1 & 2: Winchester Science Centre visit
	Friday 13 th June (2.30 – 3.00pm)	Whole School Event: Celebration Assembly & FoSS Stall
3	Tuesday 1 st July	Class 1 and 2: Forest School Yenworthy Parents Meeting (for Year 5 pupils)
	Wednesday 18 th June	FoSS: Annual General Meeting (6.30pm)
	Saturday 21 st June (11.00am – 2.00pm)	FoSS: Summer Fun Day
	Monday 23 rd June	Last week of After-School Clubs

4	Tuesday 24 th June (pm)	Class 3 and 4: Forest School
	Wednesday 25 th June (2.30pm – 3.15pm)	New Reception children visit and FoSS teas
	Friday 27 th June	Annual Reports sent out to Parents
5	Monday 30 th June	Year 5: Flight Day at FCC
	Tuesday 1 st July (2.30 – 3.15pm)	New Reception children visit and school transition
	Thursday 3 rd July	Year 6: Warneford Transfer Day
6	Monday 7 th & Tuesday 8 th July (6.15pm)	KS2 Summer Production
	Tuesday 8 th July	Class 1 and 2: Forest School
	Tuesday 8 th & Wednesday 9 th July	Year 6: FCC Transfer Days
	Wednesday 9 th July (pm)	New Reception children visit and school transition
	Thursday 10 th July	SEN Consultations (all day)
	Friday 11 th July (12noon – 1.00pm)	Year 6: King Alfred's Transfer Day
7	Monday 14 th July	Year 6: Leavers BBQ (FoSS & Year 6 Parents)
		EYFS / KS1 Sports Day (am)
		KS2 Sports Day (pm)
8	Tuesday 15 th July	(Sports Day – reserve date)
	Thursday 17 th July (2.00pm)	Year 6 Leavers' Service at St Faith's Church, Shellingford
	Friday 18 th July	End of school year (school closes at 1.30pm for the summer holidays)

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