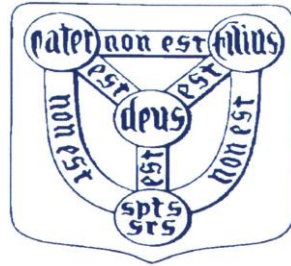


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

Headteacher: Miss Judith Terrell



"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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Value for the next two weeks: Friendship and Respect

Love one another.

John 15:12

Dear Shellingford School Family,

CLASS 4



What a wonderful week our pupils have had this year at their residential at **Yenworthy Lodge**, an outdoor activity centre set in six acres of woodland within the Exmoor National Park. They have embodied our school values, demonstrating perseverance, resilience, teamwork, curiosity and friendship. During the week they have enjoyed surfing, rock pooling, beach art, coasteering and lots of challenges on site including the climbing wall and zipline. We have been so impressed with their behaviour, manners and good humour as well as their willingness to work so well together and with the partner-school. Mrs Sucksmith and Mrs Carter.

Some of our Year 5's also took part the **Junior Active Leaders** training this week. The programme is designed to develop leadership, teamwork, and confidence in leading playground games and activities for our younger pupils in the school.

IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. If your child is feverish, vomiting or has diarrhoea where they must remain at home for 48 hours **after** these symptoms have subsided to prevent risk of infection spreading to others. We would encourage you to read the NHS guidance '[is my child too ill for school](#)' which has further information for parents.



SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2026-27

The school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2026-27 has now been agreed. Please see the attached information and make a note of these dates in your diary. Term dates for this current academic year as well as 2026-27 can also be found on the [school website](#). I would like to remind parents not to take their children on holiday during term time and authorisation for such requests will not be granted. We would be very grateful to parents for their co-operation in this respect. Thank you.

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Our whole school **Harvest Service is on Friday 3rd October at St Faith's church** and will be led by the children in Class 3. Parents and family friends are very welcome to attend and we do hope you will be able to join us.

This year we would like to support **Transforming Lives for Good (TLG)** which is a UK Christian children's charity that helps churches to bring hope and a future to children struggling from trauma, poverty and food insecurity.

If you would like to find out more their website is: [TLG - Transforming lives for good](https://www.transforminglivesforgood.org/)

We have decided to hold a **non-school uniform day on Thursday 2nd October**. We kindly ask that the **children donate £2.00 and come to school in 'harvest colours' to help raise money for TLG**.

STAFFING UPDATE

It is with great sadness that Mrs Viv Setchell will be retiring at the end of the Autumn term after 22 years teaching at the school. She has been a huge influence and support to so many children and parents at the school over the years and will be very much missed by us all. We are delighted that Miss Kitty Marlow has re-joined our team as a Teaching Assistant.

THE UFFINGTON BENEFICE OF CHURCHES – FORTHCOMING SERVICES

-  There is a Family Service on Sunday 28th September at 10.00am in Uffington.
-  There is a Harvest Holy Communion Service at St Faith's Church, Shellingford on Sunday 5th October at 10.15am. This will be followed by a Harvest Lunch in the Community Hall at 12.30pm. Tickets for the lunch cost £10 to include your first drink, and proceeds will go towards the running costs of the church. Children and parents are most welcome. For catering services please contact Jane Mattingley (01367 710443) or Sue Terry (01793 784594).

COMMUNITY HALL BOOKINGS

The Community Hall (attached to the school) is available for parties and events at weekends, during school holiday periods and after 5.30pm Monday to Friday during term-time. Bookings are managed by the Community Hall. If you are interested in using the Community Hall then please send a booking enquiry to the following email: shellingfordhall@gmail.com

Bookings support both the Community Hall and the school in maintaining the facilities.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION – CHURCH STREET

A number of parents and residents in the village have expressed concern about traffic congestion along Church Street. **Please could vehicles entering the village give away to those leaving the school where possible. This will help free up parking spaces.**

Secondly, please do not parallel park alongside the farm buildings opposite the school steps as this blocks the bottom of the lane for parents trying to leave the car parking area.

Please allow sufficient time to travel and park in order to arrive at school on time.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

We want the very best for our children and for them to get well on in life. School Attendance information was emailed to all parents earlier this week.

Please ensure children arrive to school on time:

- Lessons start at 8.55am.
- The school day finishes at 3.15pm (4.15pm for After-School Clubs).

We will also do our best to ensure the children are out on time at the end of the day. Thank you everyone for your help. *Please also try to avoid taking children out for appointments during the school day.*

SCHOOL WEBSITE – Can you help?

We are looking for someone to help maintain our school [website](#).

Mr Perkins (parent of Lewis in Year 5) has very kindly been keeping our website up to date for over six years and he has decided to pass on the baton before the end of this academic year. Mr Perkins is willing to work with his replacement to help transfer the website details and set-up.

Please let me know if you are interested or able to help us.



FoSS GENERAL MEETING – Wednesday 1st October at 6.30pm

Please remember that we are holding our first General Meeting on the above date (here at school) and we will be discussing our events planner for the coming year. Everyone is welcome to attend, and your support would be very much appreciated. The FoSS Committee depend on the entire support of the school community to help raise money for the school and our children. If you would like to become involved, please contact Mrs Laura Bond (Chair) or speak to any other committee foss.shellingford@outlook.com member to find out more about FoSS.

Our fundraising events for this term are taking place on the following dates:

- **Smarties Challenge** (deadline for return - **Friday 17th October**). Keep your children busy running errands and fill the tube with 20p pieces or any loose change.
- **Christmas Cards** (artwork deadline to the School Office – **Monday 22nd October**)
- **Film Club 'Hotel Transylvania'** (**Friday 10th October**) 3.15 – 5.15pm
- **Stall on the Green** (**Friday 17th October**) at 3.00pm after the Celebration Assembly.

I look forward to see you this Sunday at the 'Family Quiz' in the Community Hall from 4.00 – 6.00pm.

The calendar of events for the the Autumn Term are also published on the [FoSS page](#) of the school website.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS (PTIs)

Our Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in-person this term from 3.30 – 6.30pm on:

- **Monday 20th October: All Classes**
- **Tuesday 21st October: Classes 1 & 2**
- **Wednesday 22nd October: Classes 3 & 4**

These appointments are particularly important and we ask all parents to make an appointment with your child/ren's teacher(s).

Please kindly note that we also request for children not to accompany parents to these meetings as it is important for us to have an opportunity to speak openly with you about your child/ren's progress and overall wellbeing.

For the PTI's being held on the Monday and Tuesday we ask that parents make their way to the Community Hall initially, where the children's work will be out for you to view. On Wednesday we ask for Parents to make their way to Class 1 initially, where the children work will be out for you to view. Teachers will then collect parents for their appointment directly from the Community Hall or Class 1 respectively. Thank you.

Appointment sheets will be displayed on the green outside the school from week commencing Monday 29th September. Each appointment will last for 10 minutes.

With best wishes,
Judith R Terrell

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