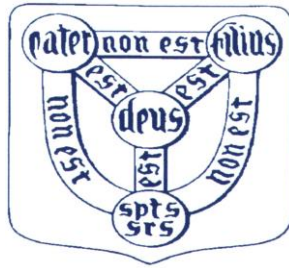


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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Value for the next two weeks: Service and Belonging

Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with love.

Mother Theresa

Dear Shellingford School Family,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. There are many exciting events taking place for the children and for parents over the coming weeks.

Next week we are setting aside daily **Space Makers** reflection times and introducing five contemplative practices to help children embrace some traditions of Christianity and mindfulness to assist us all in navigating the world around us.

The whole school will also be looking at 'Connections and Coincidences' during Maths England Week and parents are invited to an Open Morning.



We are also raising money for Children in Need, taking part in Anti-Bullying Week activities, visiting the Watermill Theatre to see 'The Little Mermaid' and celebrating Christmas – it's a busy term!

At the end of this newsletter, I have included a revised list of diary dates for this term, however, please continue to read our fortnightly school newsletters and check email correspondence regularly as event information may change.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



Our service of **Remembrance and Dedication** was held this morning in St Faith's church. It was a very poignant occasion for the school community. We would like to give a very special thanks to Mr Tom Scrivens from The Royal British Legion who was in attendance and to The Reverend Jeremy Goulston for leading the service. As a mark of respect, pupils were invited to wear their Brownies, Rainbows, Guides, Beavers, Scouts or Sea Cadets uniform. The school sang three moving songs, each class presented a wreath and poppies were laid as a mark of respect:

Thank you also for supporting **The Poppy Appeal**. Every poppy shows that we care about the lives of our Armed Forces Community. The Royal British Legion wish to send their heartfelt thanks for your very generous donations.

VOLUNTEERS

As a school we appreciate the support that we receive from volunteers, be it on occasional visits, or at regular times during the school week. If you feel you are able to offer some time we are asking for help in the following capacities:

- Hearing individual children read during a session or for a short period at the beginning or end of the school day.
- Working with small groups of children for a morning or afternoon session in a variety of curriculum areas.

Please complete this [form](#) by **Monday 10th November at 4.00pm.**

STAFFING UPDATE

We are delighted to inform you that we have appointed Mrs Maria McLachlan as EYFS Teacher who will be working alongside Miss Carnegie from January.

Further reminders, requests and information for the next few weeks ahead:

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2025 'THE POWER OF GOOD': 10TH – 14TH NOVEMBER

Anti-Bullying Week takes place in schools across England each November. The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is **'The Power of Good.'** On the Monday 10th November we would like everyone to wear odd socks to celebrate that we are all unique. Over the week we will be encouraging the children to speak out, support others and to help build a world of kindness. Our Anti-Bullying Policy is written in accordance with OCC guidelines and can be found on our school website.

RE AND WORSHIP QUESTIONNAIRES FOR PARENTS

All church schools receive an inspection to evaluate how well the school's Christian ethos and values impact on the development and achievement of the children which it serves.

As part of our ongoing evaluation, one important aspect is to seek your views on our school as a Church of England school.



I know we are approaching a busy time of year, but I would very much appreciate it if you could give some time to reflect on the attached questionnaire. We have also put a copy of this questionnaire in the children's book-bags. Please complete and return to the School Office by Monday 24th November.

Thank you.

CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL 2025: CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO 25! - FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

Mrs Sucksmith and Miss Long are organising our fundraising event this year. On Friday 14th November each class will be completing a variety of different challenges involving the value of 25! We kindly ask for a donation of £2.00 minimum per child which will go to Children in Need.

PARENTS OPEN MORNING 'CONNECTION OR COINCIDENCE' – WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

As part of Maths Week England (Monday 17th - Friday 21st November) we are inviting parents to come into classes between 9.00 – 9.30am on Wednesday 19th November to experience Maths learning in action! This year's theme of 'Connection and Coincidence' is about mathematical relationships and looking at patterns and puzzles with children. We hope that this will give you a taster of the kind of activities and games you could do to support your children at home.

AUTUMN/WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS

As the weather becomes wetter and colder, we require all children to have the appropriate outdoor winter clothing in school daily:

- A waterproof and windproof coat
- A warm hat, scarf and gloves
- A pair of wellington boots. **Please note children are only allowed on the field in wellies.*
- A PE Kit. **Black or navy tracksuit trousers for colder days are useful and a spare pair of socks as most PE lessons take place outside.* (A plastic bag for muddy trainers is also a good idea!) Please note for health and safety reasons, watches and earrings are not to be worn for PE and long hair must be tied back. Please provide a small box or envelope for your child to take out their own earrings or tape for us to cover them, as well as hair ties if this applies to your child.

Forest School sessions: Children also need waterproofs, wellies, and old clothes.

Please check all clothing and footwear are clearly named to ensure any lost items can be returned. If items are not bought into school a reminder letter will be sent home to parents. Thank you.

HEALTHY SNACKS

As part of our Food and Healthy Eating Policy we encourage children to pursue a healthy and balanced diet. Children in Foundation and Key Stage One receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable every school day at break-time through the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme administered by the Department of Health. At lunchtimes our school meals provided by OCC comply with nutritional standards. Children opting for homemade packed lunches are also encouraged to bring in a healthy, balanced lunch. Sweets and chocolate are not allowed in packed lunches and crisps and biscuits are discouraged. Thank you.



A huge thank you for supporting the following fundraising events at the end of last term.

❖ **SMARTIES CHALLENGE - £210.36**

❖ **AUTUMN STALL - £242.63**

Friday 21st November is Non-School Uniform Day (no football / sports kits). Please bring a £2.00 per child or a donation of chocolate for the Tombola Stall at St Faith's Church Christmas Fayre (on Saturday 6th December, see below diary dates).

With best wishes,

Judith R Terrell

DIARY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM 2025:

AUTUMN TERM TWO		
Week	Date/Time	Event
1	Monday 3 rd November	Autumn Term Two begins (School starts at 8.45am)
		Class 1 & 2: TA Sports Stars (pm) weekly
	Tuesday 4 th November	Class 3/4: Forest School (pm) alt. weekly
		Class 3/4: TA Sports Stars (pm) alt. weekly
	Wednesday 5 th November	Class 1 /2: Forest School (pm) alt. weekly
	Thursday 6 th November	FoSS: Bag2School Collection
		Year 4/5 (& Top-Up Y6) Swimming Lessons continue
		Class 3: 'Violin' Tuition' (Oxfordshire County Music Service) (pm) weekly
		FoSS: Events Meeting – The Old Crown Coaching Inn (7.30pm)
2	Monday 10 th – 14 th November	Whole School Event: Remembrance Service at St Faith's Church – all parents welcome
		All Pupils : Nasal Flu Immunisation Programme
	Friday 14 th November	Whole School Focus: Space Makers Reflection
3	Monday 17 th – 21 st November	Whole School Event: Anti-Bullying Week
		Whole School Event: Children in Need
	Monday 17 th – 21 st November	Whole School Event: Maths Week England 'Connection or Coincidence?'
	Wednesday 19 th November (9.00-9.30am)	Whole School Event: Maths Parent Open Morning
4	Friday 21 st November	FoSS: Non-School Uniform Day
		FoSS: Film Club (3.15 – 5.15pm)
	Monday 24 th – Thursday 27 th November	Last week of After-School Clubs
5	Wednesday 26 th November (6.30pm)	FoSS: General Meeting (Class 4)
	Wednesday 3 rd December	SEN Parent Consultations (all day)
		School Choir: Big Christmas Sing (pm)
	Thursday 4 th December	Whole School Visit: Watermill Theatre 'The Little Mermaid'
	Friday 5 th December (2.30 – 3.00pm)	School Council Meeting (pm)
		Whole School Event: Celebration Assembly in the Community Hall – all parents welcome & FoSS Stall
6	Saturday 6 th December (10.00 -12noon)	St Faith's Church Christmas Fayre
	Tuesday 9 th December (6.00pm)	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production
	Wednesday 10 th December (1.30pm)	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production
	Friday 12 th December (5.00 – 7.00pm)	FoSS: Children Christmas Party
	Sunday 14 th December (5.00pm)	Carols by Candlelight' at St Faith's Church
7	Wednesday 17 th December	Whole School Event: Christmas Lunch
	Thursday 18 th December (2.00pm)	Whole School Event: Christmas Service (led by Class 4) at St Faith's Church - all parents welcome
	Friday 19 th December	End of Autumn Term Two (School closes at 1.30pm for the Christmas holidays)

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