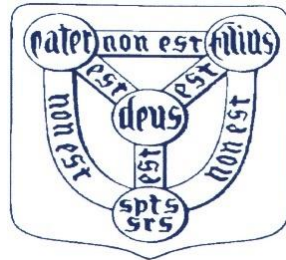


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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For unto us a Child is born.

Isaiah 9:6

Dear Shellingford School Family,



The whole school experienced a wonderful day out at our annual visit to The Watermill Theatre to watch **'THE LITTLE MERMAID'** based on the story by Hans Christian Andersen. We all were mesmerised by this touching and magical production, the superb acting, music and dancing which brought this well-known fairy story to life with a contemporary twist.

We are beginning to prepare for Christmas in our hearts and minds during our daily

Collective Worship and reflecting upon Advent and the celebration of the coming of Christ. Our Christmas tree has now arrived, and the children are clearly beginning to get excited!



Next week Class One and Two are performing **'THE TWINKLY NATIVITY.'** At this time of year we like to support a charity, and we have decided to collect for **'Makaton.'** This charity supports over 100,000 children and adults as either their main method of communication or as a way to support speech. It allows children and adults to take a more active part in life, because communication and language are the key to everything we do and learn.

SHELLINGFORD CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Tomorrow - Saturday 6th December (10.00 – 12noon)

Please support our community. The church together with the village, FoSS and the school will be running several stalls in the Community Hall.

All the children are making and baking products to sell.

St Faith's **CAROLS BY CANDLEIGHT SERVICE** is next **Sunday 14th December** at 5.00pm. Our School Choir will be performing, and we do hope you will find the time to join us.

The children have their **CHRISTMAS LUNCH** to look forward to on **Wednesday 17th December**. We also will be holding our **CHRISTMAS SERVICE** at St Faith's church on **Thursday 18th December** at 2.00pm. Class 4 will be helping us to lead the service, and we do hope that parents and family friends will be able to join us; this service is always such a joyous occasion.

RE & CW QUESTIONNAIRES

I would like to thank those parents who very kindly responded to our Religious Education and Collective Worship questionnaires. We are delighted with the positive feedback. We are committed to all children achieving well within a strong Christian ethos where everyone is valued and cared for. We would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership in helping us to achieve this.



Christmas Events ...

- ❖ **Friday 12th December: Christmas Party (5.00 – 7.00pm)**
- ❖ **Wednesday 17th December: Christmas Jumper Day**
Wear your best Christmas Jumper to school (other than festive jumpers please wear normal school uniform). £1.00 donation (per child). Cash only please.

Thank you from the FoSS Committee.

SPRING TERM INFORMATION:

- ✚ **SCHOOL LUNCHES: BOOKING DEADLINE – MIDNIGHT ON MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER**
Please access your School Gateway account by the above deadline to make meal choices and payments for School Lunches.
Please read the email sent to all parents today for further information. Thank you.

Please note that After-School Clubs for the Spring Term will be available for you to book next week. Please look out for a separate email notifying that club bookings are open.

We break up for Christmas on Friday 19th December at 1.30pm. Term begins again on Monday 5th January 2026 at 8.45am.

I would like to particularly thank the staff for all their hard work and dedication in continuing to ensure that our children are given the very best education and care. As well as to the governing body and FoSS for all the time they give voluntarily towards supporting our school.

At the beginning of Advent, may I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy start to the festive season.

With Best Wishes,

Judith R Terrell



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