



# Shalford News



The weekly newsletter for  
Shalford Infant & Nursery School

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## Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

We have finished Maths Week with each class taking part in a Maths Workshop today. The children have been busy problem solving with shapes and learning that mistakes are an important part of solving a problem. Please look out on Twitter for photos. If you don't follow us yet, please do find us at @shalfordInfants

Our Inclusion Officer from Surrey County Council is very pleased with our 97.9% overall attendance rate here at Shalford. I would like to thank you as parents for taking on the importance of regular attendance and especially for minimising those holidays in term time. So that you are kept informed of your child's attendance, we send home letters and registration certificates after each half term holiday to all children in the main school classes. Individual letters will be sent out to parents of children with an attendance rate below 90%, which the government regard as 'persistent absentees'. These letters are coming home in book bags today.

The School Council have decided that they would like to hold a cake sale on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** to raise money for Children In Need this year. The cake sale will be run by the School Councillors and will take place during the school day. Cakes will all cost just **20p**, so please send your child in to school with some change on this day so that they can buy a cake. We are not asking for donations of cakes from parents, just money for your children to buy one. All classes will be visiting the cake sale. Thank you in advance for your support.

Surrey County Council have given us formal notice that the school will be used as a Polling Station for the General Election on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The main school will be closed to children on that day, but the nursery will be open as usual.

Our Parent Directory is now available to purchase from the school office at the price of just £1. It includes all classes, including Acorn Class.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Kind regards,  
Michelle Dutton

## Shalford Celebrates

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Charlie	
Oak	Jessica	
Ash	Tilly	Eve
Pine	Ben	Isaac

## THANK YOU 😊

A big thank you to everyone for donating time, money and a huge array of cakes in support of last half term's Freaky Friday event, it has got this year's fundraising off to a great start.

This year we are fundraising for the following items which will benefit all four of our classes.

### Easi-Ears®

A digital audio system comprising of a set of six different coloured wireless headphones, remote control unit and docking station for recharging and software for each of the four classes.



### New iPads

The Schools iPads are reaching the point where they can no longer be updated with new software, replacing them will allow the children to be using new apps and programs to support their learning.

## Important Dates

13<sup>th</sup> Nov - 2-5pm Parent/Teacher Consultations  
14<sup>th</sup> Nov - 5.30-7.30pm Parent/Teacher Consultations  
15<sup>th</sup> Nov - Children In Need Sch Council Cake Sale  
18<sup>th</sup> Nov - 9-9.30am - Family Learning  
22<sup>nd</sup> Nov - 9-9.30am - Family Learning  
25<sup>th</sup> Nov - Bounce for Books  
7<sup>th</sup> Dec - PiP Christmas Fair  
12<sup>th</sup> Dec - Main School Closed for Polling  
16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day  
17<sup>th</sup> Dec - AM EY Christmas Performance  
PM KS1 Christmas Performance  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec - AM - KS1 Christmas Performance  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec - PM - Pantomime Trip  
19<sup>th</sup> Dec - EY Christmas Performance  
20<sup>th</sup> Dec - END OF TERM MAIN SCH FINISHES at 1PM  
23<sup>rd</sup> Dec - 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS  
17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Feb - HALF TERM WEEK  
24<sup>th</sup> Feb - Main School INSET DAY  
30<sup>th</sup> Mar - 17<sup>th</sup> Apr - Nursery EASTER HOLIDAYS  
6<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Apr - School EASTER HOLIDAYS  
25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May - HALF TERM WEEK  
20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Main School INSET DAYS

## Christmas Star Competition

Once again, we are inviting all children to enter our exciting **Christmas Star Competition**. All they need to do is create and make a Christmas star. The star can be any size and be made out of any material. The star can be flat or 3D and be decorated in whatever way they wish, be imaginative and inventive!



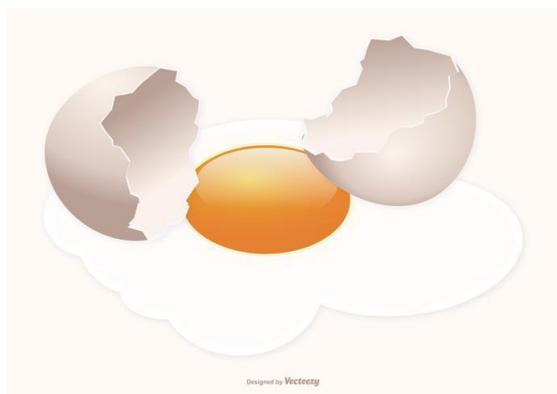
There will also be a prize for the best star from each class. All entries will be used in the decoration of the school. We think they will look fantastic!

Stars can be brought in to school from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November and the closing date is **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. Winners will be announced on that day during our special Dress the Christmas Tree assembly.

We are really looking forward to seeing your children's creations.

## Acorn Class Letter of the week

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Guildford Community Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in Guildford, **including Shalford PTA!**

Play the lottery, support the school - it's that simple!

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week. Each ticket has a **1 in 50** chance to win a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000! That's a better chance of winning than the National Lottery or the Health Lottery!

<https://www.guildfordlottery.org/>