



Shalford News



The weekly newsletter for
Shalford Infant School and Nursery

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Head Teacher Update

Dear Families.

What an amazing week we have had! The children have all performed superbly and have ensured we all take the true message of Christmas into our hearts.

Happy Christmas one and all from everyone at Shalford Infant & Nursery School. We hope you have a fabulous time with family and friends. I would like to congratulate everyone involved in making this Christmas time so wonderful.

Children – you have all been fabulous, fun and have worked so hard on your Christmas performances, I have sent a special note to Father Christmas telling him how proud I am of you all.

PTA – I can't thank you enough for your amazing contribution. The Christmas Fair was such a great event and you all worked so hard. We are lucky to have such a dedicated group of volunteers.

Staff & Governors: I would like to thank all of you for your hard work and determination in helping children this term. Your efforts really are making a difference and are much appreciated.

Parents: Thank you for keeping track of all the Christmas events and also your kind cards and gifts. They are much appreciated and enjoyed by us all. We raised £398 for Shooting Star Children's Hospice from the performance collections, thank you all for being so generous. We also took over £800 in book sales at the Scholastic Bookfair last week, thanks you, we have £400 to spend on non-fiction books for the new library.

Learning Partner's Parent/Carer termly newsletter is available to view here [Trust Parent/Carer Newsletter](#)

We look forward to seeing children back in school on **Thursday 5th January** when school starts in the New Year for all classes.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With festive wishes,
Michelle Dutton

Shalford Celebrates...

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Elaina	Harper
Oak	Jonathan	Fred
Ash	Olivia	Rose
Pine	Sophie	Matthew R

[Festive family trail - explore Guildford's festive town centre trail to win cracking prizes](#)

Guildford Borough Council has organised a free **Festive Nutcracker Trail** around Guildford Town Centre from Wednesday 7th December to Thursday 5th January. It's free to enter – simply find the 10 nutcracker soldiers in the windows of participating shops and businesses, note the letter displayed on each, and work out the festive word. Then pop your completed entry form in the special post box at Tunsgate Quarter to be in with a chance of winning some fantastic prizes.



Important Dates

3rd & 4th Jan - INSET DAYS

17th & 19th Jan 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me

19th & 20th Jan 9-9.30am: Family Learning

8th Feb 2.45pm: Welcome Wednesday

27th Feb 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me

27th & 28th Feb 9-9.30am: Family Learning

2nd Mar 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me

26th & 28th Apr 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me

25th & 26th Apr 9-9.30am: Family Learning

8th May: Additional Bank Holiday - School Closed

13th & 14th June 9-9.30am: Family Learning

14th & 15th June 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me

Safety Around Water in Winter

Following the tragic deaths of four young children in Solihull at the weekend, Surrey Fire and Rescue Services have asked us to share this important advice to all families.

Children and young people love to play, it is how they learn and build relationships.

On cold winter days when there is snow there are lots of fun activities to do like: building a snowman, making snow angels, going on snow walks, going on sleigh rides.

As fun as these activities are, it's important that we remind children and young people of the dangers associated with snow and ice.

School Applications

Surrey County Council have asked us to remind all parents that the closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2023 entry is **15th January 2023**.

Parents of children in Pine Class you must submit an application by 15th January for a transfer to a Junior school.

Surrey encourage online applications via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app> however parents can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004).

Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.



- To keep away from frozen lakes and bodies of water – the bankside of rivers and lakes maybe slippery and a fall could result in entering the water
- Although a lake or pond may appear completely frozen, there is no way of knowing how thick the ice is, whether it will hold a person's weight, or the depth of water is under the ice.
- Water and Ice is very cold, hypothermia can set in quickly a person falls into the water.

Please remind your children:

- Keep off ice formed on bodies of water – it is temporary and in a state of change
- Stay a safe distance away from the edge of rivers and ponds, so if you do slip over you don't fall onto ice formed on a pond or river.
- Whenever possible, it is best to stick to well-lit journey routes, use a torch at night to help you keep on the path, wear warm clothing and stay away from water.
- Play in groups so if someone does need help it is easier to summon assistance