



Shalford News

The weekly newsletter for
Shalford Infant School and Nursery



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Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

I can't quite believe that we are heading into the last week of this half term, leaving just one half term left of this academic year. I know it's a cliché, but really, where does the time go?!

Next week all of our existing lighting in school will be replaced with LED fittings and bulbs. This project is being paid for by The Learning Partners Trust as part of their work around saving energy. The work will take place after school and overnight on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We have been assured that the work will not create any noise that will disturb local residents.

It has come to my attention that some children who are waiting to go home are taking out the playtime toys and equipment from the storage boxes under the shelter and then playing with them after school. These resources are not for after school (unless the children are in a club), so please do not let your children help themselves during this time. We also do not allow any children to ride their bikes or scooters in the school grounds before or after school. There are a lot of people moving around the playground and the courtyard during these times and we do not want anyone to get hurt. So, can I ask that you tell your child to walk their bike or scooter through the school. Thank you for your support in helping to keep everyone safe.

Our lunchtime Gardening Club is in full swing and children have been busy starting to plant up the container pots dotted around the school. If you are visiting the garden centre to buy container plants for your own garden, we would very much appreciate it if you could pop an extra one in your basket for us. Any donations of container plants would be most welcome.

Thank you to everyone who either donated cakes or bought cakes at the School Council Bake Sale this afternoon. There are some photos on Twitter. The School Councillors had a brilliant time being stall holders!

Have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes,
Michelle Dutton

Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Chloe	Dakota
Oak	Stanley	Sara
Ash	Ariana	Oli
Pine	Joe	Louie

The School Day from September 2023

As you are aware the DfE expects that all schools should provide at least 32.5 hours per week for its pupils, by September 2023.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the consultation regarding changing the length of the school day. There were some helpful suggestions and comments. I want to reiterate that we are aware of Tillingbourne Junior School's timings and as stated in my previous letter we tried to engage with other local schools, both infant and junior to come to a shared agreement about how to support parents with siblings at these schools, but this has been difficult and has not resulted in a way forward. Therefore, we have settled on a compromise as suggested by parents (thank you!) and have split the additional 15mins to both ends of the day. From September 2023 the school day will be:

8.40am: The school site open to all parents. **Oak, Ash & Pine Class doors open**

8.45am: **Acorn Class door opens**

8.55am: The school site is closed to parents and registers are taken

3pm: The school site is open to all parents. **Acorn Class are dismissed**

3.10pm: **Oak, Ash & Pine Classes are dismissed**

3.20pm: The school site is closed to parents

There will not be any changes to the length of the Nursery school day.

This is a situation where we cannot please everyone and we acknowledge that this will cause difficulties for some people but we believe that this arrangement will cause the least amount of disruption.

Important Dates

24th May 2.45pm: Welcome Wednesday
29th May - 2nd June: Half Term Holiday
5th June: INSET DAY - School Closed
5th June: Maths & Science Week
7th June: Class Photo Day
14th & 16th June 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me
16th June 1.30pm: Whole School Sports Day
20th & 21st June 9-9.30am: Family Learning
24th June: PTA Summer Fair
26th June: [School Diversity Week](#)
12th July 3 - 5pm: Open Afternoon
14th July 1pm: Grandparents Afternoon
20th July 1pm: End of term

Sports Day Friday 16th June

Our Sports Day will begin at **1.30pm** at the Shalford Cricket Club. Children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kits. Each class will need parents to walk with them to the cricket grounds. There will be a mix of different sporting activities, finishing with the parents race finale.

Children will need a sun hat and water bottle.
Please remember to put sunscreen on your child before school starts.

For parents in Oak, Ash and Pine Classes, please ensure that your child has the correct summer PE kit consisting of a white t-shirt, red shorts and trainers.

Our reserve Sports Day date is **Friday 23rd June**. If the weather is poor and we need to postpone Sports Day for the safety of the pupils, we will aim to give parents as much notice as we can, but sometimes this has to be on the day itself.



Guildford Community Lottery

Guildford Community Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in Guildford. All good causes supported by the lottery will benefit Guildford and its residents.

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!

Each ticket will consist of 6 numbers and each number will be between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a 6-digit winning combination will be picked. Prizes will be given to players with tickets that match the first or last 2-6 numbers from the winning combination. Match all 6 and you win the JACKPOT!

So how does it raise funds for our school? When buying your ticket, you can choose which cause you would like to support. From every £1 ticket sold 50p will go to the school plus 10p will be distributed to other good causes in and around Guildford. To put this in perspective when you play the National Lottery only 25% goes to good causes, here it's more than double that.

So far, this academic year the school has received £175 through ticket sales!

Have a look at the website: [Guildford Community Lottery](#)

