



Shalford News



The weekly newsletter for
Shalford Infant School and Nursery

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Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

Next week Christmas will arrive at Shalford as we start rehearsals for performances and our annual Dress the Christmas Tree event will take place. Maurice Mandry are kindly donating our Christmas tree this year. Once term ends on 19th Dec we will no longer require the tree, so if you would like a free Christmas tree, please let the school office know.

This year's KSI (Pine & Ash Class) Christmas performance will be **'The Nativity'** and the Early Years (Acorn & Oak Class) Christmas performance will be **'Whoopsie Daisy Angel'**. We are already busy learning the songs. Everyone will play a part and get to dress up. We have many costumes in school, but may need help with some of them. We will send home letters to those parents this affects in the next couple of weeks. Thank you in advance for your help. There are be two performances of each play, babies; they are very welcome to attend on **Wednesday 13th December only please**. Your children will have worked extremely hard on their performances and get easily distracted by noise in the audience.

On **19th December**, we will be having our Christmas Lunch at school. Please log on to Cleverchefs to book your child's Christmas lunch. We are also inviting all children to wear Christmas jumpers on this day to keep things festive!

The PTA are looking forward to welcoming all our families to the **PTA Christmas Cheer after school until 4pm on Friday 1st December**. It will be a lovely event run for the children.

Congratulations to Karen Brooks (mum to Immie in Ash Class) for being re-elected as parent governor. Karen is our Vice-Chair and contributes so much to the school, both in time, energy as well as her passion for ensuring that Shalford is the best start possible for the children of Shalford.

We were pleased to welcome Quinsha into Pine Class this week. She has already begun to settle in to our school community and our children are showing their Shalford values by helping her to find out all about our school.

Have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes,
Michelle Dutton

Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Sophia	Archie
Oak	Ariyah	Josephine
Ash	Fred	Maddie
Pine	Angelica	Angelica

Christmas Star Competition - REMINDER

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 27th November and the closing date is **Friday 1st December**. 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.

Important Dates

1st Dec 3.10pm: PTA Christmas Cheer
12th Dec: 9.30am EYFS Christmas Performance
13th Dec: 9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance
13th Dec: 2pm EYFS Christmas Performance
14th Dec: 1.30pm KS1 Christmas Performance
15th Dec PM: Pantomime Trip, Oak, Ash & Pine
18th Dec PM: Class Christmas Parties
19th Dec: Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
19th Dec: Term finishes at 1pm
20th Dec: INSET DAY
15th & 18th Jan 9am: Family Learning
7th Feb: 2.45 - 3pm: Welcome Wednesday
19th Feb: INSET DAY
27th Feb & 1st Mar 9am: Family Learning
27th Mar: 2.45 - 3pm: Welcome Wednesday
15th April: INSET DAY
24th & 25th April 9am: Family Learning
22nd May: 2.45 - 3pm: Welcome Wednesday
3rd June: INSET DAY
18th & 21st June 9am: Family Learning

Does Your Child or Teenager Have Sleep Difficulties?

Children and Family Health Surrey has launched new videos and webpages to support toddlers, children and teenagers across Surrey with sleep. A series of four videos has been produced for parents and carers featuring NHS nurses and sleep experts.

Jointly funded by Children and Family Health Surrey and Surrey County Council, the videos are suitable for supporting the sleep of children and young people including those with additional needs and learning disabilities, and give advice, information and tips.

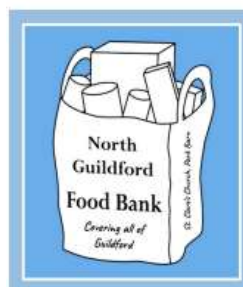
Visit the [Children and Family Health Surrey website](#) to find out more.



A message from the North Guildford Foodbank

We just wanted to say a big thank you to you and to the whole of Shalford Infant & Nursery School for the kind donations. We really appreciate your support and I know that our clients will be very grateful for the donations as well!

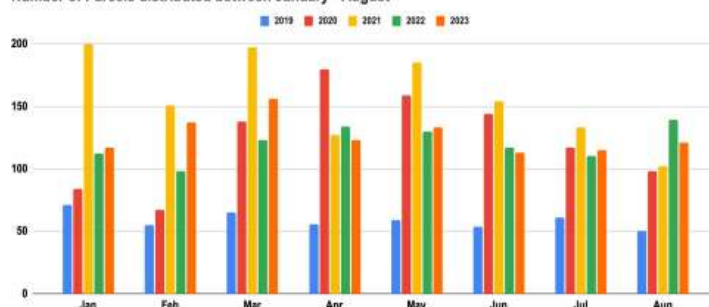
The winter period is always our busiest time of the year, and with the cost of living crisis we are facing, sadly we are not expecting client numbers to reduce going forward. Donors like you make it possible for us to continue supporting our clients, so many thanks again for all of your generous support, we couldn't do it without you!



Thank you for your support in 2023

On behalf of all of our clients we want to say a huge thank you for the support that you give to the North Guildford Food Bank. Without our loyal supporters and volunteers we could not provide the support we do.

Number of Parcels distributed between January - August



The number of food parcels we have provided so far this year remains roughly double the number we provided pre-covid, we are also seeing an increase in number of clients from last year.

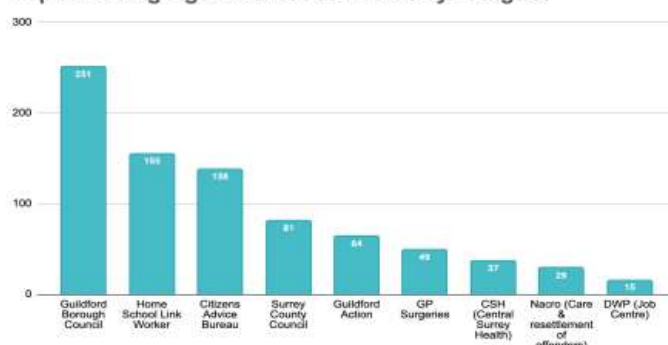
Clients are referred to the food bank for many different reasons, the chart below shows the most common reasons identified by referrers.

Total number of parcels distributed in 2023	1015
Total number of people fed	2746
Adults	1554
Children	1192

Main Reasons for Referral 2023



Top Referring Agencies of 2023 January - August



There are nearly 200 agencies that refer clients to the food bank, Guildford Borough Council and Home School Link Workers (across multiple local schools) are our top referring groups.