



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 thank 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. Christmas Cheer was such a great event. Thank you for providing the interval treats at the panto. You all worked so hard this term. 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 supporting 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 support this term. Your children are lucky to have you. We raised **£482.54** for Shooting Star Children's Hospice from the performance collections, thank you all for being so generous.

We have a couple of staff changes to let you know about. Mrs Segelov, one of our part time teaching assistants is sadly leaving us next week and Mrs Allis, the School Business Manager will be leaving us at the end of January. Recruitment is under way so if you are interested or you know anyone who might be please take a look [here](#).

Just a reminder that term finished at **1pm on Tuesday** and that we will look forward to seeing children back in school on **Wednesday 3rd January** when school starts in the New Year.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With festive wishes,

Michelle Dutton

Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Arthur	Fin
Oak	Oz	Tia
Ash	Lucy	Nate
Pine	Avi	Isabelle

School Applications

Surrey County Council have asked us to remind all parents that the closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2024 entry is **15th January 2024**.



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.



Important Dates	
<p>19th Dec: Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day</p> <p>19th Dec: Term finishes at 1pm</p> <p>20th Dec: INSET DAY</p> <p>3rd Jan: Term Starts</p> <p>15th & 18th Jan 9am: Family Learning</p> <p>w/c 5th Feb – Parent/teacher consultation week</p> <p>7th Feb: 2.45 – 3pm: Welcome Wednesday</p> <p>12th – 16th Feb – Half term week</p> <p>19th Feb: INSET DAY</p> <p>27th Feb & 1st Mar 9am: Family Learning</p> <p>27th Mar: 2.45 – 3pm: Welcome Wednesday</p> <p>15th April: INSET DAY</p> <p>24th & 25th April 9am: Family Learning</p> <p>22nd May: 2.45 – 3pm: Welcome Wednesday</p> <p>3rd June: INSET DAY</p> <p>18th & 21st June 9am: Family Learning</p>	<p>Supported Lodgings, and Fostering are both incredibly rewarding experiences that can transform the lives of both the children/young people being supported and the carers' themselves. Children and young people who enter the care system have often experienced trauma and instability in their lives, and a stable and supportive carer family can make a significant difference in their wellbeing and development.</p> <p>Nationally, there are currently over 70,000 children living with carer families in the UK. However, there is still a significant shortage of Supported Lodgings and foster carers, with around 9,265 new carer families needed in the next year alone. In Surrey, there are over 1,000 children in care and Surrey County Council have just under 400 carer families.</p> <p>Supported Lodgings is targeted at young adults aged 16-21 to help them build their independence skills ready to live independently in the future, from the security of a caring, stable home environment.</p> <p>Supported Lodgings Carers and Foster carers come from all walks of life and backgrounds, and there is no one-size-fits-all approach to caring. Whether you are single or married, young or old, own your own home or rent, you can still become a carer. The most important thing is a willingness to provide a safe and loving home for a child in need.</p> <p>This is the message that Surrey County Council is promoting in national recruitment film 'Any of Us'. The short film has been jointly funded by over 80 councils across England and aims to raise awareness about fostering, particularly among those people who may not have previously considered themselves suited to caring for vulnerable children and young people. The film looks at the potential of three people from different backgrounds to become carers, and the potential of children they care for to grow and thrive. 'Any of Us' is available to watch from the 26th September.</p> <p>If you have ever thought about fostering, or offering Supported Lodgings, now is the time to take that first step and find out more. The more people who consider caring, the greater the chance of finding loving, stable homes for children in Surrey who desperately need them.</p> <p>You can contact Surrey County Council Fostering Service on 0300 123 1620 (this is the General Fostering Duty telephone, please ask for the Supported Lodgings worker, when connected), via email at supportedlodgings@surreycc.gov.uk or by visiting the website; www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering</p> <p>You can watch 'Any of Us' via Any of Us - YouTube and connect with the Fostering Service on social media via @surreyfostering</p> 
Proposed Changes to George Abbot School's Admissions Policy for 2025-26 Admissions	
 <p>George Abbot School is currently in consultation for our Admissions Policy for 2025-26 Admissions</p> <p>For more information, please scan the QR code below or visit https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/admissions/</p> 