

# Newsletter

## November 2024

Hello everyone!

Another month has passed and we are nearly reached Christmas! We've been experiencing another term of fantastic learning here at Shalford and it has been a delight to see children make excellent progress in their classrooms. Visitors to our school are noticing how calm and settled all the children are and how focussed they are on their learning in the classrooms.

This term, our school value has been 'trust' and we have exploring how we develop our character further through exploring different aspects of this principle. We have looked at how trust is the foundation of any positive relationship and how we can identify adults who we trust if we have something that has upset or worried us.

Trust is a really important part of school life, especially in those moments when children are outside of the classroom. At playtimes, children need to learn to manage themselves, play positively and focus on their happiness and burning off energy. Where children struggle to follow these expectations we will always deal with this promptly, but I'm sure all parents and carers will want to support children to remember to be their best even when they are outside of the classroom.

We have lots of activities for families as we head towards Christmas within the school community and I look forward to seeing you all at these events.

As always, please don't hesitate to speak to me if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss anything.

Mr. Arding

## Wrap Around Care

As I look to develop our provision here at Shalford, I am conscious that for many families the provision of before and after school clubs are an important consideration when choosing a school. For many working families, consistent wrap around care is an important part of school life.

We are a very small school, and ensuring this provision is a very challenging facility for us to provide. However, I am determined to explore every possible avenue available to me to deepen our wrap around care.

I would be very grateful if you could complete the survey on the attached link / scan the QR code to provide me with your initial thoughts on this. It would be useful if you could complete this even if your children don't attend any of our clubs.

This data will allow me to consider the options available to me. Many thanks to those parents who have already spoken to me about this issue.

<https://forms.office.com/e/3D9c4DxWEY>



## Reception Parent Tours

Our Reception Parent Tours have been very popular so far; if you, or anyone you know, are exploring your child starting school in September 2025, we will be holding two further tours on 10<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30 and 10.30am.

Please speak to Mr. Arding or Mrs. Coombs if you would like any further information about these days.

### Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

To attend Early Bird/Breakfast Club, just turn up at the black door in the car park and ring the doorbell. Sibling discount available.

Option 1: Breakfast Club starts at 8am and includes Toast/cereal/drinks for £3.50 per day.

Option 2: 'Early Bird' Club starts at 8.15am and does not include food or drink. The cost for Early Bird Club is only £1.25 per day. If a child needs to arrive before 8.15am, the price will be £3.50, regardless of whether they eat or not.

**PLACES AVAILABLE IN ALL CLUBS FOR ALL AGES - YOU DO NOT NEED TO WAIT UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF A HALF TERM TO BOOK**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Currently no club</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Currently no club</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Singing club: please speak to the school office for more details.
<b>Thursday</b>	Lego and Fun Club: run by school staff (small snack and drink included). £4.75 per session (book and pay on MCAS APP)
<b>Friday</b>	<a href="#">Shalford Primary School- After School Club - Whole School Football (1) (4 - 11 yrs) at Shalford Primary School, Braintree   Colchester United Community Foundation   Powered by ClassForKids</a>

**Please ensure your child attends school with a warm coat and gloves/scarf during the winter months.**

## Fire Safety

Essex County Fire & Rescue Service provide lots of useful information designed to support families in keeping safe. If you are looking for advice on how to stay safe, tailored to your home and household, please visit:

<https://www.essex-fire.gov.uk/online-home-fire-safety-check>

They also specialised advice on how to keep safe during the Winter months:

<https://www.essex-fire.gov.uk/winter-safety>



Thankyou everyone for your kind donations to our Poppy Appeal this year.

Thankyou also for your generosity towards our fundraising for Children in Need; as a school we raised over £130 for this very worthy cause.

### Dates for your diary:

14<sup>th</sup> Dec – FoSPs breakfast w/ Santa.  
 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – EYFS + KS1 Nativity at 10.30am.  
 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS2 Concert at St. Andrews at 6pm.  
 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – EYFS + KS1 Nativity at 2pm.  
 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Jumper Day + Christmas Dinner for the whole school  
 19<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Craft afternoon from 2pm on.  
 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – FoSPs Christmas Movie Night + Last Day of Term!  
 7<sup>th</sup> Jan – First day back after the Christmas Holidays.