

# Newsletter

## February 2025

Hello everyone!

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of February, a number of children from our school performed in the Compass Concert that was held at John Ray Juniors. It was amazing to see the confidence, talent and tunefulness that came from the children when performing to such a large audience. A huge thankyou to Miss Neave for co-ordinating such a great opportunity for our pupils.



Yesterday, we held our annual Science day where all the children across the school engaged in some fantastic learning all themed around celebrating Women in Science. There was amazing learning in every classroom involving dinosaur eggs, growing mould, extracting DNA from strawberries and even some dissection in Chestnut class! All the teachers worked so hard to arrange such a fantastic day of learning, and an especial thanks to Mrs Locke for her leadership of science across the whole year.

There are a number of exciting events coming up over the next term; please speak to me about any questions you may have.

Mr. Arding

## WORLD BOOK DAY

Is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March!

This year, we will be holding a non-school uniform day where children are free to dress up as any fictional character whilst attending school. No donation is required, but please let your child know that no props or accessories will be allowed on the playground during the day to avoid the potential upset of loss or breakage!

Children will be enjoying some special learning activities in the afternoon that celebrate a love of reading and literature.

I hope you will join us in celebrating such a special day; reading is at the heart of everything we do at Shalford and I'm keen that this becomes a day that children treasure and celebrate.

## FoSsPs

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Bailey and Ms Yagli for their outstanding leadership of FoSPs; we are all so grateful for everything you have done to support the children in our community.

Our new FoSPs committee have been elected; I know Mrs Bell, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Sykes are keen for any parents who are willing to support the activities they have planned to get in touch. A big thankyou to them for the doughnuts!

# 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>	Multi-sports club to start after half-term. Please speak to the school office for further 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) (4-11yrs) at Shalford Primary School.</a> <a href="#">Braintree</a>   <a href="#">Colchester United Community Foundation</a>   <a href="#">Powered by ClassForKids</a>

## Times Tables

All children having a quick recall of their times tables remains a foundational element of their mathematics learning. Practising times tables at home is a brilliant way to support your child in their learning, focussing on the 2x, 5x and 10x tables in KS1 and the remainder of the tables in LKS2. Your child's class teacher will be able to support you with resources and strategies if you require any support with home learning.

## Upcoming dates for your diary:

Below I've tried to include every date that has been confirmed for the rest of the academic year. Please speak to me if you have any questions about any of these events.

6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – non-uniform day (dress up as your favourite character)  
 7<sup>th</sup> March – Ash Class Assembly @9am  
 21<sup>st</sup> March – Elm Class Assembly @9am  
 21<sup>st</sup> March – Shalford's Got Talent  
 25<sup>th</sup> March – Ash + Elm Trip to the Zoo  
 4<sup>th</sup> April – last day of Spring 2 term  
 31<sup>st</sup> March-1<sup>st</sup> April – Chestnut Class Bikeability  
 22<sup>nd</sup> April – first day of Summer 1 term  
 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Beech Class Assembly @9am (rescheduled)  
 w.b. 12<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs week  
 19<sup>th</sup> May – Beech Class Trip to Colchester Castle  
 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Sports Day  
 23<sup>rd</sup> May – last day of Summer 1 term  
 2<sup>nd</sup> June – first day of Summer 2 term  
 5<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Multiplication Checker  
 12<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check  
 20<sup>th</sup> June – Class Photos  
 30<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Y6 School Journey  
 9<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 Performance @ 1.30pm and 6pm  
 16<sup>th</sup> July – Meet the Teacher day and Reports sent home  
 18<sup>th</sup> July – last day of the school year. Y6 Leaver's assembly at 2pm  
 3<sup>rd</sup> September – first day of the new academic year