

Newsletter

March 2025

Hello everyone!

On Monday, we held our annual Shalford's Got Talent competition. It was wonderful to see the children share their gifts and talents with their peers and we all enjoyed celebrating their confidence to perform in front of the whole school. All the finalists were excellent, but huge congratulations to Chloe for her blindfolded keyboard playing, Adriana for her times tables knowledge and Leo for his excellent presentation on snakes. Each child received a book token as a recognition of their amazing abilities.



Ash and Elm class enjoyed a fantastic trip to Colchester Zoo this week where the children were thrilled to see the wild menagerie of animals on display. They also enjoyed a brilliant workshop. A huge thankyou to Mrs. Barford + Mrs. Locke for organising the trip and for all the school adults who made the day so special.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter holiday and I will look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Tuesday 22nd April!

Mr. Arding



Thankyou to everyone who made a kind and generous donation to Comic Relief last Friday. We raised over £60 for this worthy cause.

A goodbye

We are very sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Barford at Easter; she has been a much-valued member of our school community for the past year and a half or so and we will miss her very much! She leaves to continue to develop her passion for working with children who experience barriers to learning and we know she will transform the lives of those she works with.

In the Summer term, our SENCo role will be fulfilled by our colleague Mrs. Christian, who will bring a wealth of experience and expertise to our school. If any parents wish to meet Mrs. Christian to discuss their child or to seek guidance on issues relating to SEND or inclusion, please contact the school office and an appointment will be arranged.

Compass Concert

You may remember last newsletter I informed you of the amazing Compass Concert that our children performed at in January. If you would like to watch the performance, please use the following link:

<https://vimeo.com/1066502664>

and enter the password: **CEC25** to access.

Parent Survey

I would be very grateful if all parents could complete our parent survey that can be accessed via the link below or by scanning the QR code. Your responses will help shape the school further and inform my decision making. As always, if you have anything you'd like to discuss with me, please grab me on the gate or arrange a meeting with me!

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ShareFormPage.aspx?id=QojE8T5ac0qY2c3UfAlmZMwOKK81fJsfX9Oh3jzKRUMEZIROISSEFYV1zMINGNzJOWTQwN1VOMy4u&sharetoken=2YVpsJaGxsn6MiiyYKwW>



Breakfast and After School Clubs

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

Monday	Currently no club
Tuesday	Currently no club
Wednesday	Multi-sports club to start after half-term. Please speak to the school office for further details.
Thursday	Lego and Fun Club: run by school staff (small snack and drink included). £4.75 per session (book and pay on MCAS APP)

Friday	Shalford Primary School- After School Club - Whole School Football (1) (4-11yrs) at Shalford Primary School. Braintree Colchester United Community Foundation Powered by ClassForKids
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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.

31st March-1st April – Chestnut Class Bikeability
 22nd April – first day of Summer 1 term
 24th April – Deadline for WW2 home learning project
 2nd May – Beech Class Assembly @9am (rescheduled)
 8th May – VE Celebration @ Memorial Hall at 4.15pm
 w.b. 12th May – KS2 SATs week
 19th May – Beech Class Trip to Colchester Castle
 23rd May – Sports Day
 23rd May – last day of Summer 1 term
 2nd June – first day of Summer 2 term
 5th June – Y4 Multiplication Checker
 12th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check
 16th-17th June – Chestnut Class Bikeability
 20th June – Class Photos
 25th-26th June – Chestnut Class Bikeability
 27th June – WW2 Street Party for families and the local community (more information to follow soon)
 30th June – 2nd July – Y6 School Journey
 4th July – Coffee Morning w/ Mr. Arding for Parents
 9th July – KS2 Performance @ 1.30pm and 6pm
 16th July – Meet the Teacher day and Reports sent home
 18th July – last day of the school year. Y6 Leaver's assembly at 2pm
 3rd September – first day of the new academic year