

Newsletter

May 2025

Hi all,

We're entering a very busy period of the academic year! Lots of children in the school will be undertaking statutory assessment (including our Y6 children who will be sitting their SATs in a few weeks' time). There are lots of trips and experiences planned for the rest of the term, so hopefully the children will have lots to enjoy. Sports Day will be on the last day of term, and I look forward to sharing this fantastic day with you.

With this in mind, a couple of dates have been changed as we try to balance all the busy-ness at this time of year. Apologies if any inconvenience has been caused. Please check the calendar on the reverse for all dates between now and the end of the academic year.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind everyone that nail varnish is not part of our school's uniform policy so I appreciate your support in removing it from your child before they attend school.

Hopefully we have lots of lovely weather this summer. Please can sunscreen be applied to children before school and can they attend with a filled water bottle to ensure that they keep hydrated throughout the day. (Knowing my luck, it will probably rain for the rest of the year now that I've asked this...!)

As always, please come and speak to me if you have anything you would like to discuss.

Mr. Arding.

VE Day Celebration

On Thursday 8th May, the whole community in Shalford will be able to come together to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. For our children it will be an opportunity to see their fantastic home learning projects on display.

The event will start at 3.30pm with a children's tea party, a museum and exhibition and games. At 4.20pm the winner of the home learning project will be announced and the shield will be presented to the winner.

There will then be fish & chips available to buy, local beer, wartime singing & dancing, church flowers and bell ringing. At 9.30pm the National Beacon will be lit.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at this community event.

Parent Survey

Thankyou to everyone who has already completed the Parent Survey that I shared last term. I will be collating the responses on the 16th May, so I would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete it before this date. Please use the link below or the QR code to access the survey.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPageV2.aspx?prevorigin=shell&origin=NeoPortalPage&subpage=design&id=QojE8T5ac0qY2c3UffAlmcvoFKjtlNEoOssFXzDPLBUMkgwQzgwUFVJR05aWEJWVkhNUzY3MURQOS4u>



Statutory Assessment Period

The statutory testing period continues next term for many children at our school. We have produced an information guide for parents and carers that is available on the school website at:

<https://www.shalford.compassps.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=4>

At school we will be doing all we can to help support your child through this period; one of the main ways adults can support their children is by ensuring that they have a good night's sleep before any test. Additionally, maintaining as high attendance as possible during this term is essential in order to ensure your child doesn't miss out on any essential learning.

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

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| Monday | Currently no club |
| Tuesday | Currently no club |
| Wednesday | Multi-sports club. Please speak to the school office for further details. |

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| 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) (4-11 yrs) at Shalford Primary School, Braintree Colchester United Community Foundation Powered by ClassForKids |

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.

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

4th June – Chestnut Class Trip

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

14th July – KS2 Performance @ 1.30pm and 6pm

15th July – Meet the Teacher day and Reports sent home

16th July – Y6 celebration trip

18th July – last day of the school year. Y6

Leaver's assembly at 2pm

3rd September – first day of the new academic year