

Newsletter

June 2025

Hi all,

I hope you had a restful half term! The Summer 2 term is always very busy for the school, with our Y1 children completing the phonics screening check and our Y4 children sitting their multiplication checker. This term, our whole school project is about commemorating the 80th anniversary of the end of World War Two, and all the teachers have planned some excellent outcomes to guide your children through this learning. KS2 will be beginning their rehearsals for this year's performance (Matilda!) and there are lots of events planned to help Y6 celebrate their time at Shalford and transition to secondary school.

I'm sure you'll support me in saying that it's really important that all children are in school as much as possible to ensure they don't miss out on any of these memorable experiences.

A reminder for our school community; during Early Morning Learning teachers will be working with key children to ensure they make strong progress, so please refrain from speaking to teachers or other school adults during school drop off. If you have a message that needs passing on to your child's teacher, please speak to me on the gate or Mrs. Coombs in the office. Teachers are available at the end of the day for a quick chat about your child once they have dismissed the whole class.

I'm delighted to welcome Mr. Hulme to our community as our new Premises Manager. He will be working at Shalford once a week to improve and develop our environment and manage any issues that may arise.

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

Mr. Arding.

Street Party

We would like to invite the whole local community to a very special event on Friday 27th June at 3.30pm.

As we will have been learning about the events of World War Two this term we will be holding a very special Street Party for families in the school and our friends and neighbours in Shalford. The event will start with children performing readings and songs that they have learnt, followed by a wonderful sit-down WW2-style tea party for the whole community. There will also be an opportunity for guests to see the fantastic learning that the children have completed on display.

To join in the spirit of the event, we will be encouraging children to dress up in WW2 era clothing on that day and would kindly ask for families to contribute picnic style food for the event. This could be sandwiches, cakes, sausage rolls, fruit. Please bring these contributions to the event itself (as we do not have enough fridge space to store food in advance.)

Statutory Assessment Period

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.

VE DAY

I'm pleased to share with you some photos from the event last month. Many members of the local community have commented on how fantastic the children's home learning projects were; congratulations to all the winners and especially Anya who won the overall competition!



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

Monday	Dance
Tuesday	Currently no club
Wednesday	Multi-sports club. 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) (4-11 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.

- 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
- 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