

# Newsletter

## November 2025

Hi all,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the busy run up to Christmas. As the days grow shorter (and colder) can I ask that all children attend school with a warm coat that they will need to wear to enjoy our playtimes and lunchtimes. I'm not sure any of us will be able to convince some of the boys to not wear shorts all year round though!

Thankyou to everyone who attending my workshop on vision and values; I really appreciated your input and felt that we had a really invigorating conversation. It was really reassuring to see how much your values aligned with those of the school adults. We now need to collect the input from children and then I will begin the process of crafting our updated values and share these with the community.

For Parents in Elm and Ash Class, I hope you've taken the opportunity to register for our Embers programme that has been shared with you. This is a programme that I have been leading on across our Trust and I am extremely excited by it; it's been clinically proven to have a significant impact on improving children's well-being.

There are lots of Christmas events ahead; I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these sessions. With the Nativity, please can I ask that people only attend one of the performances as space is so tight in the hall. I am, of course, happy for different family members (including extended family members) to attend different performances to support your children.

Please don't hesitate to speak to me at any point if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Mr. Arding.

## School Tours

We have one remaining tour for children joining our Reception intake in September 2026. If you or anyone you know is interested we would look forward to seeing you on:

Friday 9th January at 9.30am and 10.30am.

Please speak to the school office to book a place on one of these tours. The tours have proved to be very popular this year, so booking a place will be essential.

## Uniform

Our local school committee has to regularly review our school uniform policy. I can assure parents that no significant changes will be made, but I am very conscious of ensuring that our uniform policy supports families, particularly with the increasing cost of living putting pressure on families and your budgets.

If you have any feedback on our current uniform policy, I would be very happy to hear from you. Our policy will be reviewed at the end of January, so please speak to me before then.

I would appreciate that you follow our uniform policy, particularly in regards to the wearing of jewellery in school.

# Anti-Bullying Charter



(Elm Class celebrating Odd Socks Day)

Across Anti-Bullying Week, the children across our school collaboratively wrote an anti-bullying charter that outlines our approach to dealing with any bullying behaviour in our school. It is an inspiring document and I will be shortly sharing it with children and parents/carers to ensure that we everyone in the school community can sign up to the charter and ensure we have a shared, consistent and robust approach to this issue.

## Breakfast and After School Clubs

**Breakfast Club is available from 7.30 every morning. Parents can choose to send their children for the whole hour or from 8.00am. Please speak to the school office for more details.**

**LIMITED 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>	Lego and Fun Club: run by school staff (small snack and drink included). £4.75 per session (book and pay on MCAS APP)
<b>Tuesday</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>Wednesday</b>	Multi-sports club: 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)  Choir: Please speak to the school office for further details.
<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>

## Upcoming dates for your diary:

Below I've tried to include every date that has been confirmed for the rest of the year. A few more dates will be confirmed over the next few weeks. Please speak to me if you have any questions about any of these events.

29<sup>th</sup> November – 5.30pm – Shalford Christmas Light Switch on (our choir will be performing.)  
 12<sup>th</sup> December – FoSPs craft event  
 15<sup>th</sup> December – 6pm – KS2 Christmas Concert at St. Andrew's  
 16<sup>th</sup> December - 9.30am – EYFS + KS1 Nativity  
 17<sup>th</sup> December – 2.00pm - EYFS + KS1 Nativity  
 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day  
 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term.  
 5<sup>th</sup> January – INSET day – school closed to children  
 6<sup>th</sup> January – Children return to school  
 30<sup>th</sup> January – Chestnut Class assembly 9.00am  
 13<sup>th</sup> February – Beech Class assembly 9.00am  
 13<sup>th</sup> March – Ash Class assembly 9.00am  
 27<sup>th</sup> March – Elm Class assembly 9.00am