

Send Church of England Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM - PART 1

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS: RESPECT

DATE: 24TH JANUARY 2025

A NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

I hope that you are keeping well, there is certainly a lot of seasonal sickness around at the moment. We hope that any of our children who have been feeling unwell are better soon. We have been thinking about wellness and wellbeing this week with the start of our 'Wellbeing Club' run by the Wellbeing Ambassadors on a Tuesday lunchtime. This is just one of the many pupil led clubs running this term. It is great to see the children volunteering for, and enjoying, this responsibility.

Thank you for your continued support of the PTFA, it is a wonderful example of the strength of our community. The PTFA and school did a lot of hard work last week to find a way to increase capacity and with the fantastic response from parent volunteer helpers they have been able to alter the timings to accommodate an additional session.

Thank you also for your efforts in getting children to school on time this week. This week we had 39 instances of children arriving at school late, which is fewer than last week and a really positive start. I spoke to the children in assembly this week about doing their part at home with getting ready in the morning to help you get them to school on time. I look forward to seeing almost all children in school on time as much as possible next week.

Have a super weekend,

Mrs Marianne McDonnell
Headteacher

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday 28th January - Beech Class visiting Christ's College to watch performance of "The Lightning Thief"

Tuesday 28th January - Y3& 4 Dodgeball Tournament at Spectrum (venue change) @ 1pm
Wednesday **DATE CORRECTION**

Wednesday 29th January - Y3 Christingle service at St Mary's Church Send @2pm. Parents are warmly invited to attend.

Thursday 30th January - Pine Class visiting Christ's College to watch performance of "The Lightning Thief"

Friday 31st January - PTFA Disco **New Times**

- 4:30pm- 5:30pm- R, Y1, Y2 (KS1)
- 5:45pm- 6:45pm- Y3 & Y4
- 7pm-8pm- Y5 & Y6

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)

Acorn- Jasmine
R Chestnut- Lola & Alfie
R Conker- Evie & Toby
Y1 Willow - Amayah & Oliver
Y1 Elder - Jawad & Maya
Y2 Birch - Enzo & Anya
Y2 Cherry- Grace & Phoenix
Y3 Fir - Annabel & Alex
Y3 Elm – Luca & Mabel
Y4 Cedar- Flick & Lela
Y4-Maple- Oliver & Whitney
Y5 Beech - Genevieve & Jocelyn
Y5 Pine - Blake & Chlea
Y6 Oak – Noah & Olivia
Y6 Sycamore- Francesca & Evie W

Values Champion:

Respect

R Chestnut - Rex
R Conker- Ava Mc
Y1 Willow - Josh
Yr 1 Elder - Miley
Y2 Birch - Harry
Y2 Cherry - Liam
Y3 Fir - Shayma
Y3 Elm - Georgi
Y4 Cedar - Maddie
Y4-Maple - Tyler
Y5 Beech - Ben H
Y5 Pine - Reece
Y6 Oak - Isla W
Y6 Sycamore - Tomasina

Attendance Award

Chestnut Class (YR) with 98.7%

Lunchtime Superstars

Inside - Joseph J (Y5)
Outside - Olivia W (Y5)

SEND'S GOT TALENT

Congratulations to our talented children who shared their achievements in assembly this week:

- **Albert and Sonny (Y2)** who received medals for a Rugby Tournament they competed in last weekend
- **Jax (Y3)** who received a 'Man of the match' trophy for his football match on Sunday
- **Grace (Y2)** who shared the rosette and sash which she was awarded for 1st place in her street dance competition last weekend.
- **Abigail (Y4)** who shared her recent swimming certificate

AMBASSADORS IN ACTION

Well done to two of our Y6 Ambassadors, **Isla and Olivia** who attended the Send Help coffee morning this week. They sorted the books on the book stall, helped selling on the gift stall, and cleared everyone's cups and plates- which was a fabulous opportunity to talk to all the attendees. It was noticed how polite, friendly and helpful they were; wonderfully representing our school. They certainly deserved their reward of chocolate cake!



NURSERY INTEREST - SEPTEMBER 2025 AND BEYOND



Over the last year, we have seen an increasing demand for Nursery places at Send CofE Primary School. In response to this, we are exploring the possibility of expanding our Nursery provision to offer more than 30 places and would welcome the views of parents of young children in our communities. You can help us plan for our Nursery provision by completing this very short [questionnaire](#). If you know of local families with preschool aged children, please do encourage them to give their views also by sharing this link with them: <https://forms.gle/AuZgqt4py5KjBmkx9>. You can find more information on our Nursery provision on our website and if you have any questions

about Nursery admissions or places, please do get in touch with the school office on info@sendcofe.co.uk

(NOT SO GLORIOUS) MUD!

This winter, we have seen the area around the climbing frame in the playground get progressively more muddy. It is now at the point where there is very little grass cover left so we have 'closed' that area off in an attempt to allow as much grass to recover as possible. Ultimately though, we need to explore a more permanent solution to the problem and have been looking at the feasibility of resurfacing the entire area in astroturf.



At their last meeting, the PTFA voted to help the school with fundraising for this, but it is a huge capital project and will cost upwards of £20,000! The Governors [Building for the Future fund](#) is a fund dedicated to enhancing and upgrading our school environment and pays for capital projects like this. The fund is entirely reliant on voluntary donations and we ask families to consider making a small monthly contribution to it.

Currently, **less than 2%** of the families at school make a monthly contribution. We understand the pressures that families are under but if **every** family contributed:

- £1.50 per child, per month, we could raise nearly £7,000 in a year (plus 25% gift aid on top)
- £3 per child, per month, we could raise just over £13,000 in a year (plus 25% gift aid on top)
- £5 per child, per month, we could raise just over £22,000 in a year (plus 25% gift aid on top)

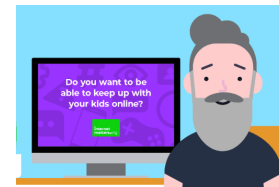
Think of the improvements that we could make to the school environment with that amount of money!

Please have a look at the [information](#) on our website and consider whether you could set up regular giving of **£1.50, £3 or £5 per month** to help improve our school environment. Thank you.

ONLINE SAFETY SESSION FOR PARENTS WITH CYBER PROTECT POLICE OFFICER DANIEL SYKES.

TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

Learn how to protect your children from online threats so they can grow into the digital age with confidence and safety. This engaging and non technical presentation is delivered by Surrey and Sussex Police's passionate Cyber Protect Officer Daniel Sykes.



The session will cover immediate threats as well as topics you can discuss with your children including:

- Spotting malicious emails and scams
- Disinformation on the internet
- Parental Control settings
- Dangers of "E-Celebrities" and "Influencers"
- Keeping your children safe from harmful websites
- Sextortion
- Social Media security and privacy settings
- Digital Footprints and the risks of AI
- General Online Safety advice
- Digital Stalking, Air Tags and Smart Tracking
- Cyber Choices (preventing your child from committing Computer Misuse Offences)

Parents from all year groups are very welcome to join us. The session will last for about 1 hour, refreshments are provided and staff will be on hand to support preschoolers/ babies if needed.

We recommend that parents of children who have their own phone or other internet-enabled device attend if possible.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2025		
Tuesday 28th January	Beech Class visiting Christ's College to watch performance of "The Lightning Thief"	
Tuesday 28th January	Y3& 4 Dodgeball Tournament at Spectrum (venue change) @ 1pm	
Wednesday 29th January	Y3 Christingle service at St Mary's Church Send @2pm. Parents are warmly invited to attend.	NEW
Thursday 30th January	Pine Class visiting Christ's College to watch performance of "The Lightning Thief"	
Friday 31st January	PFTA Disco	
February 2025		
Wednesday 5th February	Y5 & KS2 Choir to Young Voices concert at 02	
Thursday 6th February	'Little City' Workshops for EYFS	
Thursday 6th February	Y5 & Y6 CROSS COUNTRY at Rydes Hill Common @4pm	
Tuesday 11th February	YR Sportshall Athletics (afternoon) more info to follow	
Wednesday 12th February	Y1 Sportshall Athletics (afternoon) more info to follow	

Wednesday 12th February	Y3 Visit to Butser Farm	
Thursday 13th February	Y5&6 Sportshall Athletics (morning) more info to follow	
	17.2.25 to 21.2.25 - FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 25th February	Online Safety Briefing for Parents with Surrey Police's Cyber Protection Officer @9am-10am in the school hall - Everyone welcome	
Tuesday 25th February	YR Height & Weight screening with school nurse team	
March 2025		
Tuesday 4th March	Y3&4 Sportshall Athletics (afternoon) more info to follow	
Wednesday 5th March	Y2 Sportshall Athletics (afternoon) more info to follow	
Monday 10th March	Y5 Bee Netball Tournament hosted by George Abbot at 3.30pm	
Thursday 13th March	Y6 Team Football Tournament at Weyfield at 3.30pm	
Tuesday 18th March	Parent's Consultation Meetings 3.30pm - 7.00pm	
Thursday 20th March	Parent's Consultation Meetings 3.30pm - 7.00pm	
Thursday 20th March	Y5 & Y6 CROSS COUNTRY at Pewley Downs,	
Friday 28th March	Y6 Bee Netball Tournament hosted by Surrey Sports Park at 3.30pm	
April 2025		
Tuesday 1st April	EYFS Under the Sea drama workshop	
Tuesday 1st April	Y4 Bee Netball Festival at ST Joseph's at 3.30pm	
Friday 4th April	School closes for the end of term at 1.15 pm	
Tuesday 21st April	INSET DAY - school closed for children	
Wednesday 23rd April	All children return to school	
Wednesday 23rd April	Y3 & Y4 Football Tournament at Weyfield at 3.30pm	NEW
Monday 5th May	May Bank Holiday - school closed for children	
	26.05.25 to 30.05.25 - MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 14th July	INSET DAY - school closed for children	NEW
Tuesday 22nd July	School closes for the end of school year at 1.15 pm	