

# Send Church of England Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM - PART 1

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS: RESPECT

DATE: 31ST JANUARY 2025

### A NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

It was lovely to see lots of family members joining us for our Christingle service this week. Christingle is traditionally celebrated on the feast of Candlemas which is the 40th day after Christmas and the official end of the Church's Christmas-Epiphany season. The service was brilliantly led by Year 3 who spoke and sang with clarity and enthusiasm. We were pleased to be joined by Rev Louise and Rachel from church for the service. The parish of St Mary the Virgin, Send is an integral part of our school community and Rev. Louise and I have been working together to plan ways in which we can deepen the bond between school and church community. The details of upcoming services are below, please do consider joining them if you can.

Monday was World Holocaust Memorial Day, a day when people all around the world take time to remember those who suffered and died during WWII. It's a day to think about kindness, how we can stop bullying or hatred, and how important it is to treat everyone with respect, no matter where they come from or what they believe. In our worship, children in Y2 to Y6 heard the inspirational story of Sir Nicholas Winton who helped hundreds of children escape from Prague and find new homes here in the UK. heard about the need to respect people of all faiths and ethnicities.

As I write this, I can hear the DJ warming up for this evening's disco - I hope the children have a fantastic time!

Have a super weekend,  
**Mrs Marianne McDonnell**  
Headteacher

### COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

**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

### Upcoming Services at St Mary's Church

**Sunday 2nd February** 10.30am Family Christingle Service

Come and make your own family Christingle at our special service for all ages.

**Sunday 9th February** 10.30am Holy Communion including prayers for Racial Justice Sunday  
Sunday Club (for children 3-12yrs) will meet in the Church Rooms at 10.30 that Sunday too.



### THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

#### Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)

Acorn- Isabelle  
R Chestnut- Alice & Monty  
R Conker- Naiara & Blair  
Y1 Willow - Joni & Charlie C  
Y1 Elder - Eleanor & River  
Y2 Birch - Asher & Benjamin  
Y2 Cherry- Jackson & Zac  
Y3 Fir - Isabella & Toby  
Y3 Elm – Jonathan & Niah  
Y4 Cedar- Anya & Teddy  
Y4-Maple- Harriet & Eda  
Y5 Beech - Joshua & Morgan  
Y5 Pine - Noah Mc & Thomas  
Y6 Oak - Teddy T & Mali  
Y6 Sycamore- Eve & Fraser

#### Values Champion:

##### Respect

R Chestnut -Amelie  
R Conker- Sultan  
Y1 Willow - Sophia  
Yr 1 Elder - Harry  
Y2 Birch - Isabelle  
Y2 Cherry - Anisa  
Y3 Fir - Lillie  
Y3 Elm - Enora  
Y4 Cedar - Peggy  
Y4-Maple - Cillian  
Y5 Beech - Archie  
Y5 Pine - Christopher  
Y6 Oak - Felix  
Y6 Sycamore - Zoe

#### Attendance Award

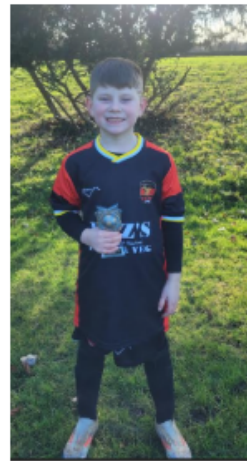
**Birch Class (Y2)** with 100%

Thank you for continuing to make every effort to get to school on time - only 21 late arrivals this week which is half the number we started the month with. Keep up the good work!

## SEND'S GOT TALENT

Congratulations to the talented children who shared their achievements with us this week:

- **Thomas (Y5)** scored the winning goal and received man of the match this weekend. He was so happy!
- **Cody (Y2)** played his first football match on Saturday and received 'Man of the match'.
- **Sophia (Y4)** competed in the BCA Super Classic Regional Championships in Coventry against the best teams around the country and in front of world championship judges. Sophia and her Youth and Mini cheer teams came 3rd place.



## SPORTS SUCCESS

### Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball Tournament

**Elwood, Larisa, Charlie, Jude, Jax, Lois, Freddie, Alex, Toby and Enora** travelled to Guildford Spectrum this week to take part in a tournament against other local schools. They played well and won three of their games!



## 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](mailto: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)

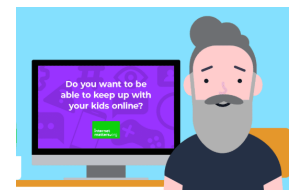
Think of the improvements that we could make to the school environment with that amount of money!

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

<b>February 2025</b>		
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	
	<b>17.2.25 to 21.2.25 - FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>	
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	
<b>March 2025</b>		
Tuesday 4th March	Y3&4 Sportshall Athletics (afternoon) more info to follow	
Wednesday 5th March	Y2 Sportshall Athletics (afternoon) more info to follow	
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day Celebrations in school	<b>NEW</b>
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	
<b>April 2025</b>		
Tuesday 1st April	EYFS Under the Sea drama workshop	
Tuesday 1st April	Y4 Bee Netball Festival at ST Joseph's at 3.30pm	
<b>Friday 4th April</b>	<b>School closes for the end of term at 1.15 pm</b>	
<b>Tuesday 21st April</b>	<b>INSET DAY - school closed for children</b>	
Wednesday 23rd April	All children return to school	
Wednesday 23rd April	Y3 & Y4 Football Tournament at Weyfield at 3.30pm	<b>NEW</b>

<b>Monday 5th May</b>	<b>May Bank Holiday - school closed for children</b>	
	26.05.25 to 30.05.25 - MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
<b>Monday 14th July</b>	<b>INSET DAY - school closed for children</b>	<b>NEW</b>
<b>Tuesday 22nd July</b>	<b>School closes for the end of school year at 1.15 pm</b>	