

Send Church of England Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM - PART 1

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS: RESPECT

DATE: 6TH FEBRUARY 2026

Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Christingle service last Sunday. It was a joy to see the hall so packed that we had to hunt for extra chairs! We were delighted to see everyone and the service was a wonderful reminder of the strength and warmth of our school community. As part of our reflection on our value of Respect, we thought about how we treat our learning environments at school, particularly in how we make sure that any rubbish is put away. Could I please remind everyone that any mid-morning snacks that children bring to school should be packaging free (so fruit, veg etc) rather than packets or pouches. Thank you.

It has been a high-energy week for learning across the school. Our Nursery and Reception children dived into the world of work with the Little City experience. The hall was transformed into a miniature metropolis where doctors, shopkeepers, and construction workers were seen hard at work! Meanwhile, Year 3 enjoyed the best weather of the week for their trip to Butser Ancient Farm. They were transported back to the Iron Age, exploring roundhouses and ancient forts, a brilliant, immersive way to bring their history curriculum to life.

Sport is a huge part of our identity at Send, and I am incredibly proud to share two major achievements for our girls' football. Our Y6 Girls' Football Team placed a phenomenal 2nd place in the all- county finals! We have also been presented with an award for our commitment to gender equality in football, ensuring every child has the opportunity to excel on the pitch.

Looking ahead to after half term, we are excited to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday, 5th March. To mark the occasion, we are launching our "Ready, Steady, Read!" Sponsored Read starting on Thursday, 26th February. We are counting minutes rather than books, so every bedtime story or comic counts! Please see the full letter from Mrs Robinson attached to this newsletter for more details.

Finally, our INSET days for the next academic year are now finalised. Please find the full list of term dates for 2026-20-27 included inside this issue to help with your forward planning.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Marianne McDonnell

Headteacher

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

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THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)
R Chestnut - Freddie & Leo
R Conker - Isabella & Meadow
Y1 Willow - Blair & Anaiah
Y1 Elder - Rex & Poppy
Y2 Birch- Joao & Sam
Y2 Cherry- Dollars & Dylan
Y3 Fir - Roman & Sophia
Y3 Elm - Liam & Jackson
Y4 Cedar - Alfie & Kate
Y4 Maple- Isla & Elsie-May
Y5 Beech - Anya & Joseph
Y5 Pine - Abi & Arya
Y6 Oak - Betsy & Hannah K
Y6 Sycamore - Archie & Izabela

Values Champion:

Respect

R Chestnut - Elsie
R Conker- Albie
Y1 Willow - Ava
Yr 1 Elder - Nyah
Y2 Birch - Bonnie
Y2 Cherry - Luke T
Y3 Fir - Anya
Y3 Elm - Louis
Y4-Maple - Ava-Mae
Y4-Cedar - Alex
Y5 Beech - Ruby
Y5 Pine - Rafferty
Y6 Oak - Marianna
Y6 Sycamore - Hannah W

House Points

Windsor - 126

Tonbridge - 110

Leeds - 91

Hever - 88

Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Fir Class** with 99.2%

Lunchtime Superstars

Isla (Y2) & Hughie (Y4)

SEND'S GOT TALENT

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

- **Harry (Y2)** received the MOTM trophy from his team for working hard & defending well!
- **Ralphie (Y5)** was nominated and selected as swimmer of the month out of the whole of Guildford Spectrum's Swim school! These last couple of weeks he has mastered his front crawl, breast stroke, backstroke, butterfly, skulling AND his diving!
- **Mary Jane (Y3), Charlotte (Y4) & Jane (Y5)** took part in an Irish dancing festival and came back with a range of awards between them. They performed part of their dance for us this morning.
- **Dylan (Y2)** completed his first Woking Junior park run yesterday. He ran the whole course without stopping and beat his dad! He is hoping to beat his time next week!

If your child has a talent or achievement to share, please email info@sendcofe.co.uk by Thursday for inclusion in that Friday's assembly and newsletter. Achievements received after this will be shared the following week



SCHOOL SPORTING SUCCESS

Congratulations to **Ellie, Joseph, Annabel, Harper, Valentina and Ben** who represented Send at the Primary School Panathlon Event last week. They worked well as a team and placed 4th overall.

GIRLS FOOTBALL @ SEND

Huge well done to our Year 5/6 Girls football team who competed in the county finals at the Pokémon Primary Schools' Cup Championships last week. They placed 2nd overall! We are so proud of you **Yana, Betsy, Eliza, Poppie, Harriet, Bonnie-Lou, Olivia and Matilda**.



NURTURE AT SEND

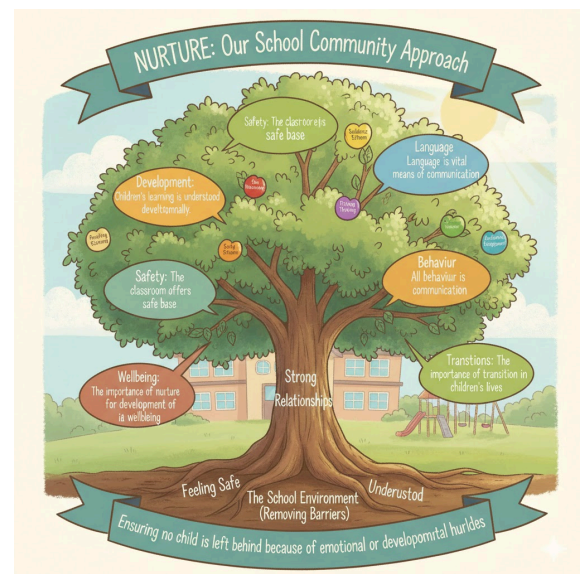
At Send, "Nurture" is a dedicated approach to supporting the social, emotional, and cognitive development of every child. We know that children need to feel safe, valued, and understood before they can successfully engage with learning. To help our whole community understand this approach, we will be looking at each of the 6 Principles of Nurture in turn and every two weeks, we will share a new principle with you. We will explain how we put it into practice at school and provide helpful tips for home.

Principle 2: The Classroom Offers a Safe Base

For a child to learn, they must first feel safe. This principle focuses on creating a classroom environment that is predictable, warm, and structured. A "safe base" means that the adults are reliable and the physical space is inviting. When students know what to expect and feel that they are in a protected space, their "fight or flight" instincts can relax, allowing their brains to focus on creativity, problem-solving, and collaboration.

Parent Tips: Bringing Nurture Home - Week 2: Creating a "Safe Base" at home

Consistency is key to feeling safe. Simple rituals—like a predictable bedtime routine or a specific way you say goodbye in the morning—act as emotional anchors. When the world feels chaotic, these small patterns tell a child's nervous system that they are secure.



OUR VISION IN ACTION – WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE!

This term, we have launched a special project to explore how our school vision is lived out in daily life. This term, we have launched a special project to explore how our school vision is lived out in daily life. While we aim for our vision to shape every experience at school, the most important measure of our success is your reality. We want to check that what we aim for you to experience is truly what you see and feel when you walk through our doors. We recently asked for your feedback on the next line of our vision: "We serve the children, staff, parents and our community to the best of our ability, every day".

- **What you told us:** Thank you to everyone who shared their stories of 'Service' with us. It was wonderful to see how many of you feel that our staff regularly go "above and beyond" to support your families. We were very proud to see that feedback has given us a 4.5 out of 5-star rating!
- **What is working:** It was heartening to read that our commitment to being a 'listening ear' and providing practical help is making a tangible difference. You told us that when complex challenges arise, whether they are medical needs, family transitions, or resolving friendship issues, the support from our teachers, office team, and senior leadership makes you feel acknowledged and supported. These acts of service have helped take a 'weight off the shoulders' of our families during difficult moments.
- **Where we can grow:** We also appreciate your honest ideas on how we can better serve our local community. A common theme was the impact of school-related traffic and parking on our neighbors. You shared that the congestion during drop-off and pick-up is a significant pressure point for both parents and local residents.
- **Moving Forward:** We are committed to finding other ways to improve our service to the community in this area. We will be looking at how we can better communicate with our neighbors and encourage more mindful parking and travel choices.

TERM DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

We are pleased to share that our term dates and INSET days for the upcoming academic year have now been finalised.

Autumn Term 2026

Tuesday 1st September - INSET Day school closed to children

Wednesday 2nd September - Children in Y1-6 return to school. Children in EYFS begin 'settling in process'

Half term holiday - 19th October to 30th October

Friday 18th December - Term ends for the Christmas Holidays at 1.15pm

Spring Term 2027

Monday 4th January - INSET Day school closed to children

Tuesday 5th January - All children return to school.

Half term holiday - 15th February to 19th February

Thursday 25th March - Term ends for the Easter Holidays at 1.15pm

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12th April - All children return to school.

Half term holiday - 31st May to 4th June

Friday 23rd July - Term ends for the Summer Holidays at 1.15pm

Monday 26th July - INSET Day school closed to children

Tuesday 27th July - INSET Day school closed to children

Wednesday 28th July - INSET Day school closed to children

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents that holidays taken during term time will not be authorised. Unauthorised absences are liable to be considered for a Penalty Charge Notice in line with our school's attendance policy and local authority guidelines. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring your child attends school regularly during term time to maximise their learning opportunities.

Half Term Activities & Information



Multi Sports
Development Centres



Get in the game and unlock your potential!
Join our Multisports camps and have a blast!

We are thrilled to be able to offer fun, exciting sports activities to all children ages from 4-13 years old.

Unbeatable Prices for an Unbeatable Service

Some of the sporting activities we offer include:

Dodgeball	It's a knockout	Athletics	Pickleball
Cricket	American football	Handball	Basketball
Tennis	Golf	Team building	Baseball
Gladiators	Multi Game	Capture the flag	Tchoukball

Trophies, Medals and Prizes will be awarded!

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Date

Venue

• Friday 20th February • Send Primary School

Full Days • Time 9.30am to 3.00pm

For more information and to book your child's place, please visit our website
multisportsdevelopmentcentres.co.uk

Tel: 01932 873131

Email: info@multisportsdevelopmentcentres.co.uk



Monday 23rd February (Inset Day) 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

Surrey Football Coaching Centres and Multi Sports Development Centres we will be running a Football and Multi Sports fun day at :-

Send Primary School - Monday 23rd February

Time 9.30am to 3.00pm

Cost of the day £24.00

Year Reception to Year 6

Children will be split into their age groups

Please make sure all children have a snack, packed lunch and plenty of drinks and trainers and football boots (SFCC only)

The fun day will be open to all pupils who attend Send Primary school only.

It will be an action-packed day with lots of fun and enjoyment. We have limited spaces available for both courses, so if you would like your child to attend, please book on the following websites:

Football register at - surreyfootballcoaching.com



Multisport register at - multisportsdevelopmentcentres.co.uk



Email: info@sendcofe.co.uk



Website: www.sendcofe.co.uk



BARNARDO'S

STAY & PLAY AFTERNOON

NSSport and Barnardo's are delighted to host a Stay and Play afternoon, featuring fun activities designed to bring the local community together.

- ✓ Drinks & Snacks
- ✓ Raffle Prizes
- ✓ Inflatables & Races
- ✓ Glitter Tattoos

- 📅 Thursday 19th February 2026
- 🕒 13:30 - 15:00
- 📍 Sythwood Primary School
- 👤 Ages 4-13

CONTACT US

wokingfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk

01483 310419



BOOK NOW FOR HALF TERM & EASTER!

MON 16, TUES 17, WED 18 FEB 2026

MON 30, TUES 31 MARCH 2026

TUES 7, WED 8 APRIL 2026



VENUE Guildford Hockey Club
at Broadwater School GU7 3BW

TIMINGS 10am-3pm, with early drop-off (from 9am)
and late pick-up (until 4pm) available as an add-on

DISCOUNTS available for multi-day bookings

Performance Camps available for more experienced players



BOOKING LINK: ghchockey.as.me
15% discount with code: SCHOOL15

CAMPS

PTFA & Community Notices

Valentine's Day

Krispy Kreme DOUGHNUTS

Sale

13th February

3.15pm under the gazebo

£2 each

Cricket is a fun way to make friends, stay active, and learn new skills. Whether you're brand-new or already play, everyone is welcome!

Come and be part of the RCC Junior Cricket family, let's have fun, and make memories!

RCC 2026 JUNIOR CRICKET

STARTS 24 APRIL 2026

JOIN NOW

Follow the below link to join:
www.ripleyccsurrey.com/payments/rcc-family-membership

NEW MEMBER TRIALS

For children born between January 2017 and August 2020 who are interested in competitive swimming

2020 born must be able to swim basic front crawl and backstroke. 2017 born must be able to swim good front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke.

WHEN: Tuesday 24 February 2026 from 6.30pm
 WHERE: Pool in the Park, Woking

REQUEST A TIMESLOT
 Or email Christine.wokingsc.newmembers@gmail.com

COLOUR RUN & FAMILY FUN

Send C of E PTFA

It's Back!

Get Ready for the Send CofE PTFA COLOUR RUN 2026!

SATURDAY 11 JULY 2026

Send C of E Primary School

12:00PM - 3:00PM

Mark your calendars because our much-loved Colour Run is returning, bigger, brighter and even more fun than last year!
 Full details will be shared in the months ahead, but for now save the date in your diaries and get ready to run, laugh and get seriously colourful!

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?
 We'd love to hear from you!

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026



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Some of the sporting activities we offer;-

Dodgeball Team Building Tennis Cricket Tchoukball
American Sports Basketball Golf Gladiators Cricket
It's a knockout Pickleball Handball Athletics Capture the Flag

and many more fun activities!

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to unleash your inner champion!

- **Friday 27th February to Friday 20th March (Years 1 to 6)**
Time 3.15pm - 4.30pm (Maximum 24 places only)

Parents you will have to register at the start of each new term.

The cost of the course will be £40.00 for this half term.

So go on children **JUST HAVE A GO!** You never know where it might lead you.

To book the above course, please register at multisportsdevelopmentcentres.co.uk or scan the QR code below.

Kind regards,

Annalie Melham - Course Director



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February		
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Tuesday 3rd March	Year 2 Sporthall Athletics event	
Wednesday 4th March	Bird conservation assemblies for KS1 & KS2	NEW
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day in school	NEW
Thursday 12th March	Y6 C Team Football Boxgrove - 7 a side	NEW
Tuesday 17th March	Choir at GLive School Choir Event (and performance)	NEW
Thursday 19th March	Y5&6 Cross Country@ Rydes Hill Common - 4-5pm	NEW
Friday 20th March	Y6 Surrey Storm Netball tournament, 4pm - 6pm	NEW
Monday 23rd March	Easter Pause Day (with St Mary's Church) for YR, 1, 5&6	NEW
Tuesday 24th March	Easter Pause Day (with St Mary's Church) for YN, 2, 3&4	NEW
Thursday 26th March	Y3&4 Tag Festival Guildfordians RFC @ Stoke Park 3.30-6pm	NEW
Friday 27th March	School closes for Easter holidays at 1.15pm	
	Easter holiday 30th March to 10th April	
Monday 13th April	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN	
Tuesday 14th April	All children in EYFS-Y6 return to school	
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN	
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