

Send Church of England Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM - PART 1

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS: RESPECT

DATE: 9TH JANUARY 2026

Dear Families,

On behalf of the entire staff team, I would like to wish you a very warm welcome back to the Spring Term. A special welcome goes out to those new families who have joined our school community this January. I also want to express our sincere gratitude for the many kind messages and good wishes we received over the holidays; I hope you all enjoyed a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

It has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled back into their school routines. There has been a great buzz of focus in the classrooms already, and learning has been especially exciting in Year 5, who have launched a fantastic new Science partnership with Lab22 in Guildford—please do look inside for more details on this!

Of course, the arrival of the snow this week added a different kind of excitement! Between their hard work in class and the fun outside, the children are likely quite tired and ready for a well-deserved weekend break. With the freezing temperatures and wet conditions, please ensure your children come to school with waterproof coats, hats, and gloves. Please make sure every item is clearly named so we can continue to get the children out in the fresh air, whatever the weather.

I am also thrilled to report how brilliant the first week of our new in-house breakfast club has been. We are able to cater for a wide range of dietary needs, so if you would like to make use of the club, please sign up via Arbor or speak to Miss Norris in the office, who is our Breakfast Club Lead.

We started our term by reflecting on Epiphany and the story of the Wise Men visiting baby Jesus, marking the end of the Christmas season. We explored how different cultures celebrate this day and discussed the gifts the Wise Men brought. This inspired us to think about how we can bring our own personal "very best" to school each day.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term. There are many new dates added to the calendar, including the rescheduled cake sale next Friday and a school and parish celebration of Christingle in school, so please do take a moment to read through the diary dates below.

Have a super weekend,
With best wishes, .

Mrs Marianne McDonnell
Headteacher

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday 14th January - Y5 begin their Lab22 Science Sessions in Guildford

Wednesday 14th January - SEN coffee morning at 9am in the Den - All welcome

Thursday 15th January - Y5&6 Dodgeball @Guildford Spectrum

Friday 16th January - After school cake sale by Y5 children in aid of NSPCC

Saturday 17th January - Surrey Schools Cross Country Championships-Priory Park

Sunday 1st February - Christingle Service at 10.30am in school hall for Parish and Families - All welcome. Refreshments afterwards

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)
R Chestnut - Zorayz & Nina
R Conker - Oscar & Charlie
Y1 Willow - Winnie & Lucy
Y1 Elder - Eliana & Casey
Y2 Birch - Zakariya & Olivia
Y2 Cherry- Teddy & Jane-Louise
Y3 Fir - Toby & Anya
Y3 Elm- Harper & Benjamin
Y4 Cedar - Annabel & Bodhi
Y4 Maple- George & Darcie
Y5 Beech - Finn & Peggy
Y5 Pine - Lilly & Marie
Y6 Oak - Jessica S & Jess W
Y6 Sycamore - Arsam & Bonnie

Values Champion:

R Chestnut - Vendel
R Conker- Harley
Y1 Willow - Naiara
Yr 1 Elder - Jake
Y2 Birch - Charlie
Y2 Cherry - River
Y3 Fir - Roman
Y3 Elm - Esme
Y4-Maple - Felicity
Y4-Cedar - Amelia
Y5 Beech - Joseph
Y5 Pine - Arya
Y6 Oak - Blake
Y6 Sycamore - Elsie & George

House Points

Tonbridge - 148

Leeds - 119

Windsor -111

Hever - 107

Attendance Award

Is a 3 - way tie between **Fir, Elm (Y3) and Pine (Y5)**, each with **100%** attendance and no lates!!

SEND'S GOT TALENT

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.

Y5 SCIENTISTS

On Tuesday, Year 5 Pine Class, went to Lab22 in Guildford for an afternoon of Science. We had a brilliant time in our lab coats and safety goggles, learning all about magnetism and forces from a number of scientists (petrophysicists). We were able to investigate the magnetism of different materials before we went into the science lab to start our individual investigations - would we be able to magnetise a nail using electricity? Even though it was quite a fiddly task, we were all incredibly focused and thrilled when we were successful. "I want to be a scientist. I want a lab coat." said Frankie.

Lab22 also provided everyone with a box of investigations, linked to magnetism and forces, to take home and explore with their families. It was a terrific afternoon, Beech class is having their turn next week and we cannot wait to go back in a fortnight!



SCHOOL DINNER ORDERING

The online ordering system will be locked at 6:00 PM today.

This means you must ensure your child's meal choices are selected before this time to guarantee they receive their preferred options.

This change is necessary to better support our kitchen team in ensuring a smoother, more efficient service for our children. By ordering meals further in advance, we can significantly reduce waste and expense, and most importantly, guarantee that the kitchen orders enough of the most popular items so that every child receives the food they want.

⚠️ What Happens If No Choice Is Selected?

If you fail to select a meal choice by the cut-off deadline, your child will automatically be allocated a default meal for the remainder of the half-term as follows:

- **Special Diet:** If you have a completed Special Diet Form on file (e.g., for dairy/gluten free, allergies, no pork, etc.), your child will receive their pre-approved **Special Diet Meal**.
- **Registered Vegetarian:** If your child is registered as a vegetarian on Arbor, they will receive the **Green Meal** choice (the designated vegetarian option).
- **All Others:** Everyone else will be given the **Red Meal** choice (the designated default main meat/fish option).

Please note: Choices selected by the deadline are final. Please ensure your children are aware of the choices you have made for them.

HELP YR LEARN ABOUT THE WORLD OF WORK

The children in Reception this term are exploring the different jobs that adults have and will be looking at the different uniforms adults might wear to their work, special equipment they might use and different activities they complete at work. We are looking for parent volunteers from any year group, to come in and speak to the children about their jobs. If you have an interesting job, particularly if you work in healthcare or any of uniformed services, and would be happy to talk to the children, please email Miss Smith at conkerclass@sendcofe.co.uk. We would be very grateful for your help.

MUD & FLOODS!

In the heavy rain, the ground around the lower gate becomes waterlogged and muddy and is not helped by freezing temperatures. While we carry out works to improve the footing in that area, we would like to remind everyone that the double wooden gate by Year Reception is the best option for a clear, dry access route. Because of the slope of the site, this top gate does not flood. If you wish to avoid the mud and surface water on the lower grounds entirely, please use this entrance. All classrooms are fully accessible via this route and Nursery can be accessed by the path that runs along the front of the school.

RECEPTION 2026 ADMISSIONS

A reminder to parents with children in nursery and/or parents with pre-school siblings, that the closing date for Reception applications for September 2026 entry is **15th January 2026**. We recommend online applications via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>. Parents can also call 0300 200 1004 for impartial help in completing an application. Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will **not be considered until all on time applications have been processed**. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child. Surrey will only consider late applications if there is a genuine reason why the application could not reasonably have been made before the closing date.



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Let's come together to celebrate Christingle.

Christingle is a family friendly, hands on, candle-lit celebration that's perfect for bringing communities together for a special moment of friendship and fun.

St Mary the Virgin, Send & Send CofE School invite you to come and join us!

Location:

Send CofE School Hall

Date: 1st February 2026 Time: 10.30am

To find out more, contact:

School office on: info@sendcofe.co.uk or 01483 223464



WOKING FAMILY CENTRE

Online 10 week course
Starting 19th January 2026
7.00pm - 8.45pm

The Nurturing Programme (formerly The Parenting Puzzle)

This tried and tested programme can help you deal with challenges supporting a calmer family life.

The course covers:

- Recognising feelings behind behaviours
- Different approaches to positive discipline
- Co-operation and self discipline
- The importance of looking after ourselves

For more information scan the QR code or call: 01483 310419



Woking Family Centre, The Bungalow, Sythwood, Woking Surrey, GU21 3AX



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Woking Family Centre

Every Tuesday - 4 weeks

7pm - 8pm

13th January - 3rd February 2026

Online SEND Support Group for Parents/Carers

Free support group for parents/carers with children aged 0-16 with pre or diagnosed SEND.

The course will cover topics like:

- Back to school and discussions around EHCP's
- Boundaries and useful parenting tools
- Accessing useful websites and other support networks
- Support on applying for DLA and other funding options.

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Boys & Girls In year 2



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January		
Tuesday 14th January	Y5 begin their Lab22 Science Sessions in Guildford	
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Saturday 17th January	Surrey Schools Cross Country Championships-Priory Park	
Tuesday 20th January	Y5 at Young Voices concert at O2	
Friday 23rd January	Y3&4 New Age Kurling @Guildford Spectrum: 1-3pm	
Wednesday 28th January	Y5 visiting Christ College to watch Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	
Thursday 29th January	Y5&6 Cross Country races @ Holy Trinity School for 4pm start	
Friday 30th January	SURREY SCHOOL GAMES - Primary Panathlon @10am at Hoe Valley	
Sunday 1st February	Christingle Service at 10.30am in school hall for families - All welcome	
Wednesday 4th February	Y3 visiting Butser Farm	
Thursday 5th February	Little City workshops for EYFS (YR and Nursery)	
Thursday 12th February	Cross Country Relay competition Y4,5&6 @Boxgrove school, 4pm start	
	Half term holiday - 16 February to 20 February 2026	
Monday 23rd February	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN	
Tuesday 24th February	All children in EYFS-Y6 return to school	
Tuesday 3rd March	Year 2 Sporthall	
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	
	Half term holiday - 25 May to 29 May	
Wednesday 22nd July	School closes for Summer holidays at 1.15pm	