

Send Church of England Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM - PART 1

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS: RESPECT

DATE: 16TH JANUARY 2026

Dear Families,

This week we have been thinking about our termly value of Respect, specifically focusing on respect for our school. As we have been popping in and out of lessons this week, it has been great to see how well the children are caring for our school environment.

It has been an incredibly exciting week for our Year 5 children, who travelled to the O2 on Tuesday to take part in the Young Voices concert. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to perform in such a prestigious venue, and we are very proud of them.

I want to make a special mention of our upcoming Parish & School Christingle Service which is taking place next Sunday, 1st February. We would love to see as many of you there as possible! It will be held in the School Hall at 10.30am. It is always a magical service and a wonderful opportunity for our school and church communities to come together. Please join us if you can.

I am also delighted to introduce "Nurture at Send," an initiative we have been working on for a while at school. This is a dedicated approach to supporting the social, emotional, and cognitive development of every child, ensuring they feel safe, valued, and ready to learn. You will see more information about this approach and our principles of nurture around the school and in our communications moving forward.

With half-term fast approaching (16th–20th February), we have included information inside this newsletter regarding holiday day camps. Please also look out for details regarding the INSET day camp for Monday 23rd February, when the school is closed for children.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Marianne McDonnell

Headteacher

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Monday 26th January - Y3 leading Christingle Service in school - Parents welcome (8.50am)

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 -Primary Panathlon @10am at Hoe Valley

Sunday 1st February - Christingle Service at 10.30am in school hall for families

- All welcome

LAST WEEK'S AWARDS

**Awards given on
16th January**

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)

R Chestnut - Jack & Maddison

R Conker - Eloise & Olivia

Y1 Willow - Archie & Ava

Y1 Elder - Alice & Oliver

Y2 Birch - Rosie & Bonnie

Y2 Cherry- Freya & Mira

Y3 Fir - Rosie & Teddy

Y3 Elm – Enzo & Cody

Y4 Cedar -

Y4 Maple- Gretel & Lillie

Y5 Beech - Isaac & Y5 Pine - Sophia & Ralphie

Y6 Oak - Ava and Reece

Y6 Sycamore - Izabela & Remy

**Values Champion:
Respect**

R Chestnut - Leo

R Conker- Zoe

Y1 Willow - Lola

Yr 1 Elder - Arthur

Y2 Birch - Jack

Y2 Cherry - Luke H

Y3 Fir - Albert

Y3 Elm - Anisa

Y4-Maple - Isla

Y4-Cedar -

Y5 Beech - Madeline

Y5 Pine - Cillian

Y6 Oak - Sienna S

Y6 Sycamore - Mia

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)

R Chestnut - Arthur & Ava

R Conker - Luna & Henry

Y1 Willow - Dylan & Sebastian

Y1 Elder - Monty & Poppy

Y2 Birch-Solomiia & Ivy

Y2 Cherry- Erin & Harry

Y3 Fir - Sienna & Leonard

Y3 Elm – Toby & Phoenix

Y4 Cedar -

Y4 Maple- Max & Erin

Y5 Beech - Everyone!

Y5 Pine - Pine Class

Y6 Oak - Christopher & Ellie

Y6 Sycamore -

**Values Champion:
Respect**

R Chestnut - Sophia

R Conker- Florence

Y1 Willow - Toby

Yr 1 Elder -Frankie

Y2 Birch - Josh

Y2 Cherry - Isabelle W

Y3 Fir - Michelle

Y3 Elm - Abbie

Y4-Maple - George

Y4-Cedar -

Y5 Beech - Freddie

Y5 Pine - Eda

Y6 Oak - Poppy B

Y6 Sycamore -

House Points

Tonbridge - 123

Leeds - 118

Hever - 118

Windsor -91

Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Y4**

Maple Class with 100%

SEND'S GOT TALENT

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

- **Albie (YR)** received player of the week at his football training last Saturday.
- On Saturday, **Mia and Morgan (Y6)** represented our school at the Surrey Schools Cross Country Championships at Reigate Priory Park. The girls raced against 100's of other children and scored highly. Well done girls, superb placements with Morgan coming in 6th place overall.

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

Y6 Dodgeball team

Well done to our fabulous **Year 6 Dodgeball team** who competed at an Inspire event at Guildford Spectrum on Friday. They worked so well as a team and had a brilliant time. Thank you for representing our school so beautifully Arianna, Ben, Hannah W, Hannah T, Christopher and Aiden.



Netball Vs Worplesdon

Our **Year 6 team** played brilliantly at home to secure a 10-1 win against Worplesdon, featuring some awesome shooting and great movement. The Year 4/5s put in a hard-working performance against a tall visiting side; despite the loss, the group is improving with every game. Well done to **Betsy (Y6) and Chloe (Y 5)**, who were selected as Players of the Match by the Worplesdon players for their efforts. It was a positive event for everyone involved, with both teams showing great sportsmanship and progress on the court.

Football Vs Burpham

Well done to our **Year 3 A football team** and **Year 4 A football team** who both played against Burpham Primary School on Tuesday at Meadows FC. Both teams worked well together and won their games! Great work - **George, Leonard, Ollie, Colson, Roman, Harry, Enzo, Joey and Luke, Jax, Alfie, Hughie, Beau, Robert, Noah, Ethan.**



Y5 CAKE SALE

A very big congratulations to the Y5 girls who organised a cake sale last week in aid of the NSPCC. They decided to do this in response to the value of compassion which we were thinking about last term.

With help from their families, they baked plates full of delicious treats and were very happy with the £313.15 that was raised. Congratulations to Talia, Chloe, Anya, Dixie, Peggy, Lela, Ruby, Elsie.



Y5 AT O2 FOR YOUNG VOICES

On Tuesday, the Y5's travelled to the O2 for the Young Voices concert - and what an amazing night it was! The children rehearsed all afternoon as part of the largest choir in the world (with just under 8,000 children) before performing to a packed house that evening. We could not have been more proud of our children throughout the whole event. They joined in with everything, supported each other, were sensible and respectful and a delight to spend time with. Well done to them all.

Thank you to **Mr Goodwin** for helping the children to prepare so well. Of course, a further thank you to Mr Godwin and to **Mrs Campbell, Mrs Brading Ms Wilson & Mrs Thomson** for



our children.

giving up your evening to make this possible for

NURTURE AT SEND

What is Nurture?

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. 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, so we can work together to remove the barriers that may prevent a child from thriving. Our goal is to equip students with the resilience and self-esteem they need to ensure no child is left behind because of emotional or developmental hurdles.

Week 1: Children's Learning is Understood Developmentally

The first principle of Nurture reminds us that every child grows at their own pace. Rather than focusing solely on chronological age or rigid academic milestones, we meet children where they are. By assessing their social and emotional needs developmentally, we can provide the "just right" support they need to take their next step. This

approach ensures that we don't overwhelm a child with expectations they aren't yet ready for, but instead build a solid foundation for future success.

Parent Tips: Bringing Nurture Home: Week 1: Meeting them where they are

Try not to compare your child's progress to siblings or friends. If they are struggling with a "big" task, break it down into tiny, manageable steps. Celebrating a small win today builds the confidence they need for a big win tomorrow.

CHRISTINGLE CELEBRATIONS IN SCHOOL

We are looking forward to our traditional Christingle celebrations. The Christingle—an orange wrapped in red ribbon, holding a candle and sweets—is a joyful way to symbolise the world, the seasons, and the light of love and hope in our lives. Our Year 3 children will be leading a special school service on **Monday 26th January at 8:50 am**, and parents are very welcome to join us for this worship.

We also warmly invite you to our joint **School & Parish Christingle Service** on **Sunday 1st February at 10:30 am** in the school hall followed by refreshments. This service is designed to be fun and suitable for all age groups. Please come along and join us if you can!

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. 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 very first line of our vision: "Everyone is offered a warm welcome here."

What you told us: Thank you to everyone who has responded so far. We are delighted to share that the initial feedback has given us a 4.5 out of 5-star rating for feeling welcomed!

- **What is working:** It was wonderful to read that the morning greetings at the gate and the warmth and helpfulness of our office team make a huge difference to your day.
- **Where we can grow:** We also appreciate the honest feedback on where we can do better. You told us that we need to improve our responsiveness to emails to ensure you feel heard, and that new families would value more opportunities to get to know teaching staff before their children start.
- **Moving Forward:** We are taking this on board immediately. We are currently reviewing our communication procedures to ensure queries are acknowledged more promptly, and we are looking at how we can improve our induction events for new starters.

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

Email: info@sendcofe.co.uk

DANCE — PLATFORM ACADEMY™
YOUR STAGE TO PERFORM,
YOUR PLACE TO BECOME.

FEBRUARY HALF TERM WORKSHOPS 2025

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Theatre workshops for ages 5-17 yrs

- ★ Exploring Oz Drama Camp
- ★ Soap Making
- ★ Creative Make-Up
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FAMILY LEARNING



Empower Your Child: Supportive Approaches to Manage Anxiety

Join our FREE workshop designed for parents and carers! In this 2-hour session, you'll work with the tutor and other parents to deepen your understanding of anxiety and learn practical ways to support your child.

✓ **What you'll learn:**

- Gain a deeper understanding of childhood anxiety
- **Practical** ways to help your child manage anxious feelings
- Opportunities to connect with other parents in a safe, supportive environment

Where: Woking Family Centre

The Bungalow, Sythwood
Gu21 3AX

When: 11th March 2026

Time: 12:45 -14:45



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Monday 23rd February (Inset Day) 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

Email: info@sei

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



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
Cricket
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It's a knockout
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Golf
Multi Game

Athletics
Handball
Team building
Capture the flag

Pickleball
Basketball
Baseball
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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January		
Monday 26th January	Y3 leading Christingle Service in school - Parents welcome (8.50am)	NEW
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	