

# Send Church of England Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM - PART 1

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS: RESPECT

DATE: 30TH JANUARY 2026

Dear Families,

It has been a wonderful week, which began with our Year 3 pupils leading a beautiful Christingle service. Their singing and reading were a credit to the school, thank you to everyone who attended.

It is with mixed emotions that I announce Mrs. Brooker will be leaving us on 5th February. After over 10 years of dedicated service, she is finally moving to Cornwall to fulfill a long-held family dream. Mrs Brooker's dedication, experience, and the care she has shown to so many children (and staff!) have been invaluable. She leaves behind big shoes to fill, but also a legacy of kindness and hard work and she will be greatly missed. We will be celebrating her time with us next Thursday. If you would like to send any cards or well wishes, please drop them off at the office or email them to us by Wednesday afternoon.

It was lovely to welcome the Surrey Autism Awareness team into school this week. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who responded to the questionnaire and to those who attended the Parent Voice session. Your input is vital in helping us grow. We look forward to sharing the results and feedback with you as soon as we receive the final report.

We send our very best wishes to Mr. Gareth, who is currently recovering from a minor procedure. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back with us sometime next week.

Please try to join me at the joint School & Parish Christingle Service this Sunday, 1st February at 10:30 am in the school hall. This is an "All Together" service designed for everyone and we warmly welcome those of all faiths and none. It is a fun, family-focused gathering led by Rev. Louise and the team from St Mary's. The service includes songs, a short reading, and the chance for everyone (adults included!) to make their own Christingle to take home. We will be holding a collection for The Children's Society, supporting vulnerable children facing abuse and neglect. Please bring any spare change you can. Refreshments will be served afterward.

To help us with orange and sweet quantities, please fill out [this form](#) if you plan to attend. If you decide to join us at the last minute, please come anyway, we will have spares and would love to see you there!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

**Mrs Marianne McDonnell**  
Headteacher

### COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

**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)

### THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

#### Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)

R Chestnut - Brodie & Izzy  
R Conker - Louie & Barbara Ann  
Y1 Willow - Izabela & Teddy  
Y1 Elder - Miles & Casey  
Y2 Birch- Natan & Emma  
Y2 Cherry- Jonas & Xavier  
Y3 Fir - Emilie & Cameron  
Y3 Elm - Jacob & Helena  
Y4 Cedar - Freddie & Mason  
Y4 Maple-Addie & Ella  
Y5 Beech - Elsie & Lela  
Y5 Pine - Eva & Frankie  
Y6 Oak - Chlea & Noah W  
Y6 Sycamore - Morgan & Rosie

#### Values Champion:

##### Respect

R Chestnut - Albie CS  
R Conker- Primrose  
Y1 Willow - Liam  
Yr 1 Elder - Amelie  
Y2 Birch - Valentina  
Y2 Cherry - Isla  
Y3 Fir - Grace  
Y3 Elm - Isabelle  
Y4-Maple - Niah  
Y4-Cedar - Mabel  
Y5 Beech - Harriet  
Y5 Pine - Elwood  
Y6 Oak - Oscar D  
Y6 Sycamore - Poppie

#### House Points

Leeds - 100

Tonbridge - 81

Hever - 81

Windsor - 81

#### Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Y3 Elm Class** with 98.9%

#### Lunchtime Superstars

**Monty (Y1) & Raphie (Y5)**

## SCHOOL SPORTING SUCCESS

Well done to **Delilah, Felicity, Pola, Mabel, Jonathan, Alex and Max** who represented the school at a New Age Kurling event at the Guildford Spectrum last Friday and learnt some amazing new skills.

On Tuesday, our Year 4 B and Year 3 B football teams played against Burpham School at Meadows FC. Both teams played fantastically and won! Well done **Georgi, Joshua, Harrison, Max, Charlie, Freddie, Lillie, Cody, Louis, Toby, Cameron, Sonny, Hugo and Hunter**.



## Y5 VISIT CHRIST'S COLLEGE TO WATCH CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Our Year 5 students enjoyed a magical trip to Christ's College for a spectacular performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory on Wednesday. It was a particularly proud moment for our school community, as the stage was filled with familiar faces!

Several former Send students took to the spotlight, including those shining in the lead roles of Willy Wonka and Grandpa Joe. Christ's College spoke highly of our st pupils, and it was truly inspiring for our current pupils to see where hard work and creativity can lead.



## 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. It is the heartbeat of everything we do, guiding how we care for, teach, and support every child and family in our community. Fortnightly, we will ask a simple question to gather your thoughts, stories, and examples. We want to celebrate where we are getting it right and hear your honest ideas on where we can grow even further.

Last time, you shared wonderful stories about being "Welcomed." This week, we are looking at the next line of our vision: **"We serve the children, staff, parents and our community to the best of our ability, every day."** When we talk about serving, we aren't just talking about doing our jobs. We are talking about the Christian ideal of service as a selfless act—going above and beyond simply because it is the right thing to do. Service can be a big life-changing moment or a tiny act of kindness. It might look like:

- Supporting families through complex times, such as navigating SEND needs or family challenges.
- Providing practical help, such as lending equipment or resources when things are tight.
- Being a listening ear when you just need someone to talk to.
- Small acts of hospitality, like serving a warm cup of tea at a parents' evening.

We want to know how our staff and community have served you. Please complete this short questionnaire before next Friday (6th February) <https://forms.gle/3wG79fn8vqmgoZuA9> Thank you

# 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



## 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](http://surreyfootballcoaching.com)



Multisport register at - [multisportsdevelopmentcentres.co.uk](http://multisportsdevelopmentcentres.co.uk)



**Valentine's Day**

**Krispy Kreme DOUGHNUTS**

**Sale**

**13th February**

3.15pm under the gazebo

**£2 each**



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](http://multisportsdevelopmentcentres.co.uk)

Tel: 01932 873131

Email: [info@multisportsdevelopmentcentres.co.uk](mailto:info@multisportsdevelopmentcentres.co.uk)



**Ripley Cricket Club**  
1749

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](http://www.ripleyccsurrey.com/payments/rcc-family-membership)



# 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!

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>February</b>		
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	
	<b>Half term holiday - 16 February to 20 February 2026</b>	
<b>Monday 23rd February</b>	<b>INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN</b>	
Tuesday 24th February	All children in EYFS-Y6 return to school	
Tuesday 3rd March	Year 2 Sporthall	
<b>Friday 27th March</b>	<b>School closes for Easter holidays at 1.15pm</b>	
	<b>Easter holiday 30th March to 10th April</b>	
<b>Monday 13th April</b>	<b>INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN</b>	
Tuesday 14th April	All children in EYFS-Y6 return to school	
	<b>Half term holiday - 25 May to 29 May</b>	
<b>Wednesday 22nd July</b>	<b>School closes for Summer holidays at 1.15pm</b>	