

# 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,

Although it has felt like a slightly quieter week in school compared to the start of term, we have had plenty of important moments of reflection and work continuing behind the scenes.

We started our week with a powerful worship centred on the "Golden Rule"—treating others how we want to be treated. Using a large paper heart, we looked at how unkind words or actions can "crumple" a person's spirit. We learnt that even when we say sorry and try to smooth things out, the wrinkles often remain. It was a visual reminder of why we must try to stop the wrinkles before they happen and protect each other's hearts.

We were also delighted to receive a visit this week from the Attendance Service. They were very complimentary about the work we do to support children's attendance. This is a testament to the partnership between school and home in ensuring our pupils are here and ready to learn.

We have some changes to our Governing Body to share. We say a big thank you to Harriet Gill, who is stepping down as a governor. We are incredibly grateful for the expertise and dedication she has brought to our school. We also send our congratulations to Louise Thomson; having ended her term as a Parent Governor, she has now been appointed as a Foundation Governor. This change leads to a vacancy for a new Parent Governor. Please keep an eye out, as more information regarding this position will be coming out very soon.

On a practical note, please be aware of upcoming road closures in Send. These are scheduled to take place overnight, so we are hopeful they will not impact our school runs too much, but please do allow extra time just in case.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend, and good luck to our Year 5s running the cake sale today!

**Mrs Marianne McDonnell**

Headteacher

### COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

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

**Saturday 17th January** - Surrey Schools Cross Country Championships-Priory Par

**Tuesday 20th January** - Y5 at Young Voices concert at O2

**Friday 23rd January** - Y3&4 New Age Kurling @Guildford Spectrum: 1-3pm

**Sunday 1st February** - Christingle Service at 10.30am in the 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) &

#### Values Champion: Respect

The children who received stars and values awards were celebrated in assembly as usual this week, sharing their achievements and getting a big round of applause.

Unfortunately, I forgot to unlock the document so that their names could be entered here. I apologise to all our brilliant stars and values champions and promise to publish their names next week.

*Mrs McDonnell*

#### House Points

**Tonbridge - 111**

**Leeds - 126**

**Windsor -146**

**Hever - 92**

#### Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Y1**

**Willow** with **99.4%**

## SEND'S GOT TALENT

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

- **Sebastian (Y1)** was awarded Player of the Week during football training for amazing defending and excellent skills practice.
- **Rex (Y1)** was awarded player of the week (for the third time!) at Rugby last weekend; he showed excellent listening skills and a positive attitude, despite the freezing temperature!



If your child has a talent or achievement to share, please email [info@sendcofe.co.uk](mailto: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.

## CHRISTINGLE CELEBRATIONS IN SCHOOL

As we approach the official end of the Christmas season, we are looking forward to our traditional Christingle celebrations. For those new to the custom, 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. This service is designed to be fun and suitable for all age groups.

Please do come along and join us for one of these special events if you can!

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

At Send C of E Primary School, our vision is more than just words on a wall. It is the heartbeat of everything we do, guiding how we care for, teach, and support every child and family in our community.

This term, we are launching 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. Over the coming weeks, we will be focusing on different parts of our vision statement. 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.

This feedback will be invaluable in helping us ensure our vision remains a living, breathing part of our school. This fortnight, we are focusing on the first line of our vision: "Everyone is offered a warm welcome here".

Thinking about your time at Send C of E Primary School, can you describe a specific moment when you or your child felt truly welcomed? (We would love to hear real-life examples—whether it was a greeting at the gate, the way a new start was handled, or a supportive conversation. Equally, if there was a time you felt we could have done better to make you feel welcome, please share that too so we can learn and improve.) To share your thoughts, [click here](#).

## 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](mailto:conkerclass@sendcofe.co.uk). We would be very grateful for your help.

# 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](mailto:info@sendcofe.co.uk) or 01483 223464

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## SAL 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:** 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
**Time:** 12:45 -14:45

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>January</b>		
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: 1-3pm	
Friday 16th January	After school cake sale by Y5 children in aid of NSPCC	<b>NEW</b>
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	
Monday 26th January	Y3 leading Christingle Service in school - Parents welcome (8.50am)	<b>NEW</b>
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	
	<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>	