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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM - PART 2

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS: JUSTICE

DATE: 6TH MARCH 2026

Dear Families,

In our worship this week, we focused on the theme of Justice, specifically social justice. We discussed how we can help ensure people are treated fairly across the world and explored the impact of Fairtrade. I would love for you to look around your kitchen cupboards at home for any Fairtrade products. If you find some, please show them to your children and talk about the little 'Fairtrade mark', it's a great way to bring our discussions to life!

On Wednesday, we were delighted to be joined by our friends from Birdworld. They led a fascinating assembly on conservation, teaching us how we can protect our local wildlife. They also very kindly gifted the school two lovely new birdboxes, which we look forward to installing on our grounds very soon.

A huge thank you to everyone for the incredible effort put into World Book Day. Seeing the children's excitement for reading was a joy. I'd also like to extend my gratitude to Mrs. Robinson and the entire staff team for their meticulous organisation and hard work behind the scenes. We have many more photos to share with you, so please look out for those in next week's update!

As many of you will know, I shared last week that Bishop Andrew was very ill. It is with deep sadness that I share the news that he passed away at home this Tuesday. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and our wider Diocesan family at this difficult time.

As we think of Bishop Andrew's life, we give thanks for his kindness, his gentleness, and his care for the people in this Diocese. We think about how he wanted to be remembered: as an ordinary follower of Jesus. We think of his family, his friends, and his colleagues and of all those who will carry on the good work that Bishop Andrew began. We pray especially for Bishop Paul as he continues to guide and support the churches, schools, and people of the Diocese of Guildford.

Amen.

Wishing you a peaceful and restful 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 - Ivy & Ophelia
R Conker - Poppy & Felix
Y1 Willow - Winnie & Dylan
Y1 Elder - Isla & Poppy
Y2 Birch- Joni & Chester
Y2 Cherry- Archie- Ray & Eleanor
Y3 Fir - Colson & Arlo
Y3 Elm – Mary Kate & Harry
Y4 Cedar - Rayan & Enora
Y4 Maple - Jonathan & Riley
Y5 Beech - Harriet & Maddie
Y5 Pine - Ralphie & Elinor
Y6 Oak- Christopher & Olivia
Y6 Sycamore - Matilda & Megan

Values Champion: Justice

R Chestnut - Bailey
R Conker- Olivia
Y1 Willow - Sebastian
Yr 1 Elder - Rex
Y2 Birch - Natan
Y2 Cherry - Mira
Y3 Fir - Sophia
Y3 Elm - Isobel
Y4-Maple - Addie & Max
Y4-Cedar - Freddie
Y5 Beech - Chloe
Y5 Pine - Albie
Y6 Oak - Christian
Y6 Sycamore - Berty

House Points

Windsor - 90

Hever - 80

Leeds - 66

Tonbridge - 57

Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Elder Class (Y1)** with 100%

SEND'S GOT TALENT

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

- **Elsie (Y2)** has taken her Royal Academy of Dance primary exam.
- **Elodie (Y3)** went up a grade at judo this week and received her red and white belt.
- **Emilie (Y3)** performed her ballet and musical theatre dances on stage at the Rhoda McGaw Theatre in Woking with other students at Send.
- **Bethany (Y5)** completed the Lab 22 Challenge Booklet over half term and she was presented with her certificate and prize last week.
- **Oscar (Y6)** helped his team to a 3 - 3 draw in football at the weekend. Despite playing out of position, he was awarded Man of the Match.

It is not just our children who have talent. **Mrs Bauly** completed her first half marathon last weekend - Congratulations!

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



SPORTING SUCCESS

Year 2 took part in a Sports Hall athletics tournament at Guildford Spectrum this week. Well done to everyone for showing such fantastic sporting skills. They came 2nd overall - what an amazing achievement.



FESTIVAL OF COLOURS: HOLI IN THE NURTURE GROUP

This week, our Nurture Group has been immersed in the vibrant celebrations of Holi, the Hindu "Festival of Colours." Holi marks the arrival of spring and the triumph of good over evil, traditionally celebrated by throwing brightly coloured powders (gulaal) and sharing food. The children had a wonderful time learning about the significance of the festival and getting creative with colour. To top off the celebrations, we spent time in the kitchen making Gujiya—a traditional Indian sweet treat. These are delicious crescent-shaped pastry dumplings filled with a sweet mixture of milk solids, nuts, and dried fruits.



WORLD BOOK DAY

As part of our world book day celebrations we were joined by some of our friends from Lotus Manor. The residents enjoyed taking turns reading with the children and enjoyed competing against each other in traditional games from Puzzles with Pat to card games with Jennifer. Everybody had an amazing time and we cannot wait to see our neighbours again very soon!



Time's up for Ready, Steady, Read! Please count up how many minutes you read or listened to stories for. Please collect sponsorship money at home and then use Arbor to pay online. Children should return sponsorship forms as soon as their sponsorship has been paid into Arbor and by **Thursday 13th March at the very latest.**

Everyone who participates will receive a special certificate and the individual in each House Team who reads (or listens) for the most minutes and who raises the most money will win a special prize!

Certificates and prizes will be awarded on Friday 14th March.

URGENT SAFETY NOTICE: PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON SEND BARNES ROAD

We have received a deeply concerning report from a parent this morning regarding a "near-miss" involving a silver 4x4 vehicle. The vehicle mounted the pavement on Send Barnes Road to park, coming dangerously close to a parent walking home from drop-off.

A firm reminder to our school community:

- Pavements are for Pedestrians: Mounting the pavement is illegal and creates a life-threatening risk to our children and neighbors.
- Park Considerately: Please use designated parking areas and avoid the stretch of Send Barnes Road where footpaths are narrow.
- Cycling Safety: We are also speaking with pupils about "walking their wheels" on busy footpaths to ensure everyone feels safe.

The local police have been made aware of the ongoing parking issues. We thank you for your cooperation in keeping our Send Primary families safe.

JOIN THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT 2026! 🌍

We are excited to announce that from **Monday, 9 March to Sunday, 15 March**, our school will be participating in The Big Plastic Count 2026 for the very first time! This nationwide event is the UK's largest investigation into household plastic waste, and we want our pupils (and teachers!) to be at the heart of it.

Our Mission

As a school striving to inspire environmental awareness, we want to help our children understand the true impact of plastic on our planet. By counting what we throw away, we can build a national picture that pressures the government to take real action.

How to Take Part

- The Tally Sheet: Your child will bring home a Count Sheet (or you can download one here) to record every piece of plastic packaging your household throws away for one week.
- Count Everything: Record plastic that goes in the bin, the recycling, and even items used while out and about.
- What Not to Count: Please exclude items used for medical or sanitary reasons, such as plasters, medication packaging, or nappies.
- Classroom Counting: Teachers will be joining in too, identifying and counting plastics used in the classroom!

Why It Matters

Maths in Action: This is a brilliant way for children to practice counting and data recording in a real-world context.

Results & Rewards: At the end of the week, each class will receive a participation certificate. Once we submit our data, we will receive a "Plastic Footprint" results card showing exactly what happens to our waste after it leaves the bin.

Top Tip: Stick your tally sheet on the fridge or near the bin so it's easy for everyone to see and use!

Many thanks

Mrs Andrews



PTFA & Community Notices



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

Next Thing

EASTER 2026

SCIENCE

LASER TAG

VIRTUAL REALITY

The WOW Camp

MINECRAFT

ANIMAL WORKSHOPS

STREET DANCE

ROBOTS

INFLATABLES

STEM. Creativity. Physical Play
All in one camp

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HAF PLACES AVAILABLE

EASTER CAMPS 2026

Tech-powered camps, packed with WOW experiences!

Example camp activities
Camps run 9 am - 4 pm

ROBOT LAB	LEGO ENGINEERING	ELECTRIC INVENTIONS	3D CREATIONS	ANIMATION
COOL CIRCUITS	CRAZY CODING	MOVIE MAKING	MINECRAFT REDSTONE	VIRTUAL REALITY

NEW FOR EASTER - WOW EXPERIENCES

INFLATABLES	ANIMALS	STREET DANCE	SCIENCE	LASER TAG
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Activities vary by location. Please visit our website to see what's running at your venue.

WHAT TO EXPECT:
Blending hands-on tech exploration with unforgettable WOW experiences, we inspire children to invent, create, and discover. Led by DBS-checked, friendly and supportive instructors, kids build confidence while diving into exciting activities, challenges, and real skill-building adventures.

AGES 5-11, £45 PER DAY OR £162 FOR 4 DAYS

LIMITED SPACES - BOOK NOW!

WWW.NEXTTHING.EDUCATION T: 01442 873150

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March		
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Monday 16th March	Parent Consultation evening 3:30 – 6:30pm	
Tuesday 17th March	Choir at GLive School Choir Event (and performance)	
Wednesday 18th March	Parent Consultation evening 3:30 – 6:30pm	
Thursday 19th March	Y5&6 Cross Country@ Rydes Hill Common - 4-5pm	
Friday 20th March	Y6 Surrey Storm Netball tournament, 4pm - 6pm	
Monday 23rd March	Easter Pause Day (with St Mary's Church) for YR, 1, 5&6	
Tuesday 24th March	Easter Pause Day (with St Mary's Church) for YN, 2, 3&4	
Thursday 26th March	PTFA Non-Uniform Day	NEW
Thursday 26th March	Y3&4 Tag Festival Guildfordians RFC @ Stoke Park 3.30-6pm	
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	
	Half term holiday - 25 May to 29 May	
Wednesday 22nd July	School closes for Summer holidays at 1.15pm	