

Send Church of England Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM - PART 2

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS: JUSTICE

DATE: 27TH FEBRUARY 2026

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a restful half-term break. It was wonderful to see everyone return refreshed on Tuesday! We have also had a beautiful sign that Spring is finally on its way—our Reception children were delighted to find that the daffodils they planted earlier in the year have just sprouted!

The term began with a special assembly focusing on the season of Lent. We reflected on themes of forgiveness and repentance, thinking about how we can "change our ways" as we lead up to Easter. Ramadan Mubarak to all our families who began observing the fast during half term. If your child is observing Ramadan, please let your class teacher know so we can ensure they are well-supported in school.



We had an exciting launch for our Ready, Steady, Read! sponsored event this week! Every minute counts, whether your child is reading independently or our younger pupils are listening to shared stories. Sponsorship forms were sent home yesterday—prizes are up for grabs for those who read the most and raise the most funds!

On a more somber note, I am sorry to share that Bishop Andrew, the Bishop of Guildford, is gravely ill. Please keep him in your prayers during this difficult time.

Coming up, we would love to invite all parents and carers to our Social Coffee Morning on 10th March. It's a wonderful chance to catch up with school staff and the lovely Rev. Louise from St Mary's in a relaxed, friendly setting. Whether you just fancy a hot drink and a chat about school, or you're curious about Christenings and Baptisms (for your little ones or even yourself!), Rev. Louise will be on hand for a no-pressure chat through what it's all about. We'd love to see you there!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Marianne McDonnell
Headteacher

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Monday 2nd March - Parent Consultation meetings available to book from 6pm on Arbor

Tuesday 3rd March - Year 2 Sporthall Athletics event

Wednesday 4th March - Bird conservation assemblies for KS1 & KS2

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day in school & final day of 'Ready, Steady, Read!' sponsored event.

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)

R Chestnut - Sophia & Vendel

R Conker - Reign & Jasmine
Y1 Willow - Bethany & Anaiah

Y1 Elder - Arthur & Ava
Y2 Birch- Zakariya & Olivia
Y2 Cherry- Isabelle C & Maya

Y3 Fir - Jacob & Hugo
Y3 Elm – Asher & Anisa
Y4 Cedar - Mason & Daisy
Y4 Maple-

Y5 Beech - Chloe & Henry
Y5 Pine - Bethany & Eric

Y6 Oak - Jess W & Reece
Y6 Sycamore - Mia & Ben G

Values Champion: Justice

R Chestnut - Arthur

R Conker- Charlie

Y1 Willow - Archibald

Yr 1 Elder - Monty

Y2 Birch - Emma

Y2 Cherry -Rowan

Y3 Fir - Ayla

Y3 Elm - Harper

Y4-Maple -

Y4-Cedar - Kate

Y5 Beech - Phoebe

Y5 Pine - Eva

Y6 Oak - Jane G

Y6 Sycamore - Sebastian

House Points

Windsor - 76

Tonbridge - 71

Hever - 64

Leeds - 57

Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Fir Class (Y)** with 100%

SEND'S GOT TALENT

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

- **Jessie (Y2) and Jasmine (YR)** did their primary Ballet Exam and are now moving into Grade 1 at The Rebecca Jackson School of Dance.
- **Xavier (Y2)** attended the Sportykidz camp over the half term and is really proud that he won a trophy for effort and sportsmanship on one of the days.
- **Josh B (Y2)** got player of the month for his football team!
- **Genevieve (Y6)** competed in two different dance festivals over half term, and has come away with 11 medals - all gold or silver. She now has 9 dances which have qualified for All England semi-finals, which are in May.
- **Jamie (Y2)** has been awarded a medal and certificate for coming 3rd in a Skiing competition during half term in Austria and Ben (Y6) learnt how to snowboard!

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



PARKING WITH KINDNESS AND RESPECT

I have been on parking patrol this week in partnership with the Villages Medical Centre. Thank you to those who continue to park responsibly; your consideration for our neighbours makes a huge difference. We understand that mornings are busy and parents are often rushing to work, particularly as our school faces the infrastructure challenges common to many older village schools. However, we must stress that the GP Surgery car park is strictly private parking for their patients and staff. As the Surgery becomes more vigilant with their parking enforcement, it is vital that parents do not simply transfer the problem to Barns Orchard. Please remember that Barns Orchard is a private road and must not be used for school parking under any circumstances. Similarly, blocking driveways for residents along Send Barns Lane is not acceptable and causes significant distress to our neighbours.

Use the Map: Park and Stride!

Now that the weather is finally improving, we ask that you make use of the ample on-road parking available just a short distance from the gates:

Yellow Circle: These areas are within an approx. 5-minute walk.

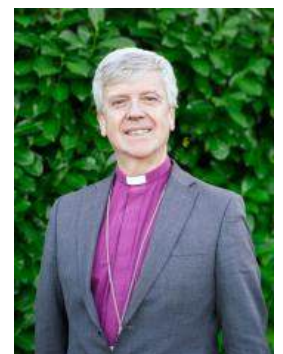
Red Circle: These areas are within an approx. 8–10 minute walk.

By parking slightly further away and walking the final stretch, you help keep the immediate school entrance safe for all our children. Thank you for your cooperation in being a "good neighbour."



SAD NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF GUILDFORD

We are sharing some very sad news regarding Bishop Andrew Watson, the Bishop of Guildford. Bishop Andrew has been a significant leader for our local church schools, and he has recently shared that he is gravely ill with inoperable cancer. In a moving letter to the Diocese, he shared that he has now moved into hospice care. Despite this, he spoke of his enduring faith and his gratitude for the community. As a Church of England school, we hold Bishop Andrew, his wife Beverly, and their family in our thoughts. We have attached his full letter to this newsletter for those who wish to read his message or join in the requested prayers for him during this difficult time.



PTFA & Community Notices



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!



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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March		
Monday 2nd March	Parent Consultation meetings available to book from 6pm on Arbor	NEW
Tuesday 3rd March	Year 2 Sporthall Athletics event	
Wednesday 4th March	Bird conservation assemblies for KS1 & KS2	
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day in school	
Monday 9th March	Final week for teacher led clubs is this week	
Tuesday 10th March	Social Coffee Morning for parents/ carers.	NEW
Tuesday 10th March	RockSteady Concert for parents @10am in KS2 hall	NEW
Thursday 12th March	Y6 C Team Football Boxgrove - 7 a side	
Thursday 12th March	DEADLINE for paying in sponsorship money for 'Ready, Steady, Read!'	NEW
Friday 13th March	Awards presented for the individual who read the most and also for the individual who raised the most money during 'Ready, Steady, Read!'	NEW
Monday 16th March	Parent Consultation evening 3:30 – 6:30pm	NEW
Tuesday 17th March	Choir at GLive School Choir Event (and performance)	
Wednesday 18th March	Parent Consultation evening 3:30 – 6:30pm	NEW
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	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	