

Send Church of England Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM - PART 1

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS: SERVICE

DATE: 17TH APRIL 2026

Dear Families,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful and restful Easter break with your loved ones. It has been lovely to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm as we begin this new term. Easter is a season rather than just a single day and on our return, we shared the story of Easter morning together. The children particularly enjoyed our 'search for Jesus' activity, where they went looking for hidden pictures of Him around the field. There was much excitement when these were found and swapped for delicious chocolate Easter eggs. A huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA for providing the funding for these treats.

I am delighted to share that during our recent INSET day, a group of our staff successfully completed their practical Paediatric First Aid training. This is a rigorous 12-hour qualification, and I am incredibly proud of their commitment to the safety of our pupils. Huge congratulations to: **Mrs Benkanfella, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Ward, Mrs Cresswell, Miss Smith, Mrs Brown, Miss Norris, Mrs Gilkerson, Ms Bishop, and Miss White.**

It has already been a busy week of learning beyond the classroom. Our Year 5 pupils have dived straight into their weekly swimming lessons, and Year 4 have begun their exciting fortnightly trips to the Lab 22 Science Centre. Additionally, Years 1, 2, and 4 visited Wisley to explore and learn more about the living world. The children were as amazing as always, representing our school beautifully. Please do look inside this newsletter to read some wonderful insights from Year 2 regarding their trip.

Every half term, we receive an attendance report from the Department for Education which compares our school to others nationally. While our overall attendance remains good, the data shows that attendance on Fridays is lower than the rest of the week. We completely understand that the vast majority of absences are genuine; however, we will be monitoring Friday attendance more closely this term. Please do not be offended if we ask for additional evidence for absences due to appointments or illness occurring on a Friday.

Finally, a huge welcome to the new parents and children who will be joining our school family following National Offer Day. We are thrilled to see a significant increase in applicants this year, with 54 families choosing us as their first choice for Reception places. We truly look forward to welcoming you all into our community. Information regarding the outcome of the determined admissions arrangements is also attached to this newsletter for your reference.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Marianne McDonnell

Headteacher

COMING UP:

Monday 20th April - Y6 Ambassadors at Send Help Coffee Shop

Tuesday 21st April - Y5 Football Tournament @ 4pm

Wednesday 22nd April - Swimming Lessons start for Y5

Thursday 23rd April - 'The Shoreline Experience' 8.20am @ Church Rooms for Y3

Friday 24th April - Y5 Netball Tournament at Tourmead school 12.30-3.30pm

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)

R Conker - Primrose & Barbara Ann
Y1 Willow - Anaiah & Dylan
Y1 Elder - Alfie & Jake
Y2 Birch- Elsie & Sophia
Y2 Cherry- Freya & Dollars
Y3 Fir - Dominic and Grace
Y3 Elm - Isabelle & Phoenix
Y4 Cedar - Rayan & Annabel
Y4 Maple - Luca & Niah
Y5 Beech - Charlie & Talia
Y5 Pine - Lilly & Abi
Y6 Oak - Noah Mc & Marianna
Y6 Sycamore - Matilda & Poppie CS

Values Champion:

Service

R Conker- Felix
Y1 Willow - Lucy
Yr 1 Elder - Lola
Y2 Birch - Zakariya
Y2 Cherry - Isla
Y3 Fir - Sienna
Y3 Elm - Macie
Y4-Maple - Erin
Y4-Cedar - Shayma
Y5 Beech - Dixie
Y5 Pine - Elwood
Y6 Oak - Hannah K
Y6 Sycamore - Mia

House Points

Leeds - 72

Tonbridge - 70

Hever - 61

Windsor - 54

Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Y4 Cedar** with **100%**

SEND'S GOT TALENT

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

- **Genevieve (Y6)** who won three first place awards including her ballet and tap solos, as well as the highest score award and the Judge's Choice Award in her recent competition
- **Ben G (Y6)** attended the Copenhagen Open Judo competition. On Saturday, he fought in the tournament and also joined the international workshops.

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

Well done to our Year 3/4 Tag Rugby team who attended a tournament hosted by the Guildfordians at Stoke Park before the Easter Holidays.

They listened carefully to the coaches and worked well as a team.

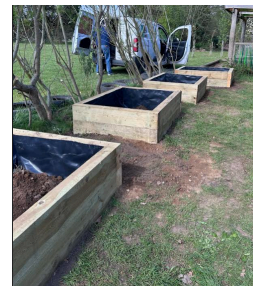
Congratulations to: **Jax, Noah, Harrison, Albert, Michelle, Louis, Phoenix and George.**



SPRING GARDEN UPDATE

A very big thank you to the parents and grandparents who donated their time over the Easter break to give our allotment a spring spruce up! We have some wonderful new garden planters made by Ava's grandpa and a brand new pond in the nature garden.

Thank you to **Colin Weller, Carly Howorth, Melissa McCulloch, Stephen Overy and Rob Joselyn** for all your hard work.



A TRIP TO WISLEY - BY Y2

Year 2 had a wonderful time on their trip to Wisley. They took part in an engaging workshop where they learned about the different stages of plant growth and even planted their own seeds to take home.

After the workshop, the children spent the rest of the day exploring the glasshouse and gardens, enjoying the wide variety of plants and beautiful surroundings. Birch Class even found a Birch tree!

SAVE THE DATE - SEND C OF E PRIMARY IS TURNING 10! 🎉

The upcoming 2026-27 academic year marks a massive milestone for our community—it will be exactly 10 years since the formal creation of Send C of E Primary School! This anniversary is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all the amazing things our school achieves today, while also proudly honouring our heritage. To kick off the celebrations, we are throwing a Big Birthday Party & Fair, **on Sunday, 20th September 2026 (from 12:00 pm -3pm)** and we want our entire school family and the wider village to be there so please pop the date in your diaries now!. We are busy working on plans with the PTFA and we will be sharing more information very soon.



DODGEBALL CLUB - FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL

Multi Sports Development Centres will be running a Dodgeball Club at Send School after school from Friday 24th April to Friday 10th July.

Time Pick up 4.30pm.

Total cost of the course: £60.00 for this half term and £60.00 for next half term £120.00 in total for the term. This will be payable in two instalments, one this half term and one next half term.

Your child will take part in different Dodgeball sessions which will include: Messy Bedrooms, Three way Dodgeball, Gladiators, Shooting Gallery and many more..The most important thing is that each child has fun and builds confidence in themselves while taking part!

To book, please register online at multisportsdevelopmentcentres.co.uk or scan the QR code.



Masterpiece Makers
God Made Us Creative!
If you are aged 7 to 11 (Years 3 to 6), join us for a brand-new free Art Club.
Tuesdays in term-time 6 to 7pm

Send EC
Broadmead Road GU23 7AD

For more info:
youth@sendec.org.uk

Dear all our loyal customers, parents, friends, and little adults,

At **Valentino Schoolwear**, we are ensuring our **Annual Discount Promotion** for 2026 is available online and in-store for our customers, no appointment required.

15% OFF IN-STORE school uniform purchases: 18th – 23rd May 2026
Use discount code SUMMER15 at checkout.

15% OFF ONLINE school uniform purchases: 17th – 24th May 2026
Use discount code SUMMER15 when you click 'View Cart'.

10% OFF ONLINE ONLY school uniform purchases: Bank Holiday Monday 25th May 2026
Use discount code SUMMER10 when you click 'View Cart'.

Anything purchased during our promotion can be exchanged right up until 1st September!
Please note that we are unable to accept returns and exchanges during our promotional dates above 18th May – 23rd May 2026.
Returns & exchanges are all subject to our normal returns policy. These offers are available online and in store. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offers. Exclusions apply.

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Woking Family Centre
Wednesdays - 4 weeks
7pm - 8pm
3rd June - 24th June 2026

Online SEND Support Group for Parents/Carers

Free support group for parents/carers with children aged 0-16 with pre or diagnosed SEND.

The course will cover topics like:

- Back to school and discussions around EHCP's
- Boundaries and useful parenting tools
- Accessing useful websites and other support networks
- Support on applying for DLA and other funding options.

For more information scan the QR code or call 01483 310419



Woking Family Centre, The Bungalow
Sythwood, Woking GU21 3AX



PTFA
NON UNIFORM DAY
FRIDAY 1 MAY 2026
Please bring donations for our tombola at the May Fair.

Suggestions include:
Bottles
Sweets
Chocolates
Cakes / biscuits / treats
Toiletries / small gift items

or £1

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April		
Monday 20th April	Y6 Ambassadors at Send Help Coffee Shop	
Tuesday 21st April	Y5 Football Tournament @ 4pm	
Wednesday 22nd April	Swimming Lessons start for Y5	
Thursday 23rd April	'The Shoreline Experience' 8.20am @ Church Rooms for Y3	NEW
Friday 24th April	Y5 Netball Tournament at Tormead school 12.30-3.30pm	
Monday 27th April	Perform Drama Workshops for YN, YR & Y1	
Thursday 30th April	'The Shoreline Experience' 8.20am @ Church Rooms for Y4	NEW
Thursday 30th April	Y3&4 Cross Country race @ Boxgrove - 4pm	
Friday 1st May	PTFA MUFTI Day - bring a donation for the tombola at the May Fair	
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN	
Thursday 7th May	'The Shoreline Experience' 8.20am @ Church Rooms for Y5	NEW
Thursday 7th May	Y1&2 Cross Country race @ Boxgrove - 4pm	NEW
Monday 11th May	KS2 SATs Week for Y6 children	
Saturday 16th May	Wey Valley Primary School's Swimming Gala at Guildford Spectrum	NEW
Monday 18th May	Y6 Ambassadors at Send Help Coffee Shop	NEW
Wednesday 20th May	Year 6 Girls Guildford Dynamos Primary Schools Cricket Competitions	NEW
Thursday 21st May	Y4/5&6 Relay Cross Country race @ Boxgrove - 4pm	NEW
	Half term holiday - 25 May to 29 May	
Wednesday 22nd July	School closes for Summer holidays at 1.15pm	