

Send Church of England Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM - PART 1

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS: SERVICE

DATE: 24TH APRIL 2026

Dear Families,

What a wonderful sunny week we have enjoyed at school. We began with our wonderful Y6 ambassadors joining the team at the Coffee Morning in the Church Rooms. They demonstrated our value of service brilliantly, thinking about what they could do to help without being asked. Y3 also enjoyed a trip to the Church Rooms on Thursday for breakfast with the St Mary's team, see inside for more details. Our sports teams were also in action this week with the Y5 footballers in action at the local schools tournament, again more details inside.

In our assembly for St. George's Day on Thursday, we reflected on the true meaning of bravery. While legends speak of dragons, the real St. George showed courage by standing up for the truth and speaking out against injustice, even when it was difficult. We challenged the children to think about times they have shown courage by doing what is right, even when it isn't the easiest path to take.

I want to let you know about an important update regarding our school uniform. As you may be aware, the Department for Education (DfE) is introducing new statutory rules for both Primary and Secondary schools effective from September 2026. The goal of these nationwide changes is to ensure school uniforms remain affordable for all families by limiting the number of expensive branded items and allowing more items to be purchased from high-street retailers. Please see inside the newsletter for full information about the changes to the uniform that the Governing Body have agreed from September 2026 onwards.

You may also have seen an important email this week about the Send CofE Support Fund. Donations to the Support Fund will allow us to fund the 'extras' that make school special, such as visiting theatre groups, workshops, and subsidising coach travel for school trips as well as helping our Governors fund essential building repairs and capital projects. As a church school, these projects are only possible through the support of our community. You can make payments at any time and in a way that fits your family budget. We suggest a donation of £10 per term, per family, but any amount is welcome. See inside for a guide on how to make a donation through Arbor.

Wishing you all a happy weekend - enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs Marianne McDonnell
Headteacher

COMING UP:

Monday 27th April - Perform Drama Workshops for YN, YR & Y1
Thursday 30th April - 'The Shoreline Experience' 8.20am @ Church Rooms for Y4
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THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)
R Chestnut - Maddison & Arthur
R Conker - Albie P & Reign
Y1 Willow - Ava & Robyn
Y1 Elder - Frankie & Amelie
Y2 Birch- Skyla & Jack
Y2 Cherry- Ralphie & Xavier
Y3 Fir -Toby & Teddy
Y3 Elm - Asher & Liam
Y4 Cedar - Bodhi & Alex
Y4 Maple - Elsie-May & Max
Y5 Beech - Freddie & Madeline
Y5 Pine - Sophia & Arya
Y6 Oak - Noah W & Reece
Y6 Sycamore - Ben H & Seb

Values Champion:

Service

R Chestnut - Finn
R Conker- Meadow
Y1 Willow - Winnie
Yr 1 Elder - Casey
Y2 Birch - Rosie
Y2 Cherry - River
Y3 Fir -Sophia
Y3 Elm - Macie
Y4-Maple - Ella
Y4-Cedar - Kate
Y5 Beech - Flick
Y5 Pine - Ralphie
Y6 Oak - Lucy M
Y6 Sycamore - Poppie CS

House Points

Tonbridge - 160
Windsor - 157
Hever - 154
Leeds - 149

Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Conker YR and Elm (Y3)** both with 100%

SEND'S GOT TALENT

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

- **Naiara (Y1)** received her Water Skills level 2 certificate last week
- **Freya (Y2)** received her Learn to Swim Level 3 award and **Erin (Y4)** received her Water Skills Level 2 award.
- **Amelie (Y1)** was awarded a trophy for impressing the coach at multisports and getting involved in all activities.
- **Ella (Y2)** made her Brownies promise this week, and is very happy to now be an official Brownie!
- **Ella, Sophia, Ivy, Jessie, Emma and Bonnie (Y2)** took part in a Brownies day at Wildwood Adventure.
- **Asher (Y3)** competed at the South East regional gymnastics championships. He came 3rd in the 'all around', pommels and rings and 4th on parallel bars and high bar.
- **Anya (Y3)** recently took part in the International Primary Maths Kangaroo Competition. Despite being the youngest competitor in her group she came joint 3rd out of 34.
- **Isla (Y4)** was awarded a trophy at multisports for helping out with the younger children and a medal for trying her best.
- **Cillian (Y5), Sonny and Albert (Y3)** had a very successful rugby tour at the weekend and Cillian's team won their pool!



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 - FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Well done to the Y5 football team for taking part in a tournament this Tuesday. They showed brilliant teamwork, communication and sportsmanship. Congratulations to: **Elliot, Oliver, Elwood, Joey S, Joseph, Freddie, Caleb, Albie, Nathan & Eric!** Thank you to Mr Cramp for coaching the team and to Mrs Brown for supervising them during the event.



BREAKFAST ON THE SHORE -Y3

Year 3 had a delicious start to the day on Thursday when they joined the team from St Mary's at the Church Rooms for breakfast. We have been thinking about the stories of how Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection and together we acted out the story of when Jesus appeared to his friends when they were fishing. We also heard how they shared breakfast together as we all enjoyed sharing our breakfast of pastries. The children were brilliant and took part wonderfully. Thank you to Rev Louise, her team and Mrs Banks and Mrs Williams for helping us walk back.



IMPORTANT UPDATE: CHANGES TO SCHOOL UNIFORM FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

Under the new guidance, Primary Schools are restricted to a maximum of 3 branded items. To meet this requirement while keeping our pupils looking smart and distinctive, we have selected the following items:

1. Branded Teal Jumper or Cardigan
2. Branded PE Jumper
3. Branded PE Shirt

All other items, including white polo shirts, trousers, skirts, summer dresses and PE shorts can be purchased as generic items from any high-street store.

We are moving to plain white polo shirts for every pupil, from Reception through to Year 6 all year round (unless the summer dress is worn). This change means that ties will no longer be required for pupils in Year 5 and Year 6. We have made this decision for two main reasons. Firstly, it allows parents to buy affordable multipacks of plain shirts from any supermarket or high-street store. Secondly, we recognise that ties are no longer expected in most modern workplaces, and we want our uniform to reflect a practical, contemporary learning environment.

We appreciate that many secondary schools currently include ties as part of their uniform, however these schools will also be reviewing their policies in light of the September 2026 DfE rules. If our local secondary schools choose to keep ties as a compulsory item, we will host 'Tie-Tying Workshops' during the summer term for our Year 6 leavers to ensure they are confident and ready for their transition!

By choosing to keep the branded PE kit, we ensure the children look professional and distinctive during sports fixtures. Since PE kits are usually only worn once or twice a week, these high-quality items can be bought slightly larger and often last for two years, providing better long-term value.

Families can now begin planning for the 2026 academic year knowing that you only need to source three specific items from our official supplier, Valentino's.

Everything else can be found at your preferred retailer, helping to drive down costs for all our families. Thank you for your continued support as we make these positive changes for our school community.

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.

www.valentinoschoolwear.com

SEND COFE SUPPORT FUND

Over the last term, a number of parents have asked about how they can financially support our school over and above any normal trip contributions. We are so grateful for this kindness, and in response, we are launching the Send CofE Support Fund. We want to provide our children with an education that is 'rich and in all its fullness'. Your donations to the Support Fund allow us to do two vital things:

1. **Enrich the 'Now'**: Funding the 'extras' that make school special, such as visiting theatre groups, workshops, and subsidising coach travel for school trips.
2. **Secure the 'Future'**: Helping our Governors fund essential building repairs and capital projects. As a church school, these projects are only possible through the support of our community.

How you can help

You can make payments at any time and in a way that fits your family budget. We suggest a donation of **£10 per term, per family**, but any amount is welcome. For example, you could choose to do **£52 a year**, which is the equivalent of just **£1 for every week of the year!** You will find the details and the option to donate on your child's dashboard within Arbor.

Boost your donation with Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer, we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you. You can Gift Aid this and any other donations by simply selecting 'yes' to the Gift Aid Declaration, which is found in the consents section of Arbor.

How to make a contribution to the Send CofE Support Fund in Arbor

The screenshot shows the Arbor School Shop interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text ': School Shop Products'. Below this, the 'School Shop Products' section displays the 'Send CofE Support Fund' product with a price of £1.00. To the right of the product, there is an 'Order Information' section with a 'Quantity' dropdown menu and a green 'Buy product' button. Three yellow callout boxes provide instructions: 1. 'In your child's dashboard click on 'School Shop'' points to the search bar. 2. 'You will see the Send CofE Support Fund box.' points to the product listing. 3. 'Donations are made in multiples of £1 - just select the multiple you would like.' points to the quantity dropdown.

DISTRICT SPORTS TRIALS - Y3, Y4 & Y5

Calling all athletes in Y3,4&5! You are invited to attend trials for District Sports on Tuesday **19th May 3.15pm - 5pm**.

District sports is our annual athletics event at Guildford Spectrum on **Tuesday 16th June** against other local primary schools. It is a competitive event and therefore children are selected based on their performance on the day of the trials. At the trials, the children will take part in running, jumping and throwing events. Times and measurements will be taken and then the team selection will be shared the following week.



If your child would like to try out, please consent on Arbor to show that your child can attend. Please note, the trials will run until 5pm. If your child normally attends the athletics club on that night, please consent if you wish them to stay until 5pm. If you are going to collect them at the normal time of 4.15pm you do not need to consent. (Please note: Y6 will be taking part in trials during their normal PE lessons.)

SPARE UNIFORM/ CLOTHES

If you are a parent of a child in our younger year groups, please can you check that any spare clothes they keep in their bag still fit them. With the warm weather you may want to add in a spare change of shorts and some socks if they do not already have them. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Miss Sophie Rawlins**, who became engaged over the Easter break. We wish her, and her fiancé, David our best wishes as they embark on this exciting stage of their life together.



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

COLOUR RUN & FAMILY FUN
 Send C of E PTFA

Join us for a fun-filled community event with tasty food, bar, family lawn games, stalls and vibrant entertainment from our school disco DJ!

11 JULY 2026
 Send C of E Primary School
 12.00PM - 3.00PM

Get ready for a splash of colour and a lot of fun! Get your tickets using the QR code below, prices start from £7.50 per person, kids receive a medal! Spectators welcome to cheer everyone on (tickets only needed for runners).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April		
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Thursday 7th May	'The Shoreline Experience' 8.20am @ Church Rooms for Y5	
Thursday 7th May	Y1&2 Cross Country race @ Boxgrove - 4pm	
Friday 8th May	Y6 Cake Sale after school	NEW
Monday 11th May	KS2 SATs Week for Y6 children	
Saturday 16th May	Wey Valley Primary School's Swimming Gala at Guildford Spectrum	
Monday 18th May	Y6 Ambassadors at Send Help Coffee Shop	
Wednesday 20th May	Year 6 Girls Guildford Dynamos Primary Schools Cricket Competitions	
Thursday 21st May	Y4/5&6 Relay Cross Country race @ Boxgrove - 4pm	
	Half term holiday - 25 May to 29 May	
Wednesday 22nd July	School closes for Summer holidays at 1.15pm	