

Send Church of England Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM - PART 1

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS: SERVICE

DATE: 1ST MAY 2026

Dear Families,

It has been a wonderful week at school, and we are especially delighted to begin by welcoming the new parents who have officially accepted their places for the upcoming academic year. We truly look forward to you joining our school family, and we are already preparing for the exciting journey ahead with your children.

April is Autism Acceptance Month and in our whole-school assembly, we spent time celebrating our differences and building a deeper awareness of what autism is and it was heartening to see the children's empathy. We shared this [video](#) which explains a bit more about autism in an easily accessible way for children. You may like to have a look at it at home together.

Our hall was filled with pirates and mermaids this week as younger pupils in EYFS and Year 1 had a magical experience exploring their imaginations with a visit from Perform workshops. Year 3 pupils travelled to Ripley Court for a fantastic maths event that you can read more about inside this issue.

This week was the turn of Year 4 to enjoy a peaceful start to their day at the Church Rooms for a special breakfast. After they heard the story of the 'Breakfast on the Shore', they shared tasty croissants before walking back to school. Thank you to **Mrs Robinson, Mr Belcher and Mrs Gavin** for helping.

As the weather begins to be more reliably sunny, we say a thank you to the children who have offered to run their own lunchtime clubs to enhance our outdoor play. Thank you to **Xavier, Jonas, Jonathan, Joseph, Pola, Nancy, Michelle, Rosie, Yana, Morgan, Genevieve and Rosie** for an exciting offering of games and activities. There will be a chance for other children to volunteer for these roles after the half term break. We are hopeful that the good weather is here to stay, so please ensure your child brings a sunhat to school to keep them protected during outdoor play.

I am really looking forward to the Village May Fair this Bank Holiday Monday, especially the crowning of the May Court. Congratulations to our May King, **Ben G**; our May Queen, **Eliza** and our Royal Attendant, **Sienna**. On behalf of the PTFA, a very big thank you for your generous donations today - come along on Monday and win them all back at the tombola!

Mrs Marianne McDonnell
Headteacher

COMING UP:

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN

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THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)

R Chestnut - Ava & Jack
R Conker - Otto & Isabella
Y1 Willow- Blair & Izabela
Y1 Elder - Ava & Oliver
Y2 Birch- Freddie & Valentina
Y2 Cherry- Eleanor & Miley
Y3 Fir - Rosie & Albert
Y3 Elm – George & Benjamin
Y4 Cedar -Nancy & Enora
Y4 Maple - Freddie & Cara
Y5 Beech - Amelia & Henry
Y5 Pine - Eric & Albie
Y6 Oak - Blake & Thomas
Y6 Sycamore - Remy & Yana

Values Champion: Service

R Chestnut - Lottie
R Conker- Lucas
Y1 Willow - William
Yr 1 Elder - Eliana
Y2 Birch - Ivy
Y2 Cherry - Luke T
Y3 Fir - Arlo
Y3 Elm - Mary Kate
Y4-Maple - Isabella
Y4-Cedar -Beau
Y5 Beech - Amari
Y5 Pine - Elinor
Y6 Oak - Jessica S
Y6 Sycamore - Joccelyn

House Points

Hever - 123

Windsor -112

Tonbridge - 108

Leeds - 72

Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Y3 Fir** for the 2nd week in a row with **100%**

SEND'S GOT TALENT

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

- **Jessie (Y2)** is celebrating making her brownie promise this week.
- **Abbie (Y3)** came 1st in the 'All Around' and 2nd in 'Vault' at her gymnastic competition last weekend.
- **Sophia (Y3)** achieved a triple first place, placing 1st in her floor and vault competition last weekend.

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



MATHS COMPETITION AT RIPLEY COURT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Michelle, Sonny, Ben and Anya** in Year 3 who took part in a special maths competition at Ripley Court yesterday afternoon. First they answered some mental maths questions, followed by a spatial challenge. Then the final round was a speedy maths relay! They came 2nd overall out of 6 teams, and even won the second round! Well done to you all.



SPORTING SUCCESS - CROSS COUNTRY RELAY

Well done to the Year 3 and 4 Cross Country team who ran 1.4k each at Boxgrove School. Anisa even placed 2nd! Super effort: **Enzo, Toby, Elodie, George, Abbie, Anisa, Sophia, Colson, Emilie, Leonard, Hunter, Lois, Freddie, Josh.**



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. 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. (Y6 will be taking part in trials during their normal PE lessons.)

THANK YOU

To **Mrs McCulloch** who arranged for Longacres Garden Centre to donate this amazing selection of plants to brighten up our school grounds. Our outside areas are looking wonderful and colourful now.



SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN CLUB

We are delighted to announce that we will be running a Summer Holiday Club at Send CofE! This is a fantastic opportunity for your children to enjoy a range of exciting activities in a familiar and safe environment, led by our own school staff. The club is open to current pupils only, (children in our current Nursery through to children currently in Year 6).

Dates & Times

Week 1: **Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th August & August** Week 2: **Monday 24th – Wednesday 26th August**

Time: **9:00 am – 3:30 pm daily**

Our staff have a jam-packed schedule planned to keep everyone entertained, including:

Sports & Team Games

Creative Arts & Crafts

Team Challenges

Quiet Play & Games

We will provide fruit, and drinks throughout the day, but please ensure your child brings a nut-free packed lunch.

Cost - **£30 per child, per day.**

How to Book:

- All bookings will be made through Arbor. Payments must be made in advance
- Cancellations must be made a week in advance to be eligible for a refund

IMPORTANT - *For the club to be viable, we require a minimum of 20 children per day. If we have not reached sufficient interest by the deadline of 10th June, we may unfortunately have to cancel the club and issue full refunds.*

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.



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.

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

The screenshot shows the Arbor School Shop interface. At the top, there is a search bar and a navigation menu. Below the search bar, the 'School Shop Products' section is visible. A product listing for 'Send CofE Support Fund' is shown, with a price of £1.00. A callout box points to the 'School Shop' link in the navigation menu, stating: 'In your child's dashboard click on 'School Shop''. Another callout box points to the product listing, stating: 'You will see the Send CofE Support Fund box.'. A third callout box points to the product listing, stating: 'Donations are made in multiples of £1 - just select the multiple you would like.'. To the right of the product listing, there is an 'Order Information' section with a 'Quantity' dropdown menu and a 'Buy product' button.



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).



Year 6 Bake Sale

to raise funds for their leavers disco

Friday 8th May

3:15pm under the gazebo in the KS2 playground

Prices from 50p - £2 per item

Cash only

Join Us!

Ripley Cricket Club 1749

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 4TH MAY

RIPLLEY CRICKET CLUB

EST. 1749

SEND MAY FAIR!

Come along, support the Club and be part of something great!

COME & VISIT OUR STALL!

- We'll be running **KIDS GAMES**
- An exciting **RAFFLE** packed with fantastic prizes!

GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS!

- Online
- At the Club bar
- On the day at the Fair

Plenty of ways to take part and be in with a chance to win!

RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDE:

- Surrey T20 Tickets
- Surrey One Day Cup Tickets
- RHS Wisley Family Day Tickets

CAN YOU HELP?
We'd love additional raffle prizes!
Every donation makes a difference!

SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE
All proceeds go towards funding our water harvesting project helping keep our square in top condition for players of all ages and abilities.

12:00 - 15:00

To donate a prize or find out more: secretary@ripleyccsurrey.com

We hope to see you there!



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: Wednesday 3rd June 2026

Time: 12:45 -14:45



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April		
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN	
Wednesday 6th May	Y5 Swimming Lessons	
Thursday 7th May	Y4 @ Lab22 Science Centre, Guildford	
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	Y5 Swimming Lessons	
Thursday 21st May	Y4 @ Lab22 Science Centre, Guildford	
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	

Email: info@sendcofe.co.uk



Website: www.sendcofe.co.uk

Monday 1st June	Fire Safety Visit in school for Y5	NEW
Tuesday 2nd June	Y5 @ Christ's College for Primary School Games	NEW
Wednesday 3rd June	Year 4 Guildford Dynamos Primary Schools Cricket Competition	NEW
Wednesday 3rd June	Y5 Swimming Lessons	
Thursday 4th June	Y4 @ Lab22 Science Centre, Guildford	
Friday 5th June	Y6 @ Junior Citizen Event, Guildford	NEW
Tuesday 9th June	Year 6 Guildford Dynamos Primary Schools Cricket Competition	NEW
Wednesday 10th June	Y5 Swimming Lessons	
Thursday 11th June	Y4 @ Lab22 Science Centre, Guildford	
Tuesday 16th June	Diocese of Guildford Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral for Y6 (am)	NEW
Tuesday 16th June	District Sports Competition (pm)	NEW
Wednesday 17th June	Guildford Rugby Club - Girls Rugby Festival for Y4,5&6 (pm)	NEW
Wednesday 17th June	Y5 Swimming Lessons	
Thursday 18th June	Y4 @ Lab22 Science Centre, Guildford	
Friday 19th June	Y1 trip to Windsor Castle	NEW
Tuesday 23rd June	Class Photos (all year groups)	NEW
Wednesday 24th June	Y6 Adventurous Activities Residential (until Friday)	
Wednesday 24th June	Y5 Swimming Lessons	
Thursday 25th June	Y4 @ Lab22 Science Centre, Guildford	
Friday 3rd July	PTFA Mufti Day - donations for the tombola at Colour Run	NEW
Monday 6th July	Whole School Health & Fitness Week	NEW
Thursday 9th July	KS1 Sports Morning (am)	NEW
Friday 10th July	KS2 Sports Morning (exact timings to be confirmed)	NEW
Saturday 11th July	PTFA Colour Run - come and join the fun!	
Monday 13th July	Fire Safety Talk for Y2	NEW
Tuesday 14th July	Rocksteady Concert (10-11am)	NEW
Thursday 16th July	Y6 Leaver's Play Performance for parents (evening)	NEW
Monday 20th July	Y6 Ambassadors at St Mary's Coffee morning (am)	NEW
Monday 20th July	Y6 Leavers Service at St Mary's Send 2-3pm	NEW
Wednesday 22nd July	School closes for Summer holidays at 1.15pm	