

Send Church of England Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM - PART 1

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS: SERVICE

DATE: 22ND MAY 2026

Dear Families,

We started our week together by learning about the Feast of Pentecost, which marks the official end of the Easter season. It has been a true joy celebrating this season with the children, and it is wonderful to see how deeply their understanding of these seasonal stories has developed.

Our Year 6 Ambassadors attended the St Mary's Coffee Shop on Monday, and I am absolutely thrilled to share some heartwarming feedback we received from the community. Three separate parishioners expressed how wonderful it was to hold such engaging conversations with the children. A special mention goes to Josh, who took it upon himself to warmly greet people as they arrived and spark up conversations with everyone. The community also noted that our ambassadors arrive every month with big smiles, always asking how else they can help. Through their hard work selling books, jigsaws, and running the tombola, the team raised a fantastic £354! They truly embody our values, and we could not be prouder of them.

It has been a big week for our school sports. Both our Year 6 Boys and Girls football teams were out in action, playing with great spirit. We also sent our very first swim team in many years to compete at the local swimming gala. They showed incredible perseverance and made us all very proud. As you may have read earlier in the week, our school has officially achieved the Gold School Games Mark for the 2025/26 academic year! You can find more details about this incredible milestone and Miss Whetlor's brilliant leadership inside this newsletter.

I wanted to also say a thank you to our friends at the Co-Op in Ripley for kindly donating breakfast items for the Y6 SATs breakfast last week. The extra energy that the breakfast snacks provided was most welcome indeed.

As the weather warms up, please remember that sun safety is a priority when we return from the holidays. Please ensure that after the half-term break, your child comes to school with:

1. A applied layer of high-factor sun cream in the morning.
2. A named sun hat or cap.
3. A refillable water bottle to stay hydrated throughout the day.

Have a wonderful, safe, and relaxing half-term.

With best wishes,

Mrs Marianne McDonnell

Headteacher

COMING UP AFTER ½ TERM:

Half term holiday - 25 May to 29 May

Monday 1st June - Fire Safety Visit in school for Y5

Wednesday 3rd June - Year 4 Guildford Dynamos Primary Schools Cricket Competition

Wednesday 3rd June - Y5 Swimming Lessons

Thursday 4th June - Y4 @ Lab22 Science Centre, Guildford

Thursday 4th June - Welcome Meeting for new EYFS children at school 6.30pm

Friday 5th June - Y6 @ Junior Citizen Event, Guildford

Sunday 7th June - 'All Together Service' with St Mary's in KS2 Hall at 10.30am

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)

R Chestnut - Isabelle & Aurelia

R Conker - Zoe & Harley

Y1 Willow-

Y1 Elder - Ava & Oliver

Y2 Birch- Josh & Emma

Y2 Cherry- Erin & Rowan

Y3 Fir - Albert & Ollie

Y3 Elm – Jackson & Isobel

Y4 Cedar -Alfie & Max

Y4 Maple - Ava-Mae & Georgi

Y5 Beech - Amari & Peggy

Y5 Pine - Savannah & Lilly

Y6 Oak - Ava & Ellie

Y6 Sycamore - Genevieve & Remy

Values Champion:

Service

R Chestnut - Brodie

R Conker- Luna

Y1 Willow -

Yr 1 Elder - Eliana

Y2 Birch - Sophia

Y2 Cherry - Maya

Y3 Fir - Hunter

Y3 Elm - Abbie

Y4-Maple - Niah

Y4-Cedar - Enora

Y5 Beech - Elliot

Y5 Pine - Caleb

Y6 Oak - Poppy B

Y6 Sycamore - Rosie

House Points

Tonbridge - 126

Leeds - 107

Windsor -94

Hever - 85

Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Y3 Elm** with **98.8%**

SEND'S GOT TALENT

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

- **Luna (YR)** won a gold medal in gymnastics this Saturday.
- **Teddy (Y1)** won the players' player trophy for his football team on Saturday who then came runners up in an under 6's elite FA cup final. He also went on to win the ENG academy tournament on Sunday at a professional football ground, Wycombe wanderers
- **Eleanor (Y2)** completed Stage Two in swimming last week.
- **Harry & Jack (Y2)** won 'Parents Player' & 'Most Improved Player' at the Meadows FC end of year awards.
- **Sam (Y2)** was awarded a trophy for most improved player at his football team presentation.
- **Freddie (Y2)'s** team won the final of the Mayford under 7s FA Cup tournament!
- **Elodie (Y3)** competed in a judo competition at the weekend and won all 3 matches and got a gold medal!
- **Joey, Roman, Colson, and Leonard (Y3)** celebrated winning the U8 Mayford Football Tournament last week.
- **Harrison (Y4)** was awarded a trophy for the most improved player in his football team this season.
- **Harriet, Abi and Dixie (Y5)** were at a cheerleading competition last weekend called Cheer City. Their team came 3rd out of 7 teams.
- **Charlie (Y5)** recently took part in an exciting dance-based film project for the fashion house of the late Alexander McQueen. The short dance film, starring Charlie, premiered at Royal Festival Hall accompanied by a 50-piece orchestra, making it a truly special occasion.
- **Ben (Y6)** has recently graduated from our Junior Leadership Academy at Fighting Fitness Judo. The Junior Leadership Academy is a six-month leadership and development programme designed to help young people build important life skills.



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

25 children (plus cheerleaders Mrs Thompson, Mrs Ward and Mrs Attwater!) attended a schools swimming gala at Guildford Spectrum on Saturday and took part in a variety of individual events and relays - including a noodle relay and football relay. It was a fantastic event and all of the children showed amazing perseverance, in what was a new experience for most of them. Congratulations to: **Freddie, Ethan, Georgi, Nathan., Eric, Elliot, Peggy, Lilly, Elinor, Madeline, Bethany, Ruby, Christian Seb, Josh, Sienna, Ava, Eliza, Betsy, Tilly & Jocelyn**



ALL TOGETHER SERVICE - SUNDAY 7TH JUNE

Please join us for our next 'All Together Service' with St Mary's which will be held in the KS2 hall on **Sunday 7th June. 10.30am - 11.30am.**

An 'All Together Service' is designed to be accessible for young children and families and as it is the Sunday after World Environment Day the theme is Our Wonderful World. There are songs, a short reading, a craft activity (where we will be making a shared art piece based on the story of creation) and cake afterwards! Everyone is welcome, of any age and of any faith or none. It would be lovely to see you there, just come along on the day.



GOING FOR GOLD!

We are delighted to announce that under the leadership of Miss Whetlor, Send CofE Primary School has achieved the **School Games Gold Mark Award** for the 2025/26 academic year.

Miss Whetlor shared that:

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



Across the academic year, we have attended 42 competitive sporting fixtures with an amazing 169 children proudly representing our school (that's just over 1 a week on average!). Our pupils have had the opportunity to try out for various teams and then compete in a wide range of sports including Cross Country, Netball, Rugby, Football, Hockey, Tennis, Tag Rugby, Dodgeball, New Age Kurling, Panathlon and Cricket at both Inspire and Aspire levels. Alongside our competitive sport offer, we also provide a variety of after-school sports clubs to encourage participation, develop skills and inspire a lifelong love of physical activity.

Our PE curriculum is broad, inclusive and high quality, providing opportunities for all children to succeed and develop confidence in sport and physical activity. We are delighted that our commitment to PE, school sport and physical wellbeing has been recognised as being worthy of the School Games Gold Mark Award. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders, parent and teacher volunteers and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. We look forward to applying once again in 2027!

On behalf of the School Leadership, Governors and entire staff we say a very big thank you and congratulations to Miss Whetlor for the time and dedication she has given to developing sporting activities at Send and are so pleased that her hard work has been recognised with this national award.

CONGRATULATION MRS CARR

I am delighted to share the news that Mrs Carr has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher at The Chandler CofE Junior School from September 2026. Mrs Carr is currently our Lead Practitioner with responsibility for supporting teaching and learning and staff development across the school. Mrs Carr has taught many of our children over her time at school and has had a huge impact on each and every one of them. I know you will join me in sending her our warmest congratulations and best wishes as she takes this exciting next step in her career



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** & 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

Email: info@sendcofe.co.uk



Website: www.sendcofe.co.uk

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.

FREE PLAY & LEARN SESSION

BARNARDO'S

WOKING FAMILY CENTRE

DROP-IN & JOIN US FOR MESSY PLAY

ARTS, CRAFTS & HEALTHY SNACKS

TUESDAY 26th MAY 2026
11:00am- 12:30pm

For more information contact:
wokingfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk
01483 310419

Suitable for children 0-11 years (older siblings are welcome)

Woking Family Centre, Sythwood,
Woking, GU21 3AX

GUILDFORD HOCKEY CLUB

HOLIDAY HOCKEY CAMPS

May 2026 half term dates:

Tuesday 26th May
Wednesday 27th May
Thursday 28th May
Friday 29th May

VENUE Guildford Hockey Club at Broadwater School GU7 3BW

TIMINGS 10am-3pm, with early drop-off (from 9am) and late pick-up (until 4pm) available as an add-on

DISCOUNTS available for multi-day bookings

PERFORMANCE CAMPS available for more experienced players

BOOK NOW! **15% DISCOUNT WITH CODE: SCHOOL15**

guildfordhockeyclub.co.uk/camps

Summer 2026:

23rd - 24th July
27th - 28th July
3rd - 4th August
10th - 11th August
17th - 18th August
24th - 26th August

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Monday 8th June	Y6 and Cricket Club @ Surrey School's Cricket festival at Oval, London	
Tuesday 9th June	Year 6 Guildford Dynamos Primary Schools Cricket Competition	
Wednesday 10th June	Y5 Swimming Lessons	
Wednesday 10th June	Deadline for interest in summer holiday fun scheme - please book early	
Thursday 11th June	Y4 @ Lab22 Science Centre, Guildford	
Tuesday 16th June	Diocese of Guildford Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral for Y6 (am)	
Tuesday 16th June	District Sports Competition (pm)	
Wednesday 17th June	Guildford Rugby Club - Girls Rugby Festival for Y4,5&6 (pm)	
Wednesday 17th June	Y5 Swimming Lessons	
Thursday 18th June	Y4 @ Lab22 Science Centre, Guildford	
Friday 19th June	Y1 trip to Windsor Castle	
Tuesday 23rd June	Class Photos (all year groups)	
Tuesday 23rd June	Social Coffee Morning for all parents (pre-schoolers welcome) 8.45am	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	
Monday 6th July	Whole School Health & Fitness Week	
Thursday 9th July	KS1 Sports Morning (am)	
Friday 10th July	KS2 Sports Morning (exact timings to be confirmed)	
Saturday 11th July	PTFA Colour Run - come and join the fun!	
Monday 13th July	Fire Safety Talk for Y2	
Tuesday 14th July	Social Coffee Morning for all parents (pre-schoolers welcome) 8.45am	NEW
Tuesday 14th July	Rocksteady Concert (10-11am)	
Thursday 16th July	Teddy Bears Picnic for new EYFS starters 3:30-4:30pm	NEW
Thursday 16th July	Y6 Leaver's Play Performance for parents (evening)	
Monday 20th July	Y6 Ambassadors at St Mary's Coffee morning (am)	
Monday 20th July	Y6 Leavers Service at St Mary's Send 2-3pm	
Wednesday 22nd July	School closes for Summer holidays at 1.15pm	