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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM - PART 2

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS: TRUTHFULNESS

DATE: 12TH JUNE 2026

Dear Families,

We began the week by thinking about our core value of truthfulness. In assembly, we listened to the Bible story of Zacchaeus, a tax collector who had been very untruthful and dishonest in his business dealings. We heard how Jesus encouraged him to face up to the truth of what he had done, leading Zacchaeus to change his ways and make amends. Following this, we challenged the children to do the brave thing this week: to admit when things have gone wrong. I am very proud indeed of all the children who have shown such integrity and courage this week by admitting to a mistake and talking maturely about how they can make things better.

There has been so much happening across the school over the last few days including our lovely 'All Together' service last Sunday, sporting events and saying a fond farewell to our ducklings and chicks as they returned safely to the farm. You can read more about these inside.

You may have recently heard in the news that Surrey County Council has decided that all of their maintained schools will revert to a one-week Autumn half term in October 2027. I want to reassure you immediately that there is **no change to our planned two-week break this coming October 2026.**

This news from the council was unexpected, and as a school, we now need to consider our next steps. Because we are a Voluntary Aided school, our Governing Body has the legal authority to determine our own term dates, much like the many local primary and secondary schools in our area that operate as Academies. As a school leadership team, we are currently exploring our options and talking with other local schools. We know how important forward planning is for families, and we will update parents with our finalised term dates for the 2027–2028 academic year as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful weekend.

With best wishes,

Mrs Marianne McDonnell

Headteacher

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Monday 15th June - Y6 Ambassadors at St Mary's Coffee morning (am)

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

Wednesday 17th June - Information Session for parents of children in YR & Y1 (3.15pm)

Thursday 18th June - Y4 @ Lab22 Science Centre, Guildford

Thursday 18th June - Father's Day service led by Year 5 at St Mary's Send (pm)

Friday 19th June - Y1 trip to Windsor Castle

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)

R Chestnut - Ablie C-S & Leo
R Conker - Primrose & Teddy
Y1 Willow- Liam & Sultan
Y1 Elder - Frankie & Alice
Y2 Birch- Joni & Natan
Y2 Cherry- Teddy & Ava
Y3 Fir - Roman & Anya
Y3 Elm – Mary Kate & Macie
Y4 Cedar -Harrison & Lois
Y4 Maple - Taya & Charlie
Y5 Beech - Nathan & Peggy
Y5 Pine - Oli M & Larisa
Y6 Oak - Jess W & Oscar
Y6 Sycamore - Josh & Albert

Values Champion:

Service

R Chestnut - Milo
R Conker- Barbara Ann
Y1 Willow - Archibald
Yr 1 Elder - Alfie
Y2 Birch - Thea
Y2 Cherry - Xavier
Y3 Fir - Cameron
Y3 Elm - Elodie
Y4-Maple -Joseph
Y4-Cedar - Noah
Y5 Beech - Elsie
Y5 Pine - Marie
Y6 Oak - Marianna
Y6 Sycamore - Ben H

House Points

Leeds - 194

Windsor -191

Tonbridge - 190

Hever - 188

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Y6 Oak Elm with 96%

SEND'S GOT TALENT

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

- **Rex (Y1)** completed his first season at Reeds rugby club and is excited to move up to U7s in September
- **Teddy (Y1)** came runners up with his academy playing in the Staines under 8's football tournament.
- **Dylan (Y2)** got a Blue Peter badge this week for a drawing he did and sent in.
- **Emilie (Y3)** passed her Grade 1 ballet exam and has now received her certificate and badge.
- **Lilly (Y4)** camped all weekend with her Cub pack and learnt lots of new outdoor skills.
- **Noah (Y6)** played in 2 tournaments last week. His team won on Saturday and his other team reached the quarter finals on Sunday before being knocked out
- **Morgan (Y6)** completed a sponsored charity run and not only came 2nd place but helped raise an incredible amount for Jigsaw, a wonderful charity that supports children who have experienced loss.

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

Congratulations to our Year 4 Cricket Team who took part in the Dynamos Cricket Competition this week. The Dynamos competition is an inclusive, fun-focused event where teams take part in 8-a-side softball pairs cricket matches. The team played brilliantly, despite the rain and won 3 of their matches. Well done to: **Lillie, Jax, Joseph, Isla, Noah, Lois, Freddie, Isbell, Ethan, Harrison, Addie, Alfie and Cara.**

A DAY AT THE CRICKET

On Monday, our Y6's and children from our cricket club were invited to watch Surrey play Hampshire at the Kia Oval in London. The rainy morning didn't dampen our spirits and while we waited for the cricket to resume there were lots of activities to take part in from skills and drills, to meeting the mascot and touring the site (we even got a glimpse into the commentary box). After lunch we enjoyed watching two amazing teams play. Well done to everyone who came. The children's behaviour was exemplary, both in the stadium and as we travelled on public transport. They were a credit to our school.



A FOND FAREWELL TO MISS ATKINSON

At the end of this term, we will be saying a goodbye to one of our wonderful Teaching Assistants, Miss Atkinson, as she and her family are relocating. Miss Atkinson's incredibly positive attitude has been a joy to have around the school, and the children will miss the warmth, patience, good humour, and genuine love she shows them every single day. We wish her and her family all the best of luck as they settle into their new home and start this exciting new chapter.





RIPLEY CC

SUMMER JUNIOR CAMP

Open to all clubs!
Lead coaches: Tom Clover, Richard Zapp Tom Garner

VENUE: RIPLEY CRICKET CLUB
THE GREEN, RIPLEY, SURREY, GU23 6AR



WHEN
Monday 27th of July- Friday 31st

What to expect:

- Batting, bowling and fielding coaching
- Skill-focused training sessions
- Net practice
- Bowling machine work
- Fun games & competitions
- Match play on the square

Perfect for players of all abilities to develop your skills, build confidence, and enjoy a week of cricket!

To book:
<https://www.ripleyccsurrey.com/payment/s/junior-summer-camp-151922.html>

TIMINGS
FROM 9AM-3PM

Price
£55 a day or £150 for 3 days or £240 for all 5 days



A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD CUP

God of glory,
as the world gathers
to celebrate the beautiful game,
we pray for a harmonious and joyous World Cup.
Bring safety and security
for players and officials on the pitch,
fans in the stands, and spectators at home.
May we see and celebrate the hand of God
in the creativity of every curving free kick,
silky pass or impossible save.
May we have compassion and perspective
on the miskicks, missed penalties,
and muddled VARs.
Every winning team needs a losing team
- even if you were the better team.
Let the journey to World Cup glory
be not only for the nation that wins.
May we see something more
of the world you want us to be:
a gathering of every nation
and people who share your glory.
Amen.




Be Internet Legends.

Staying safer online in summer

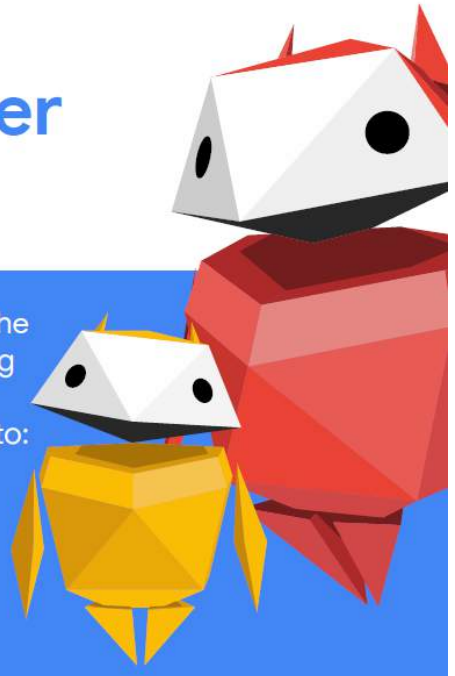
What: Be Internet Legends Summer Safety Assembly
When: Tuesday 14 July, 9.30am (or stream back later)

Children often spend more time on screens and devices during the holidays, so it is good to help them learn practical skills for staying safer online. Parents and carers are invited to join a live school event from Parent Zone and Google, where pupils will learn how to:

- think critically online
- spot false information
- recognise age ratings
- share carefully
- be kind to others
- seek help from trusted adults

Scan the QR code or follow this link to watch: youtube.com/live/4QYV0eONx4k

Google | parentzone



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE		
Monday 15th June	Y6 Ambassadors at St Mary's Coffee morning (am)	NEW
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	
Wednesday 17th June	Deadline for	
Wednesday 17th June	Information Session for parents of children in YR & Y1 (3.15pm)	NEW
Thursday 18th June	Y4 @ Lab22 Science Centre, Guildford	
Thursday 18th June	Father's Day service led by Year 5 at St Mary's Send (pm)	
Friday 19th June	Y1 trip to Windsor Castle	
Monday 22nd June	'Healthy Teeth' workshops for children in Nursery - Y2	NEW
Monday 22nd June	RHSE Information Session for parents of children in Y4&Y5 (3.15pm)	NEW
Tuesday 23rd June	Class Photos (all year groups)	
Wednesday 24th June	Y6 Adventurous Activities Residential (until Friday)	
Wednesday 24th June	Y5 Swimming Lessons	
Wednesday 24th June	YR Walk to Send Park (PM)	NEW
Thursday 25th June	Y4 @ Lab22 Science Centre, Guildford	
Sunday 28th June	Welcome Service for new YR Children and families	NEW
July		
Friday 3rd July	PTFA Mufti Day - donations for the tombola at Colour Run	
Monday 6th July	Whole School Health & Fitness Week	
Tuesday 7th July	Nursery Sports Morning (9.15am start - doors open from 8.50am)	NEW
Thursday 9th July	Year R, 1 & 2 Sports Morning (9am start -doors open from 8.50am)	
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 & Y5	
Tuesday 14th July	Summer Internet Safety Live Event	NEW
Tuesday 14th July	Rocksteady Concert (2-3pm)	
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	