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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM - PART 2

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS: TRUTHFULNESS

DATE: 5TH JUNE 2026

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing half-term break. What a gift the sunny weather was! I trust you were able to get outside, soak up some sunshine, and enjoy the beauty of the great outdoors with your families.

We marked World Environment Day during assembly this week, which was an opportunity for the children to reflect on the precious planet we live on and consider how we can look after it. This theme of 'Our Wonderful World' is also the focus of our All Together Service **this Sunday at 10.30am in the KS2 Hall**, and we would love for you to join us. These services are specifically designed to be warm, relaxed, and accessible for young children and families. There will be songs, a short reading, and a craft activity based on the story of creation and of course, some well-deserved cake afterwards! Everyone is welcome, regardless of age, faith, or background just come along on the day. It would be absolutely lovely to see you there.

Nature and new life has come alive inside our school this week. We have been absolutely delighted by the arrival of seven fluffy chicks in Nursery and, at the last count, three beautiful ducklings in Reception! It has been an utterly amazing learning experience for the children, watching the magic of new life unfold first-hand. We will share a full report with plenty of photographs in next week's newsletter, so do look out for that. It has also been a busy week across our other year groups. Year 4 had a fantastic time showcasing their sportsmanship and skills at the cricket festival at Guildford Dynamos. Today, our Year 6 children are out of school continuing their vital preparations for the transition to secondary school by participating in the Junior Citizen event, an invaluable day for building independence and safety awareness.

Yesterday, we had the absolute pleasure of welcoming our new Nursery and Reception parents to our information sessions. It was wonderful to meet you all. We truly hope you already feel a warm part of our school family; you are so very welcome here, and we are greatly looking forward to working in partnership with you over the coming years.

While the weather remains so notoriously changeable, please, PLEASE ensure your children come to school with a rainproof coat each day. In the meantime, we will all be praying for a swift return of the sunshine!

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Marianne McDonnell

Headteacher

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Sunday 7th June - 'All Together Service' with St Mary's at Send CofE at **10.30am**

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 - RSE Parent information meeting @ 3.30pm in school

Thursday 11th June - Y4 @ Lab22 Science Centre, Guildford

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)

R Chestnut - Elsie & Freddie
R Conker - Henry & Louie
Y1 Willow- Lola & Naiara
Y1 Elder - Nyah & Oliver
Y2 Birch- Olivia & Harry
Y2 Cherry- Jane-Louise & Mira
Y3 Fir - Colson & Ayla
Y3 Elm – Harry & Helena
Y4 Cedar - Lilly & Luke
Y4 Maple - Addie & Lillie
Y5 Beech - Dixie & Ruby
Y5 Pine - Lilly & Elwood
Y6 Oak - Chlea & Lucy
Y6 Sycamore - Bonnie & Poppie

Values Champion: Service

R Chestnut - Arthur
R Conker- Oscar
Y1 Willow - Blair
Yr 1 Elder - Grace
Y2 Birch - Sam
Y2 Cherry - Luke H
Y3 Fir - Michelle
Y3 Elm - Louis
Y4-Maple -Ava-Mae
Y4-Cedar - Annabel
Y5 Beech - Henry
Y5 Pine - Cillian
Y6 Oak - Poppy B
Y6 Sycamore - Yana

House Points

Hever & Tonbridge - 119

Windsor - 111

Leeds - 96

Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Y1 Willow** with 98%

Lunchtime Superstar

Marie (Y5)

SEND'S GOT TALENT

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

- Over half term, **Larisa (Y5)** competed at the British gymnastics national finals representing south east. Her team took a fantastic 3rd place receiving bronze medals. Well done!

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



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.

STAFFING UPDATES

As we look ahead to the next academic year, we are having to make some difficult decisions regarding our school budget and staffing structure. Due to financial constraints, we are unfortunately no longer able to sustain a dedicated, out-of-class specialist music teacher within our PPA structure. As a result of this structural change, **Mr Chris Godwin** will be leaving us at the end of this academic year in August. We are incredibly grateful for everything Mr Godwin has contributed to our school community during his time with us. He has been a highly valued member of our team for many years, and we know our staff and pupils will greatly miss his energy, his wonderful work with the school choir, and the fantastic musical opportunities he has created for the children. I am sure you will all join the staff and Governors in thanking Mr Godwin for his dedication to the children at Send, and in wishing him the very best for his future endeavours.

Thank You



We would also like to share the news of another valued member of our team preparing for an exciting next step in their career. Huge congratulations to **Miss Katie Smith**, who has been appointed as EYFS Lead at The Cambridge School, Hampshire from September. Miss Smith has been a key part of our Early Years provision for many years, working tirelessly to give our children the very best start to their education here at Send. Her deep passion for Early Years education is clear to see, and she has been absolutely instrumental in helping our youngest learners thrive. We are incredibly grateful for everything she has contributed to our school community, and we wish her the absolute best of luck as she moves into this next phase of her career!

Congratulations!

SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN CLUB

We have had a few questions regarding bookings for our Summer Holiday Club. We completely understand that summer can be an expensive time and that plans are still coming together for many families. We want to be as helpful and sympathetic to this as possible, so we are extending the booking deadline by one week to **Wednesday 17th June**.

However, we do need to be transparent: as it stands, we currently **DO NOT have enough numbers for the club to be viable**. This extension is the absolute latest we can go. Our staff are waiting to hear if they are needed so they can make their own summer plans, and equally, we need to give the parents who have already booked enough time to make alternative arrangements if the club cannot go ahead. If you intend to use the club, please book as soon as possible; the details can be found below:

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

9:00 am – 3:30 pm daily £30 per child, per day.

How to Book:

Book through Arbor. Payments must be made in advance Cancellations must be made a week in advance to be eligible for a refund

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE		
Sunday 7th June	'All Together Service' with St Mary's at Send CofE at 10.30am	
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	
Wednesday 10th June	RSE Parent information meeting @ 3.30pm in school	NEW
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	
Thursday 18th June	Father's Day service led by Year 5 at St Mary's Send (2 pm)	NEW
Friday 19th June	Y1 trip to Windsor Castle	
Tuesday 23rd June	Class Photos (all year groups)	
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	
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