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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM - PART 2

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS: TRUTHFULNESS

DATE: 10TH JULY 2026

Dear Families,

Most of this week has been dedicated to our fantastic Global Games Week, which has brought an incredible amount of energy and excitement to the school. Although it has been a very busy few days, it has been wonderful to see the children participating in so many diverse physical activities.

A huge thank you to all our staff, who led activities so brilliantly and came in early to set up our sports mornings. Thank you also to our brilliant parent helpers, to those who lent us gazebos, and to the PTFA for supporting our sports days with much-needed refreshments. The final results with all the points totalled from the sports days and team games activities are as follows:

4th Place - **Tonbridge** with 2819 points

3rd Place - **Hever** with 2868 points

2nd Place - **Leeds** with 2881 points

1st Place - **Windsor** with 2885 points

Alongside our global sporting adventures, we have had other reasons to celebrate this week. We marked Mrs Finn's very big birthday, celebrating with flowers and a card from the team. Meanwhile, our chickens, who we have kept ever since they hatched in Nursery, have been thoroughly enjoying their first taste of outside time in the fresh air!

I would also like to offer a sincere apology to Ms Aranya Janla Or, who we unfortunately missed off our new class information list. Mrs Janla Or is joining us in Year 5 from St Dunstan's School, and I know that the school community will make her feel very welcome indeed.

I hope to see lots of you at the Colour Run tomorrow - staff are on the paint throwing stations so make sure you bring your goggles!

With best wishes,

Mrs Marianne McDonnell

Headteacher

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 11th July - PTFA Colour Run - See you there!

Monday 13th July - Fire Safety Talk for Y2 & Y5

Tuesday 14th July - Summer Internet Safety Live Event

Tuesday 14th July - Move up Morning for all children

Tuesday 14th July - Rocksteady Concert (2-3pm)

Thursday 16th July - Y6 Leaver's Play Performance for parents (evening)



THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)

R Chestnut - Ophelia & Rosie

R Conker - Olivia & Poppy

Y1 Willow- Sultan & Toby

Y1 Elder - Poppy & Casey

Y2 Birch- Oliver & Valentina

Y2 Cherry- Miley & Eleanor

Y3 Fir - Sienna & Teddy

Y4 Cedar - Hughie & Nancy

Y4 Maple - Isla & Riley

Y5 Beech - Everyone

Y5 Pine - Everyone

Y6 Oak - Eliza & Noah Mc

Y6 Sycamore - Arsam &

Jocelyn

Values Champion: Service

R Chestnut - Isabelle

R Conker- Albie P

Y1 Willow - Lola

Yr 1 Elder - Lola

Y2 Birch - Jessie

Y2 Cherry - Harry

Y3 Fir - Toby

Y4 Maple - Taya

Y4 Cedar - Violet

Y5 Beech - Talia

Y5 Pine - Bethany

Y6 Oak - Jane

Y6 Sycamore - Ben G

House Points

Rolled over to next week

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Y1 Elder with 99%

SEND'S GOT TALENT

Congratulations to:

- **Naiara (Y1)** who competed in the Woking Gymnastics Club Competition and came 2nd in her category and also received the Most Improved Key Steps Gymnast 2026 trophy.
- **Nyah (Y1)** also competed in the Woking Gymnastics Club Competition. She won the vault event and was awarded 2nd place in her group which she was delighted about.
- **Elodie (Y3)** competed in her club gymnastics competition and received a silver medal.
- **Anisa (Y3) and Elodie (Y3)** have moved up a belt in judo and Elodie won judoka of the week.
- **Sienna (Y6)** also competed in the Woking Gymnastics Club Competition and won her category

We have shared their achievements in this week's newsletter but as we had sports week celebration will share them with the whole school in next week's celebration assembly. Please note that next week is the last Send's Got Talent of the school year. If your child has a talent or achievement to share, please email info@sendcofe.co.uk by Thursday at the very latest for inclusion.



GLOBAL GAMES WEEK

What an unforgettable week we have had! Our annual Health and Fitness Week took on a global twist this year with The World Cup Global Games. From opening ceremonies to traditional sports, our children have been active, competitive, and full of team spirit! Throughout the week, our pupils became world travelers. Each class represented a different nation and children 'traveled around the world' to try their hands at diverse, traditional games and sports unique to those countries. It was wonderful to see our older pupils stepping up, including leading Reception through their activities!

Some of our fantastic global stops included:

- Table Tennis in Sweden
 - Double Dutch Skipping in The Netherlands
 - Pato in Argentina
 - The Haka in New Zealand
 - Völkerball in Germany
 - Radio Taiso in Japan
- ...and so many more, from Lacrosse (Canada) to Kurash (Uzbekistan)!

Alongside the global stations, our traditional bouncy castle day returned with some epic upgrades! Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 had a blast tackling a giant inflatable obstacle course, a massive traditional bouncy castle, and a World Cup-themed inflatable penalty shootout.

Of course, a massive highlight of the week was our series of annual Sports Days. Across the board, from our youngest in Nursery right up to our oldest pupils in Year 5 and 6, everyone turned out in their house colors (Windsor, Leeds, Tonbridge, and Hever) to compete, show off their teamwork, and have fun.

A huge thank you to all the parents, carers, and relatives who came to cheer the children on from the sidelines, to the PTFA for keeping us refreshed, and to everyone who volunteered to make this week such a massive success!

(STILL) FEELING HOT, HOT, HOT! 😎

As the weather next week is still forecast to be hot and possibly humid, our warm weather procedures will remain in place until further notice:

- Children **MUST** have a hat in school
- Children may wear whatever combination of school uniform/ PE kit that they find coolest
- We advise that you bring a water bottle **AND** an additional bottle that has been frozen and can defrost/ cool during the day
- Hydration is important. As a temporary measure, children who do not like plain water can have diluted, sugar-free squash or juice in water bottles during this hot spell.
- Please apply sunscreen in the morning and provide children with some to top up during the day

We will also:

- Adapt the day so that strenuous activities only happen in the cooler morning slot and children have active play earlier
- Provide shade and quiet activities during break/ lunch times

A GENTLE REMINDER: BEING RESPECTFUL NEIGHBORS & PARKING SAFELY

As we look forward to seeing many of you at the PTFA Colour Run tomorrow, we want to take a moment to remind our school community about the importance of safe and respectful parking. We recently spoke with a neighbour who highlighted a growing concern regarding cars parking on the grass verges outside the school. This isn't just an issue during busy school events like Sports Day, it is a daily challenge for our local residents. To keep our children safe and maintain good relationships with our neighbors, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- **Avoid the Verges:** Please do not park or pull up onto the grass verges. This damages the community environment and can obstruct walkways for pedestrians and strollers.
- **Keep Driveways Clear:** Always ensure you are not blocking our neighbors' driveways or access points, even if it is "just for a minute" during quick drop-offs or pick-ups.
- **Drive with Extra Caution:** Speed and visibility are critical around the school gates. Please drive slowly and remain vigilant for children crossing.

We want to continue being a school that our local community is proud to host. Thank you in advance for your cooperation, patience, and for showing respect to our neighbors tomorrow and every day.

We can't wait to welcome you all to tomorrow's event!

GREAT BRITISH SUMMER SAVINGS

This summer, the UK Government has decided to reduce VAT on children's meals, activities, and days out as part of their Great British Summer Savings. This will help families with the cost of children's meals, activities, and days out.

The holidays can be a difficult time for families when cost of living pressures can make days out unaffordable. Thanks to Great British Summer Savings, the prices will be reduced throughout the summer, so you don't have to say no to making memories.

From 25 June to 1 September, the Government has reduced VAT on the costs of children's restaurant meals, children's tickets for theatres and cinemas and all tickets for attractions like soft play, amusement parks, and museums. This will allow for lower prices and ultimately make summer days out more affordable for more families. These new measures come into effect on the 25th June, but you can start booking your reduced-cost activities now.



To help families get around when driving might not always be an option, children aged 5-15 will also be able to travel for free on participating local buses across England throughout August. Find out more about how you could benefit from Great British Summer Savings, go to [Summer Savings - Cost of Living Help](#)



SAVE THE DATE:

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026



SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

(From Send First, St Bede's, & Send C of E!)

We are putting together a grand history display and need your old school photos and memorabilia! Whether it's from the days of Send First School, St Bede's, or anytime since we became Send C of E, we want to see it.



Class photos, Nativity plays, school trips, sports days—anything that captures our school's history!

- Please include the year it was taken and what/who is in the photo.
- **Digital:** Email scanned copies to 10@sendcofe.co.uk.
- **Physical items:** If you are lending us real items/photos, please clearly label them with your name so we can safely return them, and drop them into the school office.



SHARE YOUR SKILLS & UNIQUE VEHICLES



We want our fair to showcase the amazing talents and resources of our school community.

- Do you own a cool car or a tractor that the children would love to see?
- Do you do something amazing at work or in the community that you could offer as a fun activity or demonstration on the day?
- If you can help bring an extra bit of magic to the fair, please get in touch with us at 10@sendcofe.co.uk for more information.



THANK YOU SO MUCH



for your support in making our 10th birthday spectacular!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July		
Saturday 11th July	PTFA Colour Run - come and join the fun!	
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Tuesday 14th July	Summer Internet Safety Live Event	NEW
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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	