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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM - PART 2

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS: TRUTHFULNESS

DATE: 3RD JULY 2026

Dear Families,

I want to start this week by offering my heartfelt thanks to everyone for your incredibly kind words and support during last week's extreme weather. Making difficult decisions at short notice is never easy, and we all appreciated the understanding and flexibility shown by our parent community.

Looking ahead to next week, the forecast is indicating another spell of hot weather but fortunately, it is nowhere near the same level and there are currently no weather warnings in place for Woking. That being said, we have already made some sensible adjustments to our upcoming Health and Fitness Week to keep everyone safe and comfortable; please see inside this issue for the full details. Rest assured, we will keep you updated if anything else changes.

I want to say an enormous well done and thank you to our amazing Year 6 children, as well as the wonderful staff team of Mrs Robinson, Mr Zlatkov, Ms Hypher, Mrs Hussey, and Miss Bishop, who all did a fantastic job on the Year 6 residential last week. They tackled every single challenge thrown at them with exceptional good humour and enthusiasm. Whether they were conquering the "leap of faith", caving, trying their hand at axe throwing, or simply surviving the intense heat together, their spirit never wavered. I am incredibly proud of every single one of them for representing our school so brilliantly.

It has been an absolute pleasure welcoming several students from our local secondary schools this week, who have joined us on work experience placements. They have been getting a real taste of what a career in the education sector is like, and it is always wonderful to encourage and inspire the next generation of potential teachers and school staff.

There are plenty of other important updates inside this week's issue, so please do take the time to read through it. In particular, you will find crucial information regarding changes to Free School Meal funding, an exciting competition for our Year R- 3 children, and a plea for help as we prepare for our big birthday celebrations on Sunday 20th September.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our sports mornings next week.

With best wishes,

Mrs Marianne McDonnell

Headteacher

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday 7th July - Nursery Sports Morning: 9.25am start

Weds 8th July - Year 3 and 4 Sports Morning: 9am start - doors open from 8.50am

Thursday 9th July - Year R, 1 & 2 Sports Morning: 9am start - doors open from 8.50am

Friday 10th July - Year 5 and 6 Sports Morning: 9am start - doors open from 8.50am

Saturday 11th July - PTFA Colour Run - come and join the fun!

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)

R Chestnut - Bailey & Sophia

R Conker - Felix & Meadow

Y1 Willow- Liam & Eden

Y1 Elder - Jake & Arthur

Y2 Birch- Charlie & Jamie

Y2 Cherry- Rowan &

Archie-Ray

Y3 Fir - Emilie & Grace

Y3 Elm - Enzo & Abbie

Y4 Cedar - Nancy & Freddie

Y4 Maple - Gretel & George

Y5 Beech - Chloe & Elliot

Y5 Pine - Marie & Arya

Y6 Oak - Noah W & Betsy

Y6 Sycamore - Genevieve & Archie

Values Champion:

Service

R Chestnut - Jack

R Conker- Isabella

Y1 Willow - Scarlett

Yr 1 Elder - Amelie

Y2 Birch - Zakariya

Y2 Cherry - Erin

Y3 Fir - Louis

Y3 Elm - Isabelle

Y4-Maple - Luca

Y4-Cedar - Pola

Y5 Beech - Lela

Y5 Pine - Oli M

Y6 Oak - Hannah K

Y6 Sycamore - Joshua

House Points

Windsor -121

Leeds - 117

Tonbridge - 114

Hever - 105

Attendance Award

Congratulations to **YR**

Chestnut with 98.7%

SEND'S GOT TALENT

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

- **Primrose (YR)** performed with some of her dance friends at the weekend on their presentation day. She was also nominated for a 'Rising Star' award, so although she didn't win it, we are still super proud of her!
- Congratulations to **Ella (Y2) & Rosie (YR)** who performed at their dance school presentation day, & received certificates for excellent progress & super smiles!
- **Freddie's (Y4)** team reached the finals of his tournament and came runners up.
- **Sebastian (Y1)** played in his first football tournament and won a medal.
- Congratulations to **Sophia (Y3)** who was named 'Gymnast of the Year'!

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

Our Year 3 football teams played against Boxgrove this week. They worked hard and represented the school beautifully. A team won 6-1 and our B team drew 2-2. Well done **Colson, Joey, Roman, Leonard, George, Harry, Enzo, Oliver, Louis, Sonny, Esme, Cameron, Hunter, Toby and Cody**



.FEELING HOT, HOT, HOT! 🕶️

Due to the high temperatures forecast for next week, we have implemented a Hot Weather Plan for Health & Fitness Week. The safety, comfort, and well-being of our children is our absolute priority. Please read the updates below carefully as we have shifted next week's afternoon activities into cooler morning slots, shortened sessions, and re-arranged some sports mornings. We appreciate that changing dates and times can impact work schedules, but we must prioritise the well-being of the children in the heat.

Children may wear sports kits ALL WEEK and should have hats/ suncream/ plenty of water at all times.

Tuesday 7th July

- Event: Nursery Sports Morning (Unchanged)
- Timings: Meet at the main office at 9:25 AM. Finishes at approx. 10:30 AM.
- Kit: House-coloured t-shirt and PE kit.

Wednesday 8th July — **CHANGED DATE**

- Event: Year 3 & 4 Sports Morning (Moved from Friday)
- Timings: Meet at the large wooden gate between 8:50 AM – 9:00 AM. Finishes at approx. 10:45 AM.
- Kit: House-coloured t-shirt and PE kit.

Thursday 9th July — **NEW FINISH TIME**

- KS1 and Reception Sports Morning Timings: Meet at the large wooden gate between 8:50 AM – 9:00 AM.
Note: To beat the heat, this will now finish earlier at 10:30 AM.
- Kit: House-coloured t-shirt and PE kit.

Friday 10th July — **CHANGED TIME**

- Year 5 & 6 Sports Morning (Moved to the early slot)
- Timings: Now moving to the cooler early morning slot. Meet at the large wooden gate between 8:50 AM – 9:00 AM. Finishes at approx. 10:30 AM. (Please note: Years 3 & 4 have moved to Wednesday 8th July).
- Kit: House-coloured t-shirt and PE kit.

We Need Your Help: Gazebos & Volunteers

To protect the children from the intense sun, we need to create as much shade as possible on the field. We cannot run all of our scheduled events without enough gazebos. If you can lend us a gazebo, help with setup/take-down, or volunteer to help run the sports mornings, please contact Mrs Thomson at cthompson@sendcofe.co.uk

10TH ANNIVERSARY 'BIG BIRTHDAY PARTY'

It's getting closer! On Sunday, 20th September 2026, we are hosting a massive joint Celebration and Fair to mark 10 wonderful years of Send C of E. To make this day truly unforgettable, we need your help in two very special ways:

1. Share Your Memories (From Send First, St Bede's, & Send C of E!)

We are putting together a 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. We are looking for: Class photos, Nativity plays, school trips, sports days - anything that captures our school's history!

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 or email scanned copies to

10@sendcofe.co.uk Please include the year it was taken and what/who is in the photo.



2. Do You Have a Unique Skill, Vehicle, or Community Business?

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

SEND INCLUSION BASE CONSULTATION

Thank you to the parents who were able to join our Public Meeting for the formal consultation to establish a new specialist provision base at Send C of E Primary School this week. This project represents an incredible milestone for us. It allows us to fully live out our core visions of "everyone being welcome" and "serving our community." Over the past three years, our staff have worked hard to develop deep, specialised expertise in supporting children with diverse needs. This new base is a natural extension of that dedication, allowing us to use our proven experience to serve our families even better.

This new provision builds directly upon the strong, inclusive foundation we have already established together. In our latest Ofsted inspection report (Nov 24), inspectors noted that a genuine sense of kindness and care permeates our community and that our pupils truly enjoy coming to this inclusive environment. We have always held high, clear ambitions for all of our children, particularly those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). The inspection highlighted our ability to quickly identify individual needs and wrap tailored adaptations around our pupils across the curriculum. Because of this dedicated approach, inspectors found that our pupils with SEND now achieve much better than they did previously. Launching this specialist base is the perfect next step to deepen this success and expand our impact.

As part of this development, Surrey County Council will be completely funding a major internal reorganisation and refurbishment of our indoor spaces. This exciting refresh means we can optimise our layout to benefit everyone. Our Year 3 classes will move into fantastic new classrooms within the KS1 building, and we will be creating brand-new, dedicated group working spaces alongside new library areas for the whole school to enjoy.

We see this as an incredibly positive next step for Send C of E Primary School. I am immensely proud of the hard work, planning, and care that our leadership team and governors have put into getting this proposal to this point. Your voice matters to us and we encourage you to review the consultation details and share your thoughts. You can do this by using this link:

https://engage.zencity.io/surrey-county-council/en-GB/projects/consultation-on-a-proposal-to-establish-a-specialist-base-at-send-c-of-e-primary-school?utm_medium=referral

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure our school remains a happy, inclusive, and thriving place for every child.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS & PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING IS CHANGING

From September 2026, free school meal funding is changing to include a wider section of families and children. If you are already receiving free school meals you **MUST** re-apply as part of this change. If you are not receiving free school meals but are getting Universal Credit, you may be able to claim - even if you were not able to before. Checking if you are eligible is easy. You can email the school office with either or both parents' dates of birth, national insurance numbers and surname and we can fill this out for you. It costs us nothing to check - so if you are not sure we would encourage you to check anyway. If you have any questions, or to share your information so we can check, please email info@sendcofe.co.uk



Free School Meals - Important Changes for September 2026

From Monday 1 June 2026, the government is making changes to free school meals.

✔ More families will now be eligible for free school meals

Important: Existing Families Must Reapply

Because the rules are changing, all current free school meal claims must be rechecked before the new academic year.

➔ If you do not reapply, your child's free school meals may stop in September 2026.

Who Can Apply?

From 1 June 2026, children may be entitled if your household:

- ✔ Receives Universal Credit, and
- ✔ Has annual earnings above £7400 (new expanded eligibility)

💡 If you have been refused in the past, you can now apply again.

KEY DATES

Applications open:
Monday 1 June 2026
Free meals start (if eligible):
Tuesday 1 September 2026

What You Will Need

- 🔑 Your National insurance number (or NASS number)
- Your date of birth
- 👤 Your legal name

DON'T MISS OUT

Even if your child currently receives free school meals, you must reapply to continue receiving them in September.



CALLING ALL ARTISTS!



WIN A £50 VOUCHER AND HAVE YOUR ARTWORK IN A REAL GARDEN!



Taylor Wimpey is building a brand-new neighbourhood nearby called Wisley Acres, and it's going to have a giant, beautiful park called Three Leys Park.

This park will be packed with trees, bright wildflower meadows, and lots of wonderful wildlife!

They are building a fun mud kitchen for children to play with in their garden, and they need **YOUR** help to decorate it!



YOUR DESIGN CHALLENGE



1. Draw or paint a picture of what you think Three Leys Park will look like.
2. Show us a happy place where lots of people and an animals can enjoy nature together.



3. **MAKE IT BRIGHT:** Use lots of lovely colours—the brighter, the better!
4. **The Paper:** Draw your picture on an A4 piece of paper sideways (landscape layout).
5. **Don't forget:** Write your name, age, and class on the back!



THE SUPER PRIZES!



1st PRIZE WINNER!
(£50 Voucher for YOU!)
& Your drawing becomes
a **REAL SIGN** behind
the mud kitchen!
(plus a special VIP tour
with parents and teacher!)

**YOUR SCHOOL
WINS £250!**



IMPORTANT DATES

WHO CAN ENTER:

Reception, Year 1, Year 2, and
Year 3 at Send CofE Primary School.

THE DEADLINE:

Monday 6th July 2026
(Hand drawings to your teacher!)



NOTE FOR MUMS, DADS, & GUARDIANS:

Parental permission required to enter, as the winning design
will be shared on our website and in local newspapers!

Good luck, and have fun drawing! 🌟



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July		
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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	