

Send Church of England Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM - PART 2

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS: TRUTHFULNESS

DATE: 23RD JULY 2026

Dear Families,

As another year comes to an end, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks, on behalf of the whole team, for your continued support. Our school family is built on mutual respect and shared values, a spirit so evident in the wonderful generosity and kind words we received from you this week. A huge well done goes to our fantastic children. It is a joy to see your enthusiasm in class and to watch you grow, from our Reception pupils now bounding into Year 1 with confidence, to our Year 6 leavers who are ready for their next chapter as bright, resilient young people.

My sincere thanks go to our Governors for their dedication and guidance, ensuring our pupils' best interests remain at the heart of every decision. I am equally grateful to our PTFA. The events you organise build a wonderful sense of community, and the funds raised enrich our children's learning in so many ways. If you have any spare time next year, please do consider getting involved—extra hands are always welcome!

I also want to pay tribute to our exceptional staff. Their tireless hard work, passion, and genuine care for your children make our school the special place it is.

We wrapped up today with a special farewell assembly for the staff and pupils moving on to new adventures. Rev. Louise closed our time together with a lovely, spontaneous blessing, and in that same spirit, I would like to leave you with these thoughts as we begin the break:

May the Lord guard and guide you throughout the summer holiday:

Grant you deep rest to renew your spirit, mind, and body.

Fill your homes with peace, warmth, and shared laughter.

Protect you and keep you safe wherever your summer travels take you.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday, 2nd September, refreshed and ready for a brilliant 10th Anniversary Year!

Mrs Marianne McDonnell

Headteacher

TERM DATES 2026-2027

Tuesday 1st September - INSET Day - School closed to children

Wednesday 2nd September - Children in Y1-6 return to school. Children in EYFS begin 'settling in process'

Half term holiday - 19th October to 30th October

Friday 18th December - Term ends for the Christmas Holidays at 1.15pm

Monday 4th January - INSET Day - School closed to children

Tuesday 5th January - All children return to school.

Half term holiday - 15th February to 19th February

Thursday 25th March - Term ends for the Easter Holidays at 1.15pm

Monday 12th April - All children return to school.

Half term holiday - 31st May to 4th June

Friday 23rd July - Term ends for the Summer Holidays at 1.15pm

Monday 26th July - INSET Day school closed to children

Tuesday 27th July - INSET Day school closed to children

Wednesday 28th July - INSET Day school closed to children

10TH ANNIVERSARY
ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-27

BIG BIRTHDAY FAIR

Send C of E
SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2026
12pm - 3pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
Current, past or future pupils, families, & local residents.

PERFORMANCES FROM LOCAL GROUPS.

DJ & MUSIC.

STALLS AND GAMES.

BOUNCY CASTLE.

TOURS OF SCHOOL.

FOOD & DRINK.

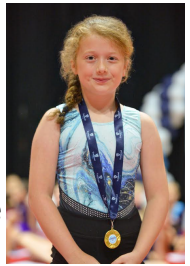
Come and share your memories and celebrate our future together.

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SEND'S GOT TALENT

With apologies to the children who were missed out last week. A huge congratulations to:

- **Isobel (Y3)** who won first place in her group at the Woking gymnastics competition
- **Rosie and Morgan (Y6)** who successfully auditioned for The Fairlands Players Pantomime of Robinson Crusoe this year. Rosie will be playing the part of Blunderbuss Bess and Morgan is a pirate and radio presenter!



COMPETITION WINNER

We are delighted to share that **Abbie (Y3)** has won Taylor Wimpey's design competition for the new Wisley Acres development.

Her brilliant artwork inspired by local wildlife will be installed in the show home garden. Alongside a well-deserved prize for Abbie and an invitation to see her installed artwork, Taylor Wimpey has also awarded a prize to the school. Well done, Abbie, on a wonderful achievement!



OLIVER WITH A TWIST

Don't the Y6s look amazing in their costumes for Oliver With a Twist last week!

We have been singing the songs all week still - well done all on a fantastic show!



KS1 COMMUNITY WORK DAY - TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST 9.30 -1PM

If you are handy-minded, you may also be interested in our upcoming KS1 Community Work Day, helping our staff enhance our KS1 outdoor areas and creating an even more engaging and dynamic space for our youngest learners. This is a fantastic opportunity to come together, meet other parents, and directly contribute to your child's learning environment.

When: Tuesday 18th August from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Tasks include:

- Repairing and constructing wooden fencing and equipment
- Moving existing furniture
- General yard work and light gardening
- Pressure washing our playground surfaces (if you have a pressure washer you can bring, that would be a huge help!)

What to bring: We encourage you to bring your own tools if you have them. We are in particular need of:

- pressure washer
- strimmer
- brooms and dustpans
- wheelbarrow
- drills

Refreshments: To show our appreciation, we will have bacon sandwiches served at 9:30 AM and refreshments available throughout the day. Please feel free to join us for as little or as long as you can - no need to RSVP!



ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Why attendance matters

Our curriculum is carefully designed to build on itself day by day. When a child is absent, even for a few days, they miss crucial steps in this learning process. This can make it very confusing for them when they return, as they may have missed key concepts that are essential for the rest of the unit. School life isn't just about lessons. Children also miss out on significant events, from special assemblies and performances to collaborative projects and social activities that build friendships and a sense of community.

Working with parents to improve attendance:

We ask that parents:

- Ensure that their children are on time for morning registration, 8.30 - 8.45am.
- Inform the school before 9.30am on their first day of absence and every day thereafter.
- Collect their children on time (3.15pm)
- Don't take holidays during term time.

How we monitor attendance:

Every day the children's attendance and punctuality is recorded in our school system. We work closely with the Local Authority to monitor attendance and punctuality across the school. We aim for children to have attendance that is equal to or above 97% as this means they are making sure they are accessing learning almost every day. Each week the class with the highest attendance wins the Attendance Award during our celebration assembly.

Requesting absence for Exceptional Circumstances

With 175 days already marked out as 'non-school-days' for weekends, holidays, family visits and rewarding days out; you should have an exceptional reason to want to withdraw your child from school. The following are NOT considered legitimate reasons and will be rejected and unauthorised:

- Trips to visit family/friends
- Your child's birthday
- Cheaper family holidays
- Tickets to sports/culture events

If you consider that there are exceptional circumstances relating to your request, please let the school have full details. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis. Forms are available from the school office.

Absences for holiday and other unauthorised absences:

- We are **legally unable to authorise absence for family holidays during term time**, except in the most exceptional circumstances. It is important to know that cost is not considered an exceptional circumstance for authorising absence. The local authority is very strict on this.
- If your child has an unauthorised absence of 5 or more school days (which don't have to be consecutive), it may trigger a penalty notice
- This is based on a national threshold of 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a rolling 10-school-week period, which can span different terms or even school years.

Key Information on Penalty Notices

If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of **£160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice.** Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the **flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days.** There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then **you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s444 Education Act 1996.** Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN CLUB

WEEK 1
Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th August

WEEK 2
Monday 24th – Wednesday 26th August

TIME: 9:00 am – 3:30 pm daily

PRICE: £30 per child, per day

BRING A PACKED LUNCH

BOOK ON ARBOR

Send C of E
10th Anniversary
Academic Year 2026-27

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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The Bible Course
NEW EDITION

We are running The Bible Course New Edition, and you are invited to join.

Everyone is welcome

biblesociety.org.uk/thebiblecourse

WHERE

St Mary's Church Send
Church Rooms
Send Road,
GU23 7ET

WHEN

Eight Monday evenings
7.30pm – 9.00pm
Dates:
21st & 28th September
5th & 12th October
2nd, 16th, 23rd & 30th November

About the Course

A friendly and welcoming course exploring the big story of the Bible and how it fits together. Whether you know a little or a lot, you are very welcome to come along.

To register your interest or find out more, get in touch with
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**COME ON YOUR OWN
OR BRING A FRIEND!**

AFTER SCHOOL HOCKEY

WITH GUILDFORD HOCKEY CLUB



WHERE:

SEND C of E

WHEN:

3:15pm - 4:15pm
Wednesday 16th Sept
to Wed 14th October

CLICK OR
SCAN TO
BOOK!



Sticks are provided! Please wear shin pads and a mouthguard.

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Website: www.sendcofe.co.uk