

Send Church of England Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM PART 1

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS: THANKFULNESS

DATE: 4TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school. I hope that you had an enjoyable and restful summer break. It has been great to see you and the children again this week looking refreshed and ready to go.

On Wednesday we started the year with a special assembly to welcome the children and staff, including our new staff members back to school. I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to the parents and children joining us this year, both our new Reception and Nursery children and those joining us in other year groups.

Our value for this half term is thankfulness and we are thankful to the staff team for all their hard work over the holidays preparing their classes and the school for the children's return and in particular to Mr Griffiths for overseeing the decorating and site work that has been happening.

This is also a year to give thanks for our school as we begin our year of celebrations for the 10th anniversary of Send C of E Primary School. We have already started to explore with the children what is special about our school and what school may have been like for children in Send in the past. We have a range of brilliant trips happening over the next few weeks which will give children an insight into school life during WWII and the Victorian era.

Planning has been happening all summer for our **Big Birthday Party and Fair on Sunday, 20th September 2026**, from 12 -3pm with games, stalls, activities and performances planned. Come along and join school and the PTFA for a great afternoon.

There are so many wonderful things happening across our school every single day, from brilliant classroom achievements to creative arts, sports, and community events. We want to share these proud moments with all of you so we have re-launched our school social media. Please follow, like, and share our official pages to stay connected with daily life at school:

Facebook: facebook.com/sendcofe

Instagram: @sendcofe

We also have the diary dates for the term so far - please keep an eye on these each week for any new events.

Have a wonderful weekend,

With best wishes

Mrs Marianne McDonnell

Headteacher

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Wednesday 9th September - Y6 Life as WWII Evacuee Experience at Henley Fort

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)

Y1&2 Magnolia - Arthur & Blair

Y1&2 Hawthorn - Lottie & Rosie

Y1&2 Juniper - Alice & Harley

Y3 Fir - Xavier & Jonas

Y3 Elm - Oscar & Edward

Y4 Cedar - Abbie & Louis

Y4 Maple - Teddy & Anya

Y5 Beech - Violet & Harrison

Y5 Pine - Ella & Carys

Y6 Oak - Tyler & Marie

Y6 Sycamore - Isaac & Theo

Values Champion:

Thankfulness

1&2 Magnolia - Ophelia

Y1&2 Hawthorn - Eshna

Y1&2 Juniper - Elsie

Y3 Fir - Ella

Y3 Elm - Skyla

Y4 Cedar - Harper

Y4 Maple - Arlo

Y5 Beech - Joshua

Y5 Pine - Jax

Y6 Oak - Oli M

Y6 Sycamore - Lela

House Points

Tonbridge - 55

Leeds - 53

Haver - 49

Windsor - 44

Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Y4**

Maples Class with 100% and no late arrivals!

SEND'S GOT TALENT

Has your child done something great outside of school? Whether it is swimming or sports awards, musical achievements or something that really challenged them, we want to celebrate it. Please email info@sendcofe.co.uk with the details and a picture of your child (optional) by Thursday morning for inclusion in celebration assembly and the newsletter that week. Emails received after 9.30am on Thursday will be shared the following week.

10TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION SERVICE

As part of our Big Birthday celebration, we are having a Service of Thanksgiving at 10.30am on Sunday 20th September and we would love our children to lead the way.

As the oldest children in the school, we invite **every member of Y6 to join us**. They will play a central part in the service through readings, leading reflections, and helping us give thanks for the past ten years of our school community. Alongside Year 6, we are also inviting the **School Choir** and members of the **Faith Council** (from last year) to join us for this uplifting occasion.

Service Timings & Info

- Drop-off Time: 10:25 AM
- Service Time: 10.30am
- Location: KS2 Hall
- Collection / End Time: 11:45 AM
- Big Birthday Fair: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM (on the school grounds)

Parents, family members, and carers are warmly invited to join us for the service! However, if you are unable to stay for the service itself, a 'Drop and Go' option is available. Drop-off at 10:25 AM and collect at 11:45 AM.

Children taking part will need to wear their full school uniform for the Thanksgiving service. We know uniforms aren't ideal for bouncy castles and fair games! We will provide a designated space after the service where children can quickly change into their own clothes before heading over to enjoy the Birthday Fair.

We would love to see every single member of our new **Year 6**, **School Choir** and **Faith Council** there to represent our school on this historic occasion. Please complete our online form to confirm their attendance by **Friday 11th September** <https://forms.gle/gsztmxG2ksT3JqVP>

CALL FOR MEMORIES

Were you a past pupil or member of staff at Send First, St Bede's or Send Primary? As part of our upcoming 10th Anniversary celebrations, we are creating a special historical display in the school hall to honour our shared heritage and share the rich story of Send First School, St Bede's Junior School, and Send C of E Primary with our children and families! We actually have very few historical artefacts or personal memories of our own. We would love your help to bring our village history to life!

How You Can Help:

- **Share Your Stories:** Whether you, your parents, or grandparents were pupils, parents, or staff at Send First, St Bede's, or Send C of E, we want to hear your anecdotes and memories.
- **Lend Us Memorabilia:** We are looking for old class photographs, sports day photos, school reports, old uniforms, trophies, or any other items relating to school life over the years.



How to Share them

- By Email: Send written memories and digital photos to 10@sendcofe.co.uk.
- In Person: Drop off written memories, photos, or physical objects at the school office.
- Please Label Everything: Kindly ensure all physical items and photographs are clearly labelled with your full name and contact details so we can keep them safe and return them to you after the event!

MEET THE TEACHER INFORMATION SESSIONS & 'COME AND SEE WITH ME'

Please see the dates for the 'Meet the Teacher' information sessions below. This is a chance for our staff to share curriculum information for the year ahead. We appreciate that not everyone can attend events during the school day and will make sure that slides are sent out afterwards.

- Monday 14th September - Y4 'Meet the Teachers' Information Session 3.00pm in KS2 hall
- Wednesday 16th September - Y1&2 'Meet the Teachers' Information Session 3.00pm in KS2 hall
- Thursday 17th September - Y5 'Meet the Teachers' Information Session 3.00pm in KS2 hall
- Monday 21st September - Y6 'Meet the Teachers' Information Session 3.00pm in KS2 hall

In October, we have a new session for parents and children; 'Come and see with me'. This is a chance for parents to pop into class at the end of the school day to have a look at your child's work with them. This is on Monday 5th October from 3.15-4.30pm

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Mr Zlatkov** and his wife, who welcomed the safe arrival of their new baby boy, Dylan over the summer holidays. I am sure you will all join me in sending our warmest congratulations and best wishes to the family at this incredibly special time. Mr Zlatkov will be taking paternity leave to spend some time with his new arrival and will be back with us shortly.



To **Miss Simmons** and her fiancé Matt who became engaged over the summer holidays. We wish them all the very best as they begin this exciting new chapter in their lives.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR AN AFTERSCHOOL CLUB LEAD

It is with sadness that I am sharing that Miss Jodie Collyer-Gibbs will be leaving her role as after school club lead at the end of October. Miss Collyer-Gibbs has been an amazing club leader helping our club grow into an incredibly successful operation. Her calm organisation skills and warmth with the children have been a key part of that, and now as she has decided to spend more time with her own children, we thank her and wish her all the very best.

We are looking for a new After School Club Lead - could it be you? Or do you know someone who may be interested? If so please forward them our advert and encourage them to apply. Key details are here:

- Contract: Permanent, Term-Time Only (38 weeks per year)
- Hours: Monday – Thursday, 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM (10 hours per week)
- Pay: Surrey S5: £15.21 – £16.29 per hour (Actual salary incl. paid holiday: £6,646 – £7,120 per year)
- Start Date: 2nd November 2026 or earlier by arrangement

See the full advert and apply online here:

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/sendcofe/job/afterschool-club-leader-1569919>



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.**

10@sendcofe.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September		
Wednesday 9th September	Y6 Life as WWII Evacuee Experience at Henley Fort	
Monday 14th September	Y&2 'Meet the Teachers' Information Session 3.00pm in KS2 hall	
Tuesday 15th September	Y3 'Meet the Teachers' Information Session 3.00pm in KS2 hall	
Wednesday 16th September	Y3 Life as a WWII Evacuee Experience at the Rural Life Museum	
Wednesday 16th September	Y5 Life as a WWII Evacuee Experience at Milestones Museum	
Wednesday 16th September	Y1&2 'Meet the Teachers' Information Session 3.00pm in KS2 hall	
Thursday 17th September	Y1&2 Victorian Life experience at Rural Life Museum	
Thursday 17th September	Y4 Life as an WWII Evacuee Experience at Aldershot Military Museum	
Thursday 17th September	Y5 'Meet the Teachers' Information Session 3.00pm in KS2 hall	
Friday 18th September	10th Anniversary Celebration MUFTI Day - Please bring a bottle for our bottle tombola in return for wearing your own clothes	
Saturday 19th September	Call for helpers - come and help put up gazebos and tables for our Big Birthday Party tomorrow. Email sendschoolsptfa@gmail.com if you can help	
Sunday 20th September	Send is 10! - Anniversary Celebration & Big Birthday Party	
Monday 21st September	Y6 'Meet the Teachers' Information Session 3.00pm in KS2 hall	
Thursday 24th September	Y4,5&6 Girls Rugby at Stoke Park 4pm kick off	
Wednesday 30th September	Dental Health Session for Y1&2 children in school	
Thursday 1st October	Year 3 'Feet First' Pedestrian Safety Training	
Thursday 1st October	Y5&6 Cross Country Race @ Worplesdon / Rydes Hill 4pm	
Friday 2nd October	Year 3 'Feet First' Pedestrian Safety Training	
Monday 5th October	'Come and see with me' Session 3.15pm - 4.30pm in classes	
Thursday 8th October	Y3&4 Tag Festival - Guildfordians RFC @4pm	
Friday 9th October	Y6 Netball Tournament at Tourmead School @ 1pm	
Monday 12th October	Sibling and Individual Photo Day	
Thursday 15th October	Y4,5&6 Cross Country Relay Races at Boxgrove School @ 4pm	
Friday 16th October	School closes for October ½ term holiday at 3.15pm	
Monday 2nd November	School reopens for all children	
Thursday 5th November	Y6 Boys Football tournament at Holy Trinity / Boxgrove @ 4pm	

Sunday 8th November	Village Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service (details tbc)	
Wednesday 11th November	Service of Remembrance led by Y6 in school at 10.30am (parents welcome to join us)	
Thursday 12th November	Y5&6 Girls Football tournament at Holy Trinity / Boxgrove @ 4pm	
Monday 16th November	Y6 Ambassadors at Coffee Shop	



WOKING FAMILY CENTRE

**Online 10-week course
Starting 23rd Sept- 2 Dec
2026
7.00pm - 8.45pm**

The Nurturing Programme (formerly The Parenting Puzzle)

**This tried and tested programme can help you deal
with challenges supporting a calmer family life.**

The course covers:

- Recognising feelings behind behaviours
- Different approaches to positive discipline
- Co-operation and self discipline
- The importance of looking after ourselves

**For more information scan the
QR code or call: 01483 310419**



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