

Send Church of England Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM PART 1

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS: THANKFULNESS

DATE: 9TH OCTOBER 2026

Dear Families,

There is so much to be thankful for this week! We began on Monday with our 'Come and See with Me' sessions. It was lovely to see so many of you in school, celebrating the fantastic progress the children have already made this year. The growth in their confidence and skills is clear to see.

That confidence was also on full display when our Year 6 pupils led tours for prospective parents. Hearing them talk with such enthusiasm about their learning and school experiences made us all exceptionally proud.

Finally, we welcomed our SIAMS inspector this week! A huge thank you to our entire school community, our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and wonderful children, for giving the inspector such a warm welcome and showcasing our school so brilliantly. A particular thank you to the parents who took time out of their day to speak with the inspector; they listened carefully to your views and shared them directly with leadership and governors. Thank you also to everyone who completed our parent survey—you can see a round-up of the results inside this newsletter. While the full report remains confidential until its release in early November, I am delighted to share that the inspector affirmed we are truly living up to our vision as a Church school. They shared numerous positive comments about our community, and I cannot wait to share the final report with you all next month.

Looking ahead, we have lots of new dates in the diary, so please do take a close look at the upcoming events section. Also, a quick reminder that Monday is school photo day, so please ensure children arrive looking smart in their full school uniform.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We have an amazing team and school community to be proud of

With best wishes,

Mrs Marianne McDonnell

Headteacher

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Monday 12th October - Sibling and Individual Photo Day (no PE Kit)

Tuesday 13th October - Harvest Celebration with Y4 at 9am. Parents welcome

Thursday 15th October - Parent evening booking opens 9.30am

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

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)

Y1&2 Magnolia - Dylan & Evie

Y1&2 Hawthorn - Charlie P & Robyn

Y1&2 Juniper - Eden & Ivy

Y3 Fir - Ava & Isabelle C

Y3 Elm - Jessie & Thea

Y4 Cedar - Elaina-Grace & Mary-Kate

Y4 Maple - Sonny & Ayla

Y5 Beech - Daisy & Alfie

Y5 Pine - Ava-Mae & George

Y6 Oak - Joey & Caleb

Y6 Sycamore - Dixie & Larisa

Values Champion:

Thankfulness

1&2 Magnolia - Teddy A

Y1&2 Hawthorn - Monty

Y1&2 Juniper - Ava-Mae

Y3 Fir - Xavier

Y3 Elm - Elsie

Y4 Cedar - Joey

Y4 Maple - Cameron

Y5 Beech - Max

Y5 Pine - Riley

Y6 Oak - Savannah

Y6 Sycamore - Nathan

House Points

Tonbridge - 217

Leeds - 207

Windsor - 185

Hever - 167

Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Y1/2 Juniper** with 99%

Click to see our socials



SEND'S GOT TALENT

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

- **Rosie (Y1)** got Player of The Week and is feeling very proud!
- **Sebastian (Y2)** was awarded Player of the Match after scoring the winning goal.
- **Oliver (Y3)** was awarded 'Player of the week' at his football academy last week.
- **Harry (Y3)** received Man of the Match for his U8's team this weekend
- **Dylan (Y3)** got Star of the Week at Gymnastics for his beam work.
- Do you remember **Abbie (Y3)** won the competition to design a mural for the Three Leys Park? She has now had a chance to visit the site and see her mural in place.



Has your child done something great outside of school? 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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our special "Harvest of Thankfulness and Sharing," will take place on **Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.** It will be led by the Year 4 class, and the parents of Year 4 children are warmly invited to attend. **All children are invited to join in by bringing a donation for the harvest collection, which will go to the Woking Foodbank. Please bring your donation into school between Thursday 8th and Wednesday 14th October.**

The Foodbank specifically requests non-perishable food items (tinned and dried goods), which ensures the food doesn't spoil or decay and helps them create nutritionally balanced, three-day food parcels. They also accept essential non-food items like toiletries and hygiene products. All donated items must be unopened, in-date, and in good condition, free from any damage. Donations can be given to your child's teacher or dropped off at the office. Thank you for your support.



Shopping list

Tinned meat meals/fish
Tinned veg/fruit
Cooking oil
Spreads
Milk (UHT or powdered)
Instant mashed potato
Fruit juice (long-life)
Tinned pudding
Nappies size 7 & 8
Toiletries/toilet paper

SPORTING SUCCESS

Well done to the year 3 tag rugby children who went to Guildfordian RFC for a taster session. The children soon got the hang of throwing the ball backwards and over time understood the need to spread out across the pitch in order to pass the ball more effectively. Well done to **Josh, Harry, Edward, Freddie, Oliver, Olivia and Ella** who all received a medal for their efforts!



OUR VISION IN ACTION - SIAMS PARENT SURVEY

Thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to complete our survey ahead of our upcoming SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection. Your thoughtful responses provide valuable insights into how our school's vision and values are experienced every day. Parents were asked to rate how effectively our vision is lived out in each key area on a scale out of 5:

Everyone is offered a warm welcome here — 4.67 / 5

- Parents overwhelmingly praised the daily welcome at the gates from staff and the Senior Leadership Team. Families noted that staff quickly learn children's names and make transition times, coffee mornings, and community events feel inclusive and nurturing.

We serve the children, staff, parents and our community to the best of our ability, every day — 4.35 / 5

- Responses highlighted numerous examples of staff going the extra mile—whether supporting children with SEN and emotional needs, providing comfort during moments of anxiety, or staying in close communication with parents.

We love one another as we are loved by God — 4.33 / 5

- Parents shared moving examples of mutual support, such as the Reception buddy system, cross-year group friendships, and the inclusive care shown toward children with additional needs.

We celebrate uniqueness by helping every child to achieve their God-given potential — 4.28 / 5

- Families celebrated the school's focus on the "whole child". Highlights included the Friday celebration assemblies, pastoral break spaces, tailored academic/movement breaks, and opportunities like Send's Got Talent to shine.

We have high expectations for our children — 4.08 / 5

- Parents recognised the dedication of our teaching staff in fostering independence, pride in work, and positive values across all year groups.

Your feedback:

- "From the moment we came for the reception play and stay... my child has been welcomed with open, caring and nurturing arms."
- "Staff genuinely care about the 'whole child' at this school... All staff have high expectations for behavior and learning, but most importantly that the child is developing their own personality, choices and resilience."

Looking Ahead

We are always committed to reflecting on how we work together with our community. Based on your feedback, our key focus areas will be:

- **Refining Communication:** Enhancing updates on why children receive awards, providing clearer insight into day-to-day classroom learning, and ensuring smooth communication during year-to-year transitions.
- **Celebrating Send's Got Talent:** We loved reading your thoughts on how we celebrate achievements! As a reminder, Send's Got Talent is designed to celebrate all accomplishments outside of school; whether that's learning a new skill, achieving something in a local club, or trying a new hobby. We will continue to encourage every child to share whatever makes them proud!

Thank you for your ongoing partnership, trust, and shared commitment to helping our children flourish!

ST MARY'S VILLAGE NATIVITY

The annual St Mary's Nativity is on **Sunday 6th December at 10:30am** at St Mary's Church and all children (whether they regularly worship at St Mary's or not) are very welcome to join in and take part - we already have plans for the Choir to be a choir of angels! If your child would like to take part, please email Mary Campbell (marycampbellsend@gmail.com). In addition to the performance, children would have to come to a rehearsal in the Church Rooms on Sunday 29th November 10:30-11:30am and a dress rehearsal in church on the afternoon of Saturday 5th December (time tbc).



IMPORTANT REMINDER: CONSIDERATION FOR OUR NEIGHBORS & SAFE PARKING

Unfortunately, we have once again received serious complaints from our local residents regarding inconsiderate and unsafe parking during drop-off and pick-up times—specifically around Hilllands and the junction of Woodhill. A local resident of over 20 years, who fully supports our school and community, was recently blocked in their own driveway for over 15 minutes, causing them to miss an appointment. We have also been sent photographs showing cars parked dangerously close to junctions.

As a reminder:

- Driveways must not be obstructed: Please never block access to local residents' driveways, even "just for a few minutes."
- Highway Code Rules: You must not park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction. Parking across junctions creates severe blind spots for pedestrians and risks blocking emergency service vehicles.

We understand that parking around school hours can be challenging, but the safety of our children and respect for our neighbors must come first. Selfish parking damages the strong reputation of our school and puts lives at risk.

Please allow extra time to park legally and safely further away, and walk the short remaining distance to school. Thank you to the vast majority of our families who park responsibly.

FUNDRAISING FAMILY DAY OUT IMPORTANT REMINDER

Looking for a fun family day out that also supports our school? We're excited to partner with Sandown Park Racecourse for their Jump Season Opener on Sunday, 8th November 2026! It promises to be a fantastic afternoon packed with thrilling jump racing, live entertainment, and plenty of family-friendly activities. Gates open at 12:30 PM.

How It Works & How It Helps Our School:

- Tickets are just £10 each for our school community.
- For every ticket bought using our unique code, £4 goes directly back to our school fundraising!
- There is no limit to how much we can raise, so please feel free to invite family, friends, and neighbours along too!

How to Book: Simply visit the Sandown Park booking page

<https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/sandown/events-tickets/countryside-day/> and enter our unique promotional code at checkout: **SCHOOL2**



Send CofE Primary School

Is your child due to start school in September 2027?
Come and join us for a tour of our warm and welcoming school in action.



Tours available on:

Monday 5th October at 9.30am
Tuesday 13th October at 9.30am
Wednesday 4th November at 9.30am
Thursday 12th November at 9.30am
Friday 20th November at 9.30am

To book a space, or if you have any questions, please contact the school office on **01342 223464** or email info@sendcofe.co.uk.

'Pupils benefit from the school's high ambitions and expectations' (Ofsted 2024)

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October		
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)	
Monday 9th November	Social coffee morning for parents - All welcome 8.45-9.30am	NEW
Monday 9th November	Parent Consultation Evening 3:30 – 6:30pm	NEW
Wednesday 11th November	Service of Remembrance led by Y6 in school at 10.30am (parents welcome to join us)	
Wednesday 11th November	Parent Consultation Evening 3:30 – 6:30pm	NEW
Thursday 12th November	Y4 Visiting Shah Jahan Mosque, Woking	NEW
Thursday 12th November	Y5&6 Girls Football tournament at Holy Trinity / Boxgrove @ 4pm	
Monday 16th November	Y5 NW Surrey Synagogue Visit	NEW
Monday 16th November	Y6 Ambassadors at Coffee Shop	
Wednesday 18th November	Y6 visiting Buddhist temple	NEW
Wednesday 25th November	Flu vaccinations in school (details and consent information to follow)	NEW
December		
Friday 4th December	PTFA Christmas Elf Party for children in EYFS	
Sunday 6th December	Parish Nativity Service @St Mary's Send 10.30am	
Monday 7th December	EYFS Nativity dress rehearsal to school	NEW
Tuesday 8th December	EYFS Nativity performance for parents @2.15pm	NEW
Wednesday 8th December	EYFS Nativity performance for parents @9am	NEW
Wednesday 8th December	KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal for school	
Thursday 9th December	KS1 Nativity performance for parents at 2pm	NEW
Friday 10th December	VR workshop for Y5	NEW
Friday 10th December	KS1 Nativity performance for parents at 9am	NEW
Monday 14th December	PTFA 'Secret Santa' Shop	
Monday 14th December	'Christmas Craft' parent & child session for YR at 2.00pm	NEW

Tuesday 15th December	PTFA 'Secret Santa' Shop	
Tuesday 15th December	'Rocksteady' Concert for parents at 9.30am	NEW
Tuesday 15th December	Y3 Carol Service at 2.15pm parents and families welcome	NEW
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children/ Christmas Dinner Day	
Friday 18th December	School finishes for the Christmas Holidays at 1.15pm	
January 2027		
Monday 4th January	INSET Day - School Closed for children	
Tuesday 5th January	School starts for all children	
Thursday 14th January	Y5&6 Dodgeball at Guildford Spectrum (pm)	NEW
Thursday 14th January	Year 5 start science sessions at Lab 22, Guildford	NEW
Monday 18th January	Y6 Ambassadors at St Mary's Coffee shop	NEW
Monday 18th January	Y3&4 Dynamos Cricket at George Abbot School (pm)	NEW
Tuesday 19th January	Fire engine visit to Reception	NEW
Thursday 21st January	Year 5 science sessions at Lab 22, Guildford	NEW
Friday 22nd January	Y6 Indoor Bee Netball Tournament at Surrey Sports Park (pm)	NEW
Thursday 28th January	Year 5 science sessions at Lab 22, Guildford	NEW
February		
Tuesday 2nd February	'Little City' workshops for EYFS	NEW
Tuesday 2nd February	Y5 at Young Voices at O2 Arena	NEW
Thursday 4th February	Y3 Visit to Butser Ancient Farm	NEW
Thursday 4th February	Y1-2 Synagogue in school visit	NEW
Thursday 4th February	Year 5 science sessions at Lab 22, Guildford	NEW
Thursday 4th February	Year 5&6 Cross Country races after school	NEW
Wednesday 10th February	Y1 & 2 Visit to RHS Wisley Gardens	NEW
Thursday 11th February	Year 5 science sessions at Lab 22, Guildford	NEW
Thursday 11th February	Y5&6 Tag Festival at Guildfordians RFC (3.30pm start)	NEW
Friday 12th February	School ends for ½ term holiday at 3.15pm	
Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February Half Term Holiday		
Monday 22nd February	Children return to school	
Thursday 25th February	Y3&4 Dodgeball at Guildford Spectrum (pm)	NEW

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DATES

24 January 2027
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21 March 2027

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TIME
15:00 – 16:00



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