

Send Church of England Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM PART 1

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS: THANKFULNESS

DATE: 16th OCTOBER 2026

Dear Families,

We had a wonderful Harvest Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, led brilliantly by Year 4. They sang, read, and acted with immense confidence, it was a joy to watch! Thank you to all the parents who joined us, as well as everyone who donated food items for the Woking Foodbank. They were deeply appreciative of our community's generosity.

It has been an action-packed week across the school. Reception and Year 1/2 had a fantastic time diving into a superhero adventure during their drama workshops. Our Year 6 tour guides did a marvelous job showing a prospective group of parents around the school. We have more open tours coming up after half term, so please do spread the word if you know families looking for a warm, welcoming school for their children starting Reception

Our school value for this half term has been Thankfulness. As this half term draws to a close, we are so thankful for the wonderful gifts, talents, and dedication that our children, staff, and families share with our school every day.

Wishing you all a well-deserved, restful break after all your hard work. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November.

With best wishes,

Mrs Marianne McDonnell

Headteacher



A lovely photograph captured by Mr. Gareth earlier this week.

COMING UP:

Friday 23rd October - Parish Quiz night (see end of newsletter for flyer)

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 (meet at 2.30pm)

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)

Y1&2 Magnolia - Bethany & Grace

Y1&2 Hawthorn - Harley & Naiara

Y1&2 Juniper - Maxwell & Archie

Y3 Fir - Amaan & Jane-Louise

Y3 Elm - Bonnie & Josh

Y4 Cedar - Anisa & Toby

Y4 Maple - Hunter & Rosie

Y5 Beech - Charlotte & Rayan

Y5 Pine - Isabella, Lillie & Ethan

Y6 Oak - Frankie & Eva

Y6 Sycamore - Henry & Teddy

Values Champion:

Thankfulness

1&2 Magnolia - Reign

Y1&2 Hawthorn - Otto

Y1&2 Juniper - Olivia

Y3 Fir - Evie-Mae

Y3 Elm - Sophia

Y4 Cedar - Helena

Y4 Maple - Ollie

Y5 Beech - Shayma

Y5 Pine - Ethan

Y6 Oak - Francesca

Y6 Sycamore - Charlie

House Points

Tonbridge - 183

Windsor - 158

Leeds - 143

Hever - 132

Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Y4 Cedar** with 98.9%

Click to see our socials



SEND'S GOT TALENT

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

- **Joshie (YR)** has completed the Aquatots swimming level 14 Barracudas!
- **Toby (Y2)** won player of the match for Sheers Storms last weekend.
- **Elodie and Anisa (Y4)** competed in their judo club competition this week each winning 2 of their matches. They also completed their belt grading and are now a full red belt.
- **Harrison (Y5)** was awarded Player of the Match for his football team.
- **Harriet (Y6)** was awarded player of the match at the weekend. Her team voted for her after she was tackled badly, hurt her knee but went back on.

We also celebrated talent in our staff team with the news that **Mrs O'Reilly** was awarded a double distinction in her Level 3 Early Years Educator Qualification. Congratulations!



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.

SPORTING SUCCESS

The year 6 netball team played their first tournament as a team at Tormead school last week. Their determination and perseverance was commendable and each game they showed improvement in their play. Chloe was named our player of the tournament for really listening to our team talks and putting those skills into her game. The cookies at the end were also a particular highlight for everyone! Well done to **Ruby, Chloe, Peggy, Lily, Anya, Elsie and Eva.**



PUPIL LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to the children who have taken up their new leadership positions this week. We are looking forward to seeing what they bring to their roles and know they will do an excellent job.

- **House Captains** : Peggy (Hever), Madeline (Tonbridge), Arya (Windsor), Caleb (Leeds)
- **Sports Captains**: Elliot, Freddie, Eric, Elwood, Elsie, Talia
- **Ambassadors**: Amari, Bethany, Ruby, Lela, Chloe, Anya, Rafferty, Elinor

POPPY MERCHANDISE ON SALE AFTER HALF TERM

After half term our Y6 Ambassadors will be bringing poppy merchandise to classes for children to purchase. All funds go directly to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. **Any donation** is welcome for the paper poppies and poppy stickers. We suggest a donation of **£1 per item** for the larger merchandise.



We have snap bands, plastic clip on poppies for coats and bags and fabric, festival - style bracelets. So that we have enough for everyone that wants something, **these items will be restricted to one item per child to begin with.** Thank you

WINTER COATS

Children from YN to Y6 are outside in all weathers, and a **waterproof coat is essential for EVERY CHILD**. This means a **genuinely waterproof coat, NOT merely water-resistant**, as we cannot dry out saturated clothing and children need to be appropriately dressed to be comfortable throughout the day. For good quality, fully waterproof coats we suggest checking UK retailers such as Mountain Warehouse, Trespass, GO Outdoors, Decathlon and Regatta, which frequently stock suitable options at reasonable prices.



STAFF UPDATES

In assembly on Friday we said goodbye to Jody, who has led our after school club for the last few years. Jody has been a huge part of making the provision a success and her positive, cheerful attitude is why she is so well liked by children, parents and staff. We thank her for all she has done and wish her all the very best for her future. We are delighted to announce that from November, Miss Lucy Norris will become overall Wrap Around Care Lead. Miss Norris already leads our Breakfast Club and will take on the running of our after school offer with the same dedication and enthusiasm.

We also said a (sort of) goodbye to Miss Megan Coppinger, who is getting married over the holiday. When she returns to us, she will be Mrs Marsh. I know you will join me in sending the new Mr & Mrs Marsh all our best wishes for a wonderful wedding day and a long and happy future together.

PTFA ONLINE AUCTION

Fancy a little half-term sofa scrolling? Or you might be lying on a sunbed somewhere far away from Send! You can support our school and help raise money for our children, all from the comfort of your own home (or even your sofa in your PJs! 😊). Simply browse our brilliant lots, place your bids and be in with a chance of winning something special — all while helping us provide more opportunities and experiences for our children.

No queues, no leaving the house, just a little bidding for a great cause with some great prizes!

More for our children, made possible by you. ❤️

BRAND NEW WILDLIFE SPACE

Our pond and forest area has had lots of time and work spent on it by our wonderful PTFA volunteers over the last few years but, like many of our own gardens, really suffered in this summer's heat. So, we are thrilled to share that local environmental experts Environet UK Ltd are developing an incredible wildlife pond and nature area over the October half-term to celebrate their 30th anniversary this year.

What's in the plan?

Thanks to Environet's fantastic designs, our wildlife area will feature:

 A wildlife pond complete with shallow marginal planting and a deeper dipping area.

 Safety fencing & rails so pupils can explore safely.

 A wildflower section perfect for bug hunting, plus a dedicated hibernaculum & dead hedge habitat for minibeasts and amphibians!

 Equipment storage for pond dipping kits and outdoor learning.

A huge thank you to the team at Environet UK Ltd for partnering with us on this brilliant project. This will be a fantastic learning and nature resource that our children will enjoy for years to come.



NO MORE MUDDY PUDDLES!

Parents who have been with us for a while will know that due to our gently sloped site, heavy rain causes water to run off and accumulate at the lowest point, blocking the path to the small wooden gate. Every winter this area floods, and previous standalone fixes were far too expensive for the school to fund on its own.

As we start to prepare for our new Inclusion Base, we are delighted that this project includes wider site works to upgrade our facilities overall, at no cost to the school budget.

Thanks to this Surrey-funded site preparation, a temporary ramp is being installed over the path. This will bridge the winter puddles and keep the route clear and dry until work on a permanent drainage solution begins in the spring.





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 **01483 223464** or email info@sendcofe.co.uk.

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

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Keep active, learn new skills, and have a blast with friends this term! Our Wednesday after-school Hockey Club is back for an exciting 5-week session running from **11th November through to 9th December.**

All skill levels welcome!

Sign up for Wednesday after-school Hockey Club [HERE](#)

ST MARY'S CHURCH, SEND

QUIZ NIGHT

CHURCH ROOMS

23 OCTOBER 7:30

Come and Connect

Meet new people & have a brilliant evening!

No need to organise a team we'll sort that on the night.

PRIZES FOR WINNERS

FAIR TRADE WINE & SOFT DRINKS & SNACKS PROVIDED

£10

TICKETS

PAY ON THE DOOR IS OK TOO!

7:30 PM	FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2026	SEND CHURCH ROOMS 17T SEND ROAD, SEND, GU25 7ET
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To attend or help, contact Andy Smith:
andy.d.smsmith@talk21.com | 07786 150121

OCTOBER HALF TERM AT WEST HORSLEY PLACE

Autumn adventures await at West Horsley Place this half term, with something for all ages. See what's on and book online:

westhorsleyplace.org/whats-on

SAXON SAGA

Living History & Fire Festival

Oct 24th & 25th - 1.30pm to 7.30pm

Our autumn festival of Saxon craft, food, storytelling and fire. Weaving, smithing, spinning and dyeing. Beowulf told in three parts through the day, ending at dusk as a hand-crafted Saxon ship is set alight against the darkening sky.

Ghostly Encounters: Filmmaking Workshop

A full day Halloween filmmaking workshop, inspired by BBC's Ghosts (ages 12-16).

Thursday 22nd Oct - 9.30am-4.30pm

Musicals in the Manor Workshop

A full day of musical theatre featuring Six, Hercules and Matilda (ages 9-18).

Thursday 22nd Oct - 10am-4pm

Creepy Crawlies

Family Walk and mini-beast adventure for primary school aged children.

Monday 19th Oct - 10.30am-12pm

Spells & Stories: Halloween Storytelling

Folk tales of wild witches and brave children with storyteller Pyn Stockman.

Tuesday 27th Oct - 90 minute slots: 10.30am, 11.45am & 2pm

Art Adventures: Manor House Makes

Drop-in creative workshops for families and kids of all ages.

Wednesday 28th Oct - 10am to 1pm & 1pm to 4pm

Ghostly Glow: Halloween Lantern Workshop

Make a magical lantern ready to light up Halloween (ages 5+).

Friday 30th Oct - 10.30am-12pm

Wear the Scare

Screen printing your own Halloween creation to wear (ages 5+).

Friday 30th Oct - 2pm-3.30pm

Prints From Button House

Design and print your own Ghosts-inspired T-shirt or tote (ages 5+).

Friday 23rd Oct - 10.30am-12pm, 2pm-3.30pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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	
Monday 9th November	Parent Consultation Evening 3:30 – 6:30pm	
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	
Thursday 12th November	Y4 Visiting Shah Jahan Mosque, Woking	
Thursday 12th November	Y5&6 Girls Football tournament at Holy Trinity / Boxgrove @ 4pm	
Friday 13th November	Child led cake sale for BBC Children in Need	NEW
Monday 16th November	Y5 NW Surrey Synagogue Visit	
Monday 16th November	Y6 Ambassadors at Coffee Shop	
Wednesday 18th November	Y6 visiting Buddhist temple	
Wednesday 25th November	Flu vaccinations in school (details and consent information to follow)	
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	
Tuesday 8th December	EYFS Nativity performance for parents @2.15pm	
Wednesday 9th December	EYFS Nativity performance for parents @9am	
Wednesday 9th December	KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal for school	
Thursday 10th December	KS1 Nativity performance for parents at 2pm	
Friday 11th December	VR workshop for Y5	
Friday 11th December	KS1 Nativity performance for parents at 9am	
Monday 14th December	PTFA 'Secret Santa' Shop	
Monday 14th December	'Christmas Craft' parent & child session for YR at 2.00pm	
Tuesday 15th December	PTFA 'Secret Santa' Shop	
Tuesday 15th December	'Rocksteady' Concert for parents at 9.30am	
Tuesday 15th December	Y3 Carol Service at 2.15pm parents and families welcome	

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)	
Thursday 14th January	Year 5 start science sessions at Lab 22, Guildford	
Monday 18th January	Y6 Ambassadors at St Mary's Coffee shop	
Monday 18th January	Y3&4 Dynamos Cricket at George Abbot School (pm)	
Tuesday 19th January	Fire engine visit to Reception	
Thursday 21st January	Year 5 science sessions at Lab 22, Guildford	
Friday 22nd January	Y6 Indoor Bee Netball Tournament at Surrey Sports Park (pm)	
Thursday 28th January	Year 5 science sessions at Lab 22, Guildford	
February		
Tuesday 2nd February	'Little City' workshops for EYFS	
Tuesday 2nd February	Y5 at Young Voices at O2 Arena	
Thursday 4th February	Y3 Visit to Butser Ancient Farm	
Thursday 4th February	Y1-2 Synagogue in school visit	
Thursday 4th February	Year 5 science sessions at Lab 22, Guildford	
Thursday 4th February	Year 5&6 Cross Country races after school	
Wednesday 10th February	Y1 & 2 Visit to RHS Wisley Gardens	
Thursday 11th February	Year 5 science sessions at Lab 22, Guildford	
Thursday 11th February	Y5&6 Tag Festival at Guildfordians RFC (3.30pm start)	
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)	