

# School Newsletter

## Summer 2 2024

In harmony we  
Nurture, Inspire, Flourish



We would like to say a huge thank you to you all for the absolutely wonderful support and positivity you have shown to our St John's children, staff and community. Your fantastic contributions have proven to be so successful in supporting your children's progress and achievements across the curriculum and so much further. This sentiment extends to your children themselves and all the staff at St John's. As we say goodbye to our Year 6s and to Miss Eidimtaite and Miss Hawkins, we want to thank everybody who is moving on to next steps. The very best of our thoughts and prayers are with them as they embark on another phase in life. Mrs Eidiimtaite has been an inspiration to so many at St John's for her dedication to your children's education, in leading science and music and our expectations club. Thank you Dovile for all you have given, you are a star. Mrs Hawkins has been such a fabulous French teacher across KS2 and has led languages with energy and enthusiasm, not to mention her teaching in Year 5 which has enabled children to thrive and we will all miss her as we say au revoir after 11 years of teaching.

We are extraordinarily proud of our Year 6 children who have achieved so much this year- from fantastic SATs results, to amazing end of year performances, sports competitions and a hundred other activities and events that showcased all the very best aspects of their amazing characters. We are so proud that they will head to their secondary schools with our values embedded.

We would also like to say a huge well done to all of our fantastic children across our school for all the effort and energy and enthusiasm they have shown- it is a genuine privilege to know every single one of them. We are incredibly proud of their attitude -coming to school full of life and enthusiasm, ready to embrace their learning every day with a smile. We look forward to welcoming you all into school in the Autumn Term on Tuesday 3rd September, working together to support your children to fulfil their potential next year. We wish you all a lovely, summer break. Above all stay safe and we will see you all in September.

Blessing to you all.

Mrs Fyson, Mr Smith and Mr Moody



# Friends of St John's - our PTA

We would like to say a huge thank you to our incredible volunteers for all their tremendous support. We are incredibly lucky to have you. They raised a huge £2000 towards a new outdoor reading area at the summer fayre and work tirelessly with second hand uniforms and so many other ways to support the school.

We cannot thank all our volunteers enough and rely on you to run swimming lessons, hear readers and just generally make the lives of our children more wonderful. If you would like to volunteer then please do contact us in September.

## Local Committee

We are also very grateful for the work our Local Committee has done over the past year to support our school. We are very sad that we have to say goodbye to both Susan Naing and Ben Colclough as they move onto new ventures in their lives and would like to thank them on behalf of the whole community for their enduring support to ensure we have the highest standard of enriching education at St John's.



# Nursery Happiness Class

## Butterflies

Nursery have been very involved with our arrival of caterpillars where they have carefully watched them grow each day, this has involved a math approach as we have looked at rulers and measurements. They have had an immense amount of learning as we discussed textures, what they look like, describing words (fragile/delicate) and they know that the red liquid that comes from them was not blood, it is actually called meconium and is the waste from their body. We then set them free at our farm!





# Nursery Happiness Class

## Forest school

As always the children had an amazing experience at Forest school where they got to use a real saw (with adult supervision) to saw logs which they could then decorate. Along with this they were able to practice their hammer skills as they created some beautiful flower prints. We discussed fire safety as they learnt a song "Around the outside" which supports them to go around the outside of the firepit and not across the circle. Some printed logs were hidden in conjunction with our topic about minibeasts, the children had to find logs with The Very Hungry Caterpillar pictures which they then retold the story and lifecycle.





## **Reception Kindness Class**

The children came dressed for a fairytale ball for the end of their reception year. They have made so much progress and we are all so proud of them; time to celebrate!



## Year 1 Love Class

This term Year 1 had an exciting trip to the British Wildlife Centre. During our trip we were introduced to many of Britain's native wildlife including; foxes, deer, owls, otters and many more. The keepers shared lots of information about each animal and helped us to further understand how we can protect these species.





## Year 1 Love Class

Year 1 took part in a gorgeous class assembly based on 'Saving our Bees'. The children performed brilliantly and we are super proud of all their efforts. What a great end to the year! Well done everybody!



## Year 2 Trust Class

Year 2 had a wonderful trip to Rural life living museum where the children experienced life in the past learning to wash shirts by hand and how to use a mangle. They played with old toys and learnt about life in the countryside before electricity.

We were lucky enough to go on a second trip this half term where we learnt about animals at Godstone Farm. The children really enjoyed watching the pig race and cheering their chosen pig on! Did you know that you can work out how old a tortoise is by counting the line on their shells? The children went bug hunting, pretended to be insects and looked at how pollination worked.

The children have written a persuasive letter after the whiteboard rubbers were not happy with their treatment and left the classroom. Luckily they were persuaded to come back to the classroom for the last few days. They have written instructions on how to clean your teeth and a poem called 'If I were in charge of the classroom' where their enthusiasm brimmed over during the discussions, they were full of ideas!





## Year 3 Cooperation Class

Year 3 have been busy engaging in their science topics through two school trips!

Our first trip was to the Natural History Museum in London, which inspired our Skeletons and Muscles topic where we saw a range of skeletons from different time periods and muscles in action. We took part in a 'Dino Dig' workshop, where we used our knowledge of fossils to help us understand how we know so much about prehistoric living things. It was a great day out!

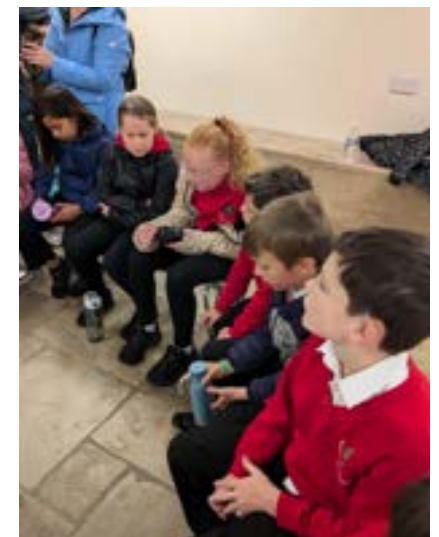


Our second trip was to the beautiful botanical gardens at Wakehurst Place. The children took part in a workshop to dissect a flower under the microscope and label the parts. We also went on a walking trail of the gardens and made artwork using natural resources - another great day!



## Year 4 Resilience Class

Resilience class had an amazing time at the Weald and Downland Living Museum, where we delved into the lives of our ancestors by looking at how their houses were built and how they used the land around them to create medicines (we even mixed our own potion - and met a Rocco shaped ghost in the house) and learnt the art of Anglo Saxon weaving - which we discovered was not too much unlike making loom band bracelets. We were also lucky enough to handle some Anglo Saxon artifacts.





## Year 4 Resilience Class

Resilience class has been working so hard this half term. Firstly, completing their Multiplication Checks - which they completed with such maturity and excitement. The Year 4 team couldn't be prouder of them. In our learning this half term focused on the Anglo Saxons and how they adapted to the land around them, using the materials and resources available to them. We continued to look at the different states of matter in Science and carried out some investigations to see these changes right in front of our eyes.



## Year 5 Courage Class

As part of our rainforest learning in Geography, children in Year 5 visited Wisley Gardens and undertook the Plant Hunters Workshop. Children learnt about a range of flora that thrive in rainforest jungles, explored features of rainforest biomes and planted their own *Tradescantia* plants that they can grow at home. We also visited the Glasshouse to compare rainforest plants with desert plants and their adaptations.





## Year 5 Courage Class

Year 5 visited the Priory school for our yearly taster session in preparation for Year 6. We took part in a Design and Technology lesson where we created our own keyrings by using a range of new and exciting tools. We then had a science lesson. This was a hands-on lesson where we used Bunsen burners to melt a range of metals. Year 5 used our observation and prediction skills effectively and children were awe-struck with this experiment. Lastly, we practised our throwing and catching skills in tennis and of course gymnastics on a massive trampoline. It was a great morning!



## Year 5 Courage Class

During Enterprise Week, Year 5 had an amazing opportunity to take part in a Money Workshop with HJP Chartered Financial Planners. The children learnt all about how banking works, what is interest and how to save or invest money. Children played games and used their maths skills to grow earnings and invest them while considering all risk factors.

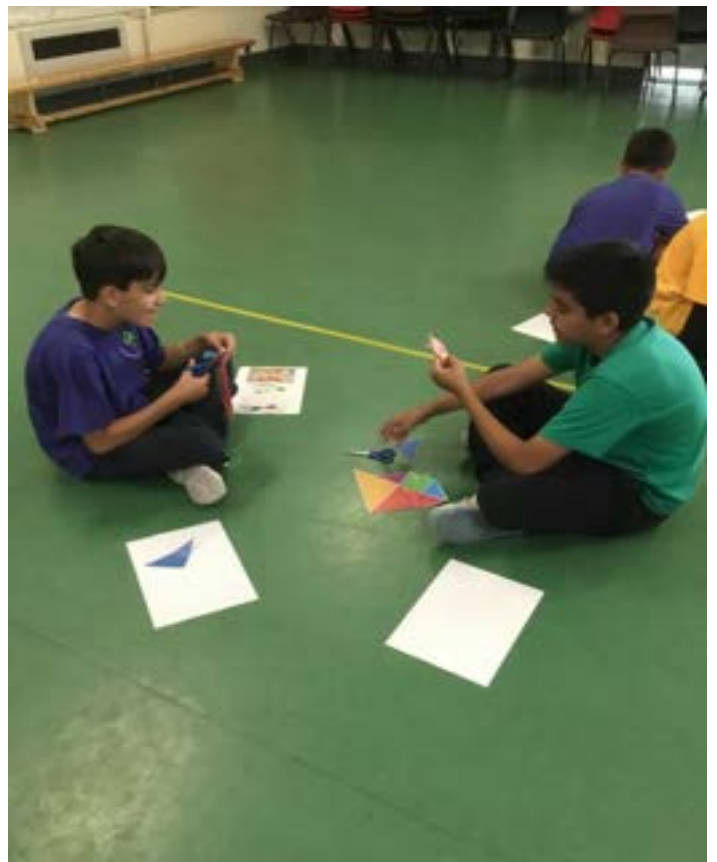




## Year 5 Courage Class

Year 5 were taking part in The Royal Opera House's Create Day '24!

The project ran in collaboration with UNICEF's Rights Respecting Schools Award, the event celebrating the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Starting with 6 hours of specially designed lesson activities in school, the project then culminated on 2 July when our school joined others across England to come together to learn and create a mass cross-nation performance. The day was led by dancers and singers from the Royal Ballet and Royal Opera, with schools joining online from their classrooms for a very special creative performance. We explored the meaning of Hope in today's ever changing world and children absolutely loved every minute of it.



## Year 6 Respect Class

What a busy term this was for Year 6.

The term began with our residential trip to the Isle of Wight. With exclusive use of a Youth Hostel, Year 6 were able to experience life as a Victorian; investigate fossils like a paleontologist; imagine being a Home Guard in WWII looking out over the seas and scream with joy (and fear) on the rides at Black Gang Chine theme park.

After that, the term was all about saying goodbye. A deanery service at Guildford Cathedral was followed by our own service to pass the candle to year 5.

The tone became more up-beat as the class practiced for their production: School-O-Vision. With our hosts Graham Norty, Nell Points and Bjorn Yisturday the whole school loudly clapped and cheered - declaring Tiny T and the Chaos Crew to be the winners!

The last Friday of term saw Year 6 perform their production for parents and carers who laughed and cried their way through the evening. This was preceded by the Awards ceremony where we were delighted that so many people from our wider community were happy to hand out awards. We are so proud of each and every member of Year 6 2023/24 and wish them all the very best in their secondary schools.





# Congratulations to the St John's Football Team who won Walton & Hersham Football Competition



## **Free NAS support for families**

NAS Surrey Family Support is a free service provided by Mindworks' partner, National Autistic Society available to Surrey families with or without a diagnosis of autism.

Families struggling with neurodevelopmental concerns both in and out of school can be referred by schools directly to Mindworks' partner, the National Autistic Society, for a range of free early support.

Stepping up for Autism is an eight-week course for parents to help them understand Autism in relation to their child. It covers topics such as Sensory Processing, Communication, Behaviour, Transitions, Social Interaction, Puberty and understanding Autistic Identity. In complex cases, parents and carers can access further personalised 1:1 support following the 'Stepping Up' course.

In addition to this, NAS offers specialist workshops on a range of topics such as Autism in Girls, EBSNA, Anxiety, Toileting, Sleep, PDA and Wellbeing and Sibling support. The service also provides free family activities in the holidays and operates an out of hours advice line from 5pm to 11pm 365 days a year, call Freephone 0300 222 5755 – option 3.

To refer a family directly, or for more information and a referral form, please email: [Surrey.FamilySupport@nas.org.uk](mailto:Surrey.FamilySupport@nas.org.uk)



# Internet Safety



Please click on the link below to see how you can keep your children safe whilst using youtube.

[https://www.youtube.com/intl/ALL\\_uk/kids/parent-resources/](https://www.youtube.com/intl/ALL_uk/kids/parent-resources/)



# Diary Dates 2023/24

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|-------------------------|--|
| 16th July               | End of Term for Nursery  |
| 17th July               | End of Summer Term Finish 1.15pm<br>Mufti Day- £1 Contribution towards minibus |
| 18th,19th & 22nd July   | Inset Days   |
| 20th July-1st September | Summer Holidays  |
| <b>September</b>        |  |
| 2nd September           | Inset Day  |
| 3rd September           | Children return to school - 08.30 gates open<br>08.45 registration             |
| 9th September           | Individual School Photos   |
| <b>October</b>          |  |
| 1st October             | Flu Immunisation Yr R-6  |
| 24th & 25th Oct         | Inset Days   |
| 28th October -1st Nov   | Half Term  |
| <b>November</b>         |  |
| 12th & 14th November    | Parents Consultations  |
| <b>December</b>         |  |
| 19th December           | End of Term for Nursery  |
| 20th December           | End of Term 1.15 Finish  |
| 21st-5th January        | Christmas Holidays   |



# Diary Dates 2024/25

## January

6th January Inset Day

7th January Children return to school

10th -14th Jan Year 6 Bikeability

## February

17th-21st Feb Half Term

24th February GST Inset Day

## March

26th-28th March  
Year 4 Bikeability

## April

4th April End of Term 1.15pm Finish

5th-21st April Easter Holidays

22nd April Children Return to School

## May

5th May Bank Holiday

12-15th May Year 6 SATs Week

26th -30th May Half Term

# SUMMER DROP-INS



**Come and have a check-in with  
one of our amazing well-being  
mentors, over the summer  
holidays**

**WHERE: Redhill**

**WHEN: Wednesday's AUGUST  
7th/14th/21st/28th**



**If you would like to attend the activity,  
please complete and return the  
consent form using the QR code  
[www.learningspace.org.uk](http://www.learningspace.org.uk)**



Activities  
Consent Form





Kickstart Your Summer: Unleash the Fun,  
Adventure Awaits!

# PATCHWORK ACTIVITY DAY

**Summer  
Crafts**

Patchworking Garden,  
Pixham Sports Ground,  
Pixham Lane,  
Dorking, RH4 1QA

**Fun with  
friends**

**Monday 29th July & Friday  
30th August  
11am - 2pm**

*Please bring a packed lunch*

**Games**

*The activity day is free of charge,  
but donations are very welcome.*

**Playing  
outside**

**PLUS A FOOTBALL SESSION ON THE FIELD FOR THOSE  
WHO WANT TO PLAY**



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# YOUTH VOICE SUMMER CELEBRATION

Our Youth Voice group will be hosting a funfilled afternoon celebrating everyone involved with Learning Space.

We want to invite everyone involved with learning space, from trustee's to siblings and everyone in between! We will be playing games, making crafts and lots of other fun activities to suit everyone. Afternoon Tea will also be provided.

Friday 26th July at 12:00-4:00pm

**Patchworking Garden Project, Pixham Sports Ground, Pixham Lane,  
Dorking, RH4 1QA**

**To confirm your place please email:  
Charlie@learningspace.org.uk**







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## **SUMMER PODCASTING SESSIONS**

Where: Redhill

When: Thursday 1st and 15th August  
12:30-3:30pm

If you would like more information please email  
[charlie@learningspace.org.uk](mailto:charlie@learningspace.org.uk)



# Our Topics




Experiences of services  
Experiences of school  
Friendships & relationships  
Loneliness  
Managing anger  
Managing school  
Mental health  
Neurodiversity  
Politics & current affairs  
Proud to be me  
Self-care & growing up  
Special interests



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# YMCA MOLE VALLEY FAMILY CENTRE


PART OF YMCA EAST SURREY



## Summer Holiday **LEGO® Club**

Lego® Club is suitable for mainstream children age 6-11 who need to build on social communication skills. The club promotes social inclusion and helps to build confidence. Children will have the opportunity to make new friends while developing social communication and interaction skills.

£40 for the full week, payable in advance (reduced rates for those on income-related benefits)



**Monday 5 - Thursday 8 August 2024**

**09:30-11:00**

Mole Valley Family Centre,  
Goodwyns Road, Dorking, RH4 2LR

If you think this group might be right for your child,  
please get in touch to discuss reserving a place

**T** 01306 740095

**E** [molevalleyfamilycentre@ymcaeastsurrey.org.uk](mailto:molevalleyfamilycentre@ymcaeastsurrey.org.uk)

**[www.ymcaeastsurrey.org.uk](http://www.ymcaeastsurrey.org.uk)**

**YMCA**

Here for young people  
Here for communities  
Here for you

Registered charity no. 1075028



Sunday 18th August



# FAMILY DAY & MARKET

Denbies Wine Estate Dorking, RH5 6AA

Explore a handpicked selection of small businesses  
Artwork, Fashion, Beauty & Skincare, Candles,  
Jewellery, Food, Drink, Home & Gift items.

VINTAGE  
GAMES



MOSAIC  
WORKSHOPS



T-SHIRT  
PAINTING



FREE CREATIVITY CRAFT TABLES & MORE



STORY TELLING

FREE  
ENTRY

11AM - 4PM



[www.dapperandsuave.uk/curated-by](http://www.dapperandsuave.uk/curated-by)





# JUNIPER HALL BIOBLITZ

SATURDAY 20TH JULY 11AM - 3PM

For ticket  
information  
SCAN ME!



**Come and join the challenge of recording all the wildlife we can spot on the grounds of Juniper Hall with a day filled with nature activities.**



A fun family day out for all ages to come and meet our Nature Experts and discover our wonderful wildlife. Chances to try **pond dipping, small mammal trapping, minibeast hunts, bushcraft and so much more.** BBQ, refreshments and homemade cake will be available so you can enjoy a whole day out immersed in nature.

## Stall Holders

Surrey Wildlife Trust  
Surrey Dormouse Group  
West Surrey Badger Group  
Surrey Bat Group  
Bee Keepers

## Activities

- Fun outdoor activities for the whole family
- Meet local naturalists
- Learn about wildlife conservation and the History of Juniper Hall
- Enjoy delicious BBQ and homemade cake
- Ticket includes year long membership to the Friends of Juniper Hall and 15% discount to future events

