

School Newsletter

December 2023



Autumn Term Two - Christmas



Values for Christmas: Love, Cooperation and Trust



Message from Mrs Fyson

Thank you all so much for your wonderful support this Christmas term. We have been delighted with the positive feedback we received from our parent survey, for all the support you have given your children in their learning and the values everyone continues to share. We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we very much look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to the Christmas Fayre and to our Community Links and Friends of St John's, with a special thank you to Jane, Becky, Sarah and Anneka for organising such a great event. Our Christmas raffle was hugely popular and we loved receiving a visit from Santa to share the Christmas story. We raised £950 altogether which will be used to further develop our amphitheatre all weather flooring and keep our minibuses running!

Christmas Celebrations

Christmas is always a time of joy and we would like to thank all the children for their amazing performances in the Early Years Nativity, Year 1, 2 and 3 Hosanna Rocks!, and to our Year 4, 5 and 6 Carol Service. See pictures on the next few pages.

In harmony we ...
Nurture, Inspire,
Flourish

Early Learning

Reception and Nursery enjoyed a visit from 'Cats Grin Theatre Company'



They performed three of our favourite traditional tales. Some of the children were even invited to be part of the performance!



Year 1

Year 1 and 2 dressed a Christmas tree for the Dorking Christmas Festival. On the farm, we cut wood and collected twigs. We made miniature Reindeer's from the items we had gathered and added a red fingerprint nose and black pen eyes to create their faces. We also made stars using red twigs from the front of our KS1 playground. We had lots of fun creating our sustainable Christmas tree.'



Last Friday, Year 1 were transported to a magical winter wonderland with our drama workshop based on the story of The Polar Express.



We acted, danced and sung our way through the journey becoming wolves, trains and even Rudolphs. It was wonderful to see the children beaming with delight during the different activities.



Year 2

The children enjoyed their outside learning in science where they explored the school grounds and looked at living and nonliving things. They used 'Mrs Gren' to help them.

Movement Respiration Sensitivity Growth Reproduction
Excretion Nutrition

As part of the whole school Remembrance Day, the children participated in making a poppy wreath. I think you will agree they did a fantastic job. The service was lead by Year 6 and our children behaved beautifully and respectfully throughout the service.



The Christmas play was a huge success and Year 2 joined Years 1 and 3 for a fantastic performance. They sang and danced their way through the Nativity. We were very proud of the way they carried themselves on both performances and gave it their all. Well done to all the children who took part.

Year 3

Year 3 teamed up with Years 1 and 2 to end the term on a high with a fantastic production of Hosanna Rock! We are so impressed with how they have made the jump up to KS2 this first term and this really shone through in their performance. We couldn't have been prouder of them all for learning the songs and their lines with such enthusiasm. A special mention to Charlotte and Laurence who sang solos and duets in front of everyone - pretty impressive for 7 and 8 year olds! Have a lovely Christmas!



Year 4

Year 4 have had a great half term learning all about the Egyptians and how they are at one with the world around them. We looked at how the Egyptians prepared for the Afterlife and how they used the natural cycle of the River Nile to help farm the land. During our workshop, we learnt about how



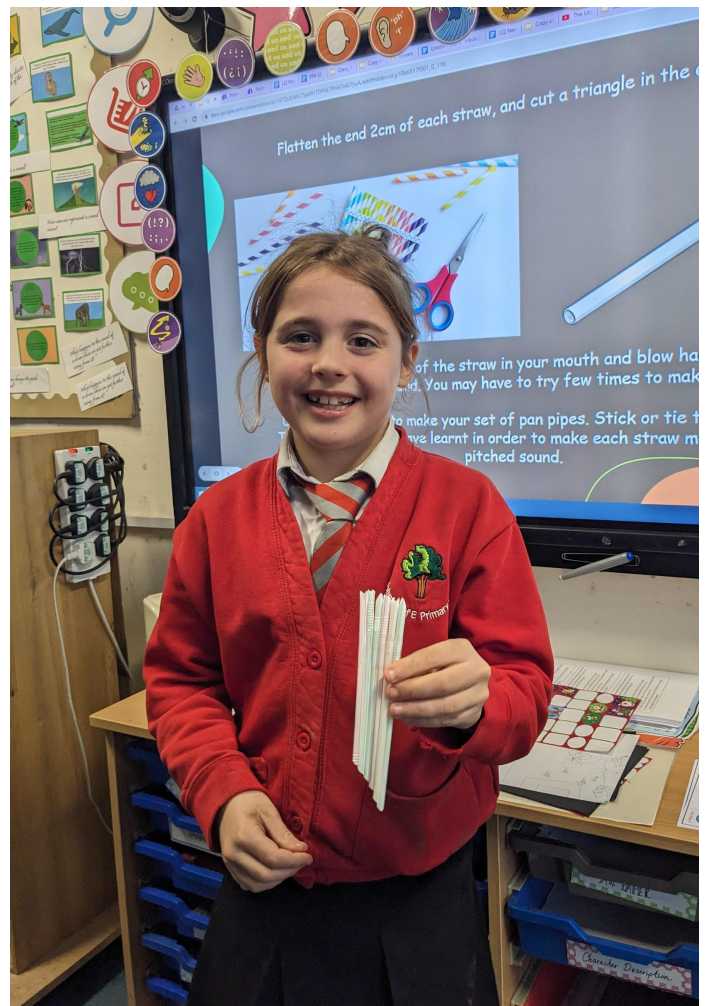
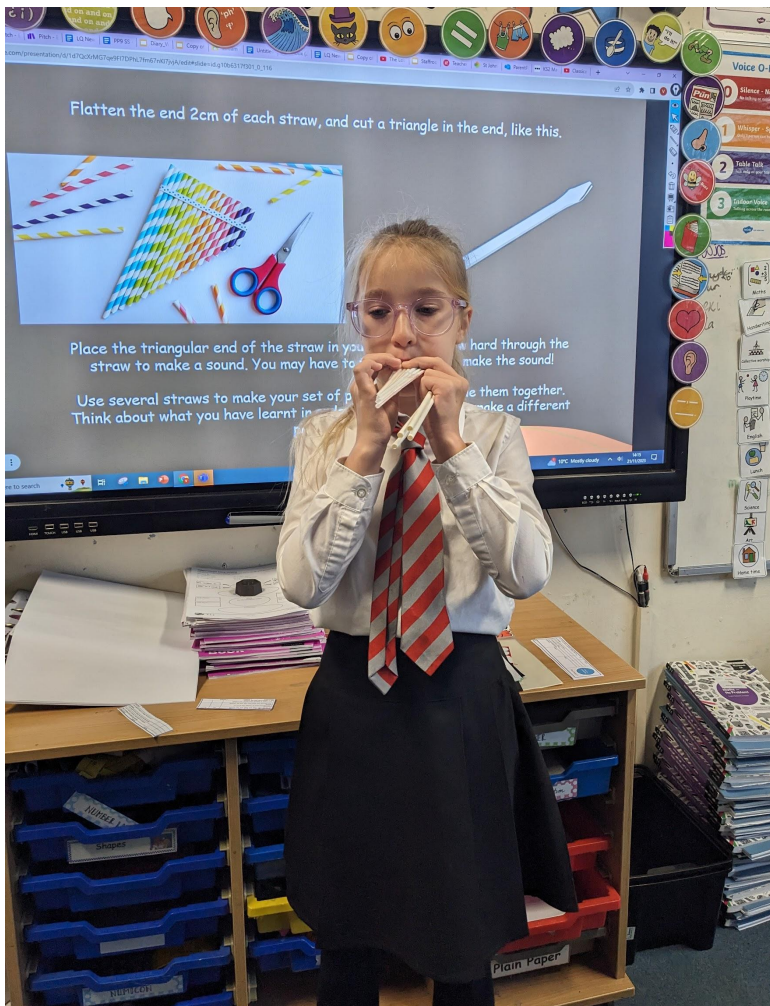
Ancient Egypt came into existence, looked at ancient artifacts (some were over 3000 years old and really smelled bad!) We looked at the process of mummification and prepared Bobunkmun for burial (Unfortunately, Jacobunkamun wasn't happy and we didn't fancy being punished!).

We would also like to thank all the children for producing some amazing Egyptian projects and special mention to Beni for his amazing tomb. He has really shown his understanding of how an Egyptian tomb was built to protect the pharaoh.



Year 4

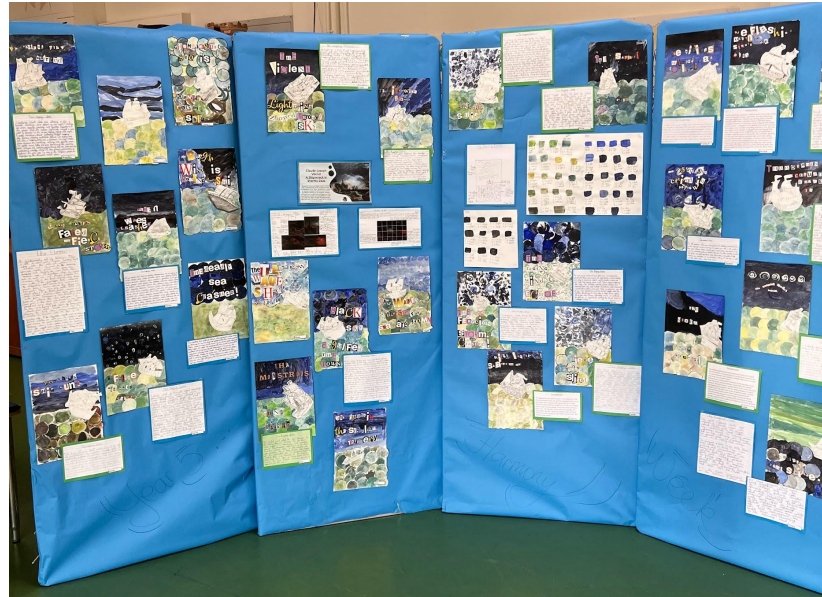
In Science this term we have been learning about how sound travels from the object to the world around us. We discovered that the further we get away from a sound the quieter it gets. Miss Belassie tested this by making the class listen to her music (so we think the results may be a bit biased). We created our own panpipes from straws, testing how to create different pitches of sound. It was harder than it looks! We made some funny noises and then rounded off the unit by making our own telephones out of paper cups and string.



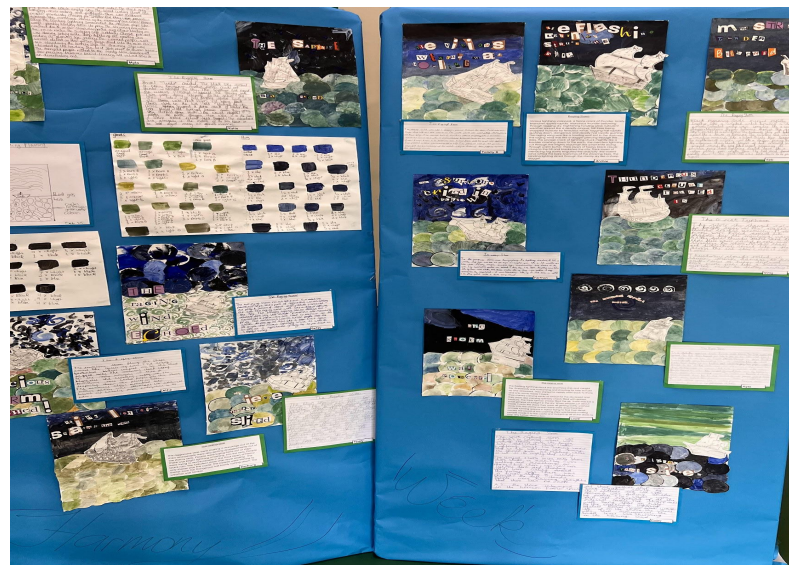
Year 5

During our “Harmony Week.” Year 5 children took a detailed look at painting through the Elements of Art. We then explored a range of colours to depict the stormy seas and the sky.

Before starting our art projects, children took great care to plan their paintings and paint the sky and the sea by using different media to create depth.



Finally, we sketched ships and used dramatic descriptive writing to cut out sentences that were glued on our paintings.



Year 6



On Monday 11th November we had a special Remembrance Day assembly giving time for reflection.



Year 6 enjoyed the Kingston Liberal Synagogue for their RE Judaism Module. They engaged with the Rabbi asking her lots of questions.

For their Science Module, children explored the function of a heart by examining the internal and external structures. Learning how the circulatory system works in humans.



Harmony Art Week

Our composition from Harmony week

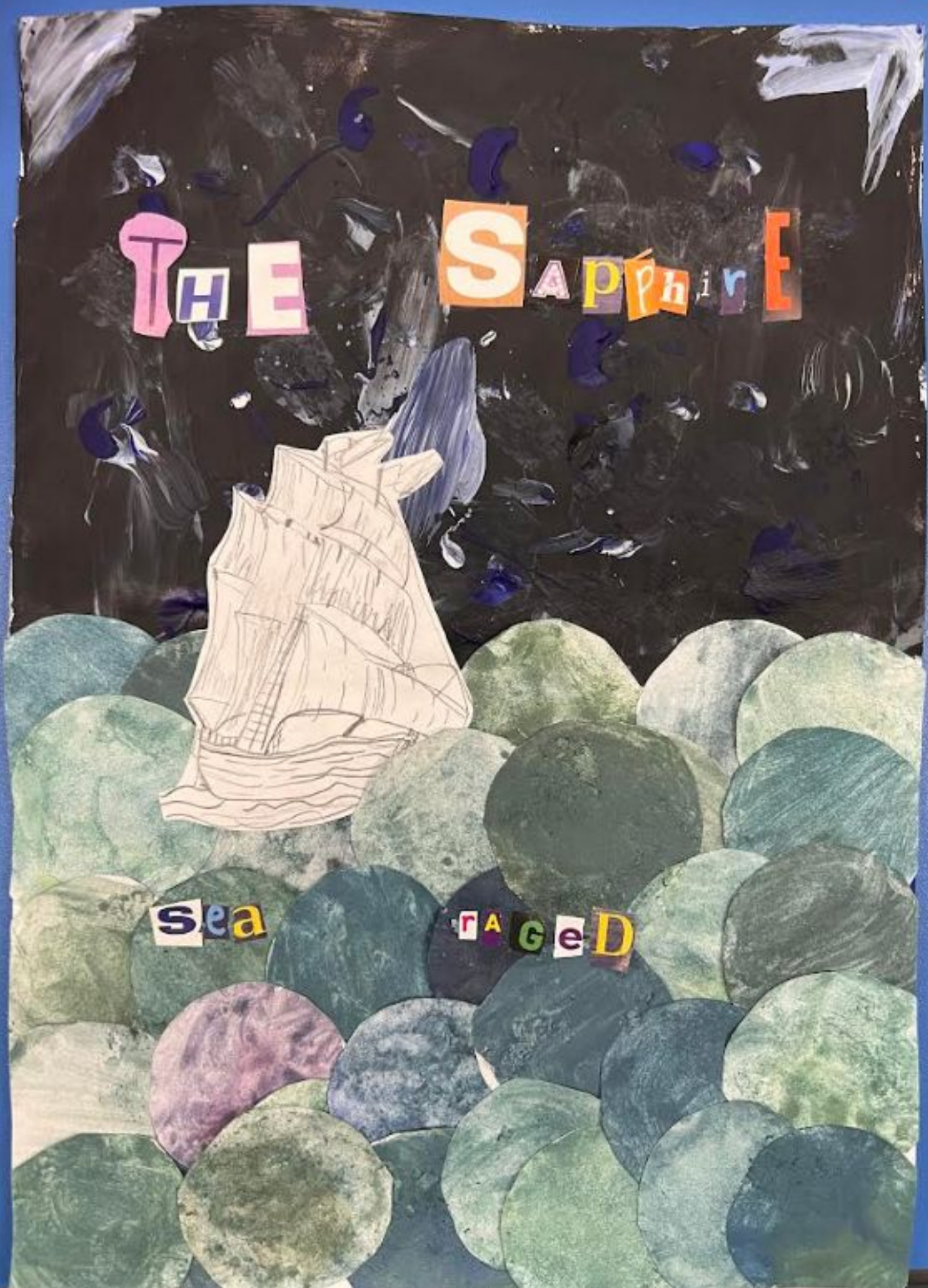
THE
MONSTROUS

WIND

RAGED



Our composition from Harmony week



Years 4, 5 and 6 Girls with Chelsea Football Ladies

Year 4, 5 and 6 girls had a great opportunity to have Chelsea ladies come to school and teach all them all. They had a wonderful time learning new skills and game play. There will be six sessions held in the New Year to take the girls to ongoing events at their training ground in Cobham.



Years 5 and 6 Girls District Football Competition at Meadowbank Stadium



Year 5 and 6 girls were selected to take part in the District Football Competition at Meadowbank Stadium along with eight other schools. All the girls showed a good understanding of game play and demonstrated their skills during the matches. This was a wonderful opportunity which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Year 5 Football Competition at St Martins School



We were very lucky to be able to take some of our year 4 and 5 boys to the District Sports Football Competition at St Martins School.

Children showed excellent teamwork and their hard work payed off as they came 4th by one point.

We also had the year 6 Football Competition and selected three year 5 children to join us.

This resulted in 2nd place receiving silver medals. The children were outstanding in all aspects of the game and made us very proud.

Outside Awards



Congratulations to Layla for successfully completing the Autumn Skills Challenge at the Action Theatre Club.

Christingle



Christmas Carol Service



Year 4,5 and 6 performed their Christmas Carol Service at St John's Church. Children filled the church with wonderful and heartwarming singing. It reminded us all what Christmas is all about, a special time together with our friends, family and community celebrating the Christmas story and our hopes for a peaceful future.

Passion for the Planet Project

We have received a thank you for our schools involvement in the recent Passion for the Planet project. The vision was for the creative work by the children to be an integral part of the production so as promised, Damn Cheek Productions have produced a legacy booklet which includes a lot of student work, whether face masks, poems or clay models. Please see the wonderful poems created by our children below and they will also be displayed in our noticeboard outside the school.



ST JOHN'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Peaceful salty sea,
The waves would clash against the land,
The sea would always be crystal clear,
All of the sea life lived in harmony,
No danger, only harmony and peace,
Until the pollution came and polluted the sea,
Soon enough the sea life started to die,
Some started to eat each other to survive,
Then it stopped, the sea life would live,
In harmony again,
Peaceful salty sea.

By Charlie C
Year 6

Scared seahorse!
Every sea creature swimming away in fear.
Afraid seahorse!
Health getting worse.
Oh no, seahorse!
Rushing as fast as he could.
Safe seahorse.
End of pollution.

By Ripley
Year 6

Save our world!

Pollution damaging the Earth, with its sinister factories and smoke.
Our world is slowly dying and you think it's just a joke.
Look at the littered ocean, all full of rubbish and plastic
But you throw your garbage in the sea, not caring
and being sarcastic
This is truly evil, you're harming our home that we live in.
But we can change this! Save our world before it's
Too late!

By Thongler
Year 6

Soothing skies sapphire sea
calming ocean peaceful
and happy

The wind in my hair
the sand on my feet
BUT!
everything changed
Sad skies loud ocean
dirt in the tide

By Sienna
Year 6

Our planet

Our planet big and round
full of nature and
animals , full of
tall trees with branches
that touch the clouds
and oceans
that splash about full of
creatures and animals
we need to protect
it now

By Layla
Year 6

Our Planet

This is our planet.
This is our world.
It's not just US.
It's also plant's
and animals.
This is our planet.
This is our world.

By Rizwana
Year 6

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The fish

The fish swim every
Where and all day and all
night Shimmer and shine in the
water. we need to clean up, it is now
or never to fix our beautiful
water NOW!

By Lily
Year 6

Oceans polluted by rubbish
Crystal clear water is no more
Fish getting caught and eaten
Turtles slowly descending
Coral reefs slowly being destroyed

By Khyla
Year 6

Plastic in the deep, dark, blue oceans,
rubbish spread across the streets like wildfire.
Toxic gases were fired up into the sky
the tall towering trees slowly turned
charcoal black and the ocean overfilled
with the rubbish people were tipping into
the ocean.

By Rouquiata
Year 6

Our Big World

The world is our world
to protect. Industrial
Revolution ruined
our world
now
it's
time
to clean it
up.

By Manny
Year 6

picture being in the glassy ocean, beautiful fish
all around you and you can see the coral
Swaying in the waves
You can hear the waves crashing
against the sandy beach.

By Afje
Year 6

Sapphire-blue skies, sandy beaches and
shiny seas glistening over the bright sun
is like a dream floating above everyone's heads
in a giant bubble of imagination.

By Frankie Stone
Year 6

Sandy sea

Sandy sea full of
rubbish.
Sandy sea...the only thing you
need to be.
trees flow leaves blow.
leaves flow in the breeze.
Rain come down from the sky
and ripples the water.

By Willow
Year 6

A white bunny

The white bunny jumping
up and down.
Through the beautiful
bright green land
The bunny find something
special
It was a pretty and beautiful
bright red rose.

By Phoebe
Year 6



The smelly mouse

I wish
 I had a house
 I wish
 I was a mouse
 I wish
 I had a smelly house
 I wish
 I was a mouse
 I wish
 I had some cheese
 I wish
 I had some cheese
 I wish
 The world was like
 my house
 I wish
 the world
 was like my house

By Livi
 Year 6

plastic scattered
 Water covered
 animals suffering
 home's ruined, no hope is left
 Whenever there will be help.

By Arehie
 Year 6

Rivers that flow,
 Mountains that grow,
 People that mow,
 the world will change
 as life thrives.

By Ava
 Year 6

Pollution

Death and pollution
 changes and Nature
 as we grow up
 our lungs are going black
 we are dying
 this is NOT
 fair put a stop
 to this disaster's
 NOW!!

By Dimitri
 Year 6

Big Black Tree

Big Black Tree
 Disgusting Dirty smogged Doom
 Big trash Boom
 something's killing us
 whom?

By Christian
 Year 6

Just imagine you are on a sandy yellow beach
 crabs and turtles scuttling around your feet
 Watching the sparkling sea go by
 dolphins jumping as high
 as the baby blue sky

By Jamie
 Year 6

White Daisy

Swaying white daisy
 dancing in the wind
 petals white
 as a fluffy cloud
 prancing with
 its field of fun

By Leia



The Fish

The Fish swim day
 And Night and eat sweetcorn
 and go in Little corners and we
 need to clean up the water

By Harry
 Year 6

One loving bird

A loving bird,
 In the treetops
 eating many fruit's
 in the wind.

By Melissa
 Year 6

Fish

Fish
 all in different colours
 scared of pollution
 long live the fish

By Chloe K
 Year 6

BEACHES

Clear blue waves
 crashes the bay
 pale spotted sand
 emerald green turtles
 run across the sea
 shore.

By Mia
 Year 6



Boo!

it's halloween
everybody
say
BOO!

*By Frankie Saunders
Year 6*

Butterflies

I flutter and fly
I dive and glide
I have wonderful
Wings that are as
Wonderful as a
rainbow with a
Pot of gold at
the end

*By Hollie
Year 6*

Oceans swiftd nearby the peaceful beach.
Trees waved by.
Mysterious sea creatures swam in the crystal clear ocean
The sandy sugary sand floated up to the sky.
Pollution floated down to the bottom of the sea.

*By Isabella
Year 6*

Factorys filled of
SMOG are
Horrible to cause lots
of people to die that
is bad.

*From Rocco
Year 6*

Don't litter in the
sea because it
hurts the sea creatures
The waves are
beautiful, they bubble
up to the shore.
They put sand in your
Toes. We must save the sea!

*By Bethany
Year 3*

The sea waves put sand
between our toes. Splash! the waves
crash on the sandy beach. suddenly
the tide went out

*By Jake Booker
Year 3*

The environment

Waves crashing
swimming in your
Pool. splish splash.
birds chirping. Litter
blowing in the wind
people catching the
litter and throwing
it in the bin

*By Chelsea
Year 4*

Green Grass

the grass is waving
as the trees are blowing
woodlice walking on smooth
calm grass, spiders making
web in the brown bark,
bees at flowers working.

*By Christopher
Year 4*

The rainbows

red is the colour
of poppy sprouting
in spring. orange
is the colour of
ripe oranges. Yellow
is the colour of
golden sand on
the beaches.
Green is the colour
of a new leaf
in the sun. blue
is the colour of
waves calmly
crashing on
the sandy shores.
Purple is the
colour of grapes
freshly made in a
fruit salad

*By Sumatay
Year 4*

Beautiful waves
are as shiny as
a diamond crystal
Let's not litter so
we can keep it
up

*By Reggy
Year 3*

The wavy waves are
glistening blue,
let's keep the water cleared
let's keep the animals safe,
let's save the sea.

*By Willow Hill
Year 4*



Galloping, galloping around the field
the horse feels free
I'm smiling and filled with happiness
what else amazing could happen to me

By Poppy-Rose May Spickett
Year 4

Ocean and Beach

the ocean splashing
and crashing together,
the water splattering
over our body and sand going in the
middle of our toes,
and don't forget to
not litter in the
sea it will
hurt the sea
creatures and other things
and animals,
protect the sea

Anon
Year 4

Beach

tropical paradise await you
but plastic ruins it all
with nuclear chemicals ruining
our world.

By Keyann
Year 4

The beach

The sea was crashing
against the big shiny
rocks.
The sandy soggy beach
swimming in the sea like
you never seen before

By Isabelle
Year 4

Tigers, Tigers, come to me
Tigers you fill my eyes
with a ball of fire
I know you are black, and I know
you are fierce, there is no,
there is no reason why
you cant come here.

By Georgie
Year 4

Worms

they are slimy slow worms
they look after the planet
Worms live under ground

By Freddie
Year 3

miaow

naughty cat you
scratched my shirt
I love you cat
miaow miaow
miaow miaow

By Charlotte
Year 3

The Beach

That Beach
Sand
water
The waves
Tropical sand
The hot sun
Relaxing

By Josh
Year 3



sandy soggy beach
Swimming in the sea
like you never seen before
rocky too
sea waving
the sea was crashing

By Chase
Year 3

onions grow in the
ground and when
i cut them i cry

By Ronnie
Year 3

our wonderful
wild life homes are
getting destroyed because
you're chopping down their
homes

By Bobby
Year 3

The sea

the sea is a sapphire
the sand is gold as glee
nature is emerald green
i am free you are
free we are free
everything is
free i am free

By Alexander
Year 4

swish splash
crashes
against the
beach
animals and fishes
litter

By Jayden
Year 3

our planet needs us
we must protect our planet
the animals
we must protect the sea
lets come together
and do this

By Laurence
Year 3

i hope the animals
dont eat the
rubbish

By Roxanne Edmond
Year 3

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in the mud are
lots of worms
in the jungle are
lots of slugs

By Freddie Coombe
Year 3

Nature is fantastic
animals are great no animals
no food because chickens
give us eggs for sweet
treats

By Harriet
Year 3

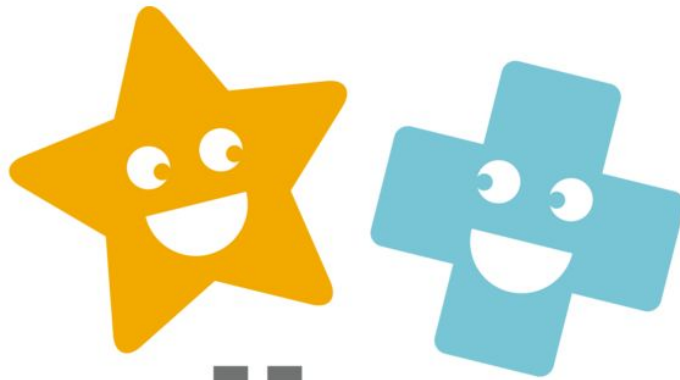
pollution smells nice
the smell of a dirty sock
and a lavish feel
on the rock solid solid rock or grass

By Victor
Year 4

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Doodle Maths



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We have seen an incredible surge in the use of Doodle Maths this half term the whole way across the school and we are really noticing the impact.

Doodle Maths is university research proven to accelerate children's progress and confidence in maths ... and it only requires little but often - 5 minutes a day is ok!

The coding within the app ensures each individual child is working at the perfect level - not too easy (and therefore boring) or too hard (putting children off maths) ... but right in the Goldilocks Zone!

Every child from Reception to Year 6 is provided with a free Doodle Maths account (usually costing £69.99 per individual subscription). We can't recommend it enough! Don't get left behind!

For any support or further information, speak to Mr. Smith

Cookery



COOKING COURSE

Learn to make delicious meals on a budget in a fun learning environment.

Join our teacher and professional chef, Martin Taylor for a five week cooking course in the Priory School's purpose built Food Tech classroom.

- Budget friendly meal preparation
- Take home meals after each class
- Small group setting with only 6 participants per class
- We'll provide ingredients typically found in a food bank, sourced through the Community Fridge initiative

Course starts: Tuesday, 9th January 2024

Time: Tuesdays, 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Duration: 5 weeks

Cost: a minimal fee of £3 per week

What to bring: an apron and container to take food home

To sign up: email jwn@priorycofe.com or call 01306 878 797

Attendance and Winter Illness

St John's would like to remind parents that the [NHS advises](#) that it is fine to send children to school with a minor cough or cold provided they don't have a temperature. They also provide a [what parents can do](#) if their child is facing attendance challenges.

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Food facts

PSST...SOME FACTS ABOUT OUR NEW AUTUMN/WINTER MENU

Twelve 15

**80% OF OUR MENU IS MADE FROM
FRESH INGREDIENTS.**



**OUR CHEFS BLEND CARROTS AND COURGETTE INTO
OUR PIZZA TOMATO SAUCE.**

**OUR BEEF BURGER CONTAINS HIDDEN VEGETABLES,
BUTTER BEANS AND CANNELLINI BEANS.**

**ALL OUR MEAT IS RED TRACTOR APPROVED AND
ETHICALLY SOURCED.**

**OUR POPULAR FISH FRIDAY MENU USES SUSTAINABLY
SOURCED MSC FILLETS WHICH ARE REDUCED IN
SALT AND FAT.**

OUR SPONGE PUDDINGS CONTAIN 50% FRUIT.

**OUR THIN CRUST PIZZA BASE IS HOMEMADE FROM
AWARD-WINNING WHOLEMEAL FLOUR. WE ALSO USE
SPECIALIST FLOUR TO MAKE OUR FRESH BREAD DAILY
AND OUR WHOLEGRAIN SHORTBREAD.**

**OUR CURRY, BOLOGNESE AND PASTA BAKES ARE
FRESHLY MADE TOO.**



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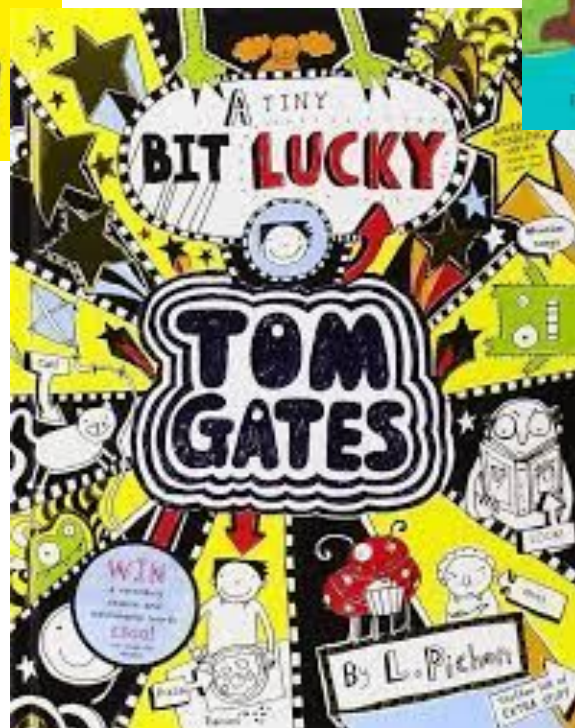
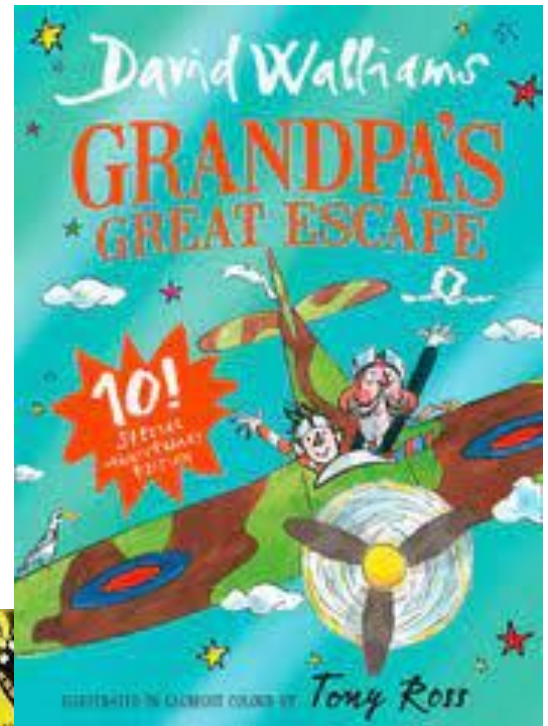
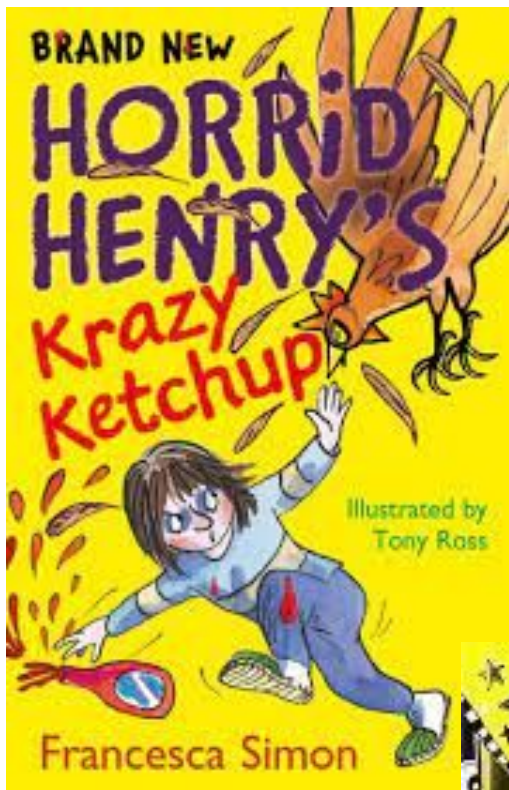
St John's Book Club

Book recommendations this term have been from Year 3 readers Oliver, Freddie, Brylyn, Reggie, Jake, Lily, Zachy

Horrid Henry

Tom Gates - Tiny Bit Lucky

David Walliams - The Great Grandad's Escape



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Introducing 'Open 2 Music' at St Mark and All Saints Primary School

'Open 2 Music' is an instrumental music service which has provided tuition in schools since 2007 and we are thrilled to be starting at St Mark and All Saints Primary School this Autumn Term!

Why learn to play music?

"Playing music builds motivation and self-esteem"... "Music education helps young people feel inspired"... "Learning music builds skills for the future"... "Music lessons foster well-being"... "Research suggests children who play music do better in school and life"

Is your child interested in learning to play an instrument?

Many children would like to learn to play an instrument, however parents are not always sure where to go to find a teacher and they want to make sure their child will like it before making a commitment to pay for lessons!

** FREE TASTER LESSONS **

**** GUITAR ** DRUMS ** PIANO / KEYBOARD ** VOCALS ****

We will be **holding some free taster lessons** this term and as we are new to the school please can you let us know what your preference of instrument/s your child is interested in starting, we can then register your interest and book in a free taster lesson!

Let your child be inspired!

We are passionate about music! It goes without saying that all our tutors are fully qualified and vetted but they are also talented musicians who will inspire your child! We rarely have a waiting list and normally children can start lessons straight away...we want to capture their enthusiasm!

Prices!

Lessons are 20 minutes each and are held weekly during term time.
1-2-1 Lessons: 20 mins - £11.50
Group of 2 Lessons: 20 mins - £9 per pupil per lesson.
(Group lessons for Guitar and Vocals only)

Places are limited so please get in touch to **book your free taster lesson** and to register your child's interest!

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This is a fantastic opportunity for children to learn how to play a musical instrument.



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unvaccinated children
can catch measles
if someone in their
class has it

**Check your child is up
to date with their
MMR vaccinations**

Surrey Mental Health Survey

We all know that good mental health and emotional wellbeing is paramount to children and young people being able to thrive. The Public Health team at Surrey County Council are looking at how to improve the emotional wellbeing and mental health (EWMH) of children and young people in Surrey through developing a new EWMH Strategy. To help them do this, we want to know what you think about the emotional wellbeing and mental health of Surrey's children and young people.

We want to know what parents and carers, and young people themselves, think about the emotional wellbeing and mental health of Surrey's children and young people. A [version of the survey specifically for parents and carers is available](#), and [a version for young people](#),

Young Carers

Is your child a Young Carer?

My name is Helen Young and I work at St Johns as the Home School Link Worker. I am currently compiling a list of Young Carers in our school and need your input.

Do you feel your child has a caring role within your home or is impacted due to the caring role you have at home? Being a Young Carer doesn't always mean they need to be helping prepare meals, do the washing, cleaning etc, it could be having a sibling with autism/ADHD that they sometimes need to give emotional support to or it could be that a parent suffers with anxiety which impacts on the child and the child feels they need to give their parent extra attention to ease their worries. I would be grateful if you could let me know directly if you feel your child meets this criteria so we can support as needed. My email address is hyoung@stjohnsdorking.uk, I work here Wednesdays - Friday's.

It would also be useful to know if your child/children are registered with Surrey Young Carers (Action for Carers) please. (They don't let us know directly if consent isn't given).

Here is the link to Action for Carers. This shows who they help and how. You can self refer your child/children age 5 - 18 or I can help with this if needed.

<https://www.actionforcarers.org.uk/who-we-help/young-carers-under-18/>

Courses



First Steps to Understanding my Child (ADHD, Autism and Neurodivergent) Course



This FREE three-week course for parents and carers is delivered online in 2 hour sessions. The course is suitable for parents of children with a diagnosis or those awaiting assessment.

What will I learn?

- Develop an understanding of terms, key features and behaviour of neurodiversity
- Apply techniques for understanding a child's profile and behaviour
- Develop language and skills for recording information to present to schools and professionals

For course dates, more information and to book your place please click on [this link](#) or scan the QR code

Course also available for practical cooking ideas for neurodivergent children and a workshop to support the language of neurodivergence for English as an additional language (EAL) parents



Web : www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning
Email : family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk
Tel : 0300 200 1044



Free Online Cookery Courses and Workshops for Families



Do you want to have fun cooking together with your child? From soups to sweet treats - short courses and workshops delivered online for you to take part in after school with your child.

What will I learn?

- Improve your practical family cooking skills
- Create healthy meals and treats on a budget
- Learn how to make healthier choices and food swaps
- New food ideas and tips for fussy eaters

New Three Week Course

Cooking Ideas for you and your child (ADHD, Autism and Neurodivergent)

For course dates, more information and to book your place please click on [this link](#) or scan the QR code



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Free Courses and Workshops for parents and carers who speak English as an Additional Language (EAL)



Are you new to the UK or did you go to school in another country?

These free courses and workshops are delivered online and can help you support your child with school and family life.

What will I learn?

- Understand the education system in England
- How to support your child with schoolwork including reading, phonics, grammar and the language of maths
- Tips on raising bilingual children
- Practise your English language skills

New EAL workshops:

Adapting to Secondary School

Let's talk about Life Online

How to talk about my Neurodivergent Child

For course dates, more information and to book your place please click on [this link](#) or scan the QR code



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Courses



FAMILY LEARNING



Child and Teenager behaviour, anxiety and mental health. Free courses and workshops for parents and carers

Do you want to better understand and support your children and teenagers' behaviour, anxiety and mental health? These wide range of interactive, free courses and workshops are delivered online in two hour sessions.

What will I learn?

- Support children and teenager's resilience and self-esteem
- Learn about children and teenager's development and strategies to support positive behaviour
- First steps to understanding your neurodivergent child
- Learn strategies to support your anxious child and teenager

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Who's in Charge? First Steps to Understanding Child to Parent Violence Course

This is a FREE four week, (2 hour per week) course. It is delivered online and is for parents and carers whose children (8-18) are being violent and/or aggressive at home.

What will I learn?

- Understand the causes behind a child's aggression at home
- Gain knowledge of the family's rights and responsibilities
- Explore parent roles and parenting styles.
- Review ways to encourage a calmer home environment

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First Steps to Understanding Masking in Your Child Workshop

This is a FREE one-week online workshop designed to provide parents and carers with an understanding of the concept of your child's masking. This course is aimed at parents with children and teenagers.

What will I learn?

- Explore the different ways and environments in which your child may mask.
- Discuss some expert views on masking – is it a useful strategy for your child to use?

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Lego® Club

We are running one off sessions on:

Wednesday 25th October 2023

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Wednesday 14th February 2024

9.30-11.30 am

Lego® Club is suitable for mainstream children age 6-11 that need to build on social communication skills.

The sessions promote social inclusion and helps to build confidence. Children will have the opportunity to socialise and make new friends while developing social communication and interaction skills.

The course costs **£10 per session**, payable in advance.

If you think this session might be right for your child, please call us to discuss reserving a place: **01306 740095**



**ST CATHERINE'S
HOSPICE**

are in full running spirit as we are joined by over 5,000 children in our 2023 Reindeer Run.

As a big finale, we are linking up with Junior Park Run at Tilgate Park on Sunday 17th December at 9am.

This event is open to all juniors aged from 4 – 14 years old.

What does it cost to join in?

Nothing - it's free! but Park Run ask you to please register at <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/tilgate-juniors/> before you first come along.

You only need to register with Park Run once, this will give you a unique barcode and don't forget to bring a copy of your barcode in order for your run to be timed. If you forget it, you can still take part, but you won't have an official running time.

The QR code below may be used to go straight to the Tilgate Park Junior Park Run website to register.



Safeguarding

Keeping children safe during community activities, after-school clubs and tuition: Questions to help parents and carers choose out-of-school settings

As we continue our school year, parents may well be looking for after-school clubs, theatre groups or sports' clubs. The DfE has a document that helps parents identify the safeguarding issues to consider when choosing a provider. Keeping children safe during community activities, after-school clubs and tuition: Questions to help parents and carers choose out-of-school settings.

Parents can access the guidance here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-safeguarding-children-in-out-of-school-settings/keeping-children-safe-during-community-activities-after-school-clubs-and-tuition-questions-to-help-parents-and-carers-choose-out-of-school-settings>

Starting Friday 12th January 2024



St Paul's
CHURCH

Welcome Cafe: English Conversation Class

Qualified TEFL Teacher | Coffee | Cake

Fridays 10.00-11.45am
During term time
St Paul's Church, Dorking,
St Paul's Road West, RH4 2HT

All Welcome | No charge | Please come and enjoy!



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**SPECIAL
OFFER** 

**10% off the first 3
months fees
(Saving £15.00)**



**50% off joining fee
(saving £11.25)
*includes kit**

We are very excited to bring LITTLE KICKERS to St John's School, every Sunday morning from 5th November 2023. We would love to see members of the St John's community with toddlers aged between 18 months to 5 years attend our sessions and hope the extra incentive helps! [Offer applies to bookings confirmed before 12pm November 5th 2023 - Quote St JOHN'S FF when booking.](#)

SURREY

Soccer Schools



FOUNDATION

18 - 22 DECEMBER

£175

Our Soccer Schools are a great opportunity for players of all abilities to develop their skills, keep fit and make new friends in a safe environment.

Players will get the opportunity to experience technical sessions led by our CFC Foundation coaches along with many fun and exciting challenges set throughout the week.



LOCATION:

Leatherhead Youth FC, River Ln,
Leatherhead KT22 0AY

TIME:

9.00am - 3.30pm

AGE:

School Years 2-6

COURSE CODE:

SS-LYFC-S-3

WEBSITE:

www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk

If you have any further queries about our Soccer School please do not hesitate to contact our Community Enquiries team on the below email:
community.enquiries@chelseafc.com

Calendar of Events Spring Term

16 December—1 January: Christmas holidays

Tuesday 2 January - INSET DAY

Wednesday 3 January - Children return to school

Wednesday 3 January - Year 5 Start Forest School

Wednesday 3 January - Year 5 to visit Stanecroft

Friday 5 January - 09:00 Celebration Collective Worship

Wednesday 10 January -11:00 Inspire session for Nursery and Reception parents with lunch

Wednesday 10 January - Year 4 to the Shah Jahan Mosque

Friday 12 January - 09:00 Celebration Collective Worship

Wednesday 17 January - 11:00 – Inspire session for Y1 parents with lunch

Friday 19 January - 09:00 Celebration Collective Worship

Monday 22 January - Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco awareness week

Wednesday 24 January - 11:00 Inspire session for Y2 parents with lunch

Friday 26 January - 09:00 - Celebration Collective Worship

Monday 29 January - Year 6 to the Imperial War Museum

Wednesday 31 January - 11:00 Inspire session for Y3 parents with lunch

Friday 2 February - 09:00 Year 4 Class Assembly

Monday 5 February - Local History week

Wednesday 7 February - 11:00 - Inspire session for Y4 parents with lunch

Friday 9 February - Mufti Day (£1 contribution every Mufti day to support minibus fund)

Friday 9 February - 09:00 Celebration Collective Worship Mufti Day

Monday -Friday 12 - 16 February: Spring Half Term

Look out for our What's Appening weekly updates too!