

# St John's C of E Infant School

## Newsletter 8th September 2023

### Latest News

Welcome back to school everyone and welcome to our new families in all year groups.

The Rabbit class children have been to visit their classroom and teachers before starting on Thursday. We are so proud of their achievements already. Well done Rabbits.

Fox class have been busy thinking about different types of families and the singing from their classroom this afternoon as they explored high and low sounds was fantastic!

Badger Class have started their term hearing all about the adventures of a spider and a pig in the book "Charlotte's Web". They have been working hard on being super role models for all our new children. Keep up the good work Badgers.

Please can we remind you to be careful with your parking locations particularly if you are not just dropping your child at school and your car is parked for any length of time. We have had some concerns from local businesses. Please do use the recreation ground car park if you are going to be longer than just dropping off or collecting quickly.

Thank you so much for remembering to collect quickly at the end of the day and leaving the playground promptly, it has been the perfect week for a trip to the park.

Please note that unfortunately we have had to change the date of the harvest festival to the 28th September.

A message from the PTA:

*It was lovely to see so many of you at this morning's coffee morning - thanks for coming along. We took over £80 which is a nice start to this year's fundraising. Next up is the Quiz & Curry night on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October - ticketing info will be out next week.*

Marion Stevens

### Dates

- W/B 11th Sept—  
afterschool clubs start
- 13th Sept—Flu immunisations for all
- 27th Sept—individual  
school photographs
- 28th Sept—Harvest Festival service, 9.00
- 6th Oct—PTA Quiz night
- 17th Oct—Parent helper meeting, 2.15
- 20th Oct—End of term, 3pm finish
- 30th Oct—Back to school
- 7th Nov—Parent's Evening
- 9th Nov—Parent's Evening
- 13th Nov—Odd Socks Day
- 15th Nov—Year 1 trip to Guildford Cathedral
- 16th Nov—Twilight Tales
- 17th Nov—Children in Need, own clothes day

For these and other dates.

[Online Calendar](#)





# Values News



"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God"

Thessalonians 5:18

We came together again this week after our long break and reminded ourselves that everybody receives a warm welcome here. We are all part of one big school family and we care for each other by following our rainbow rules and letting our light shine.

Well done everyone.

How do you make someone feel welcome?

What makes you feel welcome?



## Celebrate Success

You have all returned to school and been amazing after the long holiday.

Well done everyone.





# ST JOHN'S PTA AUTUMN EVENTS

**FRI 8TH SEPTEMBER**

**WELCOME BACK COFFEE MORNING AND  
UNIFORM SALE, DROP OFF TO 9.30 AM**

Grab a coffee and pastry to go, or  
stop for a chat if you've got time

**WEDS 20TH SEPTEMBER**

**PTA MEETING, 7.30PM**

Come and meet the new PTA  
committee and share ideas for  
fundraising and events

**FRI 6TH OCTOBER**

**QUIZ AND CURRY NIGHT, 7.30PM**

Don't miss this popular fixture - is it  
too soon to start swotting up...?

**THURS 16TH NOVEMBER**

**TWILIGHT TALES, 5-6PM**

Bring the kids back to school in  
their PJs for stories and hot  
chocolate, while you enjoy a glass  
of something in the school hall ☕

**SAT 2ND DECEMBER**

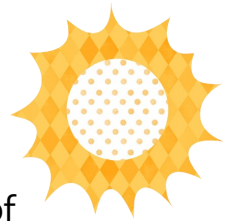
**SANTA AT ST JOHN'S, 11AM-3PM**

Meet the big man himself and enjoy  
some Christmassy activities. Details  
to follow...

**New PTA team have a new email address so please do get in touch**

**[ptachair@stjohns-farnham.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:ptachair@stjohns-farnham.surrey.sch.uk)**

# School Attendance



Please see our school calendar for next years term dates. We ask you to be mindful of these when booking your holidays. [Term times 2023– 2024](#)

Please be aware that the Education Regulations 2013, which became law on 1 September 2013, state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional** circumstances. Examples of exceptional circumstances, quoted by the Department for Education (DfE), are: **service personnel and family crises**. Family holidays taken during term time for example due to affordability or work restrictions do not meet the DfE criteria for authorisation.

If you do need to request an absence please remember to complete a request for absence form before the date of absence otherwise there will be safeguarding concerns for the whereabouts of your child. It can be found on page 4 of the policy. [Request for absence](#)



## Safeguarding

### Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the safeguarding of a child at any time, please contact Surrey children's single point of access C-SPA on

:0300 470 9100

For out of hours see our [website](#).

During school hours you can contact the school Safeguarding leads Mrs. Stevens or Mrs. Ireland [DSL@stjohnsfarnham.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:DSL@stjohnsfarnham.surrey.sch.uk) or

telephone 01428 713216

### Wellbeing

If you know a family, child or young person in need of help. You might like to point them in the direction of the Surrey website <https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/>

The children's mental health charity, Place2Be, has a website aimed at helping parents with typical situations they can find themselves in with their children. The Parenting Smart website can found [here](#):

# Hello!

Welcome to Mindworks Surrey, the new emotional wellbeing and mental health service for children and young people in Surrey.





# Our Community



Offering unique & exceptional childcare and education for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers

Opening at Churt Village Hall in September 2023

We are a trinity of small privately owned nurseries and are planning to open a new setting at the village hall in Churt from September 2023

We plan to open Monday to Thursday 07:30 - 18:00 and Friday 07.30 - 16.30  
51 weeks of the year

We will offer full time places, sessions and the more flexible option of booking your place by the hour

Funded places will be available for those who are eligible

The philosophy of our settings are to provide child-centred education with a heuristic approach to learning and development. We aim to nurture the uniqueness of each child and meet individual needs through a relaxed learning atmosphere, where children feel safe and secure; whilst becoming confident, self motivated, and autonomous learners, through their play and exploration.

Email: [sophie@dottietots.co.uk](mailto:sophie@dottietots.co.uk) or call **023 8251 3285** to discuss your childcare requirements  
Please visit our website for more information [dottietots.co.uk](http://dottietots.co.uk)

## Our Community

# Wishanger Wild School

Forest School for all ages



Check out our  
sessions



**Smithfield Lane  
Between  
Headley and  
Churt**

Toddlers, Older  
children, Home Ed  
families, Foraging and  
Workshops

**Sessions for Children from confident walkers upwards**  
<https://www.wishangerwildschool.co.uk>



# Our Community



Families  
Online  
July/August

**Twelve15** **JOIN OUR TEAM**

Looking for a secure local term-time only position with great work/life balance and benefits?

Twelve15 is part of Surrey County Council, it has a range of job opportunities. Twelve15 has been delivering high quality and nutritious school meals for over 70 years.

Please [click here](#) to find out more about our current vacancies and apply. We look forward to hearing from you.

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**Let's go!**

**SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN FOR 4½ - 14 YRS**

**EXTRA \*£10 OFF QUOTE SCHOOL10**

\*Minimum 2 days

Giving every child such an **AMAZING** experience they can't wait to come back!

Visit [barracudas.co.uk](http://barracudas.co.uk) or call 01480 467 567

**PLACES BOOKING UP DON'T MISS OUT!**

**80+ ACTIVITIES CHOICE FOR EVERY SESSION**

**BOOK NOW!**

DID YOU KNOW? YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR DATES RIGHT UP UNTIL 14 DAYS BEFORE YOUR BOOKING BEGINS! \*SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

**Recommend a Friend**  
Earn £20 for you, £20 for your friend!

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Trustpilot (5 stars)

Ofsted Good Provider, Ofsted Outstanding Provider

## Summer activities for children and families

at Haslemere Educational Museum

78 High Street, Haslemere, GU27 2LA

[www.haslemere-museum.co.uk](http://www.haslemere-museum.co.uk)

## MUSEUM EXPLORERS

Activities for children aged 5-11, based around our collections and exhibitions. Parents do not need to stay.

Members £5	Non-members £7	Accompanying adults £2
<b>Get Buzzing!</b> Come along and learn about our bees, visit the observation hive and take part in some bee related craft activities. Sat 1 July   10.30-12.00		
<b>Creative with Clay</b> Join ceramicist Jan Hite for clay workshop linked to our summer exhibition of British wildlife. Thu 27 July   10.30-12.00		
<b>Wildlife Dioramas</b> Join us to make a 3D scene inspired by our British wildlife exhibition. What creatures will you add? Thu 2 August   10.30-12.00		
<b>Woodland Wonders</b> Inspired by our summer exhibition join us for some creative wildlife inspired crafts. Tue 8 August   10.30-12.00		
<b>Lego Challenge</b> Join Brilliant Bricks for an exciting morning of Lego linked to our summer exhibition of British wildlife. Integral explorers Betty and Brad are on an adventure around Britain discovering new animal and plant life. Build how they lived around and the things they discover. Sat 15 & Thu 24 August   10.30-12.00		
<b>Tolkien Fantasy</b> 50 years after his death join us for a morning of Tolkien based activities. Sat 7 September   10.30-12.00		

**Book your tickets now**

at [haslemere-museum.arttickets.org.uk](http://haslemere-museum.arttickets.org.uk)

If you are unable to book online, please call 01428 642112 for assistance



## FAMILY EVENTS

### Family Exhibition: British Wildlife

A family-friendly exhibition celebrating British wildlife. Something for all ages.

6 July-2 September | 10.00-17.00 | Tue-Sat | Donations



### Brilliant British Wildlife

Join us for a morning of art and crafts inspired by our summer exhibition on British Wildlife.

Tue 25 July | 10.30-13.00 | £4 | Members £2 | Accompanying adult £1

### Falconry Display

The Falcon High Falconry Display Team will be here so you can experience the beauty of these birds in flight. With talks and static display so you can experience real close up encounters with these beautiful birds. Flights subject to weather. Booking advisable. Price per person.

Wed 2 August | 12.00-16.00 | £5 | Members £2

### Early Birds

Special opening for families with children who have an Autism Spectrum Condition to come along and enjoy the Museum free from the hustle and bustle of the general public. The galleries will be open and there will be an opportunity to handle special objects. Booking essential.

Mon 7 August | 11.00-13.00 | By donation

### Meet the Tortoise

Meet the tortoise and ask our expert, Jane Chaffield your questions about tortoises. 25 minute sessions to control numbers. Booking essential.

Tue 8 August | 13.30-16.00 | £1



### Teddy Bears' Picnic & Mini Fete

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with a traditional picnic and mini fete in our beautiful garden. There will be games, stalls and more. Bring your teddy for a photo with the Museum's famous mascot Arthur the bear and enter our competition for best Wildlife Explorer dressed Teddy. Children's picnic teas must be ordered in advance.

Thu 16 August | 12.30-16.00 | Free entry | Children's tea £5

### Outdoor Theatre:

#### The Tale of Peter Rabbit & Benjamin Bunny

Join Peter and his naughty cousin Benjamin on their hair-raising adventures in Quantum Theatre's delightful adaptation of Beatrix Potter's much loved Tales. A theatre performance for the whole family in the Museum's beautiful grounds. Doors open 5.30pm. Please bring a blanket to sit on.

Wed 15 August | 18.00 | Adult £10 | Child £10 | Family of 4 £40

### Lego!

Join Brilliant Bricks for an exciting morning of Lego linked to our summer exhibition of British wildlife. Build whatever your imagination invents!

Thu 17 August | 10.15-11.30 | £5 | Members £3 | Accompanying adult £2



### Circus Skills

A day of circus skills workshops run by Primary workshops for schools. Two short demonstrations at 10.30am and 1.15pm. Workshops throughout the day. Children will need to be accompanied by an adult and if the adult would like to participate, they will need to book a space. Non-participating adults only need to book an accompanying adult ticket.

Tue 22 August | See above | £5 | Members £3 | Accompanying adult £1

### Fantastic Fossils

Explore the fossils in our handling collection and take part in some fossil arts & crafts.

Tue 29 August | 10.30-13.00 | £4 | Members £2 | Accompanying adult £1



# Our Community

We are still looking for a Crossing Patrol Officer who could support the children safely across Barford Lane in the morning and afternoon.

Surrey County Council

would accept a job share for this position. For more details [Click here](#)



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