

# St John's C of E Infant School

## Newsletter 10th November 2023

### Latest news

It was really fantastic to see families at our progress meetings this week and having the opportunity to look at all the learning that has taken place so far this term. Thank you all for coming.

In Rabbit class they have been learning about light whilst reading the story "Can't you Sleep Little Bear? "

In Fox class they have been looking at instructions and how they help us, and they will be writing some of their own.

In Badger class they have been learning about the significance of remembrance. On Monday 13th they will represent the school at the war memorial and lay the wreath from the school. Our new minister Helen will be supporting us at this, it takes place at 11 am and we observe 2 mins silence around the memorial.

Monday is odd socks day for antibullying week. We are all unique so you can wear your own style of socks and we will discuss the importance of being kind. We can't wait to see your odd socks!

We are looking forward to the Twilight Tales event On Thursday 16th November. We would love to see your child if they are able to attend. The children return to school in their PJ's at 5pm and go to their classrooms. Their teacher will then lead them to their first story stop. At each story stop a teacher will read them a story and they will then move to the next stop. The third stop is back in their own classroom with their own teacher where they will receive a drink of hot chocolate and hear the final story. The PTA are hosting some drinks in the hall for adults who would like to stay on site while the event takes place rather than go home and come back again.

Please bring a torch to guide your way around the school to the classroom. Please complete this form to say you will attend. [Twilight tales](#)

The next exciting news being tickets go on sale on Wednesday 15th November @10am for our Christmas production. This year the play is entitled Baarmy Bethlehem. Due to the capacity of the hall we use a ticket system. Each family is entitled to 3 tickets. The 3 tickets can be used at any of the performances, e.g. altogether as a booking for 3 people at one performance or separately as three bookings for 1 person across 3 performances.

[Click here for tickets](#). One performance will be filmed.

Mrs. Marion Stevens

**Attendance for this academic year up to 01.02.2023 is 96.4%**



### Dates

- 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
- 2nd Dec—Santa at St Johns

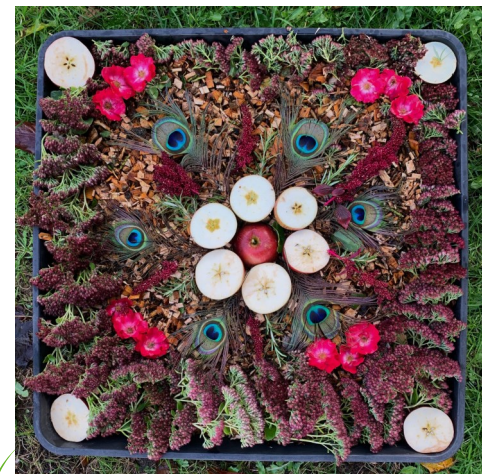
- 5th Dec—Xmas Play
- 6th Dec—Xmas Play
- 7th Dec—Xmas play
- 12th Dec—Circus Skills
- 13th Dec—Xmas lunch & class parties
- 15th Dec—Church service 9am
- 15th Dec—End of term, 2pm finish

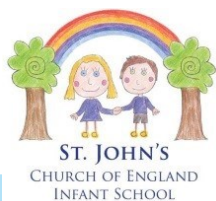
2024

- 3rd Jan—Return to school
- 8th Jan—Clubs restart
- 30th Jan—Chinese New Year workshop

For these and other dates.

[Online Calendar](#)





# Values News



**"Peace be with  
you."**

John 20:21

This week we looked at how the poppy is used to remind us of people who fought in wars and people who are currently fighting in wars. We acknowledged that it is strange that we use fighting to try to bring about peace. We all recognise that we would rather live in peace than at war and we would like to be peacemakers.

We wish everyone a peaceful weekend and pray for a world where we all live in peace.

How do you make peace with a friend if you disagree?



## Celebrate Success

In Rabbit class, the star learner was Thea for super phonics.

In Fox class, the star learner was Olivia for fantastic listening.

In Badger class, the star learner was Casper for his amazing math's.

Well done everyone!

**Winners of our Autumn Art Competition**

**Rabbits—Theo**

**Foxes—Millie**

**Badgers—Isaac O**



# School Attendance



As we all come back together and as the term goes on bugs begin to spread. You may find this NHS website page useful for information about school attendance. [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

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](#)

Absence due to holiday will be unauthorised. Authorised holiday may only be given in exceptional circumstances.

If you do need to request an absence please remember to complete a request for absence form well 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

# Hello!

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



### Wellbeing

Please keep checking your child's hair regularly so that we may reduce/ remove the cases of headlice. Treating once is not enough regular checks are necessary be everyone.







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# Twilight Tales

THURS 16TH NOV, 5-6PM

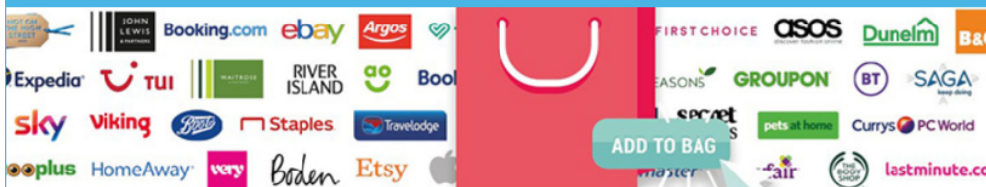
Bring the kids back to school in their PJs for stories and hot chocolate, while you enjoy a glass of something in the school hall 🍷



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# Have you signed up to Give As You Live?



It's a **free, easy way to make money for the school** when you're shopping online.

Simply go via its web portal or app to the store of your choice and a % of your spend will automatically be donated to St John's.

There are over 5,000 stores covering everything from clothing and kids' stuff to homeware and furniture, groceries and booze, electronics and office supplies, sportswear, DIY, even holidays!

Once registered, you can 'favourite' the stores you use the most or download a plug-in that reminds you when you're browsing a site that is linked to the scheme.

Scan this QR code to get started, or go to  
[www.giveasyoulive.com/join/stjohncofe](http://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/stjohncofe)



## Our Community

# Churt WI's Autumn/Christmas Bazaar

SATURDAY 11 November 2023

CHURT VILLAGE HALL

11.00 am TO 3.00 pm **FREE ENTRY**

*Exquisite & unique Christmas knit & craft items.  
Great selection of craft & homeware items -  
plus, much more!*

WI Cakes & homemade preserves  
WI refreshments in the café with mince pies

**Why not come and join us...to get your  
early Christmas gifts.**





# Our Community



**DOTTIE TOTS NURSERY SCHOOL  
CHURT**

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)



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**Phyllis Tuckwell's**  
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20th Anniversary!

For more information: 

**Sunday 3rd December**

**£15 per adult £7 per child (U14)**

Wavell School, Farnborough

Phyllis Tuckwell, Wavell Lane, Farnham, Surrey GU14 8BL  
Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice Ltd. Registered Number 1080203. Registered Charity Number 260101

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# 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

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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