

St John's C of E Infant School

Newsletter 20th July 2023



Latest News

As another academic year draws to a close we reflect back upon the year gone by.

What a year it has been! In review of the year firstly we are very pleased with how our phonics system has worked this year and the confidence that has come from it is heartwarming.

The children have raised money for children in need, Guide Dog's Society, Sports Relief and sent books to Africa.

We love the amount of time we dedicate to forest school for all children each week and how it threads through all our curriculum areas. This year we developed the progression of forest school skills and knowledge for each year group. We enjoyed joining the Farnham singing spree for the first time. Each class enjoyed trips or workshops to enhance their learning.

Having spent many years awaiting an inspection then two came at once, in March! We are pleased to say that it has given us a springboard for future developments. We are looking forward to continued enthusiasm in phonics as well as focusing on further developing our love of mathematics.

If you are looking for something to do this summer we always advocate doing the library reading challenge. It takes place across the country so do head down to your local library. [Summer Reading Challenge](#).

Mrs. Wills is also running some forest school sessions in the holiday so please take a look at the website to book [Wishanger Wild School](#)

We wish a fond farewell to Mrs. Newman who has held many roles at the school over the years and she is such an amazingly caring person. We wish her well on her new adventures as many other young learners get to benefit from her loving care.

As we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 2 children, we are excited for what the future holds for them and we know they have made some firm and lasting friendships. See below for photographs of just how much they have grown.

Lifelong learning for all!

Have a super safe summer making lots of memories

See you all on Monday 4th September

Marion Stevens

Dates

- 1st Sept—INSET day
- 4th Sept—school opens
- 6th Sept—Year 2 Meet the teacher, 2.30
- 7th Sept—Year 1 Meet the teacher, 2.30
- 8th Sept—PTA coffee morning, 8.30 to 9.30
- W/B 11th Sept—after-school clubs start
- 13th Sept—Flu immunisations for all
- 27th Sept—individual school photographs
- 5th Oct—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

Therefore encourage one another
and build each other up.

-1 Thessalonians 5:11



**" Trust in God with
all your heart."**

Proverbs 3:5'

This was our review of friendship and some of the things we have looked at are the ingredients needed to be a good friend and how to mend a friendship when it is broken . This week we looked at how we are all unique and friendships are also unique we don't have to like the same things or look alike to be friends.

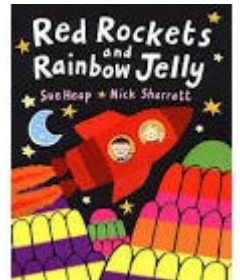
We don't have to be near to someone to be their friend , we can be far apart but still be good friends.

We read one of our favorite books Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly.

Have you got friends who are very different?

Have you got friends who live far away?

Give them a call this week and remind them how much you value their friendship.



Celebrate Success

**Well done everyone you have
done such amazing learning this
year, we are very proud of you all!
You are all Star Learners.**



Graduates of Year 2 2023





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

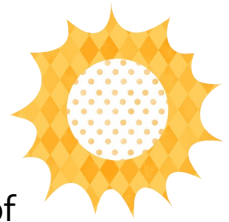
SANTA AT ST JOHN'S, 11AM-3PM

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

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 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



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 or call **023 8251 3285** to discuss your childcare requirements
Please visit our website for more information dottietots.co.uk

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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>

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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

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Summer activities for children and families

at Haslemere Educational Museum

78 High Street, Haslemere, GU27 2LA

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
Get Buzzing! 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		
Creative with Clay Join ceramicist Jan Hite for clay workshop linked to our summer exhibition of British wildlife. Thu 27 July 10.30-12.00		
Wildlife Dioramas 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		
Woodland Wonders Inspired by our summer exhibition join us for some creative wildlife inspired crafts. Tue 8 August 10.30-12.00		
Lego Challenge 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		
Tolkien Fantasy 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

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 10.30-12.00 £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 11.00-12.00 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 10.30-16.00 £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 12.30-13.15 £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 10.30-12.00 £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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