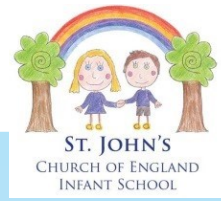


St John's C of E Infant School

Newsletter 10th January 2025



Latest News

Happy New Year to everyone! Welcome 2025!

It was lovely to see everyone back this week having had such fun.

We have added a few new dates for this term so please update your calendars with class assembly dates.

We always take this opportunity to remind you when you are planning the year ahead and your holidays that school attendance is mandatory. If you should be planning any term time absence, this should only be the case if there are exceptional circumstances, of which a family holiday is not an exceptional circumstance.

Term dates are on [our website](#), where you can also find a printable calendar with term dates. You will also find a copy of the attendance policy and a request for absence form.

You must complete the request for absence document, then we have processes to follow to ensure this information is correctly recorded. This is for two reasons; firstly safeguarding children if they do not arrive at school when they should and secondly schools attendance officers meet with us every half term to discuss attendance figures and may request to see the documentation. Holiday is rarely arranged at short notice so please ensure we have this documentation when you book your holiday. We would always encourage honesty about these situations, please do not ask children to be dishonest about why they are absent or where they have been, it can be profoundly damaging. We are approachable, should you wish to discuss anything about an absence before you book, then do contact me.

Everyone should be aware the [government procedures](#) for fines and prosecutions have changed since September 2024 and you should also be aware that holiday time taken over a three-year period is taken into consideration for fines and/or prosecution.

All absence negatively influences children's education and infant age children are no exception to this.

Mrs. Marion Stevens

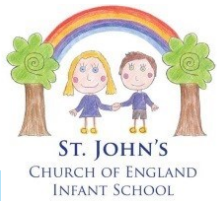
2025

- 15th Jan—Farnham Youth Choir Singing workshop
- Applications close for Yr R 2025
- 4th Feb—Badger class assembly @ 2.30pm
- 12th Feb—Chinese New Year workshop
- 14th Feb—Term ends
- **HALF-TERM**
- 24th Feb—Term starts
- 24th Feb—Yr 2 trip to Windsor Castle
- 4th March—Parent's Evening
- 6th March—Parent's Evening
- 27th March—Rabbit class assembly @ 2.30pm
- 1st April—Fox class assembly @ 2.30pm
- 4th April—Terms ends at 2pm

For these and other dates.

[Online Calendar](#)





Values News

This term our focus is on Love and Compassion so we discussed what compassion is and will talk in the coming weeks of the importance of these things in our world and what sort of world it would be without these. We discussed turning over a new leaf for a new year and what would we like to do this year even better at than we had done before.

The children shared with us some of their families new years resolutions.

Have you made a resolution?

What would you turn over a new leaf about this year?



Celebrate Success

Recent star learners are:

In Rabbit Class star learner was Harvey for super maths this week.

In Fox class star learner was all foxes as they have all been amazing for Mr. Ward this week.

In Badger class star learner was Charlotte Low for a great first week, especially her writing.



1 Peter 3:8

'Live in harmony with one another'



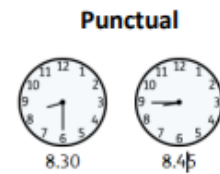
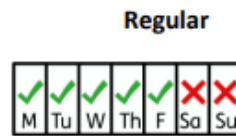
PTA News

The PTA and all our families have done an amazing job this past term so we are having a quiet month in January and they will be back with dates and ideas for future events very soon.

PTA - hibernate for January before bouncing into spring



School Attendance



As of September 2024 there are new school attendance guidelines from the DFE. [DFE guidelines](#)

Please see attached to this weeks email the [new attendance policy](#). There is also a new request for absence form to complete if your child is having time off from school for anything other than illness or a medical appointment.

You may find this NHS website page useful for information about school attendance. [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

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

Headlice

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 by everyone.



Hello!

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



Our Community

FREE OPEN REHEARSALS

Training Choir
School years 2-4

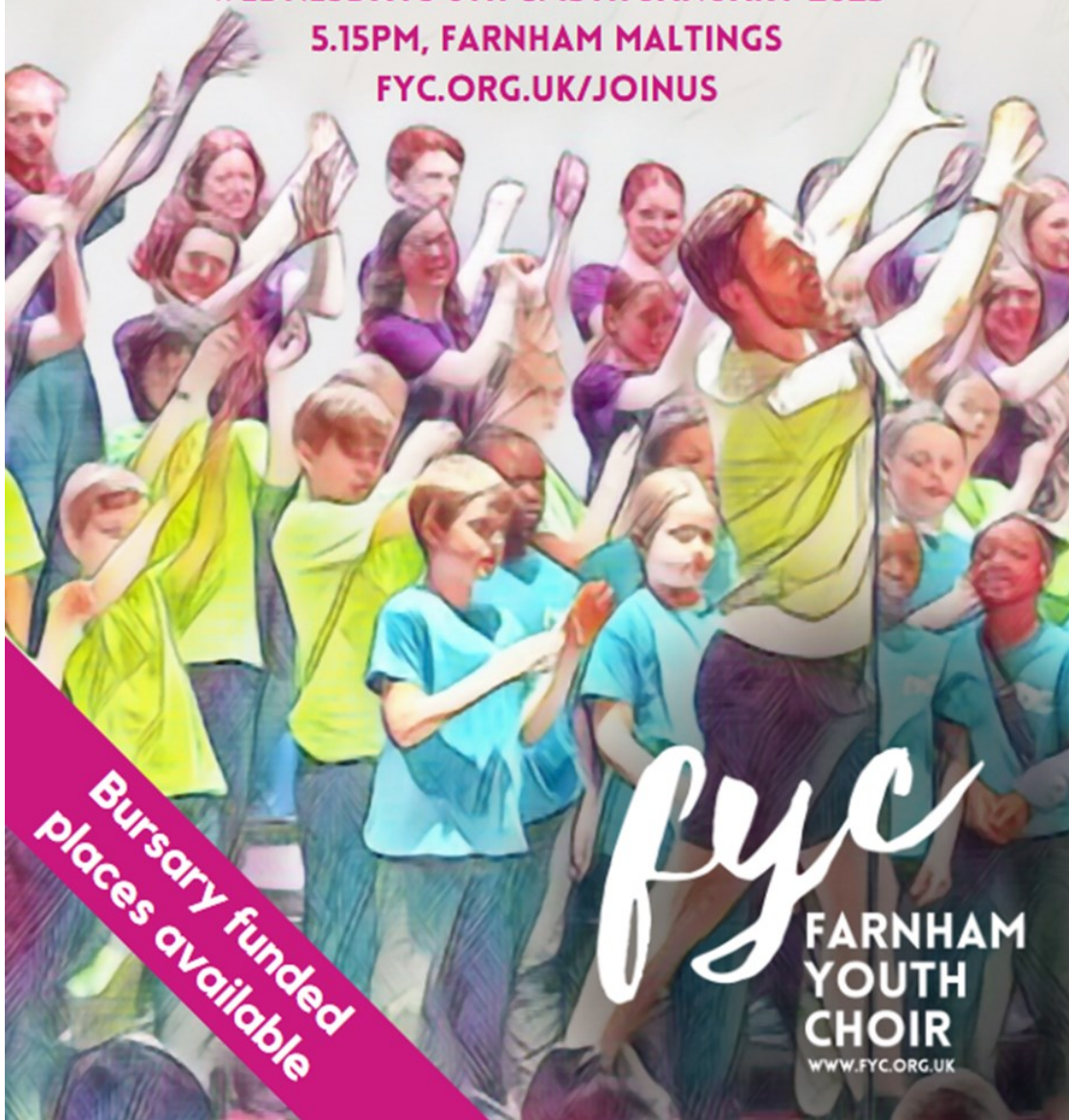
Junior Choir
School years 5-7

Senior Choir
School years 7-13

WEDNESDAYS 8TH & 15TH JANUARY 2025

5.15PM, FARNHAM MALTINGS

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Bursary funded
places available

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FARNHAM
YOUTH
CHOIR
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Our Community



Junior tennis at Grayshott and Fernhurst in 2025!

Looking for a fun, active way for you or your kids to learn and grow? Go Tennis is here to serve up exciting junior tennis sessions right in your community. With expert coaching and classes tailored to different age groups, it's the perfect way to get your children into tennis and keep them moving all year round.

Grayshott Tennis Club

Monday

4-5pm: Years 1-5
5-6pm: Years 6-9
6-7pm: Years 7-11

Thursday

4-5pm: Years 1-5
5-6pm: Years 6-9
5-7pm: Years 7-11

Saturday

9-10am: Years 1-5
10-11am: Years 6-9
11-12pm: Years 7-11

Fernhurst Tennis Club

Saturday

1-2pm: Years 1-5
2-3pm: Years 6-9
3-4pm: Years 7-11

✦ FREE session for new players!

Want to see if your kids enjoy it? Try a session for free! We'll provide the equipment; all they need to bring is their energy and enthusiasm.



✉ Email info@gotennis.co.uk now to book your free spot or you can book directly onto one of our courses using the QR code on this flyer.

Let's inspire a love for tennis!

gotennis.co.uk



Our Community



Kids Feb half term tennis camp

Looking for an activity to keep your kids active and engaged this half-term? Join us at for our half term tennis camp at **Grayshott Tennis Club:**

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February 2025, 10–3pm

Takes place at our LTA venue in Grayshott Tennis Club and run by our experienced and friendly coaches. We run three separate groups suitable for the following ages:

RED BALL Suitable for **5-8 years**
GREEN BALL Suitable for **8-11 years**
YELLOW BALL Suitable for **11-16 years**

Perfect for all abilities, we provide a fun, friendly, and active environment for kids to develop their tennis skills, make new friends, and stay active during the break, equipment is provided if needed.

← Pricing Options:

£45 per individual day

£200 for the full week

Unfortunately we cannot accept half days.

We accept childcare vouchers so please email us for more information.

Please note, spaces for our camps are limited.



gotennis.co.uk

**To book, please visit our website -
www.gotennis.co.uk and go to the Holiday Camps
page or scan the QR code.**

Any questions?

Email: info@gotennis.co.uk

Tel: 07841 054720



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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