

# St John's C of E Infant School

## Newsletter 13th October 2023



### Latest news

Autumn has begun as the children start to observe the changes and enjoy the spoils of the horse chestnut trees! Rabbits have been learning about how different faiths celebrate the birth of a new baby in the family.

Foxes continued to explore their box of artifacts from Farnham museum. This week they enjoyed a visit from someone who remembers these artifacts being used when he was younger.

Badgers have been learning about Picasso and their latest master pieces are Picasso inspired clay faces. They were testing materials for den building in the woods, will the dens have lasted all week?

I do have a few reminders this week to share.

Please can we ask you to be prompt in delivering children and collecting children. This includes from clubs at the end of the day. Being 5 or 10 minutes late on a regular basis either arriving or collecting your child is not acceptable for many reasons but most of all it affects your child. Whether that is arriving late in the morning and missing the settling in period so they go straight into a lesson, or at the end of the day when they see all their peers go home and they are worried about being collected. Thank you for helping us to help your child.

On another note please can you be courteous as well as ensuring safeguarding is a priority, when entering school during the school day. This week we had several incidents of people who had buzzed in, spoken to the office so the gate was opened for them, and they were rudely overtaken by another parent who hadn't spoken with the office. This puts people in a very difficult position, when they are trying to adhere to best safeguarding practices. If you are arriving at the gate and someone else has had the gate opened for them you must still speak with the office on the intercom to alert them to your arrival.

Lastly a lovely team of parents have got road safety on the agenda and are working with the Parish council to see if more can be done. We tell children that they cannot leave the school gate without holding a grown-ups hand. Please can you reinforce this as well. Again I am mentioning as it was noted that children were out of the gate without a parent this week. Please be vigilant.

Have a great weekend

Marion Stevens

**Attendance for this academic year up to 6.10.2023 is 96.8%**



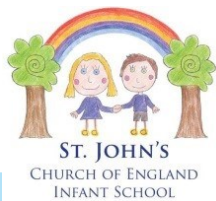
### Dates

- 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
- 2nd Dec—Santa at St Johns
- 5th Dec—Xmas Play
- 6th Dec—Xmas Play
- 7th Dec—Xmas play
- 13th Dec—Xmas lunch & class parties
- 15th Dec—Church service 9am
- 15th Dec—End of term, 2pm finish

For these and other dates.

[Online Calendar](#)





# Values News



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

**Thessalonians  
5:18**

This week we discussed what we value and whether the things we value are expensive. We did discover that the things we value most are not necessarily things that cost money our family our friends, our pets. We do however need to show how grateful we are for these things. We reminded ourselves again about the need for manners both in school and out of school. It costs us nothing to use our manners but it means a lot to the people we say it to. We are having a big focus on this for the last week of term and people are getting put in the golden book for really using their manners.

**Have you shown those you value how grateful you are? Have you done it without spending any money?  
(actions speak louder than words. )**



## Celebrate Success

**In Rabbit class the star learner was Stanley for his model work.**

**In Fox class, the star learner was Jasper for his hard work in Phonics.**

**In Badger class the star learner was Max for his work with number families.**

**Well done everyone!**



# 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

It was world mental health day this week and we looked at ways we can have a healthy mind and body. Please see our email sent earlier in the week about checking your child's hair regularly so that we may reduce/remove the cases of head-lice. Treating once is not enough regular checks are necessary be everyone.





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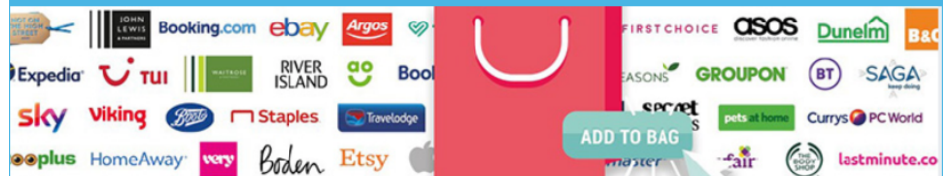
Parent Teacher Association

Thank you to everyone who came along to the quiz night on Friday and made it such a fun evening. We **raised over £1,000** which will be going towards expanding the school's reading scheme, including lots of new books. Thanks again to D&M Planning Ltd for providing the keg of beer – it was definitely enjoyed!

Please do **sign up for Give As You Live**, the free and easy way to **make money for the school** when you're shopping online. Once you're set up, it really is zero hassle to use and with over 5,000 websites linked to the scheme, there's potential to raise a lot of £ this way.

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## Have you signed up to Give As You Live?



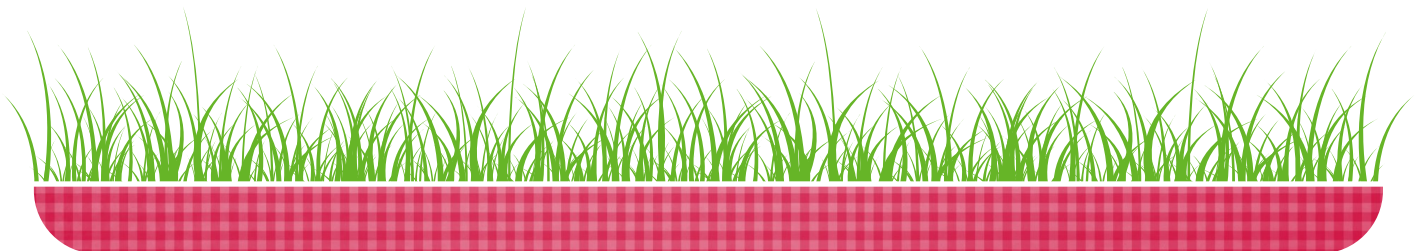
It's a free, easy way to make money for the school when you're shopping online.

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

A poster for a fireworks event at Waverley Abbey School. The background is dark brown with several stylized golden fireworks exploding. The text is white and yellow. A yellow ticket-shaped box lists activities. A white box at the bottom contains ticket prices and a URL. Logos for sponsors are at the very bottom.

**WAVERLEY  
ABBNEY SCHOOL**

*Fireworks*

6PM, FRIDAY 3RD  
NOVEMBER

FOOD STALLS  
TUCKSHOP BREWERY  
MUSIC POPCORN  
GLOW TOYS  
SCHOOL MERCHANDISE

ADULT £10 | CHILD £6 | FAMILY £30 | UNDER 5 FREE

Tickets available on  
[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/waverley-abbey-fireworks-2023-tickets-727850258717?  
aff=oddticketcreator](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/waverley-abbey-fireworks-2023-tickets-727850258717?aff=oddticketcreator)

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## Our Community

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*boogie  
pumps*

# Boogie Halloween

23rd 24th, 25th  
& 26th October

Reception - Year 6  
9AM - 3PM

Weydon School,  
Weydon Lane,  
Farnham,  
GU14 8UG

1 Day £35

2 Days £60

3 Days £80

4 Days £110



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# 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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**Confidence Building Fun**  
Try a **FREE** drama, dance and singing class  
To book a class in Farnham, Godalming, Guildford, Haslemere or Woking visit [perform.org.uk/try](http://perform.org.uk/try)

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GUILDFORD THEATRE

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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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