

St John's C of E Infant School

Newsletter 21st November 2025



Good afternoon,

We're thrilled to share that preparations for this year's **Nativity** are well underway! It's always such a special time of year, and we can't wait to see the children shine on stage. In today's email, you'll find a link to book your tickets. Each family is allocated **four tickets**, which you can use in any combination across the two performances (subject to availability).

A huge **thank you** for your amazing support during **Children in Need**—together, we raised an incredible **£90!** For our small school family, that's something to be truly proud of.



You'll also find attached an important letter from the **Haslemere Confederation of Schools**, of which we are proud members. The letter explains our shared commitment to the **Smartphone-Free Childhood** movement.

Did you know that nationally, **25% of children aged 5–7 own a smartphone**, and by age 12, that figure rises to **89%**?

These devices are designed to be highly stimulating and addictive, and young minds can easily become overstimulated. While the campaign began with smartphones, the same concerns apply to all internet-connected devices. Please take a moment to read the letter—it's full of helpful information and reasons why this matters so much.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school such a caring and thoughtful community. We are looking forward to celebrating the festive season together!

Best wishes
Mrs Marion Stevens

2025

- 28th Nov—Open morning
- 29th Nov—School Xmas fair
- 9th Dec—Nativity 2.15pm
- 10th Dec—Nativity 2.15pm
- 17th Dec—Xmas lunch & class parties
- 19th Dec—Church Christingle service 9am
- 19th Dec—End of term @ 2pm

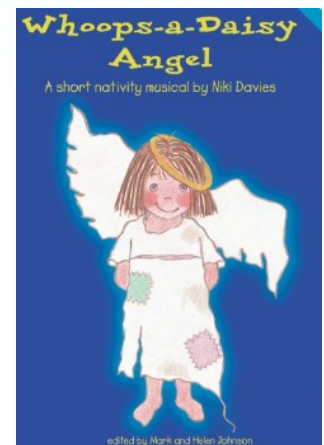
CHRISTMAS BREAK

2026

- 5th Jan—Inset day
- 6th Jan—Term starts
- 13th Feb—End of term
- HALF TERM
- 23rd Feb—Start of term

For these and other dates.

[Online Calendar](#)





“Peace be with you.”

John 20:21

Values News



We read the story of Ferdinand the Bull. Ferdinand likes to be peaceful and he doesn't mind being different to other bulls. This followed on from last week's messages in odd socks day. We are all unique and we shouldn't change who we want to be for other people. We should spread peace and be peace-makers.

Ferdinand taught us a mindful technique to help us be peaceful. Holding up your first finger pretend it is a flower and breathe in then as you breathe out pretend your finger is a candle and try to blow it out very gently.

Can you use this to help you be calm and peaceful?

Mindful Breathing
@playful.childhood



Smell the flower



Blow out the candle

Celebrate Success

Recent star learners are:

Rabbit class star learner are Ben & Arlo

Fox class star learners are Elodie & Willow

Badger class star learner are Evie & Mollie





PTA News

School Christmas Fair—Saturday 29th November, 2-4pm

We are really looking forward to celebrating with you, having fun and raising money for our lovely school.

To help make the day run smoothly and to be a big success we do need some help - Just half an hour of your time will make a big difference.

Please, Please, please—Many hands make light work—Your child can help run the stall with you!

Volunteers

Please use this sign up sheet to book in your help:

[PTA of St John's: 29th November Christmas Fayre - Volunteers Sign Up.](#)

[If anyone can help us set up on Friday 28th, any time from 3-6pm, please let Nicky or Rosie know](#)

Raffle Tickets

Please sell far and wide, returning the stubs and cash in the envelope to Mrs Bachelor, by Friday 28th November. If you want any more tickets, please ask Mrs Bachelor.

Tokens

Like last year we will have a token scheme to pay for games and crafts, this year you can also pre order tokens for the day - please see QR code sent earlier in the week.



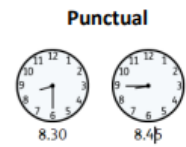
You can contact us via email ptachair@stjohns-farnham.surrey.sch.uk



School Attendance

Regular

✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su



Please remember how importance school attendance is.

As the season begins to change and we all come together inside we do start to see germs spreading again. We still encourage good regular handwashing and use ventilation in classrooms to try to limit the spread.

You may find this NHS website page useful for information about school attendance.

Is my child too ill for school?

Please note if your child does have sickness or diarrhea then the child must remain home for 48 hours from the last episode. This helps to limit the spread of germs and saves others from the same experiences. We will send them home again if they return to school too soon.



Safeguarding

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

:0300 470 9100

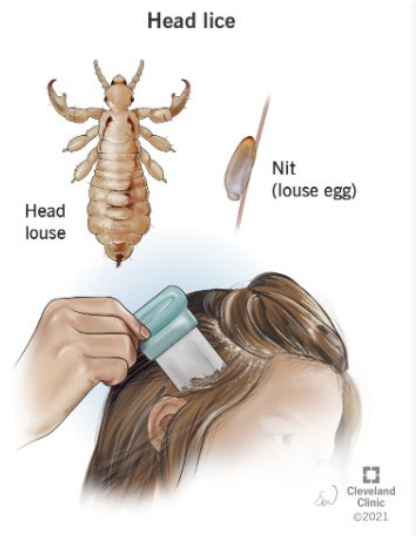
For out of hours see our [website](#).

During school hours you can contact the school Safeguarding leads Mrs. Stevens or Mrs. Ireland DSL@stjohns-farnham.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

FIREFIGHTERS CHARITY EVENT

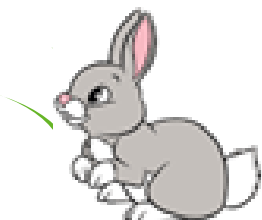


Grayshott Village Square
Saturday November 22
10 am to 4 pm

- Meet the crew
- Tour the truck
- Hot drinks and sweet treats
- Get a photo with 'Blaze the Bear' mascot
- CPR and First aid demonstrations
- Say hi to the Fire investigation dogs
- Come along at any time – no need to book!



**Hampshire
& Isle of Wight**
FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY



Our Community



THE RURAL LIFE LIVING
MUSEUM



SANTA *Special*

Ride the steam train
to meet Father
Christmas and enjoy
the museum's festive
charm.



BUY YOUR TICKETS
ONLINE
www.rural-life.org.uk



Huge thanks to the Old Kiln
Light Railway Team - OKLR!

 The Rural Life Living Museum, Reeds Road, Tilford, Farnham, GU10 2DL



Our Community

THE FRIENDS OF
St JOHN'S
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO



"A WINE BLUFF"

A Great evening of
Wine Tasting.

Guess which of our well
known panel is telling
the truth.

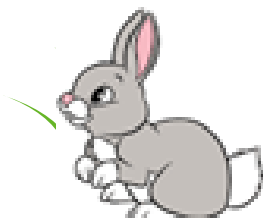
NOVEMBER 22nd at 7.30 in CHURT VILLAGE HALL

Tickets £22.00 including light supper.
Raffle

Why not make up a table of 8 with friends

Tickets available from

Richard Bourne, rabourne@hotmail.co.uk John Brain 07836 269767
john@regalarch.f9.co.uk Hugh Trotter hughtrotter@hotmail.com
Lisa Margretts lisajanemarretts37@msn.com
Jo Singleton singletonjoanna@aol.com
Emma Love bruceandemma@btinternet.com Ant Lloyd-Perks
alloydperks@yahoo.co.uk



Our Community



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FARNHAM - GUILDFORD - ODIHAM**

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OFF YOUR FIRST TERM SWIMMING WITH US!**

Tadpole Swim School are a family orientated Swim School offering fun, friendly, affordable classes, teaching a valuable lifeskill whilst giving our Tadpoles confidence in the water.

Teaching children from **birth to 12 years old**, we use well looked after warm pools so all our swimmers get the most out of our lessons.

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HAPPY TADPOLES MAKE CONFIDENT SWIMMERS



Our Community



A Traditional Christmas

29 & 30 November



Come to the Museum of Farnham for festive cheer, including meeting Father and Mother Christmas.



Christmas Fair

19 & 20 November



Visit our festive marketplace featuring over 140 independent stalls selling handmade gifts and crafts.

celebrate the festive season at Farnham Maltings

find out more & book your tickets

farnhammaltings.com/christmas

Festive Craft Workshops

November & December



Join us to learn new skills: from wreath making, to handcrafting gifts, to festive cupcake decorating.

Workshops for both adults and children.

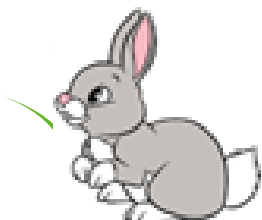
The Snowsmith

12-24 December



A magical winter show that will captivate the whole family.

Age 3+. Performance times vary. Including pyjama nights (selected performances), and additional puppet-making workshops.



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HALF A STRING

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THE SNOWSMITH

Praise for Snowsmith
★★★★★
'Mesmerising'
(Travel & Theatre 2024)

Praise for Half a String
★★★★★
'Ingenious'
(UK Theatre Network)

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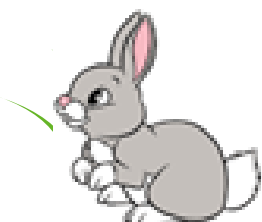
12-24 DECEMBER

Suitable for all the family, recommended age 3+
Tickets £14.50 - £20

farnhammaltings.com/the-snowsmith | 01252 745444

BEAM Farnham Maltings, Bridge Square, Farnham, GU9 7QR

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND



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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