

St John's C of E Infant School

Newsletter 20th October 2023



Latest news

Autumn half term break is upon us !!

Forest school this week has seen the groups roasting sweet chestnuts to taste. Do you like sweet chestnuts?

If you are on an autumn walk this half term then leaflets went out on Thursday for an autumn art competition, we look forward to seeing the outdoor mandala art creations, please send in your photographs to the office by 1st November. There will be a winner for each class.

Rabbit class have been learning about autumn and the changes they might see, hear, feel, taste or smell.

Fox class have been really exploring the 2 numbers that make 10 (number bonds.) They are learning how to stay safe online too.

Badger class have been learning to use a time line to write a biography and painted their Picasso inspired clay faces.

Please can we ask you to write in reading diaries when you hear your child read as it really helps us to see how much practise they are getting. This helps us plan support, if a child is getting lots of practise but progress is slow paced we may need to look at the support offered. If they are not practising at home and making slow progress then we would ask you to increase this.

We are looking forward to parent progress meetings in the 2nd week after half term. There will be a sheet for you to sign up to an appointment outside your classroom on Tuesday 31st October. The meetings will take place on Tuesday 7th November or Thursday 9th November.

We received a pupdate from the guide dog puppy we sponsored last term called Fern. She has grown so much and now lives with her Puppy raiser and is learning lots of new things. Thank you for helping us raise the money so we can support such a good cause.

[Fern's update page](#)



Attendance for this academic year up to 13.10.2023 is 96.7%



Dates

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

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

For these and other dates.



Values News



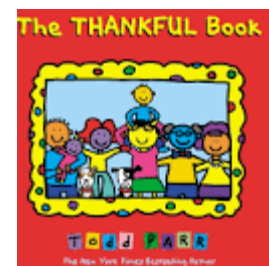
**"Give thanks in all
circumstances;
for this is the will
of God"**

**Thessalonians
5:18**

We are grateful to have seen a huge difference in the use of our manners around school in the past week. We do hope the difference can be seen at home too! This week we reviewed our work on thankfulness and how counting our blessings can help us to have a healthy mind.

A story helped us with this it is called "The Thankful Book" by Todd Parr. It reminds us we are all unique and all have different things to be thankful for.

What are you thankful for this half term?



Celebrate Success

In Rabbit class the star learner was Max who contributed greatly to the learning about autumn.

In Fox class, the star learner was Arthur for his progress in reading and art work.

In Badger class the star learner was Rosie for her written work and dedication in all her learning.

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

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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

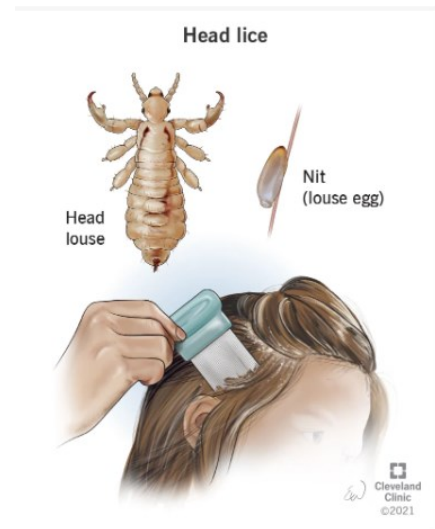
Hello!

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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Twilight Tales

THURS 16TH NOV, 5-6PM

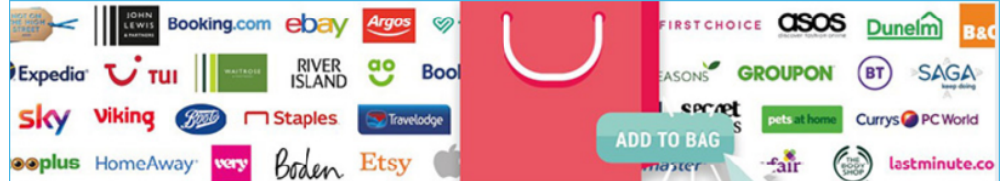
Bring the kids back to school in their PJs for stories and hot chocolate, while you enjoy a glass of something in the school hall 🍷



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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



Our Community



**YOU ARE
INVITED TO
OUR LIGHT
PARTY**



ON

**Tuesday 31st October
2023**

AT

**5.00pm – 7.00pm
at St. Alban's
Church Hindhead**



WHAT'S ON?

**Join us for food,
games, activities,
crafts, and some
songs around the
campfire to help
us celebrate God's
light.**



**Find details and register by 21st October at:
www.stalbanshindhead.org.uk.**

**WAVERLEY
ABBAY 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
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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.**



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Dream It. Dance It. Do It.

*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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**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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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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