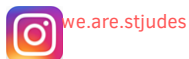




ST JUDE'S C OF E SCHOOLS FEDERATION NEWSLETTER



DATE: 24/10/2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I was delighted to show so many families around our schools this week. It is such a pleasure to hear positive comments about how friendly and welcoming our school is and, from the other agencies we work alongside, how inclusive we are. This exemplifies what our school values aim to achieve, and working with parents and families openly makes that so productive. We know how challenging life can be at times and that this can have an impact on the way children present at school. Together with you, we try to help children through those tough times, at the same time as making sure that our schools are safe for every member of our community. Kindness in the community is part of our school vision for a very good reason!

After the longest half term of the year, I hope that all our parents and staff are able to get some rest next week, so that we are ready to tackle the excitement of the run up to Christmas, whilst not forgetting the learning, assessments and Parents' Evenings that will feature.

*Have a wonderful week. **Best wishes, Mrs Chiverton***



Goodness me! It's Half Term again! Time seems to be flying but, once again, it's been a very, very busy few weeks, and you all deserve a break and some "lie-ins" in the morning! I hope you all have a lovely time.

Please give school a quick thought, if you can, on Tuesday 28th October. It's a special day for us all, because it's St Jude's Day! And of course, both our St Jude's Schools and the Parish Church in our Village, are named after St Jude.

St Jude famously wrote a letter which is included in the New Testament of the Bible. We know very little about him, except that he was one of Jesus' first followers, and that, like some of the others, he

may have been a fisherman before he met Jesus. That's one of the reasons why our schools' logo is a boat, or a ship.

St Jude's letter tells us quite a bit about what kind of person he was. We know he was determined that everyone should be taught the truth, about themselves, about life, and about God's love for them. That's the inspiration behind the first part of our Vision Statement: EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION.

We also know that St Jude was a kind person, someone who had discovered God's love for him, and who wanted to show love to others. And that's the inspiration behind the second part of our Vision: KINDNESS IN THE COMMUNITY.

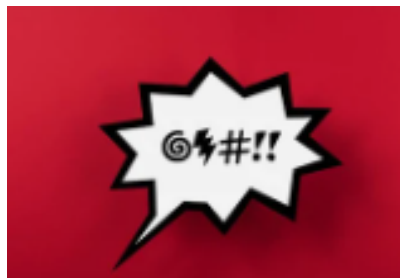
St Jude was talking about his faith in God at a time when many people didn't want to hear. He was also making long and difficult voyages by ship to ensure his message reached as many people as possible. He was incredibly brave, and inspires us, whenever life is challenging, to find COURAGE THROUGH FAITH.

Happy Half Term Holiday!



SAVE THE DATE!

Christmas Disco - 10th December (Juniors) and 17th December (Infants) - more information to follow.



This term, there has been a significant increase in the number of children heard swearing, from Reception to Year 6. As we are sure you will agree, this is unacceptable and does not fit with our school values. Children learn by imitation so, if swearing is modelled to them at

home, they will act this out at school. Other children then learn from their peers and so it becomes self-perpetuating. The only way we can put an end to this is to work together as a community and prevent swearing in our school and in our homes. Thank you.



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Lunchtime Supervisor role

We are looking for a lunchtime supervisor for the infant school (Reception and KS1 children). The hours would be 12.00 – 1.15 each day. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Govier in the infant office after half-term for further details.



How Can I help my Child at Home?

- Build a steady routine so they know what to expect each day. Uncertainty can cause stress to some children.*
- Read with them every day, even if they are a fluent reader. Cosy time with mum or dad to share stories not only enhances their reading skills but creates a calm, loving atmosphere.*
- Limit screen time or, better still, don't give your child a mobile phone at primary age. If your child does have a phone, take it away from their bedroom at least an hour before going to bed. Regularly monitor their online activity and listen in when they are playing with friends online.*

- *Play with them and develop their language skills.*
- *Ask your child about their day and show them that you are interested in and value school and learning.*



School Uniform

Our school uniform includes a tie. These can be purchased online via www.scopay.com. Please use this half term break to ensure that your child has a tie.



PE Kit

Whilst our PE kit is non branded to ensure that it is an affordable option for everyone, it should be navy blue. We have an increasing number of children coming into school in leggings and hoodies in many different colours.



Snacks & Water Bottle

There is an increasing number of children coming to the school office asking for a snack (which we don't have) or a drink of water. Please ensure that you send your child into school with a water bottle and a healthy snack e.g. a piece of fruit.



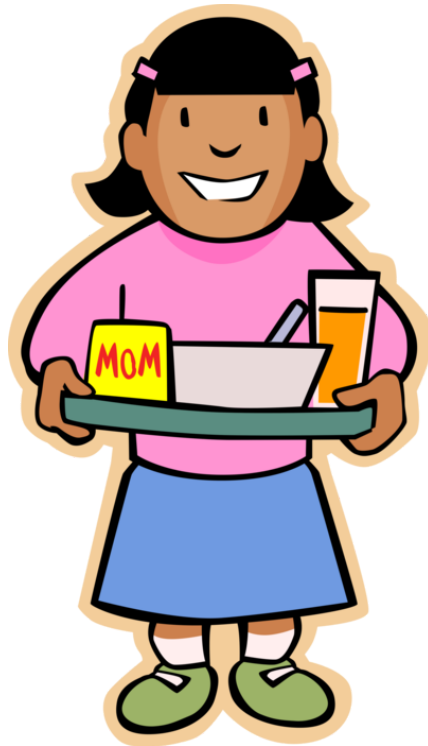
Poppy Appeal

After Half Term we will be selling poppies and other items from the school office at breaktime.



Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property currently. Please ensure that you name your children's clothes.



*Don't forget to go online to www.scopay.com to order your child's lunches in advance. **This is now for both the infants and juniors!***

Infant school lunches are free. Juniors lunches are £2.90 each. If you are entitled to free school meals, this will be noted on www.scopay.com so you will not have to pay.

Week 1 Autumn/Winter 2025/26 Menu Weeks Starting: 3rd November, 24th November, 15th December, 19th January, 9th February and 9th March				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1 Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Tots	Option 1 Tex-Mex Beef and Beans with Rice	Option 1 Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Option 1 Chicken and Vegetable Pie with Creamed Potatoes	Option 1 Fish Fingers with Oven Chips
Vegetarian Option 2 Chinese Veggie Noodles	Option 2 Veggie Sausage Roll with Potato Tots	Option 2 Sweet Potato and Lentil Sausages with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Option 2 Cheesy Tomato Pasta with Garlic Bread	Option 2 Veggie Dippers with Oven Chips
Option 3 School's Choice	Option 3 School's Choice	Option 3 School's Choice	Option 3 School's Choice	Option 3 School's Choice
Sides: Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar & Fresh Bread	Sides: Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar & Fresh Bread	Sides: Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar & Fresh Bread	Sides: Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar & Fresh Bread	Sides: Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar & Fresh Bread
Dessert: Gingerbread Biscuit	Dessert: Orange and Peach Jelly	Dessert: Cheese and Biscuits with sliced Apple	Dessert: Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Sauce	Dessert: Strawberry Mousse

Vegetarian
 Hidden veggies
 Contains a minimum of 50% fruit

Week 2 Autumn/Winter 2025/26 Menu Weeks Starting: 10th November, 1st December, 5th January, 26th January, 23rd February and 16th March				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1 Creamy Pesto Pasta Bake	Option 1 Superfood Beef Grill with Potato Tots	Option 1 Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Option 1 Mild Coconut and Lime Chicken with Rice	Option 1 Harry Ramsden's Fish with Oven Chips
Vegetarian Option 2 Forest Green Vegan Patty with Potato Tots	Option 2 Thai Style Mild Coconut and Lime Vegetables with Rice	Option 2 Cheesy Lentil and Sweet Potato Parcel with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Option 2 Cheesy Courgette and Tomato Twist with half a Jacket Potato	Option 2 Vegetable Fajitas with Oven Chips
Option 3 School's Choice	Option 3 School's Choice	Option 3 School's Choice	Option 3 School's Choice	Option 3 School's Choice
Sides: Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar & Fresh Bread	Sides: Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar & Fresh Bread	Sides: Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar & Fresh Bread	Sides: Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar & Fresh Bread	Sides: Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar & Fresh Bread
Dessert: Lemon Shortbread	Dessert: Sliced Bananas with Vanilla Custard	Dessert: Strawberry Jelly	Dessert: Sticky Orange Cake	Dessert: Peaches and Yoghurt

Vegetarian
 Hidden veggies
 Contains a minimum of 50% fruit

Week 3 Autumn/Winter 2025/26 Menu Weeks Starting: 17th November, 8th December, 12th January, 2nd February, 2nd March and 23rd March				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1 Veggie Pizza with Potato Tots	Option 1 Pork Sausages (contain beef) with Creamed Potato and Gravy	Option 1 Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Option 1 Sweet and Sour Chicken with Rice	Option 1 Fish Fingers with Oven Chips
Vegetarian Option 2 Tex-Mex Veg with Rice	Option 2 Veggie Sausages with Creamed Potato and Gravy	Option 2 Plant Hero Vegan Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Option 2 Sweet Potato Whirl with Rice	Option 2 Mac 'n' Cheese
Option 3 School's Choice	Option 3 School's Choice	Option 3 School's Choice	Option 3 School's Choice	Option 3 School's Choice
Sides: Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar & Fresh Bread	Sides: Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar & Fresh Bread	Sides: Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar & Fresh Bread	Sides: Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar & Fresh Bread	Sides: Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar & Fresh Bread
Dessert: Fruity Oat Cookie	Dessert: Chocolate and Banana Shortbread Crunch	Dessert: Fresh Dairy Yoghurt	Dessert: Apple Crumble and Custard	Dessert: Butternut Muffin
Vegetarian Hidden veggies Contains a minimum of 50% fruit				

Apologies: we are experiencing some issues with some scopay accounts and certain balances are incorrect. This is currently with scopay and should be rectified over half term.

WHAT THE INFANTS HAVE BEEN UP TO.....





This half term Bumblebees have been learning about 'Marvellous Me'. We have been learning all about ourselves, how we are all different as well as coping with our feelings. We have enjoyed getting to know each other and exploring our new classroom and school.





Ladybirds have been measuring and mark making.



Butterfly class have been learning about how to keep our bodies healthy through healthy eating, teeth cleaning and exercise. We've made vegetable soup and fruit kebabs, talked about harvest and growing food, practised brushing with pretend teeth and taken part in yoga to stretch and exercise our bodies.



In one of our English units this half term, Year 2 learnt all about wolves after reading the book *Wolves* by Emily Gravett. We learnt about the difference between fact and fiction and did some research to learn lots of different facts about wolves. We then worked together as a team to create a documentary to share all of our knowledge.



Year 1 enjoyed a visit from Jeremy the vicar.

WHAT THE JUNIORS HAVE BEEN UP TO.....



Upper school enjoyed a STEAM Day at Thorpe Park where they took part in various interactive workshops.



In memory of Jane Goodall, Goodall class raised enough money to be able to sponsor two chimpanzees for the year. We are really excited to be able to follow their progress.



Dates for your diary

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27th–31st Oct Half Term

14th Nov Odd Sock Day for anti-bullying week

21st Nov Children in Need

25th Nov Juniors Parents' Evening 3.30- 6.30pm (in person)

26th Nov Infants Parents' Evening 3.30- 6.00pm (in person)

27th Nov Parents' Evening 5-6pm (in person) 6.30-8.00pm (online) (both schools)

28th Nov INSET Day & 1st Dec INSET Day

5th Dec Junior curriculum sharing morning and exhibition

8th Dec Year 4 and St Jude's Brass concert at St John's Church 7pm

10th Dec Bumblebees Nativity 9.15am

Nurseries Nativity/Christmas songs 11am

11th Dec KS1 Nativity 9.15am

18th Dec Carol Service at St Jude's Church (staff & children only)

Christmas lunch followed by Christmas parties

19th Dec End of term infants 1.30pm and juniors 2pm

22nd Dec–2nd Jan Christmas holidays

5th Jan INSET Day

6th Jan Term begins



Club4 Parent Guide - Winter 25

Hey Parent/Carers!

Looking for ways to keep your kids active, inspired, and smiling this Winter? 🎉 Club4 is back with an amazing line-up of holiday activities for eligible families across Surrey!

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme, run by Active Surrey on behalf of Surrey County Council, is a brilliant initiative from the Department for Education. It offers FUNDED places for children and young people (Reception to Year 11) who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals.

Club4 camps run during Easter, summer, and Winter holidays – and yes, this is in addition to SCC's supermarket/food vouchers, so families can enjoy both!

📅 Bookings for Winter open at **7:30am on Tuesday 11 November** – or skip the queue and register your interest now!

» Get ready for an unforgettable Winter with over 118 locations packed with fun and learning. Your child can:

- ✅ Make new friends
- ✅ Learn new skills
- ✅ Enjoy experiences they'll never forget

» From theatre thrills to arts & crafts, outdoor adventures, sports galore, youth days out for teens and even family panto magic, there's something for everyone!

» Plus, our SEND stay & play sessions are back – creating a welcoming, inclusive space for children with additional needs and their families.

» Don't miss out – scan the QR code or click here to book today! [Eesuu](#)

Club4 Winter Holiday Fun – Book Now!

Club4, part of the national **Holiday, Activity and Food (HAF) Programme**, is back this Winter! This DfE-funded programme is for children from **Reception to Year 11** who are eligible for **benefits-related free school meals**.

Why join?

School holidays can be tough—but Club4 makes them active, healthy, and fun! Every child gets:

- ✅ **Loads of physical activities**
- ✅ **Exciting enrichment sessions**
- ✅ **A nutritious meal every day**

With **120+ locations across Surrey**, there's something for everyone—sports, arts and crafts, outdoor adventures, theatre camps, and even youth day trips! Plus, this winter brings:

- 💎 **Family panto experiences**
- 💎 More **SEND stay-and-play sessions** for children with additional needs to enjoy with their families
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- 💎 **New Activity listings added daily** until 11 November – when bookings go live!

What's New?

No more Holiday Activity vouchers! Booking is easy:

1. Check the attached **Parent Guide**
2. Scan the QR code or click the link to book.

Let's make this holiday **active, fun, and full of memories!**

Seeking bright eyed and bushy tailed new recruits



Take the leap

Squirrels

Age 4 - 6
1st Englefield Green
egscoutgroup.org.uk/join



Help Us Build Together!

We are looking for donations of small LEGO® kits to support a LEGO Therapy Group for children.

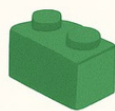


What is LEGO Therapy?

A fun, creative, and structured way for children to develop communication, teamwork, and social skills while building with LEGO.

How You Can Help

Small LEGO kits or spare bricks welcome!



Donation Drop-off:
School office

Volunteers always welcome!!!





The heavens are the Lord's heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of man.

Psalms 115:16



Dear Lord,

Help us to look after the beautiful world that you have given to us. Let us take time in the busy-ness of our day to pause, reflect and wonder at our surroundings and what we can do to treasure them.

Amen