



# ST JUDE'S C OF E SCHOOLS FEDERATION NEWSLETTER



DATE: 13/02/2026

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

*My introduction is a little different this month because I would like to update you all about pupil numbers and the single site question.*

## **SINGLE SITE**

*Many parents have asked when we are likely to be able to move the two schools onto one site. Whilst I am unable to give an exact timescale for this, I have been advised by Surrey that it won't be before September 2027. Like St Jude's, there are many schools across Surrey which are experiencing falling rolls as a result of the decreasing birth rate. Schools are being prioritised in order of their occupancy rate and we fall into the third tranche of schools that is being supported by Surrey to make major changes to enable their long-term sustainability. Although it is not guaranteed, it is likely that the planning for St Jude's will take place during the coming academic year (Sept 2026-Aug 2027) and we may then be in a position to be on one site in Sept 2027.*

*I have seen on the responses to our parent survey that some of you would like to see the junior school spruced up and perhaps some new furniture bought. We couldn't agree more, but don't currently have the funds to achieve much more than tinkering to maintain the safety of the school. The aim is that major work will be completed as part of the planning process to move the infants over to join the juniors.*

## **PUPIL NUMBERS**

*Regarding pupil numbers and returning to single age groups, you will be aware that we are currently consulting on reducing the Pupil Admission Number at the junior school from 60 to 30, to match the infant PAN. When we consulted for the infant reduction a couple of years ago, Surrey blocked it at the last minute and we had to consult again the following year. As long as this doesn't happen this time with the junior PAN, we should see a reduction to 30 for entry into Year 3 from September 2027. In the meantime, because the PAN is 60, we are still in a position to be allocated pupils from other schools whose parents have expressed St Jude's as their preference. It is for this reason that I cannot, at this stage, absolutely commit to keeping the current Year 2s as a single form, although this is very much our preference. If everything goes to plan, I'm hoping to be able to confirm around May time (after Year 3 places have been allocated by Surrey) that we will have one class of Year 3 pupils and two small classes of Year 4 pupils in September 2026. Children moving into Years 5 and 6 in September will remain mixed.*

*Hope that helps, but please do get in touch if you have any questions. Happy half-term break everyone.*

**Best wishes, Mrs Chiverton**



*One of our school values is HOPE. It's the shortest word among the other values but it is hugely important! Are you a hopeful hedgehog?!*

*We've had quite a lot of grey days this term, and many days of rain. But, when I looked at the garden around St Jude's Church the other day, I found several clumps of snowdrops! They really gave me hope that Spring is not too far away and that maybe there will be some sunny days ahead before too long.*

*Next week St Jude's Church and all our other local churches will be marking the beginning of the season of Lent, which two special services (at 10am and 7pm) on Ash Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February. Lent is often a time when people try to give up something they enjoy and perhaps give the money they save to a charity.*

*But Lent is also a season of HOPE. "Lent" is a very ancient English word which means "growth". Lent always falls as Spring gets nearer and the signs of life and growth are all around us. The six weeks of Lent take us to the wonderful celebrations of Easter which are all about life and joy and HOPE as we remember that Jesus rose from death to new life.*

*I HOPE you all have a wonderful half-term break. I HOPE our teachers and school staff will get a little time to rest after another busy and challenging few weeks. And I HOPE that, whatever is going on for you just now, that there will still be lots of things that give you HOPE and happiness too. So – are you a hopeful hedgehog?!*

*God bless you all*

*Judith, the Vicar*



## LITTER

*The amount of litter on the playground at the **junior school** is unacceptable. We have always stipulated that children's snacks must be healthy, such as fruit, and not something that has been grabbed from their lunchbox like a bag of crisps. However, the children are not following this expectation and the result is that there are packets littered all over the playground. After half-term, we will not be allowing any packets outside (plastic reusable tubs are fine) so please make sure the snack can be decanted from its wrapper before going outside. Hopefully, this will improve the children's respect of their environment and have a positive impact on their health.*



## **WATER BOTTLES**

*Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle into school. There are a number of children, who come to the office every day, asking for a drink of water. The children have PE twice a week and as the weather gets warmer, this is an absolute essential.*



## **JEWELLERY IN SCHOOL**

*A quick reminder of the jewellery rules in school.*


*Earrings must be studs only - no hoops.*

*Earrings cannot be worn for PE and staff are not allowed to remove pupils' earrings or tape over them. Please ensure that your child comes to school without earrings in on their PE days.*

*The only other jewellery permitted is a watch but not a smart watch that allows recordings.*

*Don't forget to go online to [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com) to order your child's lunches in advance.*



***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](http://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
<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 1</b>
Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Tots	Tex-Mex Beef and Beans with Rice	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Pie with Creamed Potatoes	Fish Fingers with Oven Chips
<b>Vegetarian Option 2</b>	<b>Option 2</b>	<b>Option 2</b>	<b>Option 2</b>	<b>Option 2</b>
Chinese Veggie Noodles	Veggie Sausage Roll with Potato Tots	Sweet Potato and Lentil Sausages with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cheesy Tomato Pasta with Garlic Bread	Veggie Dippers with Oven Chips
<b>Option 3</b>	<b>Option 3</b>	<b>Option 3</b>	<b>Option 3</b>	<b>Option 3</b>
School's Choice	School's Choice	School's Choice	School's Choice	School's Choice
<b>Sides:</b> Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar & Fresh Bread	<b>Sides:</b> Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar & Fresh Bread	<b>Sides:</b> Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar & Fresh Bread	<b>Sides:</b> Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar & Fresh Bread	<b>Sides:</b> Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar & Fresh Bread
<b>Dessert:</b> Gingerbread Biscuit	<b>Dessert:</b> Orange and Peach Jelly	<b>Dessert:</b> Cheese and Biscuits with sliced Apple	<b>Dessert:</b> Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Sauce	<b>Dessert:</b> 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

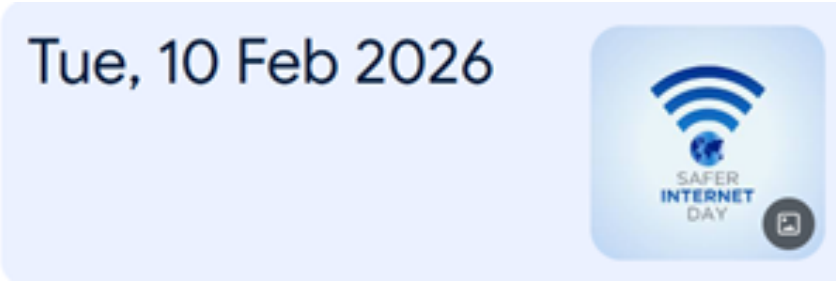



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 1</b>
Creamy Pesto Pasta Bake	Superfood Beef Grill with Potato Tots	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Coconut and Lime Chicken with Rice	Harry Ramsden's Fish with Oven Chips
<b>Vegetarian Option 2</b>	<b>Option 2</b>	<b>Option 2</b>	<b>Option 2</b>	<b>Option 2</b>
Forest Green Vegan Patty with Potato Tots	Thai Style Mild Coconut and Lime Vegetables with Rice	Cheesy Lentil and Sweet Potato Parcel with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cheesy Courgette and Tomato Twist with half a Jacket Potato	Vegetable Fajitas with Oven Chips
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<b>Dessert:</b> Lemon Shortbread	<b>Dessert:</b> Sliced Bananas with Vanilla Custard	<b>Dessert:</b> Strawberry Jelly	<b>Dessert:</b> Sticky Orange Cake	<b>Dessert:</b> Peaches and Yoghurt

Vegetarian
 Hidden veggies
 Contains a minimum of 50% fruit



Twelve 15		Week 3		Weeks Starting:		SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL	
		Autumn/Winter 2025/26 Menu		17th November, 8th December, 12th January, 2nd February, 2nd March and 23rd March			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
<b>Option 1</b>  	<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 1</b>			
Veggie Pizza with Potato Tots	Pork Sausages (contain beef) with Creamed Potato and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sweet and Sour Chicken with Rice	Fish Fingers with Oven Chips			
<b>Vegetarian Option 2</b>  	<b>Option 2</b>  	<b>Option 2</b>  	<b>Option 2</b>  	<b>Option 2</b> 			
Tex-Mex Veg with Rice	Veggie Sausages with Creamed Potato and Gravy	Plant Hero Vegan Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sweet Potato Whirl with Rice	Mac 'n' Cheese			
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<b>Dessert:</b> 	<b>Dessert:</b>  	<b>Dessert:</b> 	<b>Dessert:</b>   	<b>Dessert:</b>  			
Fruity Oat Cookie	Chocolate and Banana Shortbread Crunch	Fresh Dairy Yoghurt	Apple Crumble and Custard	Butternut Muffin			
		 Vegetarian  Hidden veggie		 Contains a minimum of 50% fruit			



On 10th February, we celebrated **Safer Internet Day 2026**. The children took part in a special assembly focused on Artificial Intelligence (AI). We explored the many positives of AI, including how it can help us to learn, solve problems and make everyday tasks easier, as well as discussing possible negatives such as misinformation and over-reliance on technology.

The children learned that while AI is a powerful tool, it cannot replace human creativity, emotions, critical thinking or imagination. We talked about how using AI to complete homework might seem helpful, but it would prevent children from developing their own skills and understanding. If you would like to continue these discussions at home, there are some excellent resources available on the BBC Bitesize website

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



Butterfly class has enjoyed a dinosaur topic this half term - its been totally ROARsome! We've enjoyed making dinosaur eggs from paper mache and exploring ice-eggs; making handprint cave paintings; playing dino dice games; exploring maps and constructing homes for our dinosaurs as well as learning lots of dinosaur names.



Bumblebee Class have been learning about Space this half term. They particularly enjoyed using tubes and foil to create their own rockets.



Year 1 children are experimenting with their number bonds to 20



Year 2 Parks were visited by the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service this half term to learn all about Fire Safety. We learnt about what is safe to play with and what is not, what to do if we find a fire and how to make an emergency call.

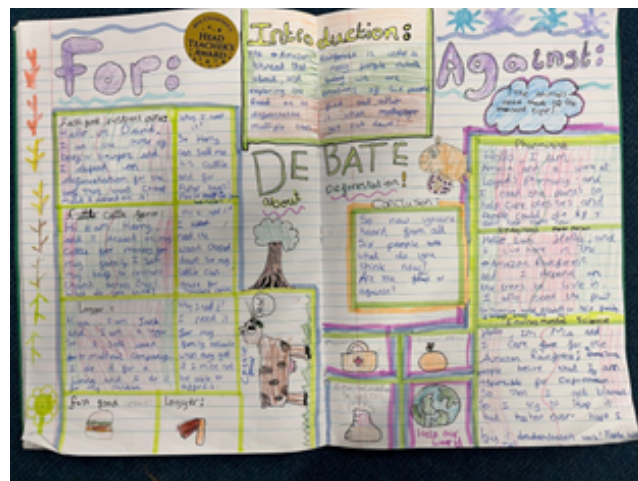
## ***WHAT THE JUNIORS HAVE BEEN UP TO.....***



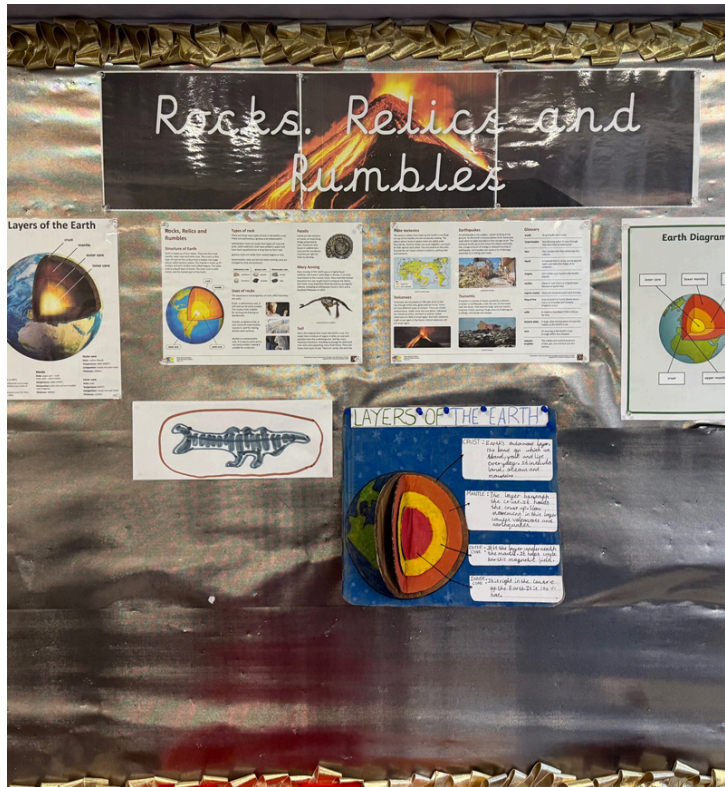
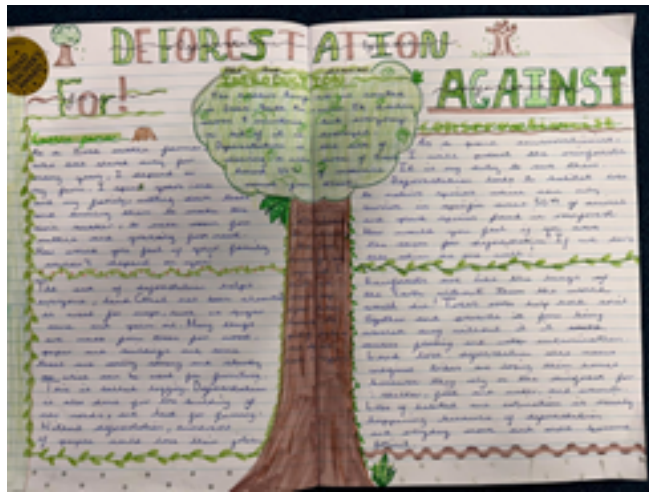
The boys football team beat St Cuthbert's!



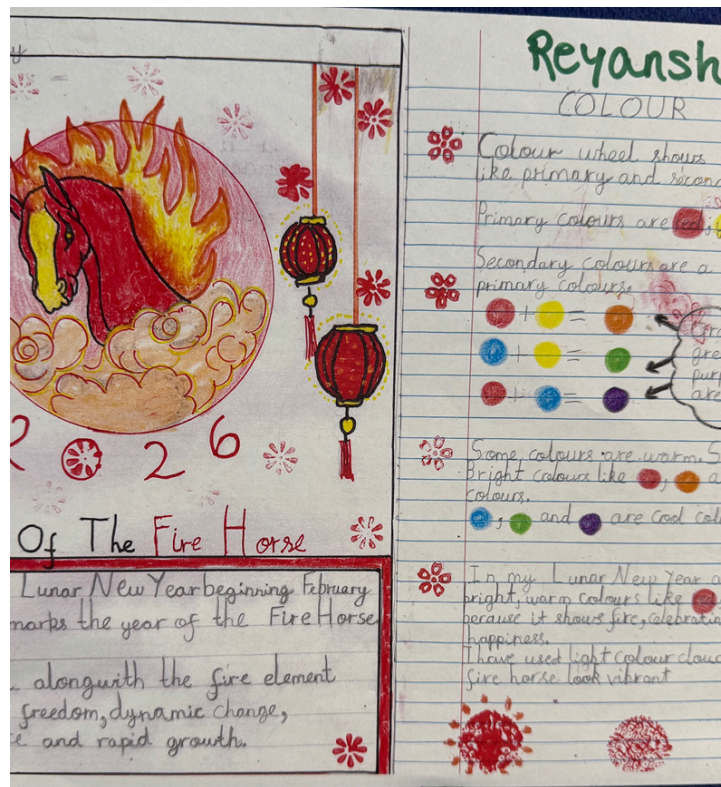
Upper school enjoyed a visit to “Wonderdome” a mobile planetarium.



Upper school have also been learning about debate and deforestation!



Lower school have been learning about volcanoes



...and Chinese New Year with its associated colours!

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

INFANTS

JUNIORS

<b>16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Half Term</b>			
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Term begins	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Term begins
		24 <sup>th</sup>	Travelling Books – Anning & Goodall
		25 <sup>th</sup>	Travelling Books – Attenborough & Sharman
		26 <sup>th</sup>	Travelling Books – Zephaniah
		27 <sup>th</sup>	Travelling Books – Kahlo
<b>MARCH</b>			
5 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm Reading Workshop for parents and classroom visit		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Dress up for World Book Day	6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day – in school activities. 9.00am Reading Workshop for parents and classroom visit
13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Mother's Day Assembly	w/c 9 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 5 Bikeability
		w/c 16 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 5 Bikeability
17 <sup>th</sup>	Bumblebees & Butterflies Parents' Evening (in-person) 3.10-5.00pm		
18 <sup>th</sup>	Bumblebees Parents' Evening 3.10-5.00pm (in person)	20 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 5/6 exhibition and parent sharing morning for Yr 3/4
24 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Parents' Evening (in-person) 3.30-6.30pm	24 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening (in-person) 3.30-6.30pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Parents' Evening (in-person) 5.00-6.00pm (online) 6.30-7.30pm	26 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening (in-person) 5.00-6.00pm (online) 6.30-7.30pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Service	26 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Service
27 <sup>th</sup>	Term ends at 1.30pm	27 <sup>th</sup>	Term ends at 2pm
<b>30<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April Easter Holidays</b>			
13 <sup>th</sup>	Term begins	13 <sup>th</sup>	Term begins



During this half term, we have been following the story of Daniel and how his actions inspired others.

*...wise people will shine like the brightness of the sky. Those who teach others to live right will shone like stars forever and ever.*

Daniel 12:3



Dear Lord

Give us the wisdom to act with integrity at all times and to live in a way that inspires others, just like Daniel did.

In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen**



## A helping hand for a healthier family

Do you need help to achieve a healthy weight for your child or teenager?

*Be Your Best is a funded healthy lifestyle programme for Surrey families with children & teenagers aged 5-17 years, who are above the healthy weight range.*

*We can help you make a positive difference to your child or teenager's health & wellbeing.*

*The programme is made up of one-to-one and group sessions:*

**Sessions include**

Live cooking workshop  
Meal planning for the whole family  
Easy food swaps  
Managing screen time  
How to become an active family  
Importance of sleep

**One-to-one sessions**

With a health & wellbeing advisor at a mutually agreed time & location  
Online group sessions for parents/carers  
Week days after school via Zoom  
Online physical activity sessions  
Group sessions via zoom or on-demand video content

*"Me and my boys are really enjoying this programme and we are so grateful to be taking part." - Mum*

Find out more :



# Anxiety around ADHD



**Free online workshop for parents and carers**

**The workshop can help you navigate:**

- Understanding ADHD
- The links between ADHD and anxiety
- Strategies to help support you and your child
- Other support that is available



**Tuesday 27 January 2026, 9.30am - 11.30am**

**Thursday 29 January 2026, 7.00pm - 9.00pm**

*Please indicate which session you would like to attend.*

**To book your place:**

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- Email **services@familylives.org.uk**
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