



ST JUDE'S C OF E SCHOOLS FEDERATION NEWSLETTER



DATE: 27/03/2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over this term, I have been sharing during assemblies, the life stories of some of the figures who feature in the book Heroes of Hope. Whether you have a faith or not, helping others, building community and challenging the injustices in society are admirable human qualities which we can all aspire to. We live in an ever changing, increasingly technological world which can be scary at times, so imagine facing that against a backdrop of extreme poverty, racial discrimination or war. This is the sad reality for many children around the world and it's people like those in the book who stood up for them and made their lives better. Small things can make a big difference to others and we need that to start somewhere, so why not at home, at school, to our neighbours, in our community? Hope is one of our school values; what small thing can we do over the Easter holiday that will bring hope and joy to the life of someone else?



Have a peaceful break everyone. Let's hope for sunshine!

Best wishes, Mrs Chiverton



Another busy and challenging school term has come to an end! Once again, on behalf of us all, I want to say “Thank you” to ALL our school staff for caring for everyone in so very many ways. We are grateful to you all and we wish you a truly happy and well-deserved Easter break.

*At St Jude’s Church we are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our Easter Service on **Easter Sunday morning at 9.30am**. This will be a special celebration of the good news of Easter, and we can promise some Easter eggs too! Please come and join us – and if you are expecting visitors at Easter, please bring them too! We look forward to seeing you.*

Easter is all about new life, and I would like especially to congratulate children and staff at our Infant School, who have seen new life in plenty as the term comes to an end. Tiny baby chicks have been hatching from their eggs, and it’s been wonderful to see this happen. Thank you to you all for looking after these new lives so carefully.

This week I’ve really enjoyed visiting Ladybirds and Butterflies and thinking with them about the story of the first Easter. We remembered how Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey on the first Palm Sunday. He was welcomed by crowds of people who were thrilled to see Him and loudly cheered Him on His way! But, behind the scenes, were some who wanted to be rid of Him and, on the first Good Friday, Jesus died at their hands. But death was not the end for Jesus! On the first Easter Sunday, the stone was rolled away from outside the cave where His body had been laid. The cave was empty! Jesus, who had died, was alive again!

And Jesus is still alive, and with us day by day. These are difficult times in our world today and it will be especially good this Easter to celebrate Jesus’ promise to us all: “I am with you always”. That’s the promise we are celebrating on Easter Sunday 2026! Do join us if you can!

And, on behalf of our Collective Worship Team – Jeremy, Helen, Holly and me – Happy Easter!

God bless you all

Judith, the Vicar

OFSTED UPDATE



You may be aware that Ofsted has updated its inspection framework again. The new ‘Toolkit’ is quite different from previous frameworks and includes a different grading system. Instead of giving one overall judgement, inspectors provide a multi-area report card, offering a more rounded picture of how a school is performing across several key areas.

*Schools are now graded using the following categories: **Exceptional, Strong Standard, Expected Standard, Needs Attention, Urgent Improvement**. These categories are **not comparable** with the old grades because the inspection approach has changed significantly.*

Expected Standard

This is the national benchmark. A school meeting the expected standard is doing everything it should to ensure children receive a high-quality education. This is a strong and positive judgement, shown in green on the Ofsted report card.

Strong Standard

A grade showing that the school is consistently delivering excellent practice that is making a clear difference for children and learners.

Needs Attention

This is not a negative judgement.** Instead, it signals that certain areas need focused development so the school can reach the expected standard. It is a **constructive signal that targeted work is needed and is not the same as the previously used grade of ‘requires improvement’.

Exceptional

***This is a higher bar than the former ‘outstanding’ grade.** It is only awarded when inspectors see practice that is among the very best in the country—approaches that should be shared nationally to help other schools improve.*

Urgent Improvement

Used when more serious issues require immediate action.

Ofsted have produced a 3-minute video for parents to help explain these changes. [New Ofsted report cards and grades: a guide for parents](#)

PTA UPDATE
Spring term March 2026

A NOTE FROM THE PTA
Thank you so much to all parents and carers for supporting our initiatives this term at both the infant and juniors school. We are so grateful!

EASTER RAFFLE
Across both schools you helped us raise an incredible £524.50!

EASTER ACTIVITY PACKS
We hope all the children enjoy their activity packs - this raised almost £200!




























NEXT TERM
SAVE THE DATE!
THE SUMMER FAIR WILL BE ON SATURDAY 4TH JULY.
• Volunteers needed!
• Come to the next PTA meeting on Thursday 16th April and find out how you can help
• We can't make the fair a success without your help!



























WHERE YOUR MONEY IS GOING
For the Infants
• Classroom equipment
• Forest School Tea kettle for hot chocolate.
• Chair pockets. Kick bands
For the Juniors
• Calm boxes
• Sports equipment
• Play time equipment

























PTA CONTACTS
Infant school: Tori Horncastle & Charlotte Davis
Junior school: Sarah Cooper-White & Carly Graham

Don't forget to go online to www.scopay.com to order your child's lunches in advance. There still a few parents forgetting to order their child's lunches and this has an impact n the kitchen and the meal choice availability.

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 Spring / Summer 2026 Menu		Weeks Starting 13th April, 4th May, 1st June, 22nd June, 13th July, 7th September, 28th September and 19th October				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Option 1   Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Tots	Option 1  Beef Bolognese with Pasta	Option 1 Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Option 1  Spanish Chicken with Rice	Option 1 Fish Fingers with Oven Chips		
Vegetarian Option 2   Chinese Veggie Noodles	Option 2   Veggie Sausage Roll with half a Jacket Potato	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		
Dessert:  Gingerbread Biscuit		Dessert:  Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce		Dessert:   Cheese and Biscuits with Sliced Apple		Dessert:   Orange and Peach Jelly
						Dessert:  Vanilla Ice Cream
						
 Vegetarian  Hidden veggies  Contains a minimum of 50% fruit						

 Week 2 Spring / Summer 2026 Menu		Weeks Starting 20th April, 11th May, 8th June, 29th June, 20th July, 14th September and 5th October				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Option 1   Creamy Pesto Pasta Bake	Option 1  Superfood Beef Burger with Potato Tots	Option 1 Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Option 1 Chicken Korma with Rice	Option 1 Harry Ramsden's Fish with Oven Chips		
Vegetarian Option 2   Forest Green Vegan Patty with Potato Tots	Option 2  Veg Korma 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		
Dessert:  Lemon Shortbread		Dessert:   Banana Sponge with Vanilla Custard		Dessert:  Strawberry Jelly		Dessert:   Sticky Orange Cake
						Dessert:   Peaches and Yoghurt
						
 Vegetarian  Hidden veggies  Contains a minimum of 50% fruit						

 <h1>Week 3</h1>		Weeks Starting: 27th April, 18th May, 15th June, 6th July, 31st August, 21st September and 12th October			
Spring / Summer 2026 Menu					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Option 1   Veggie Pizza with Potato Tots	Option 1 Pork Sausages (contains 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   Vegan Bolognese with Pasta	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:   Strawberry and Peach Shortbread Crunch	Dessert:  Fresh Dairy Yoghurt	Dessert:   Apple Crumble and Custard	Dessert:  Twin Ice Lolly	
 Vegetarian  Hidden veggies  Contains a minimum of 50% fruit					

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





This half term our topic Ready Steady Grow has involved planting different seeds, potatoes, bulbs and plants and finding out how they grow. We made fruit salad for snack and turned our role play area into a shop to count out money and buy fruits and vegetables. We've also been learning about animal life cycles and which animals lay eggs. We're very excited for the baby chicks to hatch soon and have enjoyed visiting the school chickens.



Armstrong class enjoyed World Book Day.



In Maths this half term, Parks class learnt about Length and Height. We learnt how to use rulers to measure centimetres and how to measure in metres also. We had a lot of fun going outside onto our playground to measure our playground equipment in metres.

School council

Our school council have had a busy term. We've made some new signs for our recycling box so that everyone remembers to put the correct things in them. We've also, with the help of Mr Parsonage, set up a new friendship bench and are being proactive in checking to see if anyone needs help using it. In the summer term we'd like to work more closely with St Jude's church and will be setting up a drop off point for stamps at both schools- keep a look out for it!



Thank you to the PTA from our forest school and nurture group! They've provided a range of resources for us, including bug pots and gardening tools, a tea kettle for hot chocolate, and some classroom resources.

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



Lower school made moving volcanoes!



Upper school held an exhibition for their farming projects.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Headteacher: Mrs Vicki Chiverton

DIARY DATES SUMMER 2026

Date	Infants	Date	Juniors
APRIL			
13 th	Term begins	13 th	Term begins
		20 th – 22 nd	Yr 5 High Ashurst Residential trip
MAY			
4 th	Bank Holiday – school closed	4 th	Bank Holiday – school closed
		11 th – 15 th	Yr 6 SATS Week
		13 th	Yr 6 Celebrity Squares Photos
25th – 29th May Half Term			
JUNE			
1 st	INSET Day – school closed	1 st	INSET Day – school closed
	Yr 2 start swimming this Friday	2 nd – 13 th	Yr4 Multiplication Test (statutory online test)
9 th	Yr 1 & Yr 2 Phonics Check this week	10 th – 12 th	Yr 6 PGL Liddington residential
19 th	Father's Day assembly 9am EYFS and 9.20am KS1. (and visit to classrooms)		
20 th	Englefield Green Village Fayre	20 th	Englefield Green Village Fayre
		22 nd	Sports Day 1pm (parents invited)
26 th	Grandparents afternoon 2.15-3pm	26 th	Grandparents afternoon 1.30-2pm
30 th	New reception at Infants & Yr 2 transition Day at the Juniors	30 th	Yr 6 Transition day at The Magna Carta School
30 th	New to EYFS Information Evening 6.30pm		
JULY			
		1 st	New to Yr 3 Parent Information Evening
		4 th	Summer Fair TBC
		7 th	Yr 4 brass concert – 2pm – parents invited
8 th	Sports Day PM – parents invited	8 th	Upper School performance 7pm
		9 th	Upper School performance 7pm
13 th	International Week		Summer Fair TBC
17 th	School reports shared	14 th	Swimming Gala Yrs 3 & 4 (A.M) and Yrs 5 & 6 (P.M.)
17 th	International exhibition 3-4pm	17 th	School reports shared
21 st	Yr 2 Leavers assembly 9am	17 th	Yr 6 Leavers party (parents to arrange)
	Yr 2 Leavers party 3-4pm	22 nd	Yr 6 Leavers assembly 9am
	School ends at 1.30pm		School ends at 2pm
Summer Holidays			
	1 st September INSET Day		1 st September INSET Day
	Term begins 2 nd September 2026		Term begins 2 nd September 2026

Ordinarily available provision

Ordinarily Available Provision (OAP) is the support schools make available to children when they need extra help. This support comes from the school's existing resources. For example, extra help in class, access to specific tools or equipment, or using different ways to present information to help remove barriers to learning.

Most children with additional needs or disabilities can be fully supported through OAP. All children can access this support, whether or not they have a formal diagnosis.

The [Ordinarily available provision schools' guide](#) is a tool that offers advice and strategies to schools so that they can help all children learn in a way that suits them best. This guide was created with input from children and school staff.

The [Parent carers' guide to ordinarily available provision](#), co-produced with input from parents and [Family Voice Surrey](#), provides information about the support schools can offer when there are concerns about a child's access to the curriculum. It aims to help parents have informed and constructive conversations with schools about their child's needs.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/local-offer/ordinarily-available-provision>



Our lovely Mrs Drew is taking part in the "CoppaFeel 42k trek in a day" marathon in the Peak District in May to try and raise as many pennies as possible for CoopaFeel / Cancer.

If you wish to donate, the link is below.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/emily-cannon-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



If anyone is replacing appliances over the break, please hang onto the boxes for our Year 6 production scenery!!



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16



A prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

BE A READING HERO!

Volunteer to Help a Child Love Reading!

Just 15-20 minutes can make a **HUGE** difference!

You Can Be a **Super Helper!**

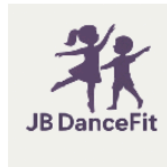
- ✓ No Experience Needed!
- ✓ We'll Show You How!
- ✓ Flexible Times: **Mon - Thurs**
- ✓ Have Fun & Inspire Young Readers!

Flexible Times: **Mon - Thurs**

Even Once a Week Can Change a Child's World!

POW! SIGN UP BELOW!

READ!



Dear Parent/Carers,

I can't believe the Easter holidays are almost upon us and I have been teaching for a whole term already. The children are a joy to teach and we have been having so much fun putting our end of term dance together to show to their families.

For those that are considering JB Dancefit, the classes I run incorporate many different styles. They will learn some dance technique, but above all have fun and keep fit at the same time. We do not follow an exam syllabus but there will be plenty of opportunities to perform during classes and to parents at the end of the term. This club is open to children from Year 3 to Year 6.

I have been running a dance class at your school for many years, but for the past 2 years have been combining it with another club I run across the road at St Cuthbert's. Children are collected from St Jude's by me at 3.15 pm and escorted to St Cuthbert's for the club. All parents collect from St Cuthbert's at 4.20 pm.

Please see below QR code for you to access the registration form to sign up or click the link below if preferred.

Pricing Summer Term 15.04.26 - 15.07.26 - 13 sessions for £91

Account name - Mrs J Boyt
Sort Code - 40-47-69
Account number - 93850498

Any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Email - jbdancefit25@gmail.com

Link - <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/qEkJ8svSTj>

With best regards,

Juliet Boyt



Family Gardening Day: growing food and flowers, craft , lunch included

- ▶ **Wednesday 1st April 10 am.-1 pm**
- ▶ **The Hub, Englefield Green, 57, Larchwood Drive, TW20 0SL**
- ▶ **Children must be accompanied by an adult**
- ▶ **Booking required please contact**
- ▶ **lindajemmett@aol.com**
- ▶ **Suggested donation £1 per person**





DISCOVER SCIENCE DAY

Saturday 28 March 2026
10am-4pm

A day of science exploration and discovery at
Royal Holloway, University of London

royalholloway.ac.uk/sciencefestival

