ST JUDE'S C OF E SCHOOLS FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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DATE: 16/10/2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Having a fortnight's half-term means that this first part of the term has gone very quickly and we have certainly now moved from the glorious summer days into the autumn. The children have settled well into the routines of their new classes and are enjoying the opportunity to be learning again in single year groups.

It is always a joy to bring KS1 and KS2 together in the church. Our Harvest service on Monday was as joyful as ever; it's very endearing to watch siblings wave to each other and the Year 3 pupils greet their infant teachers. Thank you for your donations to Foodbank and for helping us to live out our school's vision of Kindness in the Community.

We were really proud to have exceeded the national average score for our Year 4's Multiplication Tables Check and to have matched the national for our Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. In order now to support your children to improve their mental maths skills, we will be focusing on reinforcing basic number skills to make their recall faster. To find out how you can support this at home, please read the section later in this newsletter and join our parent information morning on Friday 27 November at 9.00am (juniors) or Wed 2 December at 2.40pm (infants).

I hope you all have a lovely half-term break. Best wishes, Mrs Chiverton



Happy Holiday! I hope you will really enjoy a two-week half term break. The Autumn Term is always an extra busy one, and over the last few weeks, all of you have been getting used to new classes, making new friends and learning new things. So, half term is a well-deserved holiday – for our children, and for all our senior leaders, teachers and teaching assistants, and all our school staff. Whatever your plans for the next fortnight, please make the most of your time!

Thank you all for the wonderful Harvest Service you held in St Jude's Church. As always, it was lovely to see almost all our children – infants and juniors – in church together. The theme of our service was

“Hope”, one of our school values, and you also demonstrated another of our values – “Respect” as you led such a lovely service for us. Thank you for the Harvest gifts which you presented during the service, gifts which will bring hope to those who receive them. And thank you as always, for your joyful singing.

If you are looking for something special to do during your holiday, Christchurch, Virginia Water is holding a **“Light Party”** on **Saturday 31st October** from **4pm – 5pm** in the **Virginia Water Community Centre, Beechmont Avenue, *Virginia Water*, Surrey, GU25 4EY.** Admission is **FREE**, but if you would like to donate towards costs, you will need to do so in cash, please. The party will include games and crafts, stories and songs – sounds great! Do join in if you can!

One of the changes during the last few weeks has been within our Governing Body. Juan Pemberton has been one of our Governors since 2015, and more recently Chair of our Governing Body. Juan has now stepped down as Chair, although he will continue to serve as a Governor for a little while longer. We are indebted to Juan for his generous and inspiring leadership. We are indebted also to Sam Jenkins, who has now been elected to the role of Chair. We wish you both very well. Thank you!

We shall be celebrating St Jude’s day during the next two weeks and praying for both our schools as we take our inspiration from him. God bless you all. Warm greetings from Jeremy and Judith.





Supporting your child with Maths

What are the basic skills that children need for life?

· To recognise all number bonds to 20 (by the end of Year 1)

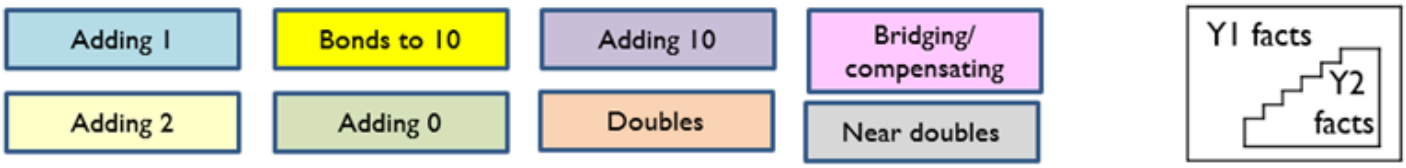
· To know their multiplication tables (by the end of Year 4)

· To tell the time (by the end of Year 3)

· To be able to recognise the value of coins and notes (by the end of Year 1)

Junior children have access to Mathletics, which they should be completing every week for homework and there are also really good games on the BBC bitesize website. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary. However, online access is not essential because any of these skills can be easily practised at home with games, on short bursts in the car to school and through singing or repeating by rote. You never know, you might even find that your own times tables skills improve by practising along with your child!

Number bonds to 10 being secure make mental addition and subtraction to 20 and 100 much easier. This chart shows the patterns that your child needs to know.



+	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0 + 0	0 + 1	0 + 2	0 + 3	0 + 4	0 + 5	0 + 6	0 + 7	0 + 8	0 + 9	0 + 10
1	1 + 0	1 + 1	1 + 2	1 + 3	1 + 4	1 + 5	1 + 6	1 + 7	1 + 8	1 + 9	1 + 10
2	2 + 0	2 + 1	2 + 2	2 + 3	2 + 4	2 + 5	2 + 6	2 + 7	2 + 8	2 + 9	2 + 10
3	3 + 0	3 + 1	3 + 2	3 + 3	3 + 4	3 + 5	3 + 6	3 + 7	3 + 8	3 + 9	3 + 10
4	4 + 0	4 + 1	4 + 2	4 + 3	4 + 4	4 + 5	4 + 6	4 + 7	4 + 8	4 + 9	4 + 10
5	5 + 0	5 + 1	5 + 2	5 + 3	5 + 4	5 + 5	5 + 6	5 + 7	5 + 8	5 + 9	5 + 10
6	6 + 0	6 + 1	6 + 2	6 + 3	6 + 4	6 + 5	6 + 6	6 + 7	6 + 8	6 + 9	6 + 10
7	7 + 0	7 + 1	7 + 2	7 + 3	7 + 4	7 + 5	7 + 6	7 + 7	7 + 8	7 + 9	7 + 10
8	8 + 0	8 + 1	8 + 2	8 + 3	8 + 4	8 + 5	8 + 6	8 + 7	8 + 8	8 + 9	8 + 10
9	9 + 0	9 + 1	9 + 2	9 + 3	9 + 4	9 + 5	9 + 6	9 + 7	9 + 8	9 + 9	9 + 10
10	10 + 0	10 + 1	10 + 2	10 + 3	10 + 4	10 + 5	10 + 6	10 + 7	10 + 8	10 + 9	10 + 10

Our nurture groups

Infant School

This half term in Nurture we have been learning about Materials and sorting things by type, material and colour. We have settled in to our routines really well and love Drawing Club, Munchy Monday (when we do cookery) and ‘What’s in the box?’ Wednesday when we explored materials and other interesting objects. We have spent lots of time in Forest school and can now all climb safely in the trees.





Junior School

This half term in the Junior Nurture hub we have been focussing on Traditional fairytales; sequencing events, writing shopping lists and writing our own versions. We have even turned some of these into books for our reading corner. As well as building confidence in our spellings, number formation, handwriting and times tables skills. We especially enjoy forest school, Art & Crafts and cooking. We are now familiar with the routines, timetables and are building positive relationships with the staff and other pupils.







What the Infants have been up to...





Butterfly Class are learning about their bodies and how to keep them healthy by handwashing, brushing teeth, exercise and healthy eating.





‘We have had a fantastic great first half term in **Reception**. Our topic has been ‘Marvellous Me’ and we have spent lots of time exploring the classroom and getting to know each other. We are so proud of how the children have settled into school and look forward to more adventures together next half term.’



Year 1 children enjoying our science unit of Marvellous Materials and sorting objects according to their properties.





Year 2 went on a local walk around Englefield Green linking to their Geography learning. They had been learning about human and physical features of our world and so they went out looking for the different human and physical features of our local area. We saw lots of tall trees, busy roads and enjoyed spotting the funfair at the Green!

What the Juniors have been up to...





Year 3 have been thinking about aspirations and what they'd like to be when they grow up!



A very Autumnal display for Year 4's RE unit on Humanism – wishes for a newborn



Year 6 have been learning about Africa and making travel leaflets.

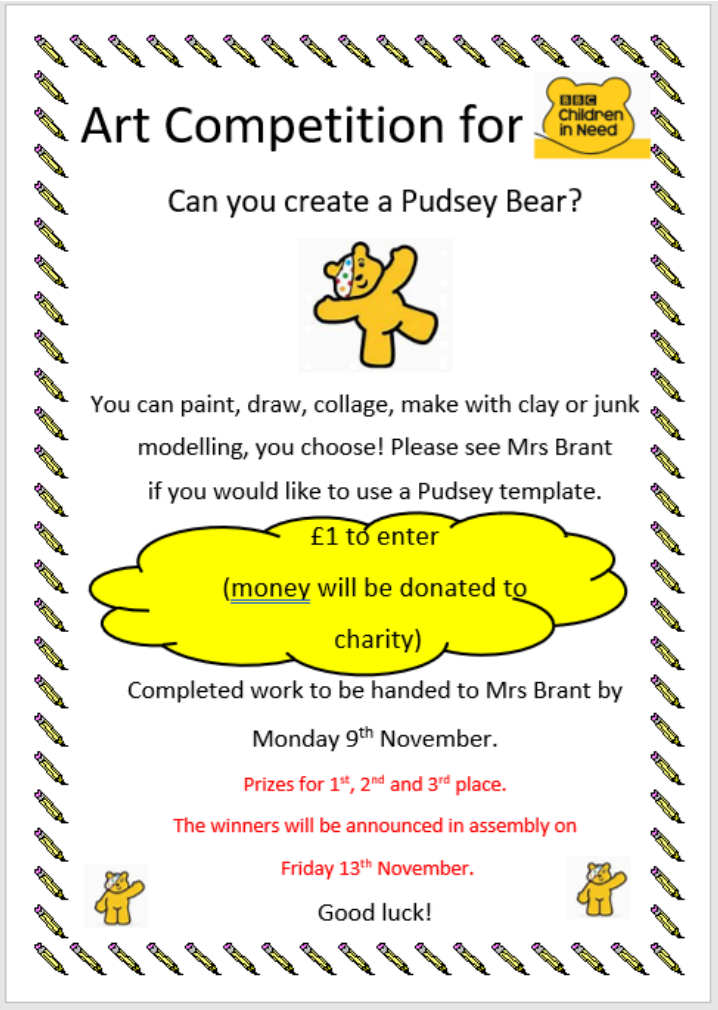




Year 6 have also been baking bread and making tomato sauce.



Some of our upper school pupils were lucky enough to go to to Wentworth PGA golf.





Applications for Reception and Year 3 for September 2027

Surrey's online application window is open from 3 November until 15 January. Parents of Nursery children and Year 2 children MUST apply as places are not guaranteed. https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant

We are holding open days on the following dates:

12 and 26 Nov 9.30 - 10.30 - INFANTS

20 Nov and 4 Dec 9.00 - 10.00 - JUNIORS

If you would like to book a place, please call the relevant school office.

DIARY DATES Autumn 2026

Date	Infants	Date	Juniors
	September		
1st	INSET Day	1st	INSET Day
2nd	Term starts	2nd	Terms starts
23rd	Meet the Teacher 2.40pm	23rd	Meet the Teacher 3.30pm & 4pm
October			
6th	Parent phonics Information session 2.30pm	5th	Flu Vaccinations
12th	Harvest Festival at St Jude's Church	12th	Harvest Festival at St Jude's Church
14th	Individual photos		Individual school photos 10am
16th	Stay Safe Day		
October Half Term 19th – 30th			
	November		
2nd	Term starts	2nd	Term starts
		6th	PTA bonfire themed cake sale after school
		9th	Class photos
12th	Prospective Parents Morning 9.30am	10th	Y6 Junior Citizen trip (10-12)
13th	Children in Need PTA bonfire themed cake sale after school	13th	Children in Need
16th	Odd Socks Day	16th	Odd Socks Day
		19th	Year 4 Coding Day
		20th	Prospective Parents Open Morning 9-10am
24th	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.00pm in person	24th	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.00pm in person
25th	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.00pm in person	25th	Parent Consultations 3.30-5.30pm in person 6.00-7.00 online
26th	Prospective Parents Open Morning 9.30am		
		27th	Parent Maths Information session 9.00am
	December		
		4th	Prospective Parents Open Morning 9-10am
2nd	Parent Maths Information session 2.40pm	7th	Brass Concert
8th	Nursery Nativity		
9th	Reception Nativity		
10th	KS1 Nativity	10th	PTA disco: Yrs 3&4 6.00-7.00pm, Yrs 5&6 7.15-8.15pm
		11th	Parent Sharing Morning 9am
17th	Carol service at the church (KS1 children only)	17th	Carol service at the church (children only)
17th	Christmas lunch followed Christmas parties (Christmas jumper/clothes)	17th	Christmas lunch followed Christmas parties / film (Christmas jumper/clothes)
18th	End of term 1.30pm	18th	End of term 2pm
21st December 2026 – 1st January 2027			
4th	INSET day	4th	INSET day
5th	Term begins	5th	Term begins



A reminder that no absences for holidays or extended trips away will be authorised. We are aiming to increase both schools' attendance figure to match the national average and we have a couple of percentage points to go. Fines will be issued for unauthorised absences of 5 days or more, which no longer have to be consecutive. They can also be issued for persistent absence. Our attendance policy can be found on the school website here.

If your child is out of school for 5 days or more, then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, ***per parent/carer per child,*** *if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.*

2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, ***per parent/carer per child****, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.*

3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, ***per parent/carer per child****, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.*

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Penalty fines apply to persistent absence as well as holidays.

School meals are **£2.90** per day. Our preference would be for the half term **to be paid in advance** but, at the very least, weekly please.

School lunches will be payable online once our current issue has been resolved. If you have not yet received your ScoPay Activation Code to enable you to set up your online payment account, please let us know.

Please contact the office urgently and complete a new form ,available on the website or in reception, if you believe that your child is entitled to free school meals—even if your child chooses to have packed lunch.

Please note that Universal School Meals are not provided by the government at KS2 ,so your child will only qualify if you are in are in receipt of Jobseekers Allowance or Universal Credit, which you will

need to make us aware of.

Please speak to **Mrs Hall** in the school office should you have any queries.

Free School Meals
Are you entitled?

Snacks

The government does not provide fruit for junior aged children, so please provide your child with a healthy snack, such as fruit or vegetables. We do not allow wrappers into the junior playground at breaktime because the litter level is shocking, so their snack must be either in a plastic tub or be something that can be removed from a wrapper (which will be put in the classroom bin) and held in their hand.

No snacks or packed lunches may contain nuts or chocolate.



Parking

Please don't park in the spaces outside each school reserved for Blue Disabled Badge holders or in the bus-stop at the juniors during the times shown on the sign, as each is a ticketable offence.





Being an active member of the PTA is one of the easiest ways of getting involved with the school community and is incredibly satisfying, knowing we are making a difference. The PTA will soon be sharing the date of their AGM to which everybody is welcome! We'll be reporting on the activities from this year and discussing the year ahead. Being a member of the PTA doesn't have to be too time consuming. There are lots of ways you can help, according to the time you have available, and, if we all do a little bit, we can achieve a lot!


INFANT SCHOOL
CAKE SALE
Friday 13th Nov
Delicious cakes!
Support our School!
CAKES LIGHT UP OUR SCHOOL!
Due to Benedict's Law we can no longer accept shop brought cakes.
There will be a prize for the best cakes!
All cakes must have a list of ingredients.
Ingredients:
No nuts please!
Cash and Card Welcome!
£
Please bring in the cakes the morning of Friday 13th Nov to the office.
13th NOV
We can't wait to see your creative cakes!


JUNIOR SCHOOL
CAKE SALE
After School on
Friday 6th Nov
Delicious cakes!
Support our school!
CAKES LIGHT UP OUR SCHOOL!
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St. Jude's Infant & Junior School PTA

FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS

2025-2026

Thank you!

Your amazing support helps us make a real difference for all the children at St. Jude's.

TOTAL NET INCOME RAISED — THIS YEAR —

£7,405.70

Every pound raised makes a difference to our children!

INFANT EVENTS	JUNIOR EVENTS	JOINT EVENTS
£1,625.59	£1,984.57	£3,795.54
21.95%	26.80%	51.25%
OF TOTAL RAISED	OF TOTAL RAISED	OF TOTAL RAISED

INFANT EVENTS

EVENT	NET INCOME (£)
Festive Fun afternoon	£354.05
Christmas Cake Sale	£233.82
Christmas Raffle	£235.90
Easter Raffle	£201.18
Easy Fundraising	£207.04
Valentines Cake Sale	£154.25
Christmas Card Commission	£152.41
Lolly sales	£86.94
TOTAL	**£1,625.59**

JUNIOR EVENTS

EVENT	NET INCOME (£)
School Disco	£393.31
Easter Raffle	£309.00
Christmas Raffle	£265.00
Christmas Parent Present Room	£253.32
Easy Fundraising	£232.02
Christmas Card Commission	£226.09
Christmas Cake Sale	£164.01
Valentines Cake Sale	£141.82
TOTAL	**£1,984.57**

JOINT EVENTS

EVENT	NET INCOME (£)
Summer Fair	£3,463.65
Easter Activity packs	£203.72
Mothers and Fathers Day	£128.17
TOTAL	**£3,795.54**

WHAT WE HAVE BOUGHT THIS YEAR

Classroom consumables	Supporting day-to-day learning with essential supplies.
Class treat vouchers	Rewarding and celebrating our wonderful classes.
Forest school equipment	Enhancing outdoor learning and adventures.
Supported leavers parties	Helping to create special memories for our leavers.
Christmas celebrations	Making Christmas magical for all our children.
Contribution to Junior School trim trail	*Proudly supported by your fundraising!*

These purchases enrich school life and create memorable experiences for our children.

WHAT WE HAVE PLANS TO BUY NEXT

- More much needed classroom consumables (glue sticks, whiteboard pens, paint)
- New playground equipment
- New projector for Junior School hall
- More forest school equipment
- Plan to spruce up the playgrounds
- Classroom calm boxes

Every pound raised goes directly back into our schools to support, inspire and enrich our children.

TOGETHER WE DO AMAZING THINGS! *Thank you for supporting St. Jude's PTA!*

1st ENGLEFIELD GREEN SCOUT GROUP

Scouts

CALLING ADVENTURERS!

Aged 6 – 9 years & interested in Scouting?
Or wanting to get involved in volunteering?

If so come along to our
OPEN EVENING
BONFIRE & BBQ

FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER
6.30 – 8.00pm

@ the Scout Hut, Kings Lane,
Englefield Green

Come along to meet the group, chat with our leaders and find out more about

Limited spaces for new Beavers (6 - 8 year olds), Cubs (8 - 10 ½ year olds) and

Englefield Green Hub
57, Larchwood Drive TW20 0SL

Autumn gardening, cooking and craft





[Text Wrapping Break]

Family Gardening Day

Wednesday 28 th October 10 am-1pm





Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

1 Chronicles 29:13



Lord God,

We give thanks for the food we share and ask your blessing on those who grow, harvest and prepare it. Forgive us when we fail to care for your world. Inspire us to act for the good of our neighbours, especially those who do not have plentiful food. Nourish us with your Spirit, that we may be filled with energy to do your will.

In Jesus' name, Amen