



Christmas Newsletter

19th December 2025

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a busy but fantastic last few weeks of Christmas festivities!

Christmas shopping morning

On Christmas shopping morning, the children were full of excitement as they headed off with their long lists, bag and money to buy their Christmas gifts. They carefully chose thoughtful gifts for their family members and I am sure you will love what they have bought for you!

Members of our community and some past parents returned to help the children – this event is always a favourite for our volunteers. Many thanks to the PSA, especially Mrs Woods, Mrs Maskell-New, Mrs Constable and Mrs Stevens, for organising both the shopping morning and fair. Their dedication ensured everything ran smoothly, and I am sure you would agree it was another successful event.



Nativity Play – Angel Express

Last week the children performed their Nativity play 'Angel Express.' They were simply outstanding and we are so proud of them all. The singing, narrating, dancing and acting really brought the message of the Christmas story alive. The children were confident and clearly enjoyed performing for an audience! Well done to all the staff for their dedication in ensuring the play was brilliant. I had many positive comments from parents and visitors saying how much they enjoyed it and that the children really shone in their performances.





Elf Run

Last Friday we carried out our elf run on behalf of the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. The children ran around the field with their elf hats alongside their teachers dressed as Father Christmas! Over the 5 years we have carried out the run we have donated a £6,522.02 to the hospice. Thank you for all the kind donations, they will go a long way to help and support patients and their families.



Christmas Party

On Tuesday afternoon the children had their class Christmas parties. There was lots of party games, dancing, singing and some treats too! There was a special visit from Father Christmas, who brought gifts for the children. The excitement was magical and the children even promised him they would go to bed early on Christmas Eve!



Christmas lunch

On Wednesday, the school gathered together to enjoy a wonderful Christmas lunch. It was a joyful occasion filled with lots of lovely food, songs and laughter. Many thanks to the catering team and especially Khaty for making the lunch so special for everyone. It is definitely one of our highlights as we come together to celebrate this season as a school community.





Christingle Service

We ended our fantastic week with a very special Christingle Service at St John the Baptist Church. The children read and sang beautifully. It was a very reflective moment when all the lights were switched off and the Christingles were lit. It was a quiet moment to remember the true meaning of Christmas. A heartfelt thank you to the Rector and Anne for joining us today and throughout the year for the services and assemblies. Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us today and helped walk the children to the Church.



May I take this opportunity to say a sincere thank you for all your well wishes and kind words during this difficult time. They have been very comforting and I am fortunate to have such supportive people around me.

I hope you all have a Blessed Christmas with your families and enjoy the Christmas break.

Best wishes,
Miss De Filippis



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

SPRING TERM STARTS

Monday 5th January 2026

RECEPTION & JUNIOR APPLICATIONS

DEADLINE

Thursday 15th January

HALF TERM

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

INSET DAY

Monday 23rd February



CONSULTATION ON ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS 2027-2028

If you would like to comment on the proposed change in the admissions arrangements for 2027-2028 please email

admissions@goodshepherdtrust.org.uk The consultation ends on Friday 23rd January 2026.

For further information please see

<https://www.goodshepherdtrust.org.uk/our-schools/admissions> or

<https://www.puttenhamschool.co.uk/key-information/admissions>

Headteacher's awards

and house points

Stars of the week

Hedgehog class: Millie and Grace

Rabbit class: Winnie and Samuel

Fox class: Jemima and Tommy

Values award: Arthur (Fox) for Wisdom

Lunchtime stars: Orla and Theo

House points: Hedgehog class

Well done to you all!

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please remember to order your child's school lunches for next term. Please take a few minutes to go through the menu with them, as each day we have some children saying they don't like what they have been given, although we do encourage them to try it. As there are 4 choices each day, hopefully there will be something on the menu they enjoy. Thank you.

Please note there is no jacket potato option on Monday 5th January.

NURSERY/PRESCHOOL SURVEY

Please remember to complete the nursery/preschool survey.

<https://forms.office.com/e/LKDNEzUV07>

Survey open until Monday 5th January 2026



£1
Donation

NEW!!
Music & Movement
session every half
term!

PUTTENHAM TODDLERS

Address

Marwick Hall
Puttenham

When

9am - 10.30am
Every Monday in
term time

Activities

Craft, messy play, role play,
ride ons, song time and a
good selection of toys
Snack included

Contact Us

Puttenham Toddlers
on Facebook

NEW!
Coffee &
Croissants



Support available this



If you need support now, here's what to do:

If you are in immediate danger: call **999**

If you have an urgent need, call our crisis line on **0800 915 4644**. It's open 24/7. You can also call NHS 111 and select the mental health option.

Self help tools & resources

A range of resources, strategies, and tools developed by professionals can be found on our [resources section](#). Resources on self care, anxiety, depression and much more are available, with links through to other useful websites.



Online support

If you need support with life's ups and downs outside of your regular support system, try Kooth which offers a free, safe, anonymous online support ([kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com)) or Chat Health which offers confidential text support with a qualified nurse (chathealth.nhs.uk).



Workshops and groups

We offer free workshops and groups for children, young people, and families - no request for support or diagnosis needed. More information on our [Early Support pages](#).



CYP Havens

The Children Young People (CYP) Havens are a welcoming space for 10 to 18 year olds to talk about worries and mental health in confidence. Provided by Surrey County Council.



Out of hours advice line

A free out-of-hours phone line provides advice to parents and carers who are struggling with behaviours or difficulties which could be related to neurodevelopmental need, such as autism or ADHD. It runs from 5pm until 11pm, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Please call 0300 222 5755



YOU ARE NOT ALONE

You are the expert of your child

You Are Not Alone - Every 1st Tuesday of the month - 7.00pm - 8.30pm

A free monthly online drop-in for parents & carers

The **You Are Not Alone** community is a friendly and safe space run by Erik & Sally Wagter where you can come and learn about autism & PDA, ask questions, connect with like-minded people or simply hang back and listen in.



In this community we talk about all sorts of things such as:

- helping your child regulate their emotions & feelings
- understanding autism and PDA
- navigating school and EHCPs
- Supporting your child with friendships
- understanding and managing challenging behaviour
- managing sensory needs
- developing a positive relationship with your child (family dynamics)
- exploring EOTAS or home education
- looking after your wellbeing
- and so much more



Here's what parents said:

'My husband Jamie was saying that in the last few sessions, he has learned so much more about autism and PDA than he has over the last year'

Jo (parent)

'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel and I really do feel less alone and more validated. My hope is back'

Louise (parent)

'Thank you so much for your support. I nearly chicken out in speaking but I'm glad I did. These sessions have been really helpful and I don't feel so alone'

Emma (parent)

If you would like to join the **next drop-in on Tuesday 6th January**, please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the **Zoom** link.

