

28<sup>th</sup> November 2025



Puttenham  
Church of England School

Dear parents and carers,



Thank you to the families who joined us for the Little Saints service on Sunday. Well done to Eddie and Lily from Rabbit class. You both read a poem so confidently and carried out cross and candles. Each term we have a joint service with the church community. It is lovely to keep the connection between the school and the church. Our service was Christ the King. The children made a king puppet, sang songs, read a poem and a prayer. We thank Anne and the Rector for working with me to ensure the children participate and enjoy the service. It would be lovely if more families could join us for these services as I know that the children enjoy being part of them.



This weekend sees the start of Advent. This is a season of waiting and preparing for Jesus' birth. We will have an advent wreath in school and will light our first candle on Monday. This candle symbolises 'hope'. In our assembly this week, the children were able to link our value of hope and what it meant for them. Each week we will think about the meaning of each candle and how this helps our journey to Christmas. The children were also very excited about their advent calendars!



#### Phyllis Tuckwell elf run

The children are participating in an elf run to raise donations for the Phyllis Tuckwell hospice on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. In an assembly the children heard all about the good work the hospice does for their patients and families. The sponsor envelopes were sent out last week. Please return these with the donations on the day of the run. Thank you.

Thank you to the PSA for purchasing some new books for the reading scheme. The children were very excited and cannot wait to read them!





Congratulations to Lucas, Winnie and Maggie for winning the scarecrow trail. Each child won a Smyths voucher. Many thanks to all the parents and carers who participated with their very creative scarecrows. The school staff managed to keep the scarecrows of Mrs Dynan and I a secret! Our thanks goes to the PSA who organised the event for the school and community. I know that the villagers enjoy seeing the visitors too.



**Christingle Service - volunteers needed** Please email the office or inform your child's class teacher if you are able to help walk the children to and from the Church on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December for our Christingle service. Many thanks.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Miss De Filippis

#### SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP

**Parking** - Please do not park in front of the **NO PARKING NOTICES** at the front of the school. This also includes when picking up from after school clubs.

**School Lane** – Please be mindful of your speed when driving on School Lane and do not come up or down between 8.30am and 8.40am. Please tell any other carers who transport your child. Thank you.

#### LABELS



We are beginning to get quite a lot of gloves/scarves in our lost property. Please label all your child's belongings so we are able to return them. Thank you.

#### Headteacher's awards and house points Stars of the week

**Hedgehog class:** Imogen and Delilah

**Rabbit class:** Lily and Ray

**Fox class:** Oscar and Bodie

**Values award:** Alexis for Wisdom and Love

**Lunchtime stars:** Jemima and Vivienne

**House points:** Fox class

**Well done to you all!**

#### KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

##### PSA CHRISTMAS FAIR

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

##### CHRISTMAS PLAY

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm and

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am

##### PHYLLIS TUCKWELL ELF RUN

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

##### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY & CLASS PARTIES

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

##### CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE

(All welcome)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am

##### BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1.00pm

##### SPRING TERM STARTS

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## Coughs and sneezes spread diseases



Stop germs spreading

## SEASONAL REMINDERS

It's that time of year when there are lots of coughs and colds around and this year is no exception. We have been reminding the children on good hygiene i.e. wiping their noses and coughing into their inside elbows (cough corners).

The advice from the NHS is children with a temperature should stay at home and return to school once their temperature is normal and they are feeling better <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/#:~:text=Coughs%20and%20colds,until%20the%20temperature%20has%20gone>



## SCHOOL UNIFORM DISCOUNT

### Brigade Promotion Details – BLACK FRIDAY:

<https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/school/PU8748PD/>

- **Discount:** 10% off all items
- **Promo Code:** BF10
- **Live From:** Friday 28th November at 12:00am
- **Ends:** Sunday 30th November at 11:59pm



## Merry Christmas!

### December Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm

## PUTTENHAM TODDLERS CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

Christmas activities for our toddlers

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Christmas Crafts
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Party
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Festive Session before Christmas!

Every Monday in term  
time 9am - 10:30am



## EarlyBird Programme

Join the National Autistic Society's **EarlyBird** programme for parents and carers of autistic children aged under 6 years.

The six-session programme covers:

- understanding autism
- communication
- understanding autistic experiences
- supporting daily living
- health and wellbeing
- connections

*"This has made a real difference to me. In general, life-changing."*  
Parent

The **EarlyBird** programme aims to empower parents and supporting professionals to understand more about autism and discuss useful strategies on how to support autistic children.

### Dates:

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January

For more information contact:

**Name:** Tess and Debbie  
**Email:** [admin@guildfordnsc.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@guildfordnsc.surrey.sch.uk)  
**Telephone:** 01483 566589

All sessions run from 9.30am-12pm.

The cost of the course is **£35**, but if you are experiencing financial hardship, please come and speak to us.



**National  
Autistic  
Society**



## The Nurturing Programme

How to get the best out of family life

The Nurturing Programme is a 10-week group course to help parents and carers deal with the challenges of family life and create a calmer, happier environment.

It is a tried and tested support programme to help us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.

You should plan to attend each of the 10 sessions:

Tuesday 13th January 2026	Tuesday 10th February	Tuesday 10th March
Tuesday 20th January	Tuesday 24th February	Tuesday 17th March
Tuesday 27th January	Tuesday 3rd March	Tuesday 24th March
Tuesday 3rd February		

9:30-11:30am

Pirbright School, School Lane, Pirbright GU24 0JN

Book at: [www.familiesfirstguildford.com/events](http://www.familiesfirstguildford.com/events)

## Parenting Puzzle

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can be stressful and challenging.

**Parenting Puzzle** is a tried and tested support programme to help parents and carers deal with the challenges of family life and create a calmer, happier environment. It helps us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.

This programme is a 4-week online or in person course.

### In person

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
9.30am - 11.30am

The Hall, Guildford Family Centre, Hazel  
Avenue, Guildford GU1 1NR

### Online

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
7.00pm - 8.30pm on Teams

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June  
7.00pm - 8.30pm on Teams



Please remember to complete the group registration form to secure your place.

If you have queries, please email  
[coordinator@guildfordnsc.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:coordinator@guildfordnsc.surrey.sch.uk)  
or call 01483 510570