

28th November 2025

Dear parents and carers,



Puttenham
Church of England School



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 12th 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 19th December for our Christingle service. Many thanks.

Have a lovely weekend.
Miss De Filippis

SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP

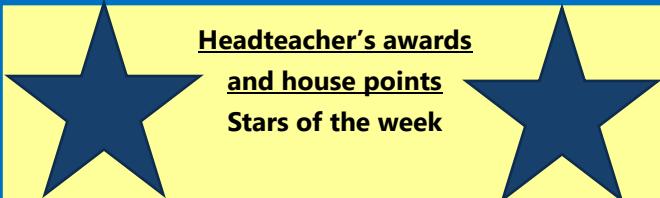
Parking - Please do not park in front of the **NO PARKING NOTICES** at the front of the school. This also includes when picking up from after school clubs.

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 5th December

CHRISTMAS PLAY

Wednesday 10th December 2.00pm and
Thursday 11th December 9.00am

PHYLLIS TUCKWELL ELF RUN

Friday 12th December

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY & CLASS PARTIES

Tuesday 16th December

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE

(All welcome)
Friday 19th December 9.15am

BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Friday 19th December **1.00pm**

SPRING TERM STARTS

Monday 5th January 2026



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
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 st Dec	Christmas Crafts
Monday 8 th Dec	Christmas Party
Monday 15 th 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 5th December
Friday 12th December
Friday 9th January
Friday 16th January
Friday 23rd January
Friday 30th January

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.

For more information contact:

Name: Tess and Debbie
Email: admin@guildfordnsc.surrey.sch.uk
Telephone: 01483 566589



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 2023	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

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 16th January - Friday 6th February
9.30am - 11.30am

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

Online

Tuesday 24th February - Tuesday 17th March
7.00pm - 8.30pm on Teams

Thursday 4th June - Thursday 25th 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 or call 01483 510570