



6th December 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Little Saints service



Many thanks to all the families who attended the Little Saints service. The theme was 'Christ the King.' The service was lovely as the children were able to participate with singing, reflective thoughts, saying prayers and carrying out arts and crafts. These services are an important part of connecting church, school and community together.

Advent



Christmas has arrived at Puttenham! We started the week with an Advent assembly. We talked about the Advent wreath and the meaning behind each candle. The Rector joined us for our assembly on Tuesday. He told the children about the first Advent candle symbolising 'hope'. This is one of our school values and the children were able to talk about their own hopes. Each class lit a candle for the children in Ukraine and others around the world who need hope and prayers at this time of year.

Christmas shopping morning

This morning there was a buzz of activity in the hall as the children arrived with their list, bag and money ready to shop! They were very excited to work through their Christmas shopping list buying gifts that I am sure you will all love!

Many thanks to the PSA for organising this event and of course your donations, it was meticulously planned and well stocked. A special thank you goes to Mrs Stewart and Mrs Maskell-New for all the hours/days they have spent organising the shopping morning and the Christmas fair. It was also lovely to invite back members of the community and past PSA members to help too. It has truly got us all into the Christmas spirit and we are looking forward to the Christmas fair after school.



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 20th December for our Christingle service. Many thanks.

We are looking forward to the Nativity plays next week. The children are busy learning the songs and rehearsing. It is going to be wonderful!

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss De Filippis

Headteacher's awards

and house points

Stars of the week

Hedgehog class: Otilie and Finlay

Rabbit class: Peter and Arthur

Fox class: Ava and Wilbur M

Values award: Oscar for Resilience

Lunchtime stars: Oscar and Winnie

House points: Hedgehog class

Well done to you all!

ATTENDANCE/PUNCTUALITY

We have recently had a visit from the school's link Inclusion Officer regarding attendance. We would like to remind you that we are unable to authorise leave for holidays. Leave may only be granted for exceptional circumstances.

Unauthorised leave for five days or more will be subject to a penalty notice.

It was also noted that there is a growing number of children coming into school late (after the register has closed.) This is very disruptive to the class and your child's education if they are late on a regular basis.

Our current policy is in line with the government guidance 'Working together to improve attendance' which came into force in August 2024. Please see our [attendance policy](#) on the website for further information.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Please see email sent earlier this week with more information for the rest of term.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY

Tuesday 10th December 9.00am

Thursday 12th December 2.00pm

Friday 13th December 9.00am

PHYLLIS TUCKWELL REINDEER RUN & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Tuesday 17th December

CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CLASS PARTIES

Wednesday 18th December

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE

(all welcome)

Friday 20th December 9.00am

END OF TERM

Friday 20th December **1.00pm**

INSET DAY

Monday 6th January 2025

SPRING TERM STARTS

Tuesday 7th January

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are;

Miss De Filippis (DSL)

Mrs Dynan (Deputy DSL)

Mrs Hazzard (Deputy DSL)

The DSL and DDSL's can be contacted via the school's contact details:

Telephone: 01483 810317

Email: dsl@puttenham.surrey.sch.uk

Website information:

<https://www.puttenhamschool.co.uk/safeguarding-children/>

2 WEEK AUTUMN HALF TERM SURVEY

Surrey County Council are inviting families, schools and communities to provide feedback on whether Surrey moves to a 2 week autumn half term. The survey is open until 31st December. Please use the following link

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/autumn-half-term/>

Father Christmas in a stable

Please bring the whole family on

Sunday 8th December 11am - 4pm at Myrtles Courtyard GU10 1JH

Tickets only **£10** a child

 **Here is what we have**

 **Ride on a tractor**

 **Meet small farm animals in a stable**

 **Write a letter to Father Christmas**

 **Make your own reindeer food to take home**

 **Decorate gingerbread biscuits**

 **Follow the nativity scenes**

and of course...

 **Meet Father Christmas himself**

Please [click here](#) to get your ticket. Please note there is limited availability so please act quickly to avoid disappointment.

We can't wait to welcome you for this day of festive fun, family activities and a heartwarming celebration of the true spirit of Christmas.



Visit
Father Christmas
in his stable workshop

8th December
Come anytime between 11am - 4pm

We welcome you to come and visit Father Christmas in his workshop in the stables at:
Myrtles Courtyard, Elstead Road,
Seale, GU10 1JH

£10
PER TICKET

All children will receive a gift with their ticket

Tickets are limited, so please book quickly to avoid disappointment.

All proceeds to go to local churches and schools.

Other festive activities for children to enjoy include:

- Tractor Trailer rides
- Meet animals in the stable
- Nativity scenes
- Decorating gingerbread men
- Make your own reindeer food to take home
- Get creative in our Christmas Craft Stables
- Write letters to Father Christmas
- Food and hot drinks will be available to purchase

(PLEASE BRING CASH)

We look forward to welcoming you!

RSVP
<https://meetfatherchristmasinastable.eventbrite.com/>