

School Newsletter

Summer 2 2025



We would like to say a huge thank you to you all for the love, care and passion you have shown in supporting your children's learning throughout this summer term. Your valued contributions have ensured that your children have flourished in both their academic achievements and the many other wonderful opportunities presented to them here at Surrey Hills this term, from residential to performances, Westfest to skipping and science workshops, not to mention the Abinger Medieval Fayre. We offer a huge thank you to everyone who volunteers in so many capacities and to our dedicated staff who work tirelessly to set high expectations and to deliver an inspiring curriculum where children grow in knowledge and wisdom. We are incredibly lucky to have you. As we say goodbye to our Year 6s and to Miss Bene and Mrs Hopkins, who has been a fantastic Senco for two years, we welcome our new Senco Liz Chambers, who will be taking over this role and we also share our delight that Mrs Phillips will be staying with us as Forest School Lead.

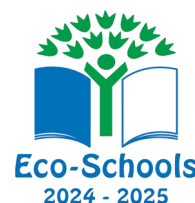
We are extraordinarily proud of our Year 6 children who have achieved so much this year- from fantastic SATs results, to amazing end of year performances, sports competitions and a hundred other responsibilities. They have made lifelong friendships that we are sure will endure beyond their time here at Surrey Hills All Saints.

As I reflect on my last two years at Surrey Hills , it has been a genuine privilege to get to know every single one of your children and to be welcomed into this extraordinary community full of life and enthusiasm. I feel incredibly proud of our recent achievements: a strong Siams report, achieving the Surrey Healthy Schools award and this week, succeeding in gaining Gold in the School Sports Award. Every single one of your children contributed to these accomplishments and we owe a huge thank you to all who supported us through this and the recent Ofsted visit.

Mrs Saunderson, Mr Moody and the team look forward to welcoming you all into school in the Autumn Term on Thursday 4th September, working together to support your children to fulfil their potential next year..

We wish you all a lovely, summer break. Above all stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Kind Regards
Jacky Fyson



Reception Bees Class

Bees enjoying Cinderella's Ball. There was party games, food and dancing. Ella said "I loved dancing with Darcey and learning how to waltz. Fun was had by all!



Reception Bees Class

A big thank you FASH for organising the skipping workshop. Children and staff had a fab time.

Bees practising their skipping



Sometimes, its just easier to skip without the rope!



Beau said "I am sitting in my lily pad."



"Look how high I can skip, said Mason."

Year 1-2 Butterflies

Butterflies have enjoyed some fun workshops this half term. Firstly we spent an energetic 30 minutes in the heat learning and improving our skipping technique. It was incredible to see how many children mastered the skill in such a short time.



Year 1-2 Butterflies

We were then really lucky to have a visit from Gooley Stuey who gave us a fabulous interactive learning experience all about bubbles! We got to blow bubbles, create giant bubbles as well as conduct our own scientific experiments and make sherbet to take home!

Thank you so much to FASH, whose fundraising allowed us to experience these activities!



Year 3 Hedgehogs Class

Hedgehogs have been immersing themselves in their ancient Egyptian topic! We were lucky enough to have two workshops. The first workshop focussed on ancient Egyptian makeup, clothing and everyday items. We got to see close up real artefacts that were over 5000 years old! Our second workshop was a hands-on mummification lesson where we went through step by step the different processes of mummification. The afternoon was then spent practising our hieroglyphic writing and making our very own Pharaoh masks. We had the best day deepening our already brilliant Egyptian knowledge!



Year 3 Hedgehogs Class

Hedgehogs had an exciting opportunity this half term! They have been loving our latest class book of 'An alien in the Jam factory' so as a reward they had a virtual interview with the author Chrissie Sains herself. Hedgehogs were extremely excited to be able to see a real author and ask her all of their interesting questions they had thought of. They loved hearing about the thought processes behind Chrissie's ideas and even got to see a sneak peak of her new book coming out in a few months time! It was a real pleasure to see how inspired they were by her.



Science workshop year 3 and 4

Hedgehogs and Rabbits enjoyed their rocket launch science workshop. They loved making their own rockets, thinking how to make objects move with balloons and watching various rocket launches happen. "I enjoyed it because he set off a real rocket and it went more than 100ft into the air which was really cool!" Ben
"You make your rocket fly by blowing air powerfully into the straw which propels the rocket upwards into the air!" - Keavy



Year 4 Rabbits Class

Year 4 had a fantastic Maya workshop experience with thanks to Portals to the Past for providing and FASH for paying. We played some traditional Maya games such as Pok-ta-pok and Bul, which were so very exhilarating. We had a look at what types of weapons they used and how they would have hunted. After that we also had a go at hunting our own animals! We ended the workshop by recreating the Creation Story which was filled with lots and lots of gods who wanted to play tricks on people. Oh, and I suppose it's worth mentioning that Miss Nowak was sacrificed for her heart.



Year 4 Rabbits Class

In June, Rabbits went on their residential up to Leith Hill Tower and then spent the night at The Mill. The walk to the tower was absolutely exhausting, but worth it for the views we saw once up there (and the ice lollies!) Once we arrived at The Mill, we set up our beds and played some games. After dinner we had a fire pit session where we toasted (and dropped) marshmallows and drank hot chocolate. Finally, it was bed time.



On the second day we had our breakfast, which was served by our distinguished servers, and proceeded to do a ropes course. It was so fun taking part in the course as we had to use lots of teamwork to get across different sections. We all agreed our favourite part was the zip wire! After this we also did some den building. We were tasked with creating a practical outdoor home that people could live in.

Thank you to Sue Smith for all your delicious cooking and thank you to Mrs Gale for stepping in last minute and joining us. We had the best time.



Year 5 Otters Class

Year 5 had a wonderful residential at The Mill, Forest Green. To get there we had a lovely walk from school to The Mill via Leith Hill Tower.



We were so thankful for the lollies delivered by our lovely parent helpers– they definitely gave us energy for the last part of the walk!



We loved the view from the top of Leith Hill.



The children enjoyed serving each other food each meal.

Year 5 Summer Fayre

The Summer Fayre run by Year 5 for the rest of the school was a huge Success! and enjoyed by all.



Year 6 Owls Class

Year 6 had a fabulous residential at Thames Young Mariners staying in teepees and experiencing a range of activities from team building and archery to kayaking, sailing and raft building/racing!





Oli: It was the best residential we have ever had, it was so fun and we all worked together and had a great laugh!

Lucia: I loved how kind the staff were and the fact that we stayed in teepees.

Bethany: The activities were really fun - especially the dock jump. At first I was a little bit nervous but then it was so much fun!

Ria: I loved every moment I was there and am so pleased I did everything!

Forest School

Bees and Butterflies have been busy in at Forest School making shelters and growing!



Our sunflowers are now taller than most of the children!!
A big THANK YOU to FASH for providing new watering cans and trowels to help us tend the plants as well as new materials for den building.

Countdown Cricket Competition

Well done to our Year 5/6 Cricket team who took part in the Cricket competition at Newdigate Cricket Club.

A special mention to Hannah, She played extremely well and was the man of the match!



Sports Day 2025

The first to be held on the school site - was a huge success. Ms Brown from St Johns' helped organise the event and with the support of Miss Roberts ensured the day ran extremely smoothly. - even a bit of rain didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the everyone involved. Early Years and Key Stage One had a fabulous morning of competition with great running, throwing and balancing skills on display. Box were the winners of the morning but there were strong performances from every house.





The afternoon's weather was slightly less pleasant but this didn't dampen the enthusiasm or competitiveness of our Key Stage 2 children. There were strong individual and team performances throughout the afternoon but it was Holmbury that came out as the afternoon victors.

The whole school then came together again to find out the overall winners of the day. **This year the accolade went to Box House.**

F@SH as ever provided support throughout the day - from setting up and packing away, helping with the scoring in the different events and providing refreshments for the children.

Thank you to everyone involved in the day.



We've reached the end of another year of fundraising after a busy half term. At the Abinger medieval fair, the children looked fantastic in their outfits as they led the procession followed by the year 3 and 4 children showing off their amazing maypole dancing skills. F@SH helpers looked lovely as they ran the cream teas for the afternoon. We will find out next term how much F@SH will receive as a donation from the proceeds of the fair.



At WESTfest, the Surrey Hills children again impressed the crowds with their maypole dancing and the amazing school choir sung on the acoustic stage. Huge thank you to Nicky Kong and Paige Potterton for helping showcase our children's fantastic abilities and for all their hard work in preparing the children for their performances. Children from across the school turned up with their scarecrow creations, including "Doris, who was dressed to impress" made by Art club, "Polly, who loves to party" made by Cassidy & Annalise, "Margret, with her fab present" made by Lily, Emily & Jasmine and many more. F@SH ran a second-hand toys stall and kids' tombola whilst Thomas and Iren Gruber whipped up some fab candy floss. Also special thanks to some of our year 4 girls, "The Little Slime Chefs", who sold their home-made slime and raised £47. We are very grateful to the WESTfest team who have donated £1500 to F@SH to support the wilder schools project and forest school provision next term.



This year we have funded the Christmas pantomime, lots of different workshops including an exciting Science workshop, new ipads for the children, supplies for forest school, PE equipment, and provided new books about equality and diversity. Next year we have already committed to fund workshops and school trips to enhance our children's learning, provide forest school supplies and fund the wonderful Christmas pantomime. We are busy making plans for fundraising events in the Autumn term and will be asking for your support to ensure these events are a success. Please come along to our first meeting to see how you can get involved to support the education of our fantastic children.

Have a lovely summer break,

F@SH

Abinger Medieval Fair

Another fantastic Medieval fair at Abinger! The children (and adults!) all looked wonderful in their costumes for the parade. Our year 3 and 4 children worked so hard to learn two dances for the maypole and performed it perfectly! Thank you all for your continued support and for making it such a success!



Surrey Hills Rock Stars!

We finished the year with our last Rock Steady concert of the year. All of our rock stars performed with confidence and demonstrated their fantastic musical skills! They have all worked so hard across the year to learn new songs and have shown excellent teamwork and stage presence. We are so incredibly proud of you all! Letters have gone out for you to sign your child up for the following year if they would like to join the amazing bands we already have.

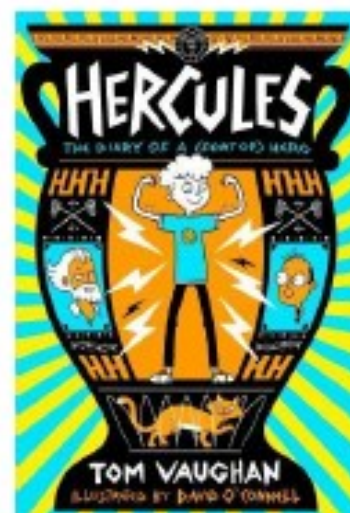
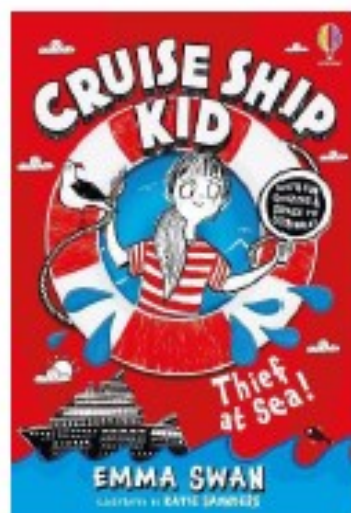
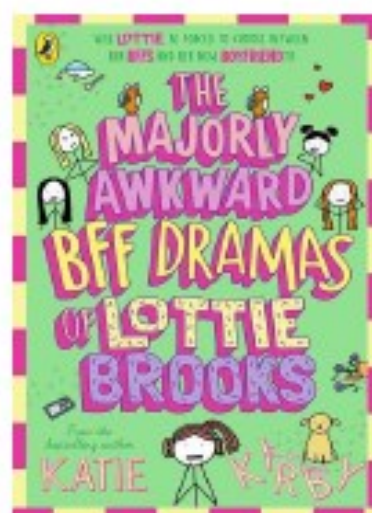
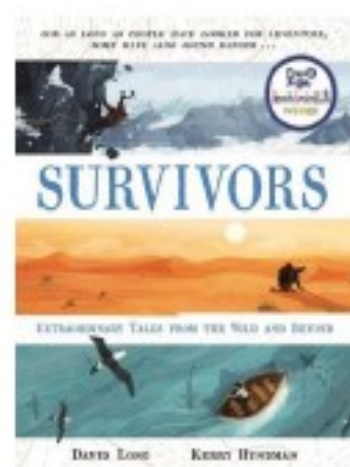
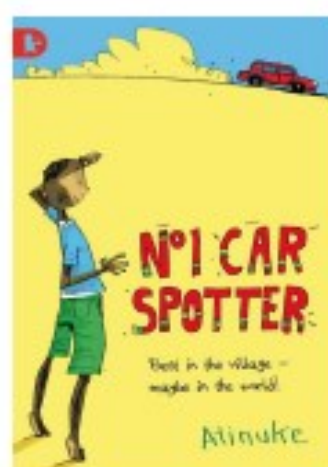
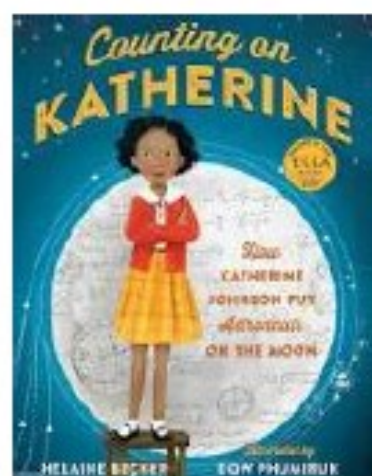
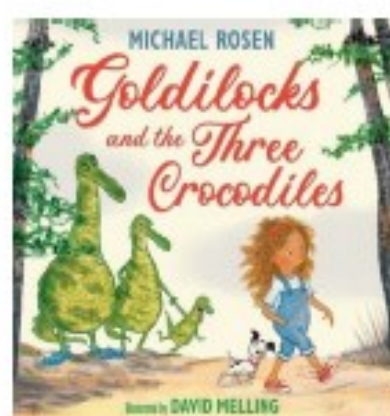
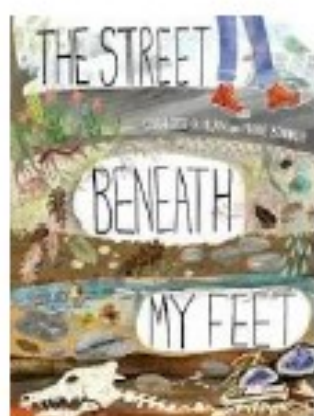
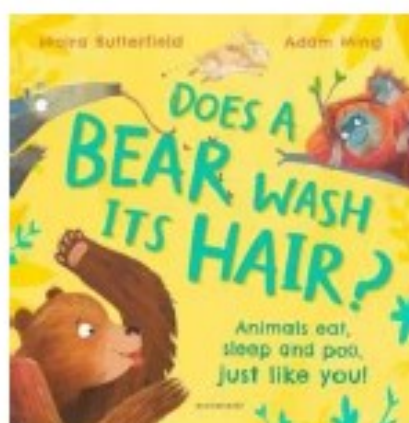


Local Artist Visit

Earlier this term we were delighted to be invited to visit the art studio of local artist, Caroline Peyrecave, who is based in Westcott. Caroline is currently working on a piece for an Empowering Women portrait project, created in partnership with UN Women UK. The girls who visited were able to see an artist studio as well as meet the very famous person who was sitting for the portrait (we have been asked not to share too much information until the project is fully launched). They had the opportunity to ask lots of questions as well as see an artist studio in action. The girls were really inspired by the artist and who she was painting. We can't wait until early next year when we can hopefully get to see the finished portrait and the small part the girls contributed to it.



Mrs Dutton's Holiday Reads



Let me know if you enjoy any of these books. Come and see me if you have a recommendation you would like in our next newsletter

Happy Reading!

Diary Dates 2025/26

July	
18th, 21st & 22nd July	Inset Days
23rd July–2nd Sept	Summer Holidays
September	
3rd September	Inset Day
4th September	Start of term for Years 1-6
8th September	Start of Term for Reception
October	
3rd October	Individual & Sibling photos
23rd & 24th Oct	Inset Days
27th –31st Oct	Half Term
November	
27th & 28th Nov	Year 4 Bikeability
December	
12th December	Snow White Panto
19th December	End of Term KS1 –1.15pm/KS2– 1.30pm Finish
22nd Dec-2nd Jan	Christmas Holidays
January	
5th January	Inset Day
6th January	Start of Term

Diary Dates 2025/26

February	
16th-20th Feb	Half Term
23rd February	GST Inset Day
March	
27th March	End of Term KS1-1.15pm/KS2– 1.30pm Finish
30th March-10th April	Easter Holidays
April	
13th April	Start of Term
13th—24th April	Year 6 Bikeability
May	
4th May	Bank Holiday
25th-29th May	Bank Holiday/Half Term
June	
25th & 26th June	Year 4 Residential –The Mill
July	
17th July	End of Term KS1-1.15pm/1.30pm Finish
20th-22nd July	Inset Days

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), 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 s444 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.



Illness and School Attendance



Attendance at school is vital if pupils are to reach their full potential. Often, children stay at home when they have a minor illness and they miss out on learning and social experiences.

If your child is very ill, it is important that you seek medical advice – either through your GP, Pharmacist or by contacting NHS Direct on 111.

If your child has a minor illness, often they can manage in school and actually feel better being in school, learning with their friends. Please remember that we have lots of qualified First Aiders in school and a first aid room where your child can go if they feel unwell during the day.

If your child is unwell during the day, we will contact you and discuss with you if they need to go home, or whether to administer some medication to help relieve their symptoms (for example, Calpol or Piriton). Staff are also trained to be able to administer medications which have been prescribed by a Doctor. If you need us to support with the administration of medications during the day, please pop into the school office to see a member of staff.

Remember, if your child is unwell in the morning, they can always come into school later, or after lunch if they feel better.

Are they well enough for school?

We know that children are sometimes too ill to come to school. To help you to decide if your child is too ill to attend, ask yourself these questions:

1. Is your child well enough to go out and play?
2. Is your child well enough to carry out their normal daily school activities? *If you answered No, then we would advise you to seek medical advice.*
3. Does your child have a condition that can be passed on to other children?
4. Would you take a day off work if you had the same symptoms or condition? *If you answers Yes, then we would advise you to seek medical advice.*

What to do if your child feels better during the school day?

If your child has:

Headache	Earache
Stomach Ache	Cough
Cold	Sore Throat
Period Pain	

Try giving your child over-the-counter medication in the morning (for example Calpol). If their symptoms improve, bring them into school and we can monitor them during the day and call you if necessary.

Attendance expectations

- Telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.
- Tell the school in advance of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, try sending them in as they often perk up on arrival.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help.



Common Conditions:

Colds & Flu

If your child has a cough, cold or sore throat, they can be sent to school. If your child has a high temperature, you could provide paracetamol or equivalent, and plenty to drink. If your child feels better after that, bring them into school.

If your child's high temperature continues for 3 days or more, seek medical advice. If your child is asthmatic, remember that they may need their blue inhaler more often. If your child has flu (diagnosed by a GP), they should stay home and return to school when they are recovered.

Sickness / Diarrhoea

Is the sickness a diarrhoea/vomiting bug? If so, then pupils must stay off school for 48 hours following the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. If symptoms persist for 3 or more days, seek medical advice. Is the sickness a one-off? Perhaps due to worry or eating something bad? If so, then it may not be necessary to keep them off school. Please call the school office to discuss.

Chickenpox

Pupils must stay off school until the spots have all crusted over (usually around 5 days). If your child has Chickenpox, please make sure the school office is aware so that they can notify any pregnant staff.

Scarlet Fever

Children can return to school 24 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment). If your child has Scarlet Fever, please make sure the school office is aware so that they can notify any pregnant staff.

Headlice

Pupils can return to school as soon as their hair has been treated, to prevent further spreading. Please notify the school office if your child has nits, so that we can inform other parents.

Impetigo

Children can return to school 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment or once the lesions are crusted over.

