

SURREY HILLS ALL SAINTS WEEKLY BULLETIN



25/04/26

Successes this week



RUNNING CLUB

This week, the children collectively ran 736 laps - equivalent to over 88km. Over the two sessions, this equates to 163 kilometres - the same distance from Dorking to Coventry. I am incredibly proud of the commitment shown by all the children. See you next week!

NATURE CLUB



This pupil-led enrichment club meet weekly & the activities they have undertaken include pond-dipping, bird watching and den building. This week, they planted bedding plants to brighten the school entrance. Each week, I am struck by knowledge - particularly about shrews, newts and birds of prey! Thank you for sharing your passion.

SCHOOL COUNCIL



This week, we met to discuss the options for a reward for the class with the highest overall attendance in a given week. We also made plans for a school talent show. The children had brilliant ideas to ensure it was inclusive and celebratory, rather than competitive.

Collective Worship

This week, we considered the hidden meaning in the parable of the sower - how seeds that fall on good ground are like the people who listen to what God says & live in a way that pleases him, even when life is difficult.



The SHAS showcase!



To celebrate the array of skills & talents at our school, the school council would like to host a talent showcase on Friday, 22nd May - the final afternoon of half-term. If your child would like to perform, please kindly complete this [form](#) by Tuesday, 5th. They may choose to perform as an individual or as part of a group.



Thank you for your encouraging the children to take part, if they would like to. The school council will be creating posters to advertise the event and further details, such as timings, will be confirmed once we know how many acts would like to take part. Families are warmly invited to be part of the audience.

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Safeguarding



PARENT WORKSHOP FROM PAPAYA

Alongside the pupil workshops, I can confirm there will be a parent workshop on **21st May from 7pm in the school hall**. The session promises to be insightful and I would encourage all parents to attend, if possible. To reserve a place, please complete this [form](#) by 10th May. The session is titled 'Let's Talk About Our Kids & Their Tech' and offers parents clear, research-backed insights and practical strategies for managing children's mental health and tech use. It covers the impact of smartphones and social media, helping families set healthy boundaries and make informed choices. As ever, thank you for your support.



Attendance



IMPACT OF PUNCTUALITY

Arriving late to school can have a significant impact on learning.

- Being 5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 days of lost learning per year
- Being 15 minutes late every day adds up to ~2 weeks of lost learning per year
- Being 30 minutes late every day adds up to 18 days of lost learning per year

This means pupils could miss the equivalent of several weeks of teaching time without being classified as absent for a full day.

Children can arrive at school from **8.30am**. Thank you for your support.

Inclusion



THE POWER OF DOBBLE!

Dobble is a simple card game to play at home based on a set of 55 cards, each with 8 symbols on it of varying sizes. As well as being accessible and fun, the game has a range of benefits to support learning because it develops:

- **Selective attention:** focusing on what matters
- **Processing speed:** rapidly scanning, comparing & recognising patterns
- **Working memory:** holding information in mind while making decisions.
- **Cognitive flexibility:** switching strategies when needed

Thematic versions are available to suit a variety of interests and ages

