

School Newsletter

Summer 1 2025



Well, what a wonderful warm welcome back to our Summer term which is brimming with outdoor learning; the children having so many opportunities to delve into the natural world around them not to mention Year 3 and 4 who are loving their swimming and tri golf lessons. Thank you to all parents for their positive responses to our mid year reports and parent consultations - and a huge thank you to teachers for nurturing our children so that they can flourish and achieve their potential. Our Year 6s and Year 2s were exemplary in their positive attitude to the recent end of key stage assessments and continue to be role models for the rest of the school in their Prefect and School Ambassador responsibilities.

We have had some amazing trips this Whitsun half term already - from Painshill Park for our Reception, Year 1 and 2 to a Forest School walk for Year 3 to our local nature reserve - have a look at all the photos on the next few pages which showcase our learning.

We were absolutely thrilled with over £5000 raised from the Teddy Bear's picnic - a wealth of community spirit shining through in partnership with Peaslake school. A huge thank you goes to all our volunteers from F@SH and beyond who made this sun and joy-filled evening possible. Whether it is reading, running lunchtime clubs or supporting with visits, life at Surrey Hills would not be the same without you and a special thank you goes to Becky, Ekpen and Amy who go over and above to raise vital funds and support our super Surrey Hills.

Have a wonderful and restful half term.

Kind Regards

Jacky Fyson

Executive Headteacher



Reception Bees Class

'Bees have been learning all about the life cycle of plants and been extremely busy planting their very own sunflower seeds.



George said "it takes 78 days for our flowers to grow really big, but look how they have grown already. You can see the stem and some leaves."

Year R-2 Bees & Butterflies

Bees and Butterflies enjoyed a fabulous (but very chilly!) trip to Painshill Park. We were treated to a fairytale storytelling walk through the magical landscape of Painshill, past the Three Bears' house in the woods to Sleeping Beauty's Gothic Temple.



The children were able to join in the storyteller's fairytale with drama, games and the amazing prop bag. We were also lucky enough to have time to explore the crystal grotto and follow Christopher Robin's trail to find Winnie the Pooh. Many thanks to our amazing Storyteller Adam and all the parent helpers who came on the trip with us.



Year 3 Hedgehogs Class

Hedgehogs had a fantastic morning at Bury Hill Lakes! We were extremely fortunate with the glorious weather and even more fortunate enough to be lucky enough to explore the beautiful grounds. We got to see fish and tadpoles swimming in the pond, lots of different types of birds including multiple herons flying around and even got to see some crayfish too. Mrs Phillips wowed us with her plant knowledge where we learnt the difference between English and Spanish bluebell varieties. We also looked at some history of our local area seeing how we can use the house names to help give us clues about what it would have looked like many years ago. We were even lucky enough to see the rock that was used in the filming of Star Wars!



Year 3 Hedgehogs Class

Hedgehogs have been looking at how to draw plants. We enjoyed an afternoon sketching a range of different plants in the nature garden, looking at the unique shapes and colours of each plant. It was a peaceful afternoon where we enjoyed the calmness of nature! We then chose our favourite plant, looked at it closely and then produced our own wax crayon picture focussing on one area of the plant. Where would your favourite place be to spend an afternoon drawing?



Year 3 Hedgehogs Class

We want to say a huge thank you to F@SH for buying new wheelbarrows for all to use in our Forest School sessions. Year 3 have been putting them to great use already carrying important equipment for their den building!



Year 3 Hedgehogs Class

Hedgehogs have been enjoying their forest school sessions this half term. They have loved making fires and eating marshmallows, building impressive dens, finding newts during pond dipping sessions and weaving with wool.



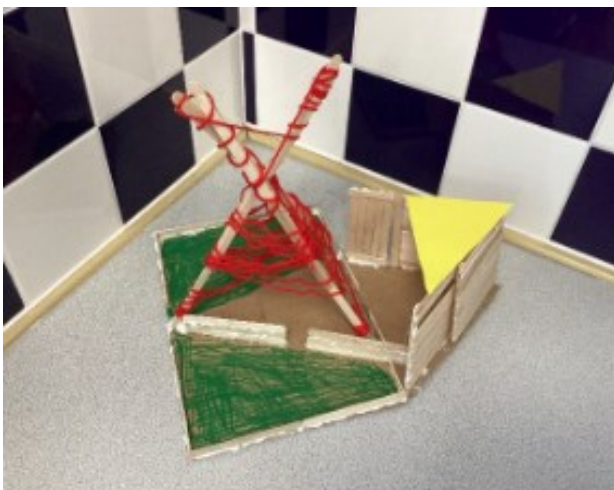
Year 3 Hedgehogs Class

Hedgehogs have been extremely busy in the afternoons this half term. Not only have they been focussing on their swimming skills but they have also been developing their golf skills too. Watch out, we may have just found the next new Tiger Woods!



Year 4 Rabbits Class

This half term Rabbits have been working extremely hard to make a pavilion structure in DT. We thought about the target audience for our pavilion as well as looked into a variety of techniques we could use to make them look unique and appealing.



Year 4 Rabbits Class

This half term we were very fortunate to have a whole school assembly from Suez. We spoke about why is it important to recycle properly and the effects of not doing so correctly. After this, Rabbits and Hedgehogs completed a workshop, producing a poster or bookmark made from recycled materials. We had so much fun doing this and loved everything that we learned!



Year 5 Otters Class

In art Year 5 have been looking at creating poem self portraits using a range of media. We sketched our own portraits in pencil and then went over the top on tracing paper with words to describe our personality. Once we had done this we created a background using either a wash of colour with water colour or collage using our favourite colours. The final step was to transfer the poem words on top of the background. This results in a creative portrait that reflects each child.



Year 6 Owls Class

Time to Shine – Year 6 SATs 2025

All the hard work and effort that our Year 6's have put in this year culminated in last week's tests. All of them showed a positive attitude, working calmly throughout the week and fully supporting each other.

Each morning they sat down together for a hearty breakfast prepared by Dawn in the kitchen. Her continued support over the last two years has been greatly appreciated.

Everyone is so proud of all of them. Now they can enjoy their final, jam-packed, half term at Surrey Hills!





The weather was amazing for the 42nd Teddy Bears' Picnic held last Friday. Parents from our school and Peaslake infant school came together to organise this wonderful family event and we were so grateful to the teachers, local governing committee, family friends and past pupils from Surrey Hills who came along to help with setting up, manning the car park, and running the various stalls including the iconic duck race on the stream. Our school choir led by Paige Potterton did a wonderful performance for the crowds. Special thanks to some of our year 4 girls who ran their own "Little Bites Bakery" and raised £179. Total raised from the event stands at over £10,000 with more monies to come in so each school will receive over £5000 to support the education of our children.





F@SH would like to thank ACDS Global for their kind donation to support our school with essential tech equipment. This initiative reflects ACDS's commitment to empowering young people through safe, secure access to technology. F@SH are so grateful for the support of this company to ensure that our children can continue to learn using the latest technology available. If you want to learn more about the company, please go to their website at <https://acdsglobal.com>

Next half term, F@SH are running the cream teas at the Abinger medieval fair on Saturday 14th June. This event normally raises over £1000 for the school. Please sign up to help at the link below - <https://signup.com/go/ezUTrxg>

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy a restful half term,
F@SH

Diary Dates 2025

26th -30th May	Half Term
June 2025	
3rd June	Year 3&4 Swimming 13.15-14.15
5th June	Year 4 Portals to the Past
5th June	Year 5 Residential Meeting—Owls Class 15.30-16.00
6th June	Class Photos
6th June	Preloved Uniform Sale at 15.20
10th June	Hedgehogs Egyptian Workshop
11th-13th June	Year 6 Residential -Thames Young Mariners
14th June	Abinger Medieval Fair 12.30-15.30
16th-17th June	Year 4 Residential Forest Green Mill
18th June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral 10am-11am
23rd-24th June	Year 5 Residential –Forest Green Mill
22nd June	Westfest—Cradhurst Recreation Ground 11.30-16.00
23rd-24th June	Year 5 Residential –Forest Green Mill
24th June	Year 3&4 Swimming 13.15-14.15
26th June	Sports Day
30th– 4th July (Except 2nd July)	Year 6 Bikeability

Diary Dates 2025

July 2025	
2nd July	Move up Day
1st July	Year 3&4 Swimming 13.15-14.15
10th July	Rocksteady Concert at 10am
11th July	Bees and Butterflies Cake Sale 14.50-15.20
11th July	Preloved Uniform Sale at 15.20
14th July	Year 6 Leavers Performance Dress Rehearsal –am
15th July	Year 6 Leavers Evening Performance at 7pm
16th July	Year 6 Leavers Party 17.00-19.00
17th July	End of Term—Early Finish EYFS/KS1– 13.15 KS2-13.30
18th, 21st & 22nd July	Inset Days
23rd July–2nd September	Summer Holidays
September 2025	
3rd September	Inset Day
4th September	Start of term for Years 1-6
8th September	Start of Term for Reception
October 2025	
3rd October	Individual & Sibling photos
23rd October	Inset Day
24th October	Inset Day
27th –31st Oct	Half Term

Have you ever considered training to teach?

Could teaching be your chance to change lives and inspire the next generation?

If yes, our Trainee Teacher Programme could be for you!

The Programme:

Our School Centred Initial Trainee Teacher Programme (SCITT) provides aspiring teachers with the opportunity to train alongside experienced teachers, receiving tailored support and professional development with a clear path to becoming a qualified teacher at the end of the programme.

You will be based 4 days a week at Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School during term time and have 1 day a week of centre-based training and professional networking at our training provider hub based in Banstead Surrey or Didcot, Oxfordshire.

This programme is run in partnership with Inspiring Future Teachers who facilitate the programme for The Good Shepherd Trust. To be eligible for this teacher training programme you will have the following qualifications:

- *A degree awarded by a UK higher education provider or recognised equivalent qualification at 2:2 level or above
- *Grade C/4 or above in English, Maths, and Science
- *Demonstrate you hold the right to work and study in the UK and have been a resident in the UK/EEA for the last three years.

Teacher training opportunities are now available for September 2025.

To find out more, please see the attached poster.

Start your journey today and make a real difference in young lives.



TRAIN TO TEACH AT SURREY HILLS ALL SAINTS

The influence of a great teacher extends well beyond the classroom into the future. Find out more about our postgraduate programmes today!



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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.



**Are you aged between
5 & 18 years and
finding things difficult?**

**Learning Space
can help!**

We provide solution focused individual support for children and young people from 5 years to 18 who are struggling to manage big feelings, have low self esteem or who are going through a difficult time.

If you are registered with:

**Brockwood Medical Practice
Leith Hill Practice
Medwyn Surgery
Dorking Medical Practice**

*You are able to self-refer to us by using the QR code
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