

School Newsletter

Autumn 2 2024



Wow, what an incredible term; it has been so inspiring to see your children flourish and enjoy their learning, which we loved sharing with you all during our Inspire lessons (not to mention the delicious dinner from Dawn). From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for your positive comments and never-ending support in helping us to provide such an enriching curriculum. I know you will join me in sending our thanks to the incredible teaching team we have here at Surrey Hills, who go above and beyond every day. It has been a delight to nurture your children, enabling them to grow in knowledge, from our art exhibition inspired by Henri Rousseau to our outstanding performances in the Nativity, finishing with moments to reflect on the wonder of the Christmas story with our Christingle and Carol Service. We would also like to extend a particular thank you to our lovely F@SH and volunteers who make so much possible through their fundraising; the discos and movie nights were just the best. Reflecting on the way that our community is stronger together and the flourishing of our children has inspired our new vision, created in partnership with all stakeholders: Together we Nurture, Grow and Flourish.

We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful New Year and we very much look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Kind Regards

Mrs Fyson



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.

Surrey Hills Vision

As a community, we have been working together with the GST, our children, our Local Committee and parents to build a vision which beautifully represents what we aspire to achieve together. Tim kindly shared our thoughts at the Carol Service and we would like to have feedback on our proposal of:

Together we Nurture, Grow and Flourish



A SCHOOL WITH A SAFE CANOPY, A GROWING TRUNK, AND WIDE ROOTS
Together we nurture, grow and flourish

A SAFE CANOPY

Matthew 13:31-32

A school where all staff, students and parents know they are welcomed, valued, and loved.

A GROWING TRUNK

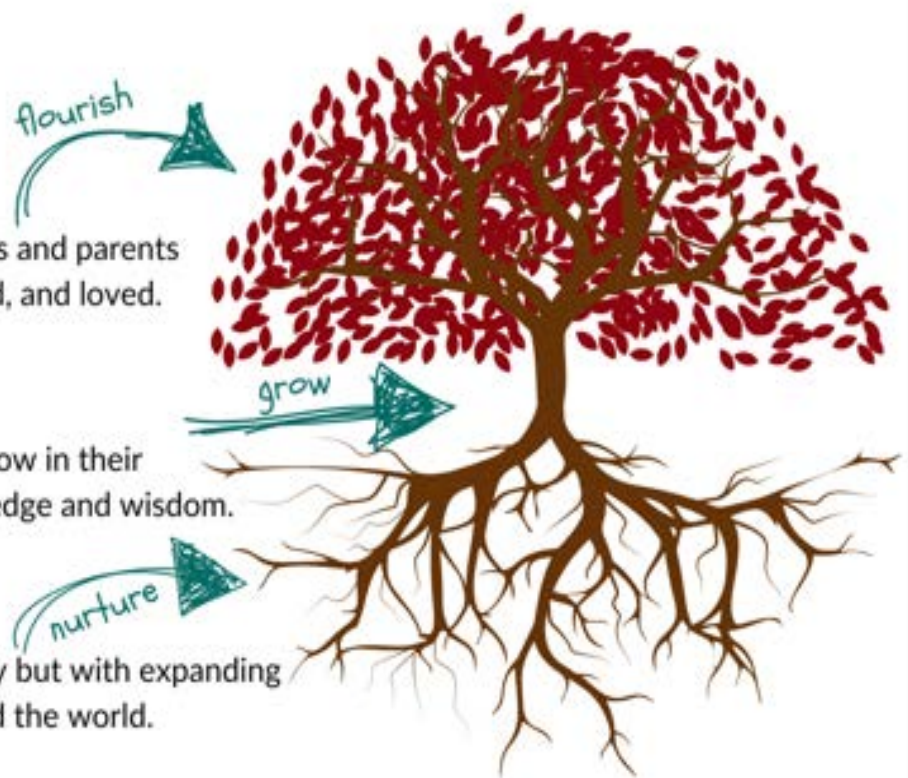
Psalms 1:3

A school where everyone can grow in their spirituality, relationships, knowledge and wisdom.

WIDE ROOTS

Jeremiah 17:7-8

A school rooted in its community but with expanding roots reaching out to understand the world.



Matthew 13:31-32

He set another parable before them, saying, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took, and sowed in his field, which indeed is smaller than all seeds. But when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches.

Psalm 1:3

He will be like a tree planted by the streams of water, that produces its fruit in its season, whose leaf also does not wither. Whatever he does shall prosper.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Blessed is the man who trusts in Yahweh,
and whose confidence is in Yahweh.
For he will be as a tree planted by the waters,
who spreads out its roots by the river,
and will not fear when heat comes,
but its leaf will be green,

Reception Bees Class

Bees spent a lovely morning with our local Fire Brigade.



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Forest School

The children in Bees Class have been working hard at Forest School, making decorations and some creative mud Christmas dinners, puddings and mince pies! They have persevered with their fire steels, trying to make 'dragon sneezes' to light our fire. We even managed to catch the sparking moment on camera!

The reward was a delicious Smore, the children toasted their marshmallows and were very sensible about the fire circle rules.



Year 1 & 2 Butterflies Class

Butterflies have been learning about the primary and secondary colours in art this half term. We started by mixing primary colours to make secondary colours with different mediums-including paint, crayons, cellophane and pencils. We ended the topic by looking at the work of Clarice Cliff and making our own interpretation of her plate 'The Tree'

"I liked mixing the colours" Edward

" It was fun when I blew the paint to make the tree" Florence



Year 1 & 2 Butterflies Class

Butterflies and Bees gave an exceptional performance in their nativity last week. Many thanks to all the parents who spent time helping their child learn words or who provided a costume, your support as always is invaluable.



Year 3 Hedgehogs Class

A visit from an Antarctica Explorer!

Hedgehogs had an Antarctica explorer come in and tell them all about what Antarctica is really like. Our visitor had been on a special trip to the Antarctica with Prince Harry in 2013, where they trekked to the South Pole to raise money for charity. The children got to ask our visitor questions, learn about how you can keep warm and even try on some of his special clothing! Hedgehogs developed their existing understanding about Antarctica through having all of their questions answered by someone who has actually been to Antarctica. It helped us to make comparisons with recent polar expeditions and the expeditions that Ernest Shackleton made with his crew all those years ago!



Year 3 Hedgehogs Class

Hedgehogs have also been developing their sewing skills through our D&T textiles project where they designed and made their own cushions. They thought carefully about their design, made templates, practised a range of stitches and created a fantastic end result. They should be very proud of all of their creativity, hard work and determination! Hedgehogs were glad to be able to use their cushions for their quiet reading time as a reward.



Year 4 Rabbits Class

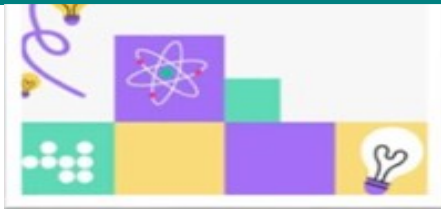
This half term, Rabbits have made their very own chocolate sweets inspired by the book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We melted down chocolate bars to form our new sweets and then covered them with a variety of sprinkles. They tasted absolutely delicious!



Year 4 Rabbits Class

This half term one of our favourite activities has been making cardboard gingerbread houses! We used our Maths skills to measure out the sizes we wanted of our houses before cutting them out. They were then judged on accuracy by a very stern judge (Miss Nowak), who compared the plans to the final builds.





Year 5 Otters & Year 6 Owls Class ROAR Project

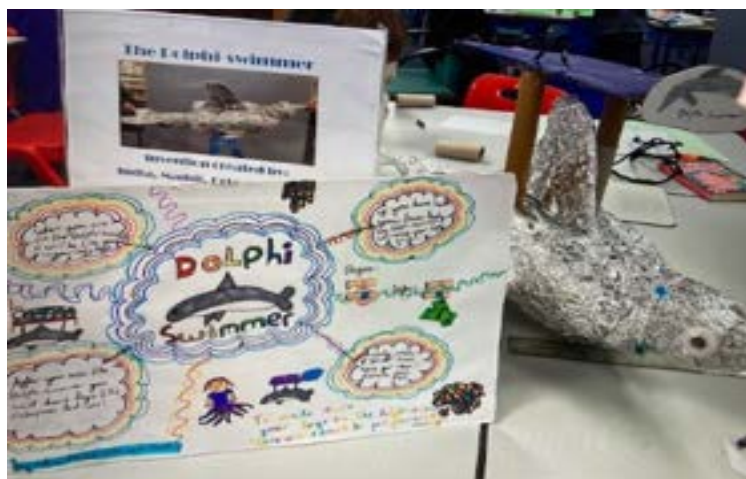
We are so proud of the children in Year 5 and 6 for their amazing inventions as part of the ROAR2024 competition. The project aim was to formulate a 'world changing idea', build a prototype of their invention, present their pitch to a panel of external judges including their branding and jingle. The judges from Cranleigh Lions were very impressed with the originality and diversity of the projects and had a tough time deciding on the winners and runners up.

The results were as follows:

The E=App - *An app to convert speech and text into Makaton.*



Year 5 Runners up: The Dolphi-swimmer - *A support aid to encourage children recovering from injury or in need of physiotherapy to swim*



Year 6 Winners: The Dementia Determiner - *An app to help dementia sufferers cope with everyday life*



Year 6 Runners up: Leafy, the garden carer - *A device to help around the garden with planting, mowing and watering.*



With thanks to the Cranleigh Lions for their support with this project.

Eco Council

Members of our school Eco-Council have worked together at lunchtimes to build a Bee House for the Nature Garden. We are committed to caring for our insect population and providing attractive habitats for them. We chose to have our photo taken on a day when the winter sun was shining but very low in the sky!!



Year 5 Boys Football Tournament

Well done to the Surrey Hills football boys team for taking part in the football tournament. We are all incredibly proud of you!



Christingle

In this time of Advent, we celebrated Christingle with the children of Surrey Hills. All the children made a Christingle which was kindly donated by Holy Trinity Church whose volunteers helped to create these representations of the world. The whole school then came together to light their Christingles, sharing an awe and wonder moment of light in the darkness. It was truly magical and reflected the start of the Christmas story, finishing with the beautiful singing of Away in a Manger. The team at Surrey Hills would like to thank everyone who made this service possible and brought joy to our children.



Christmas Dinner

Pictures of the hall after set up ready for our Christmas dinner.

We all enjoyed our delicious meal. A big thank you to Dawn in the kitchen and all the parent helpers.





It has been a very busy half term raising funds for workshops and forest school items. We ran a children's tombola and Christmas craft stall at WESTfestivity in November. Children from art club also made some wonderful Christmas cards to be sold on the stall. It was a fantastic event, and we had so many families from the villages and beyond enjoying our stall.



Also this term, F@SH held a Christmas Disco for all the children and Amanda came over from St John's primary school to provide the disco entertainment which was fantastic. So a huge thank you to Amanda and also to Dawn for providing the children with some tasty food to fuel their dancing. Otters & Owls class held the termly cake sale and raised over £150. Thank you to all the parents and to Dawn who baked cakes for the sale. We also held our Christmas raffle and a very successful secret present activity. The exact amounts raised will be announced after the Christmas break along with plans for other fundraising activities and what we will be supporting in the Spring term.

This term F@SH have funded an owl visit for Hedgehogs class and provided some supplies for fire lighting activities in forest school. We have also funded the Christmas pantomime, Cinderella, which was amazing, and the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

F@SH would like to thank the WESTfest committee for donating £1000 after the fantastic village event in the summer and a big thank you to Westcott Wives for their donation of £763. Corefit Physio held a baking competition this month and as well as donating the cakes to F@SH to sell they also donated proceeds from the competition as well. We are very thankful to the community in Westcott supporting our wonderful school. We will be using these funds for some new equipment for forest school and supporting a workshop for Bees and Butterflies class.

Thank you to our fantastic volunteers for supporting all our exciting fundraising events and hope you all enjoy your break over the Christmas period,

F@SH





COMMUNITY CONNECT #1 ... for PARENTS

@ SURREY HILLS ALL SAINTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 7th Feb 2025, 2pm to 2:40pm

Tea & Coffee 1:45pm (bring your own mug if possible)

School Celebration Assembly 2:50pm

Westcott Neighbourhood Development Plan (WNDP) and Village Forum

Information and Invitation to Parents living in Westcott or with Children at Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School.

By kind permission of Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School, members from the WVA Village Forum team will give a summary overview of what the WNDP is, timelines and extend invitation to parents. There will be opportunity for Q & A and informal time over refreshments & registration from 1:45pm.

Westcott Village Association wishes to enable parents and our future generations of young people to be informed and participate in the Village Forum which was launched November 2024.

This is our collective opportunity to shape the future of our village and facilities.

So we can anticipate numbers (limited to ~60), please simply email our WVA Communications Lead JO ASTOR contact@westcottvillage.com if you intend to come together with your Postcode.

Diary Dates 2024/25	
January 2025	
23rd Dec–5th January	Christmas Holidays
6th January	GST Inset Day
7th January	Children Return to School
10th January	Preloved Uniform Sale at 15.20
February 2025	
17th—21st February	Half Term
24th February	GST Inset Day
28th February	Preloved Uniform Sale at 15.20
March 2025	
6th March	World Book Day
11th March	Year 6 Junior Citizen Event
13th March	Eco Day
28th March	Hedgehogs/Rabbits Cake Sale
April 2025	
4th April	Easter Egg Hunt
4th April	End of Term—Finish at 13.30
7th-21st April	Easter Holidays
25th April	Preloved Uniform Sale at 15.20
May 2025	
5th May	Bank Holiday
12th-15th May	Year 6 SATs
16th May	Teddy Bears Picnic 16.00-18.00
26th -30th May	Half Term
June 2025	
6th June	Preloved Uniform Sale at 15.20
7th June	Abinger Medieval Fair
18th June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral
22nd June	Westfest—Cradhurst Recreation Ground 11.30-16.00

Diary Dates 2024/25

July 2025	
11th July	Preloved Uniform Sale at 15.20
17th July	End of Term Finish at 13.30
18th, 21st & 22nd July	Inset Days
23rd –31st August	Summer Holidays