

School Newsletter

Spring 1 2025



What another inspirational Spring half term we have had with your children. Thank you for all your support in joining us for our Inspire Sessions, for the many volunteers that have helped out with Lego Clubs, sports tournaments, Forest School, reading and trips. We can only continue to offer such a rich curriculum with the help of our volunteers, so let us know if you would like to join the team.

Our SIAMS Inspection went really well, and once again, we would like to thank you for your feedback and support throughout the process. The report will be shared with us in the next few weeks. Thank you also for your parent questionnaire feedback. So many positive comments and also some good next steps. We have reflected on communication and will reduce numbers of emails and use What's App reps to distribute a What's 'Appening on a Friday to hopefully make communication simpler.

We have some exciting trips planned for the coming months, following on from some great explorations with the Choir to our local Care Home, Year 3 to Butser Farm and enjoying Feet Training , our Year 5 and 6 hockey team to the Dorking Schools tournament, where they represented us with pride and a Horsham Museum Victorian workshop in Year 1 and 2, not to mention our Safer Internet Day and Mental Health Week.

Finally, we are approaching the season of Lent and the Church of England's theme for 2025 is "Living Hope". As we reflect on our Collective Worship theme of Psalms, or songs, learning about how we can show kindness to others, we offer hope to our young people with the words 'The Lord shows mercy and is kind. He does not become angry quickly and he shows great love.' Psalms 103:8

I wish you all a very restful half-term break

Kind regards
Jacky Fyson



Hello, my name is Kathryn Saunderson and I am the new Deputy Head at Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School. I joined the school in January, just in time for the snow and ice but thankfully the welcome I have received from the school community has been much warmer and friendlier!

Before I joined Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School, I had worked as Assistant Head across an infant and junior school in Horsham for just over seven years. I have been able to meet some of you in person on the gate at the beginning or end of the day but I know there are many more of you to still get to meet and know. I split my week between Surrey Hills All Saints and St Johns in the same way as Mrs Fyson but am always available by via email if you have any questions or queries ksaunderson@surreyhillssurrey.sch.uk.



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.

Reception Bees Class

Bees have been learning all about special places. One of their special places is a church and they have been learning all about events that take place in a church.

This week their focus has been on weddings. The children spent a lovely afternoon designing wedding hats, colouring doilies for the wedding cake competition and making beautiful bouquets for the wedding party.



Forest School

A massive thank you to Marion at Abinger Farm shop for donating compost to our Nature Garden. The children in Bees and Butterflies class were quick to get to work, planting daffodils and tulips for the garden. They also planted a daffodil to take care of at home!

We will also be using the compost to enrich our soil for our fruit and vegetable growing, as well as for the traditional giant sunflowers.



Year 1 & 2 Butterflies Class

Butterflies have been making fairground wheels in DT. We learnt how an axle works and how it can make a wheel spin. We tested different materials to find out what would be the most suitable. After we constructed our wheels, we added pods using split pins which also spun around as the wheel turned. It was great fun to make and we are all super proud of our end results.

I really liked the fact it could spin around-Lily

I enjoyed colouring in my wheel-Emlyn



Year 1 & 2 Butterflies Class

Butterflies had a great 'Wow day' dressed up as Victorian school children. We enjoyed a Victorian school workshop from Horsham museum where we found out just how different schools were in Victorian times where boys and girls would enter the building through different entrances and spend the morning learning the 'Three R's' (Reading, wRiting and aRithmetic) with very strict teachers! In the afternoons girls were taught sewing, childcare and how to keep house while boys learnt woodwork, metal work and gardening. Luckily for Butterflies everyone passed the clean hand check and the cane was not needed very often!



Year 3 Hedgehogs Class

Hedgehogs have been busy learning all about Stone Age across the curriculum. In art, they have been making their own cave wall texture out of lentils, rice and pulses. They then used charcoal to scale up a drawing of an animal on top of their cave wall texture.



"I liked painting on my cave wall because it looked really cool and the texture was rough and looked like a cave wall!" – Monty

"I liked doing the charcoal because it was very efficient and easy to use. The paintings linked to Stone Age because they cave paintings that we were designing and making look like a cave wall!" - Max

Hedgehogs went back in time to the...Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age!

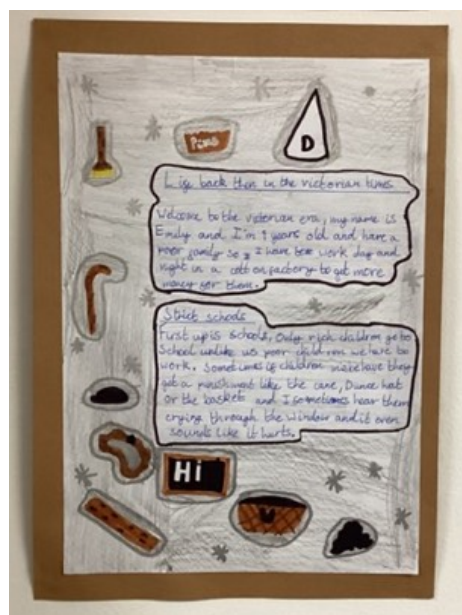
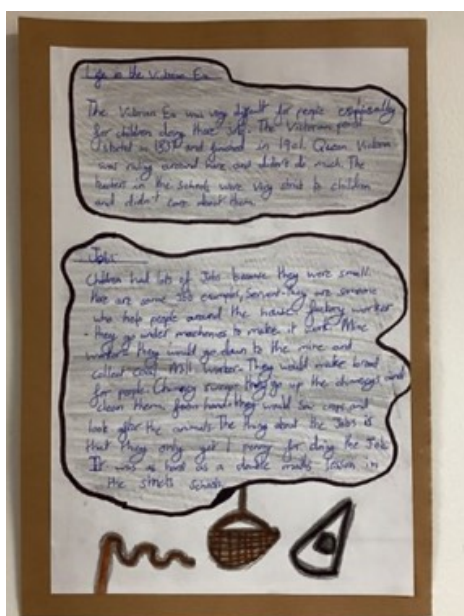
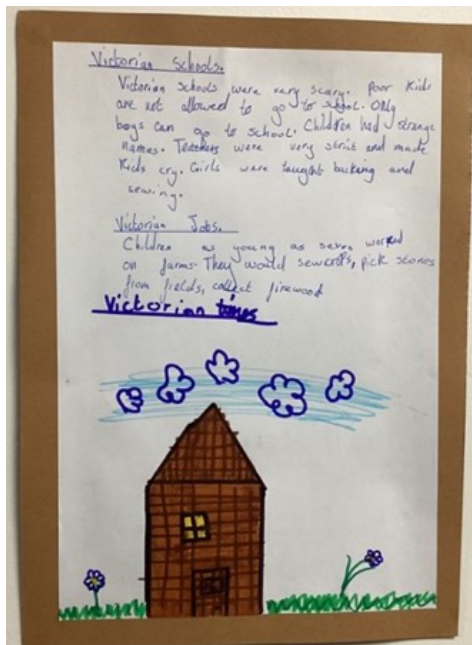
Hedgehogs had a fantastic trip to Ancient Buster Farm where we got to step back in time. First, we got to experience what it was like to have a fire in a Stone Age house. We then went on to make our own bronze rings, spin our owl wool bookmarks, wattle our own fence and even complete an archaeological dig to find real artefacts! Hedgehogs were amazing and impressed everyone with their extensive history knowledge and excellent behaviour all day. We even got a delicious hot chocolate as a treat to help warm us up!





Year 4 Rabbits Class

This half term Rabbits have stepped back in time and explored what life was like for Victorian children. We have been comparing schooling, work and home life to today. Did you know children worked as young as 5 years old! The children have also discovered the challenges faced by children in those times and why figures such as Lord Shaftesbury have helped to shape their lives now. It has been a fascinating journey and I encourage asking your child about their favourite discovery!

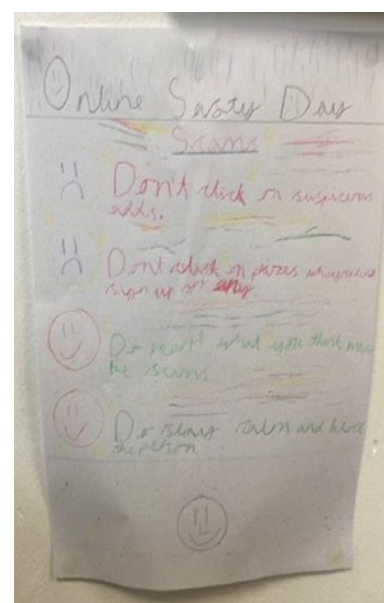


Year 4 Rabbits Class

Earlier this half term, some children in Rabbits took part in a writing competition. The children had to write their very own 100-word story linking to the topic of "Magical Map." All 9 of the children who entered were selected to be published in their very own book! We are very excited to receive a copy of the book so that their success can be shared within the school for the coming years.



Tuesday 11th February 2025 was Safer Internet Day. To mark this, children in Rabbits learnt all about staying safe online and how to protect ourselves when using the internet. Applying all our expertise, we produced posters which we placed around the school to help other children understand how to stay safe online.



Year 5&6 Hockey Tournament

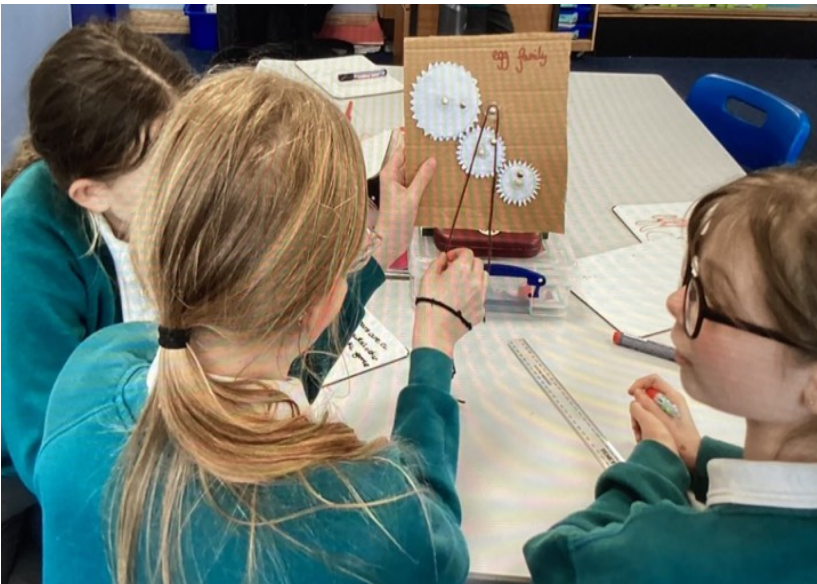
Well done to the Surrey Hills Hockey Team who played at the Hockey tournament at St Johns C of E Primary School.



Year 6 Owls Class

Year 6 have been working on Mechanical Systems in Design and Technology. Their challenge was to create a mechanism using gears and pulleys to pick up everyday items from the classroom floor to table height.

Lots of experimentation and testing to see how the gears and pulleys work as well as thinking about applications for larger scale projects.



Surrey Hills have been bird watching!

Surrey Hills participated in the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch. We camouflaged ourselves outside and tried to see how many different types of birds we could spot around our school grounds. We were surprised with just how many birds we saw!



Art Club

Art club produced some brilliant oil pastel drawings based on Vincent Van Gogh's 'The Starry Night' painting. Some of the paintings are now on display in the school corridors so please come and have a look to see if you can find our Year 3 and 4 artists!



Lucas Dobson Water Safety Campaign

On Friday, I was chosen (as School Ambassador), to go to the Lucas Dobson Water Safety campaign in Dorking, who distribute life jackets to schools to reduce the risk of drowning. It is a very worthwhile cause.

I couldn't believe that I had the opportunity to meet Princess Anne. I had such an important secret to keep which made me feel a bit nervous but honoured. Princess Anne was very neat, tidy and Herself "Just like royalty!" It was an amazing experience.

Ted (Year 6)



We have life jackets donated from the Lucas Dobson Water Safety Campaign in the school office. If you would like to borrow any please contact the school.



We are busy behind the scenes preparing for our biggest fundraiser of the year, the 42nd Teddy Bears' Picnic on Friday 16th May. We will be holding non-uniform days for donations for the event and asking for prizes for the raffle. We will need adverts for our TBP programme, and the children will be able to enter the Teddy colouring competition. We cannot run this event without the support of the whole school community, and we will be asking for people to sign up to help on the day. Please put the date in your diaries for this wonderful family event.

Save the Date

Friday 16th May 4pm-8pm
Abinger Hammer



Important dates next term:

Friday 28th February - Preloved uniform sale

Friday 28th March – Hedgehogs/Rabbits Cake sale

Friday 4th April – Easter Egg Hunt

M&S children's Art Competition – Design a Sweatshirt

<https://mnsyoungdesignercompetition.powerappsportals.com/>



A message from M&S:

“We're looking for inspiring designs to feature on two special pieces in our 2025 YoungMinds Hello Yellow kidswear collection – on a yellow sweatshirt and a yellow hoodie that will be sold in M&S stores and online.

So what would you say to a friend who needs you? How would you brighten their day? Whether it's words, drawings, or doodles, we're looking for something that stands out and reminds everyone that one chat can change everything.

If you're aged 5-11 or 12-16, we'd love to see your ideas. You can design a hoodie or a sweatshirt, and we'll choose two lucky winners (one winner from each age category). The winners have their designs featured on our Hello Yellow pieces, with all profits supporting YoungMinds.

Be bold, be bright, and put what's inside on the outside. Good Luck!
To enter, ask your parent or guardian to upload your entry by 11.59pm on 31 March 2025.”

THE PRIZE!

The winners will see their designs come to life on a sweatshirt or hoodie sold by M&S and gain exclusive behind-the-scenes access to watch their creations become a reality.

The winner (along with a parent or guardian) will be invited to visit the M&S office in London to see their designs transformed into artwork or tour the supplier factory in the Midlands to watch them printed live. They will also participate in the September launch event.

Additionally, the winners will receive enough sweatshirts or hoodies featuring their winning design for every student in their class to wear on Hello Yellow Day, 10 October 2025

Diary Dates 2025

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	KS1 Eco Day Guildford Cathedral
25th March	Parent Consultations YrR– Yr5 (15.30-18.00)
26th March	Parent Consultations Yr6 (15.30 - 18.00)
27th March	Parent Consultations YrR, Yr 1&2, Yr 3 & Yr 5 (15.30 - 18.00)
28th March	Hedgehogs/Rabbits Cake Sale
April 2025	
2nd April	Easter Pause Day/Church Service at Holy Trinity Church—13.45
4th April	Easter Egg Hunt
4th April	End of Term—Early Finish EYFS/KS1– 13.20 KS2- 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
15th May	Year R-2 Painshill Park Trip
16th May	Teddy Bears Picnic Abinger Cricket Club 16.00-18.00
26th -30th May	Half Term
June 2025	
5th June	Year 4 Portals to the Past
6th June	Class Photos

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6th June	Preloved Uniform Sale at 15.20
10th June	Egyptian Workshop
11th-13th June	Year 6 Residential -Thames Young Mariners
14th June	Abinger Medieval Fair 12.30-15.30
16th June	Year 4 Residential
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
30th– 4th July	Year 6 Bikeability
July 2025	
11th July	Bees and Butterflies Cake Sale 14.50-15.20
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
September 2025	
October 2025	
3rd October	Individual & Sibling photos