

School Newsletter

Summer 2 2024



We would like to say a huge thank you to you all for the absolutely wonderful support and positivity you have shown to our Surrey Hills children, staff and community. Your valued contributions have proven to be fundamental to your children's progress and achievements across the curriculum and beyond. This sentiment extends to your children themselves and all the staff at Surrey Hills. As we say goodbye to our Year 6s and to Mrs O'Donnell and Miss Walker, we want to thank everybody who is moving on to next steps. The very best of our thoughts and prayers are with them as they embark on another phase in life. Mrs O'Donnell has been an inspiration to so many at Surrey Hills for her dedication to your children's education. Thank you Jane for all you have given, you are a star. Immie has been a fantastic teacher in Year 4 and has led PE with energy and enthusiasm and we will all miss her. 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 activities and events that showcased all the very best aspects of their amazing characters. They have made lifelong friendships that we are sure will endure beyond their time here at Surrey Hills All Saints.

We would also like to say a huge well done to all of our fantastic children across our school for all the effort and energy and enthusiasm they have shown- it is a genuine privilege to know every single one of them. We are incredibly proud of their attitude -coming to school full of life and enthusiasm, ready to embrace their learning every time they walk through the gate. We look forward to welcoming you all into school in the Autumn Term on Tuesday 3rd September, working together to support your children to fulfil their potential next year. We will also inform you about the year ahead in September regarding all the school trips and visits planned, and lots more about the opportunities we will be offering your children next year. Finally, we would like to say a huge thankyou to F@SH and our incredible volunteers for all their tremendous support. We are incredibly lucky to have you. We wish you all a lovely, summer break. Above all stay safe and we will see you all in September. May you walk in faith and light.

Mrs Fyson and Mr Smith
Executive Headteacher and Executive Deputy Headteacher

Reception Bees Class

On Friday, 5th July, Bees were all invited to attend a special ball to celebrate the end of their fairytale topic.

Among the attendees were dashing princes and beautiful princesses. The Fairy Godmother was looking particularly fetching in her sparkly dress and even the Queen made an appearance! The ball was full of frivolity and fun, games were played, prizes were won and later everyone took to the dance floor for a final waltz. Finally, after an action-packed afternoon, a well-deserved rest where delicious cake was served.



Year 1 & 2 Bees and Butterflies Class

Butterflies have loved our art topic this term, learning about 3D sculpture. First, we learnt how to roll paper to make tube towers, then used paper to make 3D sculptures and a tree of life. Finally, we worked together to produce a huge 3D spider sculpture out of newspaper using all the techniques we have learnt over the past 6 weeks. You can visit our spider sculpture outside the hall as you come into school.

I liked the folding and rolling because it helped me practice my skills-Luka

I really enjoyed the paper folding because now I can cut, fold and glue to make 3D houses- Griff

I liked the spider because I had to use lots of tape to make the leg strong enough-Max

I felt proud of the spider because I helped to make it-Amelia



Year 1 & 2 Bees and Butterflies Class

Children in Bees and Butterflies loved our new Compost Tumbler in the Nature Garden. The school were very fortunate to receive funding from The Harmony Project for a new eco-friendly project. Children across all year groups were very keen to grow more food in our garden, so as the soil is rather poor, decided to invest in a compost tumbler to transform our waste peelings into a rich source of compost! Unfortunately, the children were hoping this might happen in 30 seconds with all their tumbling especially with the vigour of Year 5 and 6! In reality it should take about 60 days so we are looking forward to seeing how our compost breaks down over the summer holidays!



Year 3 Hedgehogs Class

Hedgehogs enjoyed an Egyptian WOW day to kick start their Ancient Egyptian history topic. They wrote secret codes in hieroglyphics, mummified tomatoes and made their own paper mâché Pharaoh mask. Hedgehogs enjoyed being able to immerse themselves in their Egyptian learning.



Year 3 Hedgehogs Class

During our art and design unit this half term, we have been learning about how the Ancient Egyptians used papyrus to make scrolls. They thought about what Egyptian symbols they wanted to use to represent their own hobbies and interests. We then made our very own papyrus using ripped up pieces of paper and a special paste to create a strong base for our scrolls.



Year 4 Rabbits Class

A final piece for the newsletter for my wonderful Year 4s. What a year we have had together! Watching them grow in confidence and learning so much together. It really has been a pleasure. We all thoroughly enjoyed our residential and since then have been very busy with our learning. All the children loved our most recent D.T topics, making pavilion structures. They thought carefully about who the pavilion was going to be for to cater for their needs. We then built little model pavilion structures, they worked on these in pairs and groups, and all supported each other incredibly well. I was also SO proud of all of them when we revied back our multiplication test results, the results blew us away! Happy summer to all & thank you all so much for your kind words and support for my next chapter!



Hedgehogs and Rabbits went on a secret school history walk **around Westcott!**

Rabbits and Hedgehogs were very lucky to be invited on a history walk around Westcott with the local history committee. We learnt about the history of St Johns Chapel and spotted how things throughout the village had changed over the past 100 years. Crayon rubbings were taken of various plaques which commemorate special events.

We also had a mission to find a mysterious coin in the pound and measured how many children it needed to go around the outside of the tree on the green



Year 5 Owls and Otters Class

"Year 5 had a really lovely time at their residential at Forest Green Mill. During our walk we stopped off at Leith Hill Tower to observe all the scenery, we couldn't believe just how far we could see over the South of England! When we arrived at The Mill we took part in being servers, washers, dryers as well as drink servers. We had such lovely lunches served by Sue (Thank you Sue!) who ensured we were well taken care of. We had a lovely firepit session to end our first day with marshmallows and hot chocolate!

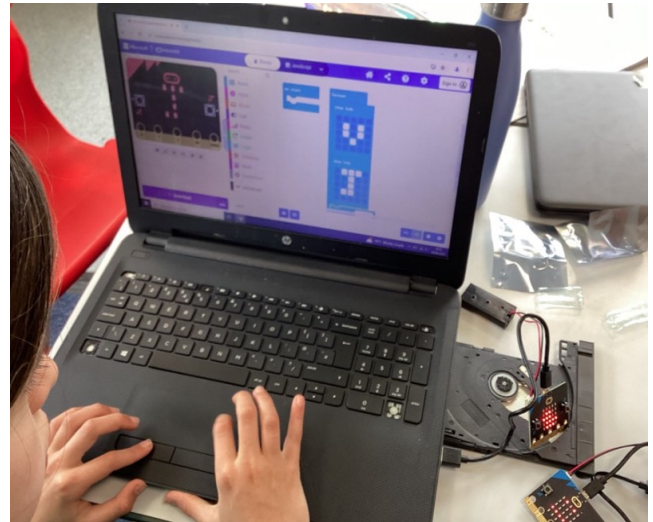
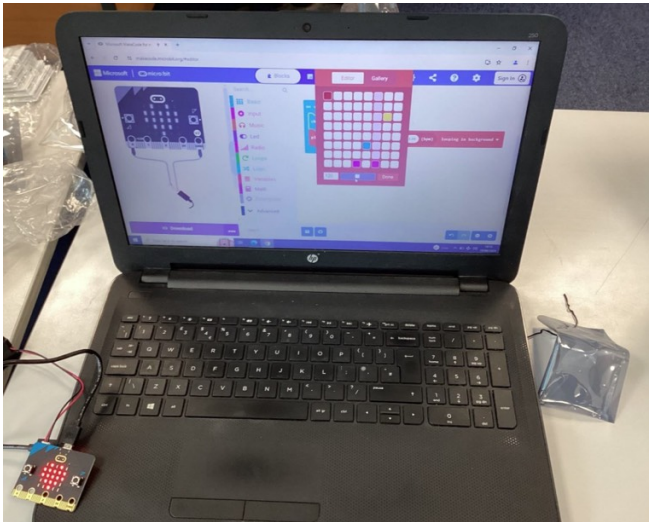


On our second day we took part in a low ropes course as well as some den building. The low ropes were quite the challenge as not every part of the course had actual ropes to help you get across, instead you had to rely on the balance of your teammates to get across!"



Year 5 Owls & Otters

Year 5 have been the school guinea pigs for testing out our new Microbits! We were all so surprised at everything the Microbits could do, especially because of their size. We coded them to play music, show different LED patterns as well as created a sneaky teleporting duck that hops between Microbits. We really look forward to using them in the future and teaching others with our new found expertise!



Year 6 Owls & Otters

The Year 6 children came together with other schools from the area to attend the annual Primary Schools Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral. There were lots of reflective activities around the cathedral, processing of our standard, singing and our special honour of providing the reader! Well done Maddie Roberts, you did a fantastic job!



Year 6 Residential to High Ashurst and Thames Young Mariners

The Year 6s challenged themselves beyond their own expectations on our high action residential. From abseiling to sailing, kayaking, rafting, orienteering, archery, challenge courses and the high ropes. The children stayed in teepees and we were so fortunate to have such glorious weather too! The final evening we were treated to a wonderful talent show and on the last day, the children built their own rafts which they then raced down the lake! By the end of the week we were exhausted but so proud of our achievements!



Year 5 & 6 Otters and Owls Class

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed the spectacular views in the Surrey Hills and learnt about the rich diversity of the chalk grassland and how it is managed. We were treated to an abundance of dazzling Pyramidal Orchids and butterflies. Catching the bush crickets were a real hit at lunchtime although we were hoping to see the Wart Biter Bush Cricket!

We also drew comparisons between the Surrey Hills and The Alps both of which host beautiful wildflower meadows and were surprised by how similar they were in respects including in aspects of geology and formation.



Forest School

The children at Surrey Hills have been enjoying the new Forest School, den building and trail equipment on the field. This has really enhanced their playtimes as well as opening up a host of new opportunities for Forest School . We are so grateful to our local Westcott Village residents for all the hard work they put in to secure the community grant from Mole Valley District Council. A particular mention to Peter Hewetson, Helen and Martin Thomas and Madeleine Brooks who helped make the vision a reality and to Paul Prentice from Huubiebuild for his input and construction skills!



Abinger Medieval Fair

What a fabulous day it was! Over 40 children from the school opened the fair by parading resplendently in their costumes. Lola (May Queen) and her attendant, Abby, had the honour of being transported by pony and carriage. After Lola was crowned, the maypole dancers performed magnificently – producing a plait that was admired by all and said to be the ‘best ever seen’! Congratulations to all the children and thank you to the staff who also looked wonderful in their costumes.



A huge thank you to all parents who helped on the day and to F@SH for all the support. A magnificent £23,500 was taken on the day!

If you missed the fair this year, put it in your diary for next year – Saturday 7th June, 2025!!

Nicki Kong



It has been a busy half term with F@SH running the cream teas at Abinger medieval fair and a second-hand toys stall, kids' tombola, and school rebels at WESTfest. Children from year 3 and 4 wowed the crowds with their maypole dancing and we want to say a huge thank you to Nicki Kong for getting the children ready for their wonderful performance. We raised over £300 from our stalls at WESTfest and we will be able to announce the donation from both Abinger Medieval Fair and WESTfest next term.



This year we have raised over £6400 through the different fundraising events, over £400 from preloved uniform sales and over £2000 was given in donations. All of which would not be possible without the support of everyone in our school community working together and giving up their time to support our wonderful school.

This year we have funded the Christmas pantomime, lots of different workshops to help embed learning topics, provided prizes for the reading challenge, funded DoodleMaths subscription for all children, funded the swing and hammock, staging and music poles on the field as well as many more things. The kind donation by Holmbury and Westcott football club has been used to provide sports provision for all the children over the past few months. On behalf of the school, we want to say a huge thank you to the football team committee for supporting the school and ensuring all children can have access to sport.

Whilst we are looking forward to the summer break we are already planning our autumn events and look forward to welcoming you to our first meeting in September.

Have a lovely break.

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https://www.youtube.com/intl/ALL_uk/kids/parent-resources/



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M MEET Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk 

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Diary Dates 2024/25

August 2024	
6th, 7th, 8th August	Week 1 -Pleiades Summer Camp
20th, 21st & 22nd August	Week 2 –Pleiades Summer Camp
September 2024	
24th July-1st Sept	Summer Holidays
2nd September	Inset Day
3rd September	Children return to school
5th September	Reception to start school
16th September	Year 5 & 6 Bonding Day High Ashurst
19th September	UKS2 WW2 Workshop
23rd September	Individual/Siblings School Photos
October 2024	
4th October	Flu Vaccinations– Year R-6
24th & 25th October	Inset Days
28th –1st November	Half Term
December 2024	
20th December	End of Term—1.30pm Pick Up
23rd –5th January	Christmas Holidays
January 2025	
6th January	GST Inset Day
7th January	Children Return to School
February 2025	
17th—21st February	Half Term
24th February	GST Inset Day

Diary Dates 2024/25

April 2025	
4th April	End of Term—1.30pm Pick Up
7th-21st April	Easter Holidays
May 2025	
5th May	Bank Holiday
26th -30th May	Half Term
July 2025	
18th, 21st & 22nd July	Inset Days
23rd –31st August	Summer Holidays