

Value of the month – Peace

Dear Parents and Carers

Our new term has started with great enthusiasm once again! The children have settled back in very well.

May is the Month of Mary

It was wonderful to gather together as a school community to Crown Mary today. Mary is a wonderful example to us all as someone who trusted in God and said "Yes!" to the task that God had given her. Over the coming month, why not join together and say a Rosary. www.teachingcatholickids.com explains clearly what the mysteries are for each decade, and also explains the order of the prayers used when praying the rosary. Thank you so much for all the flower donations, it looked beautiful.



Sporting Fixtures

Our Year 5 football team put on a fantastic display last Friday at the tournament hosted by St. John's school. They played four matches and won them all without conceding a single goal! This included a last-minute winner against Woodlea School to ensure a perfect record and the title of champions - a title that Y5 has now won 3 years in a row! Huge congratulations to the whole team for their performance and a big thank you to both Mrs Jobson and Evie in Y6 for their amazing support and timekeeping! All eyes now turn to our Y6 football and netball teams when they play their tournaments next week.



School Photographer Next Thursday

The school photographer will be in school on **Thursday 8th May** to take photos of class groups. Please ensure children are wearing school uniform and not PE kit. Thank you for your cooperation.

Outdoor Learning Day Next Thursday

On Thursday 8th May we will be having our Outdoor Learning Day, where the children will be exploring and learning around the school grounds during the day.

Staff Car Park

Could we please remind parents that they should not park in the staff car park at **any time**. Please refrain also from parking on the zebra crossing as this obstructs the safe passage for the children.

Online Safety

Parents may find this link useful <https://www.internetmatters.org>
The site has a wealth of information to support keeping your children safe online.

Best wishes, for a wonderful weekend.

Mrs McGrath and Staff

Calendar Dates

8 th May	School Class Photographs (No PE Kit) Outdoor learning Day
9 th May	Year 4 Trip to High Ashurst
14 th May	Year 3 Trip to Frylands Wood
15 th May	Year 5 Trip to Gatton Park
26 th May – 30 th May	Half Term Break
2 nd June	School Reopens @9am
9 th June-13 th June	Year 6 PGL residential Trip
12 th June	Reception Trip to Bocketts farm
17 th & 18 th June	Reception Height & Weight Screening Details to Follow
27 th June	Sports Day Details to Follow
30 th June	District Sports Field - Details to Follow
2 nd July	Year 2 Trip to Painshill Year 1 Trip to British Wildlife Centre
3 rd July	District Sports Track - Details to Follow
4 th July	PTA Summer Fayre details to follow
18 th July	Break Up for Summer Holidays

Absence Procedures

In August 2024 the DFE published new guidance with regard to attendance in schools, 'Working together to improve school attendance'. The Children's Commissioner for England has put together a document outlining why attending school regularly is so important for children and parents' responsibilities. If children are taken out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), Please see grid below.

Absence Category	0 - 21 Days	22 -28 Days	More than 28 Days
First Absence since 19 August 2024	£80	£160	Prosecution
Second Absence (within 3 years of first Penalty Issue date)	£160	£160	Prosecution
Third Absence (within 3 years of first Penalty Issue date)	N/A	N/A	Prosecution



Minecraft Experience – 20th June 2025 (INSET Day)



Join us for the Minecraft Village Rescuer Experience at Canada Water (London) for the 20th June 2025 INSET day.

Tickets are £15 for children/ £20 for adults (if you require a carer ticket please contact the PTA before purchasing). Tickets can be purchased on the PTA events website:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stfrancisschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=97427>

We have had a lot of interest in the event but currently we haven't had the response we were expecting. This event is strictly subject to numbers so please don't leave it until the last minute to book your tickets. The deadline to purchase tickets is **9th May 2025**.

Summer Fayre – 4th July 2025

The school Summer Fayre will be taking place on Friday 4th July this year.

There will be a planning meeting arranged shortly to begin to make arrangements for the fayre and to allocate stalls to classes, the date for this will be given shortly – for those that can't make it in person you will be able to attend via Zoom.

Sports Day 2025 – 27th June 2025

Sports Day will be held on Friday 27th June 2025. Sales for Sports Day t-shirts and caps will be going live very soon, a notice will go out to everyone once the link goes live.

PTA Survival Social – 5th July 2025

A chance to meet up for a social for anyone wanting to discuss all things non-pta and to celebrate making it through the year.... Drinks in the pub! (venue tbc)

Thank you!

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SOUTH EAST SURREY DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION
Affiliated to the British Dyslexia Association SESDA Reg. Charity no. 281076

Teachers, Support Staff, Parents

'AI at Home'

An introduction to AI including how it is used within school by both staff and students

Speaker: David Curran

Assistive Technology Lead/Head of Careers at Moon Hall School

Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 7.30pm

Members (per family) £3.00

Non-Members (per family) £6.00

Places will be limited so please email sesdadyslexia@hotmail.com to book your place

There will be a fund-raising raffle

***The meeting will be held at
Canada Hall, All Saints Church
Battlebridge Lane, Merstham RH1 3LH***

***Details from SESDA Helpline: 01737 556173
Or email; sesdadyslexia@hotmail.com***