



Virtue of the month – Peace

Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to our Year 6 children, who have now completed their SATs tests. We are incredibly proud of the positive way they approached the week, working hard and giving their very best throughout - that is all we could ask for.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to all the staff who supported the children during this time, as well as to the volunteers who generously gave their time to assist with invigilation. Our sincere thanks also go to parents and carers for their continued support; it is always greatly appreciated and plays such an important role in helping the children feel confident and well prepared.

In the coming weeks, our Year 6 pupils will be visiting their new secondary schools, an exciting step as they begin preparing for the next stage of their journey. There is much to look forward to, including residential trips, play rehearsals and many other special events. It promises to be a memorable and enjoyable time for them.

Yesterday, we enjoyed a wonderful whole school assembly to mark Ascension. The children reflected thoughtfully on the importance of this special holy day, providing a lovely opportunity for us all to come together, pause and reflect.

It was also lovely to gather as a community for Sunday's church service, where we helped to raise funds for new Bibles. Thank you so much to everyone for your generosity and support, and especially to the parents who helped make the event such a success. The children did a fantastic job with the readings, offertory and singing, and also in helping to serve the delicious cakes afterwards, which were enjoyed by all. It was a truly special occasion that strengthened the connection between the school and our parish community, and we look forward to many more opportunities to come together in the future.

Across the school, other year groups have also been working incredibly hard. Our Year 1 children have been preparing well for their upcoming phonics screening check, showing great enthusiasm and progress in their reading. Parents of Year 1 children are invited to a meeting about this on Wednesday 20th May at 3:30pm in Oak and Elm classes. Separate information has already been sent out.

In Year 4, pupils are getting ready for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) and have been practising with increasing confidence we are very proud of their efforts.

Attendance

Congratulations to **Rowan Class** for winning this week's Attendance Cup as the most improved class! Your fantastic attendance reflects a strong commitment to being in school, learning together and making the most of every opportunity. Well done to all of you for this great achievement, keep up the excellent effort!



Outdoor Learning Day

On Friday 22nd May, we will be holding our Outdoor Learning Day. The children will spend time exploring and learning around the school grounds, enjoying a range of outdoor activities. We are looking forward to a fun and engaging day for everyone!

PTA Disco

The PTA are hosting their Spring Disco this Saturday, 16th May, at Sacred Heart Church Hall (please note this is not at school). These discos are always such a lovely opportunity for the children to get together, have fun and enjoy some music and dancing with their friends. We hope everyone has fun

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all the certificate winners, this week and to **John Fisher** again for winning the House Points

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Doyle & Staff



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Yesterday we celebrated Ascension Day with the whole school in assembly. Ascension Day is a joyful moment in our Catholic calendar, and in school this week we have been helping children understand that the Ascension is not about Jesus "leaving" us, but about Him returning to the Father so that He can be present with us in a new and deeper way through the Holy Spirit. For Catholics, the Ascension matters because it shows that Jesus' mission is fulfilled, that heaven is open to us, and that we are called to continue His work of love, justice, and service in the world. It reminds us that Christ is still guiding His Church, still strengthening us through prayer and the sacraments, and still calling each of us to live with hope. **Mr Yarnell**


Calendar Dates

16 th May	PTA Spring Disco Sacred Heart (See email sent out from the PTA)
21 st May	Talent Show
21 st May	Year 4 Parents invited for Outdoor leaning day 9.10am
22 nd May	Outdoor learning Day Whole School Break Up For Half Term
1 st June	School Reopens @9am
1 st June	Whole Class Photographs (Full School Uniform)
1-12 th June	Year 4 MTC
10 th -12 th June	Year 6 PGL Residential
16 th June	KS1 Peter Pan Workshops
17 th June	Year 5 Trip to Tower of London Details to follow
18 th June	Year 5 Wintershall Trip
19 th June	Inset Day -School Closed
25 th June	Year 1 Trip to Godstone Farm
26 th June	Sports Day -Details to Follow
28 th June	PTA Summer Fayre- Details to Follow
3 rd July	PTA Mufti Day – Bring a £1
6 th July	Reception to Bocketts Farm- Details to follow
17 th July	Break up From School @1pm
1 st September	Inset Day -School Closed
2 nd September	Inset Day -School Closed
3 rd September	School Reopens @9am

School Attendance

Every day counts

Good attendance helps



Academic Achievement
Regular attendance helps children keep up with the curriculum and perform better academically.

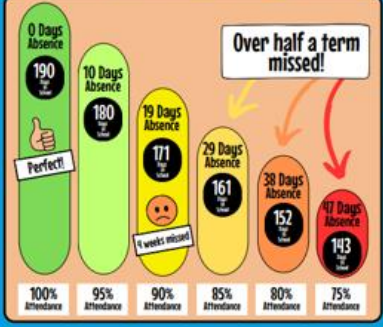
Social Skills
Attending school regularly helps children develop friendships, social skills and learning how to interact with others.

Responsibility
Good attendance teaches the importance of commitment, routine, and responsibility, which are all valuable life skills.

Focus & Engagement
Children who attend school regularly are more likely to stay engaged in their learning and develop a positive attitude towards education.

Building Confidence
Regular attendance can boost a child's self-esteem and confidence, as they see their progress and achievements over time.

Enhanced Learning Opportunities
School provides not just academic instruction, but also extra-curricular activities and enrichment opportunities.



Over half a term missed!


Days Absence	Attendance %
0 Days Absence	100% Attendance
10 Days Absence	95% Attendance
19 Days Absence	90% Attendance
29 Days Absence	85% Attendance
38 Days Absence	80% Attendance
47 Days Absence	75% Attendance

Having 90% over 5 school years, is half a school year's work missed!

Did you know there are...

- 365 Days in a Year
- 190 School Days
- 175 Non School Days

Attendance Matters!



FACE

May 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long
£24 each or FREE with School Membership
 Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
 Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep	28 May 7-8pm



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

Support Evening for Parents and Carers

Wednesday 3rd June 2026

8pm to 10pm

A chance for parents and carers to meet Committee members, who are themselves parents of dyslexic youngsters, and specialist dyslexia tutors, to talk about any concerns they have about dyslexia at home or in school.

Session will include a talk about

‘Moving on to Secondary School’

There will be resources and information for parents about the best way to help at home and how to keep in touch with teachers and SENDCos. Some ideas about how best to support teenagers sitting GCSEs and other exams.

This meeting is free and informal and open to all parents and carers who have an interest in dyslexia.

It would be helpful to know numbers beforehand but not essential.

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