



Newsletter

26th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is an early newsletter as tomorrow is the last day of the spring term and the children go home early;

1.20 pm Infants (Rabbits, Hedgehogs and Squirrels)
1.25 pm Lower KS2 (Owls and Deer)
1.30 pm Upper KS2 (Falcons and Otters)

Don't forget to join us in St John's Church for our Easter Service, led by Deer class. All families and quiet siblings are welcome.

The summer term begins on Monday 13th April.

This week has been very busy with parents' evenings, Youth Speaks and Dorking Halls Schools Festival evening.

Six children in both Falcons and Otters were chosen to represent St John's in the Rotary Club Youth Speaks competition. In each class all the children wrote their own talks and then two were chosen in each class. In the competition there are three children in a team so that the speaker was introduced and then there was a vote of thanks for the speaker. Topics this year included Snow Leopards, Goats, Climate change and Wellbeing. Congratulations to Prithvi, Jack, Yaseen, Beth, Freya, Antonio, Jake, Georgina, Hattie L, Hattie R, Sam and Immy for representing St John's.

On Wednesday Mrs Sweeney took the choir to the Surrey Arts Schools' Festival where they sang a variety of songs with 6 other schools and then had a solo spot. As always, we were very proud of how beautifully they sang and how they represented St John's. Big thanks to the choir for their hard work and especially to Mrs Sweeney for all the time she has spent working with them and taking them to such a high standard. Mrs Campbell and Mrs Foulger also gave up their time to support the event, thank you to them too.

As the weather has improved the children have had more opportunities to be in our new garden area. On Red Nose Day Squirrels enjoyed sketching;



Rabbits took their dinosaur topic outside with Tristan's mum, who led a story-based Forest School lesson and they had great fun making stick skeletons.



The children are not the only ones enjoying the garden. In the peace of the night our night vision camera has recorded a pair of foxes and a badger over the last few weeks. We are on the look out for hedgehogs ready to move into the hedgehog house!

Sports

Twelve St. John's pupils attended the annual netball tournament at RGS. We entered two teams for the second year running. The year 6 team were crowned champions! This is the second time St. John's have won the competition in the last 3 years. The day was bathed in sunshine and the winning year 6 team beat all comers very convincingly. The year 5 team - who showed huge courage - were up against all the year 6 teams in group B, they pushed hard and played some great netball, slightly lacking the experience and amount of practice that the year 6 team have which showed how resilient they were to keep going. This experience will hold them in good stead for next year's competition. The games were only 7 minutes long and there were 6 group matches before the knockout rounds. As per usual the pupils upheld our school values throughout the day and all played with a huge smile on their faces no matter what the result.

The boys' football tournament at Sandcross school was held this week. 10 pupils from St. John's took part and had a good day. Competition is very high at this tournament and the boys put on a valiant effort in all the games. The weather was not as kind and through the arctic wind and hail (along with a little sunshine) the boys tackled, shot and played well. Knocked out in the quarter finals on penalties was cruel in a game they dominated.

This term has been a huge success and we should be very proud of all the pupils that have represented our school. We are top of the girls' football league with two matches to play and top of the netball league with four matches to play so next term will no doubt bring more success. The summer term will bring more opportunities and experiences for our pupils via district sports, cricket, football, netball and tennis.

Mr. Davies

Friend's Update

The Spring term has been a fantastic period of fundraising for Friends of St John's, bringing the school community together and raising significant funds.

The amazing Rainbow Hampers raised £378.50, Friday class cake sales have so far contributed £216 (and will continue after Easter), and Happy School Bags added £232 thanks to your generous donations of clothes and other items.

A huge thank you to the Year 3 Dads for organising the World Quiz Night, which raised almost £900, and to everyone who enjoyed the January choir concert at St John's Church with Reading Phoenix Choir, which brought in £700 for the school. Thank you also to all who donated to the

school garden via the Amazon Wishlist—your support is already making a real difference to the garden.

Looking ahead, we're excited to start planning the Summer Disco on 15th May and the Summer Fair on 13th June, and we'll be asking for your support next term and look forward to the continued enthusiasm of our school community.

Travel Survey

Our school are once again assisting Surrey County Council's Safer Travel Team to undertake research with parents on pupils' types of travel to and from school. The objective of the research is to develop a better understanding of the different types of travel used, and to ascertain if this is changing over time. The Safer Travel Team's goal is to assist schools to continue to encourage safer and more active ways of travelling to school.

Please could I ask that you take the time to complete the survey using the link below. The deadline for completion of the survey is **12th April 2026** and the survey should be completed for each child that attends our school.

Annual Primary School Travel Survey (public URL): <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/Primary-STS-2026>



As a thank you for taking the time to help them, The Safer Travel team will donate £25 for every 100 surveys completed* to your choice of the following two charities;

[Home - Stripey Stork](#)

[Charlie's Promise | Working to prevent knife crime](#)

Thank you for continuing to support our school to improve pupils' journeys to school.

*Please note that the overall amount that will be donated is subject to a restriction within an available budget.

Attendance

Please see attached the class average attendance percentages, well done to Squirrels!

The school's attendance policy can be found at; [Attendance Policy September 2025 StJ](#)

Punctuality is an important part of good attendance and we are seeing a rise in families arriving after 8.55 am. The children should be in class for registration by then and will have missed the valuable early morning activities that each class plans, to support learning and engage the children ready for the day.

Data Sept 25 to present

Group	% Attend
Squirrels	97.6
Falcons	97.3
Owls	97.2
Deer	97.1
Hedgehogs	96.1
Otters	95.9
Rabbits	94.8

A few important reminders:

Morning drop-off times

Please be aware that the school gates do not open until 8.30am and it is from that point that the playground is supervised by staff, please do not leave children unsupervised outside the gates before 8.30am. Infant's parents/carers must wait in the playground until their children are passed to the infant teachers at 8.45am.

Free School Meals / Pupil Premium eligibility

If you believe that your child may be eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office for a form to complete.

Sickness and diarrhoea

Children should not return to school until **48 hours** after the last bout of illness. Please also remember to provide the school office with copies of hospital or doctor's appointment letters.

Greensand vacancies

Please see details of vacancies across the Greensand Trust [here](#).

Upcoming Events

March	
27 th	Easter Service in St John's Church 9.10 am
27 th	Last day of term – early finish Infants 1.20pm, lower KS2 Y3&4 1.25pm, upper KS2 Y5&6 1.30pm
April	
13 th	Back to School
14 th	YrR Bocketts Farm trip
16 th	Yr5/6 Redhill Rising event (at the Belfry) 11am
22 nd	Yr5 Falcons class assembly
29 th	YrR Rabbits class assembly
May	
6 th – 7 th	Yr3 High Ashurst residential
11 th – 14 th	Yr6 SATS week
15 th	Summer disco – Friends event
20 th	Yr3 Owls class assembly
25 th – 29 th	Half-term
June	
4 th	Class photos
13 th	Summer fair – Friends event
19 th	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
22 nd – 26 th	Yr6 Brenscombe residential
30 th	Yr6 Secondary school visits
July	
1 st	Yr1 Hedgehogs and Yr2 Squirrels class assembly
17 th	Yr6 Leaver's assembly
17 th	Last day of term – early finish Infants 1.20pm, lower KS2 Y3&4 1.25pm, upper KS2 Y5&6 1.30pm

School Governor's Meetings

The meetings for this academic year will take place on the following dates;

20th May 2026

1st July 2026

If you would like any further information, please contact the Clerk on clerk@stjohn-redhill.surrey.sch.uk

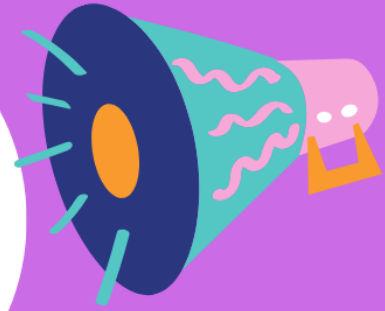
GATTON PARK

Easter Egg Hunt

Good Friday 3 April &
Easter Sunday 5 April
10.30am to 4pm

Easter trail, crafts,
refreshments. Online booking:
£8 adults, £3 children

Book at gattonpark.co.uk



EASTER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS!

JOIN SCTA THEATRE ACADEMY
FOR 4 DAYS OF
SINGING, DANCING AND DRAMA FUN!

St John's Primary School, Redhill
9am-3pm each day

Monday 30th March -
Thursday 2nd April





29th March 2026
Reigate High Street

12pm - 3pm outside the clock tower

THE LOVEWORKS GREAT REIGATE BUNNY HUNT

**Supporting local families
facing food poverty**

Track down our Easter
bunnies hiding in
Reigate town centre to
claim your prize!

**ENTRY FEE:
Tins of food for our food bank**

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