



Newsletter

6th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The School and Reading Phoenix Choir concert on Saturday 24th January was a great success. We were very proud of the children; they sang beautifully on their own and with the adult choir. We were delighted that Riley and Rocco, both now in year 11 were able to join and sing their amazing solos. Huge thanks to them and all involved with organising and supporting the event.



Safer Internet Day 2026

All the children enjoyed the special assemblies and workshops yesterday. It is never too early to educate the children about safe internet usage. The earlier they understand how to stay safe and make good choices the better, even though many children are not using the internet and hopefully those who are, are carefully supervised with adult controls in place. If you are unsure how to put age-appropriate settings in place please follow this link for more advice:

[Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC](#)

Next Tuesday is National Safer Internet Day and the focus is on Smart Tech, Safe Choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI. The children will have focussed assemblies and then take part in age-appropriate activities with their class. More information for parents can be found here: [Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

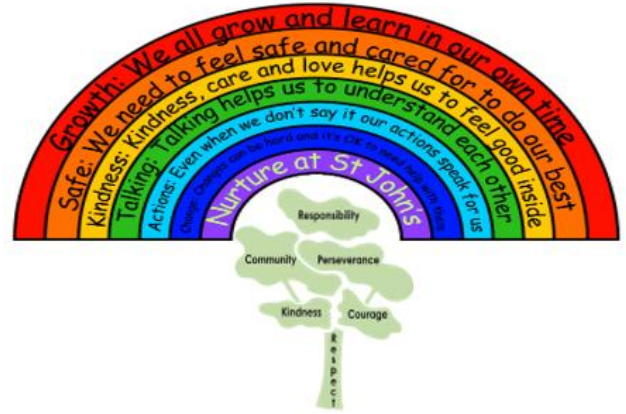
Children's mental health week 9th to 13th February

Through our PSHE scheme of work and our ongoing work with the Surrey Nurture project children's mental health is high on our agenda and everyday work.

We will continue to learn about our Nurture Principles throughout the upcoming assemblies. Here is an overview of what we have shared with the children so far, along with our Nurture Rainbow.

- **Growth:** Everyone learns at a different pace, and that is OK because we are all on our own learning journey and that doesn't look the same. Mistakes help our brains grow.
- **Safe:** Feeling safe helps us to learn and try new things. Adults in school are here to help and protect us. We can talk to someone if we feel worried.

- **Kindness:** Kind actions help everyone feel happy and included. We use kind words and gentle hands. Kindness helps our school feel calm and welcoming.
- **Talking:** Talking helps us share how we feel. Listening is just as important as speaking. We can ask for help when we need it.
- **Actions:** Our behaviour shows how we are feeling. We try to make good choices with our actions. Adults help us understand and learn from our actions.
- **Change:** Everyone finds change tricky sometimes. It's OK to feel worried or unsure. We can ask for help and take our time.



These principles are at the core of our school working alongside our existing values to create a nurturing school for all children. By teaching the six principles of nurture, we help children build strong emotional foundations, which aligns perfectly with Mental Health Well-Being Week by supporting their confidence, resilience, and overall sense of safety and belonging.

Vacancy for breakfast club playworker

We are advertising a vacancy within our breakfast club team; the role is for Monday to Thursday from 7am to 8.45am. The role is advertised [here](#).

School website

We have recently launched a new school website, please take time to have a look at it - [St John's Primary School](#) - and please keep an eye on it as we will be adding more content to it as time progresses.

London Marathon

On Sunday 26th April, Miss Horn (KS2 TA) and Mrs Burchett (After School Club Playworker) will be running the London Marathon in aid of YMCA East Surrey.

YMCA East Surrey is a vibrant charity that has been actively supporting the local community since 1870. They help people to believe in themselves, support them to achieve their goals and inspire them to be the best they can be by providing services that focus on those who are vulnerable, have a disability or face disadvantage. Their three core areas of work are Children & Young People, Health & Wellbeing, and Housing.

Any donations to this cause would be greatly appreciated.

Below are their JustGiving fundraising links

Miss Horn: https://www.justgiving.com/page/rachael-horn-5?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Mrs Burchett: https://www.justgiving.com/page/olivia-burchett-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Attendance

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.

Please aim to have your child/ren in school for 8.45 am when the doors open so they do not miss out. Children arriving after the register often find they have missed important learning information and can disrupt lessons that have begun. We will be writing to families who are regularly late to offer support.

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](#)

Data Sept 25 to present

Group	% Attend
Squirrels	97.8
Falcons	97.3
Deer	97.1
Owls	96.8
Hedgehogs	96.2
Otters	96.0
Rabbits	95.1

A few important reminders:

Collection changes

Please ensure that you notify the office before 2.30pm if your child is going to be collected by someone other than yourself, we may not see an email in time if it is sent later. If there is a need after 2.30pm to make a change, please call the office on 01737 763804.

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](#).

School Governor's Meetings

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

- 18th Mar 2026
- 20th May 2026
- 1st July 2026

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

Upcoming Events

February	
10 th	Internet Safety Day
13 th	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
16 th – 20 th	Spring half term holiday
24 th	Yr5/6 Redhill Rising workshop (at school)
25 th – 26 th	Yr4 Bikeability
March	
4 th – 6 th	Yr4 Marchants Hill residential
11 th – 13 th	Yr5 Windmill Hill residential
17 th	Drusilla's trip – Yr1 & Yr2
20 th	Quiz – Friends event
22 nd	Yr5/6 Redhill Rising Sunday workshop (at Donyngs)
23 rd	Parents' evening 3.30-6pm
24 th	Parents' evening 3.30-6pm
25 th	KS2 Choir Dorking Halls
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
16 th	Yr5/6 Redhill Rising event (at the Belfry)
May	
6 th – 7 th	Yr3 High Ashurst residential
15 th	Summer disco – Friends event
25 th – 29 th	Half-term
June	
13 th	Summer fair – Friends event
19 th	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
22 nd – 26 th	Yr6 Brenscombe residential



Rainbow Raffle

Be in with the chance to win an amazing rainbow hamper!

Raffle tickets will be going home in bags tomorrow

£1 a ticket

Please bring in donations for the hampers in your year group's chosen colour. These can be anything e.g. food/drink/ beauty



Raffle will be drawn 12th Feb



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- Concerto Competition for musicians aged 20 and under
- Rock, Pop and Urban for soloists and groups, aged 10 to 19
- Speech and Drama for Reception to Year 13

See our online syllabus for details of over 250 competitive and non-competitive entry categories.

Entries from £5

Festival dates:
28 April–22 May 2026



Entries close: 25 February 2026

Reigate and Redhill Festival 2026

Tue April 28th	17:00 - 21:00	Dunottar School	Concerto Competition
Tue May 5th	10:30 - 21:00	Reigate Park Church	Choirs
Tue May 5th	16:00 - 21:30	Redhill URC, Church	Woodwind (inc. Recorders)
Wed May 6th	16:15 - 20:30	Redhill URC, Church	Piano
Wed May 6th	16:30 - 20:30	Reigate Park Church	Group Music
Wed May 6th	16:30 - 21:00	Redhill URC, Upper Hall	Vocal
Thu May 7th	16:15 - 20:30	Redhill URC, Church	Piano
Thu May 7th	16:30 - 21:00	Redhill URC, Upper Hall	Vocal
Fri May 8th	16:15 - 21:00	St Mark's Church	Piano / Organ
Fri May 8th	16:30 - 21:15	Redhill URC, Upper Hall	Strings
Sat May 9th	10:00 - 16:00	Redhill URC, Church	Piano
Sat May 9th	09:30 - 17:00	Redhill URC, Upper Hall	Woodwind (inc. Recorders)
Sat May 9th	10:00 - 16:00	Reigate College	Rock, Pop & Urban
Sat May 9th	11:00 - 16:30	Reigate Park Church	Harp & Clarsach
Mon May 11th	16:15 - 20:30	Redhill URC, Church	Piano
Mon May 11th	16:15 - 20:00	Reigate Park Church	Speech & Drama
Mon May 11th	16:30 - 21:00	Redhill URC, Upper Hall	Vocal
Tue May 12th	16:15 - 20:30	Redhill URC, Church	Piano
Tue May 12th	16:15 - 20:00	Reigate Park Church	Speech & Drama
Tue May 12th	16:30 - 20:15	Redhill URC, Upper Hall	Strings
Wed May 13th	16:15 - 20:00	Reigate Park Church	Speech & Drama
Wed May 13th	16:15 - 20:15	Redhill URC, Upper Hall	Strings
Wed May 13th	16:30 - 20:30	Redhill URC, Upper Hall	Brass
Thur May 14th	16:15 - 20:00	Reigate Park Church	Speech & Drama
Fri May 15th	16:15 - 20:00	Reigate Park Church	Speech & Drama
Sat May 16th	09:00 - 15:00	Reigate Park Church	Speech & Drama
Sat May 16th	10:00 - 19:00	Redhill URC, Upper Hall	Classical Guitar
Sun May 17th	10:30 - 11:30	Redhill URC, Church	Festival Church Service
Sun May 17th	15:00 - 16:00	Redhill URC, Upper Hall	Bach to Baby
Fri May 22nd	18:30 - 21:00	Reigate Park Church	Gala Showcase

Timings are approximate - please check the programme for final times.

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