



St Mark and All Saints C of E Primary School and Hedgehogs Nursery

Friday 13th February 2026

We have reached the end of the wettest term we have ever experienced and I'm sure we are all ready to be welcoming the signs of **Spring** which are managing to battle through the mud!

The crocuses and snowdrops are bringing joy around the school site and we hope you spot many more, as well as some sunshine, over the half term break.



We are hoping that with more dry weather the final Times Tables Square playground marking can also be completed on our **INSET day the 23rd Feb** - please keep your fingers crossed for us as it would be lovely for the children to see on their return on **Tuesday 24th Feb**.

Thank you for your support of our recent **Bounce for Books** event - you raised an amazing £643.40 which will give our libraries and reading scheme books a fantastic boost well done!

Staffing news

Next term we welcome our new caretaker Mr Worrall but we will also be saying goodbye to Miss Alden, from Beech Class and Treetops, who is joining the police service. We will shortly therefore be joined by Miss Collins who will be working in Beech Class in her place and will soon be a familiar part of our team.



Our value this half term is Perseverance

Dates for the Diary

16th - 20th Feb - HALF TERM

23rd Feb - INSET DAY

24th Feb - Y1 SATRO Workshop

27th Feb - FOSMAS 2nd hand uniform & cake sale 3:00 - 3:30

2nd Mar - Book Week - More details to follow

2nd Mar - Open Classrooms 2:45 - 3:15 - Families Welcome

3rd Mar - Y6 Try a Bike Course - Details to follow

4th Mar - Y6 Learn to Ride a Bike - Details to follow

4th - 6th Mar - Y4 Residential to PGL Marchants Hill

10th Mar - YR Trip to Bocketts Farm

10th Mar - Y6 Visit to Charterhouse - Science Workshop

11th Mar - Y4 Class Assembly 9 - 9:30 - Families Welcome

12th Mar - Y6 Science Made Simple Show at Charterhouse

10th Mar - FOSMAS Movie Night YR-Y2 3:30-5:00

16th Mar - Y3 Music Concert 2:30-3:00 Families Welcome

17th Mar - Easter Service at St Mark's Church led by Y3 & Y4

9:15 - 9:45 Families Welcome

17th March - Year 1 visit to synagogue

17th Mar - FOSMAS Movie Night Y3-Y6 3:30-5:00

23rd - 27th Mar - Level 2 Bike Ability YR 6

24th Mar - Prayers Space All Classes at St Marks Church

27th Mar - FOSMAS Easter Egg Hunt

27th Mar - End of Term Early Pick up 1pm Nursery School 1.15pm

Inset Dates 2025-26

Mon 23rd February

Fri 22nd May

Mon 1st June

ATTENDANCE 2025-2026

Year to Date 95.5%

Week to Date 97%

Previous Week 95.7%

Stars of the Week

6th February

Hazel - Nellie
Cherry - Chloe
Beech - N/A
Ash - Julia
Willow - Jessica
Rowan - James
Hawthorn - Rochelle

13th February

Hazel - Zahraa
Cherry - Harry
Beech - Lara & Jessica
Ash - Bella
Willow - Jax
Rowan - Aurora
Hawthorn - Eddie

Superstar Learners of the Week

6th February

Hazel - Oska Bear
Cherry - Eliza
Beech - Remi & Joshua
Ash - Hollie
Willow - Sky
Rowan - Joseph
Hawthorn - Scarlett

13th February

Hazel - Reuben
Cherry - Thomas
Beech - Senuk
Ash - Kamarie
Willow - Evie
Rowan - Ralph
Hawthorn - Travis

Attendance Matters

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Punctuality Matters too!

As a school, we are aware that lateness can severely affect achievement. We monitor punctuality closely and have strategies in place to address lateness.

The school gates are open from
8:45 am and close at 8:55 am

Any child arriving after this point must report to the school office with their adult, as this is the time that registers close.

Any child who arrives after 9:30 am will be given an unauthorised absence for the morning. If you have 10 unauthorised sessions within a 10 week period you will be issued a penalty notice.

Holidays (Leave of absence)

Taking holidays in term time will have a detrimental effect on your child's progress, as they miss chunks of their learning.

In line with St Mark & All Saints Attendance policy, we will not authorise any holiday in term time apart from in very specific circumstances and you must see Mrs Mallett to request any leave of absence.

Please remember it is your responsibility to call the school office (01483 422924) to report all absences before 9 a.m. or to email info@stmarkallsaints.uk

PENALTY NOTICES

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

HOCKEY



BOOK NOW FOR HALF TERM & EASTER!

MON 16, TUES 17, WED 18 FEB 2026

MON 30, TUES 31 MARCH 2026

TUES 7, WED 8 APRIL 2026



VENUE Guildford Hockey Club
at Broadwater School GU7 3BW

TIMINGS 10am-3pm, with early drop-off (from 9am)
and late pick-up (until 4pm) available as an add-on

DISCOUNTS available for multi-day bookings

Performance Camps available for more experienced players



BOOKING LINK: ghchockey.as.me
15% discount with code: **SCHOOL15**

CAMPS



Study with us!

**Level 5 Teaching
Learners with
Dyslexia Diploma
September 2026**

**Level 7 Teaching
and Assessing
Learners with
Dyslexia Diploma
September 2026**



**The Curious Case of
AuDHD (Autism &
ADHD)**
A Workshop for Parents
by Fin O'Regan

Date: 27 March 2026
Time: 1pm-4pm
Online

This CPD-accredited session explores the overlap between **autism and ADHD**, with a recording available if you can't attend live.

Fintan O'Regan will explain how the two conditions interact and share practical strategies to support executive functioning, emotional regulation, sensory needs, and behaviour.

Areas to be addressed in the session include

1. Autism and ADHD explored and explained
2. The Intersection of Autism and ADHD, Overlap and interplay
3. Supporting Executive dysfunction, Emotional regulation, Sensory sensitivities, and social challenges:
4. Specific strategies for Inflexibility, Inattention, Impulsivity, Insatiability, Frustration and Defiance
5. Working in partnership with parents and carers
6. Transition, Wellbeing and Resilience
7. The potential role of medication

This session is suitable for both professionals and parents/carers looking to deepen their understanding and improve support for autistic and ADHD learners.

See our [courses](#) page for more information and to book.



**The Dyslexic
Advantage - a UK Film
Premier**

Date: 4 February 2026

Time: 6-7pm

Cost: £10

Online

Announcing the UK premier screening of **The Dyslexic Advantage**, a powerful new film that celebrates the strengths, creativity, and innovative thinking of dyslexic minds, followed by a Q&A with the book's author and executive film producer Fernette Eide.

Fernette will join us at the end of the screening to answer any questions.

This session is appropriate for parents and education professionals and is amazing value at just £10.

This online session can be booked even if you can't watch live, as we'll send the recording later in the week.

The new edition of The Dyslexic Advantage book is also available for purchase through our website [here](#).

With much-needed prescriptive advice for parents, educators, co-workers and dyslexics, The Dyslexic Advantage provides a new framework to create a fuller, more balanced and more useful model of dyslexia.

See our [courses](#) page to book.

[Book Here](#)

strengthening families strengthening communities

Online Course

For parents and other adult carers; **for Parents of Year Six Students Only, group starting on Thursday 19 March at 10:00am**

Want to get some new ideas to help you be the best parent you can be?
Enhance your relationship with your children?
Learning at a time that suits you?



6 online sessions



6 group discussions



Certificate on completion

What to expect...

- Information on strategies and child development.
- Hear from other parents.
- Worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and fun activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Expert help from a real person each week.
- Choose a course that suits your child's age.

Topics covered...

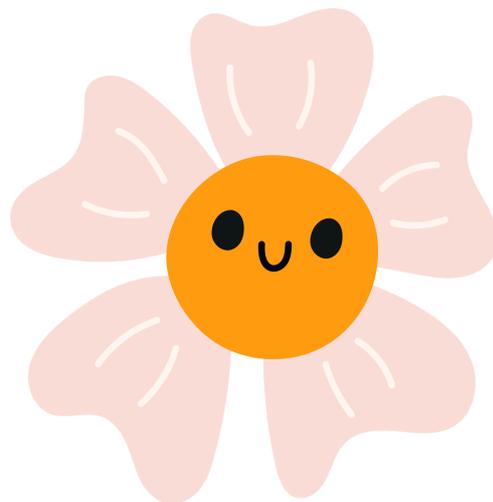
- Healthy relationships.
- Understanding and managing behaviour.
- Enhancing children's self-esteem.
- Emotions and empathy.
- What to expect for the age of your child.
- Being part of a community.

Group discussion...

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to any questions you might have.
2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home and how to adjust them for you.
3. Address other difficulties relating to parenting.
4. Hear from others about what works for them.



Find out more or register for the course by scanning the QR code or emailing us at: sfscparent@racefound.org.uk



Online Course

Stronger Relationships

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart. **For Parents of Year Five Students Only, group starting Wednesday 1 April at 6:00pm**



- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
- Would you like to enhance your relationship with your current partner, or improve communication with your ex or the other people helping to raise your children?
- How about learning at a time that suits you?



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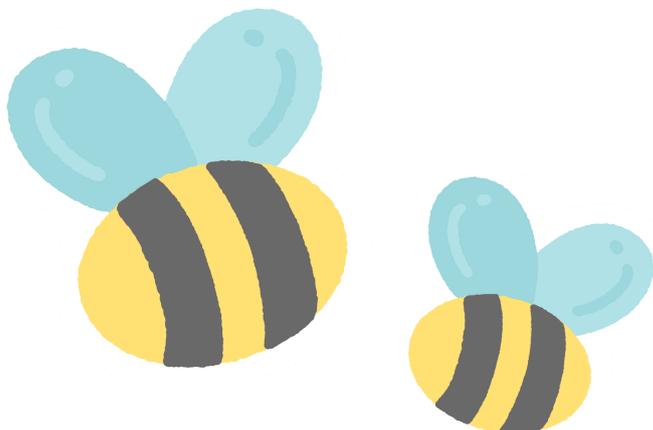
- Information on strategies to identify and reduce arguments.
- Hear from other parents and carers.
- Downloadable worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and interactive activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Weekly support from our course experts.

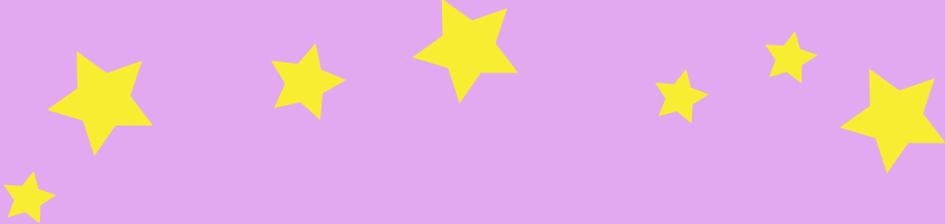
Topics covered...

- Healthy adult relationships.
- Identifying and managing disagreements.
- Understanding how conflict affects your children.
- Enhancing parent-child relationships.
- Managing stress, anger and emotions.
- Strategies to resolve conflict and create a parenting agreement

Group discussion...

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to some of the questions you might have
2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home.
3. Address other difficulties relating to your relationships.
4. Hear from others about what works for them.





AUTISTIC GIRLS AGED 8 -12

Appeer are really excited to be able to offer a new group on a Monday afternoon for those who are aged 8 to 12 to complement our existing Groups which cater for 12 – 18 year olds and 10 – 14 year olds.

They have 4 spaces left in this group so if you feel your child may benefit please contact Mrs Mills.

Find out more on our:
<https://appeer.org.uk/alternative-provision-weekday-groups>