



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

Welcome Back to the Autumn Term at SMAS!

Your children have made a superb start to the year and our whole school attendance at this point is definitely something to celebrate, thank you all for your support with this.

All jobs has been assigned and the children are very focused and proud of their new roles and ready to make a difference across the school whether it be through Eco Council or as Wellbeing Ambassador. The children are looking very smart in their uniform and school shoes.

Remember KS2 (Y3-6) now have the choice of whether they wear school shirts or polo shirts but if they wear a shirt it needs to be with a tie- available from the school office.

This year we start our PINS partnership journey, with school staff accessing a range of training to support our neurodiverse children and your views being sought across the year through our collaboration with Family Voice Surrey - please do complete their short survey by next Friday to inform our next steps. We are starting with a Playground Audit and Resilience training at our October INSET as well as launching staff Champions for Neurodiversity and Occupational Therapy. More information to follow as we find out more!

The staff and office team are hard at work planning our the trips, experiences and extra curricular offer for your children, across the year these will be no more than £65 for each child, please do make payment for trips promptly to ensure they can go ahead. This year FOSMAS have contributed £100 per class to reduce the cost of transport as well.

Have a wonderful weekend enjoying the Autumn sunshine!

***Our value this half term is Friendship***

# Dates for the Diary

25 Sept - Open Morning for new parents 9:30 - 11:30

6 Oct - Open Classrooms 2:45 - 3:15

8 Oct - Drama Llamas in Nursery 10:00 - 11:30

9 Oct - Open Morning for new parents 9:30 - 11:30

15 Oct - Consultation Evening online

16 Oct - Nasal Flu Vaccinations YR - Y6

22 Oct- Consultation Evening online

23 Oct - NSPCC Speak Out Workshop for Y2 / Y5 / Y6

24 Oct - INSET Day

27 Oct - HALF TERM

3 Nov - INSET Day

7 Nov - Family Voice Surrey- family session

10 Nov - Y4 Swimming week

- Y6 River Book Launch Event

14 Nov - Y2 Charterhouse Concerts for Children

28 Nov - Christmas Fair 2:30-4:30

1 Dec - Open Classrooms

## Inset Dates 2025-26

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> October

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> January

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June

*Today I am grateful for...*

## **ATTENDANCE 2024-2025**

**Year to Date 98%**

**Week to Date 98%**

**Previous Week 97%**



# 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 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](mailto: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.

# Stars of the Week

## 12<sup>th</sup> September

Hazel - Jasper

Cherry - Evie F

Beech - Cameron

Ash - Ivy

Willow - Bella

Rowan - Myles

Hawthorn - Aliyan

## 19<sup>th</sup> September

Hazel - Lola

Cherry - Luca

Beech - Veronica

Ash - Cody

Willow - Freddie

Rowan - Jack G

Hawthorn - Matilde

# Superstar Learners of the Week

## 12<sup>th</sup> September

Hazel - Nellie

Cherry - Harry D

Beech - Oscar M

Ash - Zohan

Willow - Mufeeque

Rowan - Arya-Noor

Hawthorn - Henry

## 19<sup>th</sup> September

Hazel - Ioannis

Cherry - Izabela

Beech - George

Ash - Bella

Willow - Jesscia

Rowan - Marion - Mae

Hawthorn - Rochelle



# Baby & Me



TalkPlus

## What is Baby and Me?

It is an 4 week course that explores thoughts and feelings around anxiety, low mood and wellbeing and feeling alone in a safe environment, allowing space to have special time with your baby.

For you to get the best out of the group, we ask that you commit to the full 4 weeks.

If you feel this is for you, please speak to your health visitor.

## Who is this course for?

New mums registered with a Farnham GP

## Where is the course taking place?

This is an in-person course taking place at Hale Family Centre, Upper Hale Road, Farnham GU9 0LR.

## Can I bring my baby?

Yes

## How do I book a place?

Speak to your health visitor or self-refer (mentioning baby & me course) through our website [www.talkplus.org.uk](http://www.talkplus.org.uk) or by calling TalkPlus on 01252 533 355



## Waverley Family Centre

Mondays, 9.15 to 11.15am  
Hale Family Centre  
(Term time only)

Everyone Welcome!

## Community Hub for Parents and Carers

Are you a parent or carer who is finding things challenging? Would you like to chat with other people who are experiencing similar issues? Join us for a coffee and a natter, in a safe and welcoming setting. This is a peer run support group, run by parents, for parents. Children are welcome. Family centre staff are available for support if needed.

For more information scan the QR code or call: 01483 417157



Waverley Family Centre, Green Lane, Binscombe, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 3TB and Upper Hale Road, Farnham GU9 0LR

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## Waverley Family Centre

Tuesday 23rd Sept  
3.30-5.30pm  
at Loseley Family Centre

## Supporting Families in Schools and Nurseries Autumn Network (Waverley)

A network for HSLWs, SENCOs, ELSAs and DSLs. Talk to us about parenting programmes, stay and plays and drop-in sessions for parenting support. Hear from the South West Assessment Team about referral processes and threshold decisions. Network with staff from schools across Waverley.

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RSVP to  
[kathy.guy@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:kathy.guy@barnardos.org.uk)



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## Waverley Family Centre

Wednesdays at Hale, 2-4.30pm  
(term-time only)  
Thursdays at Loseley, 1-4pm  
(in person and on the phone)

## Family Support

Parenting advice and support is available from the family centre team. Pop in to the family stay and play session on Wednesday afternoons at Hale. Or phone or visit Loseley Family Centre, Thursday afternoons between 1 and 4pm where a family support worker will be available for a confidential chat.

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## Hale Stay & Play Toddler Group



**HOME  
START**  
Waverley

At  
Waverley Family Centre  
Upper Hale Rd, Farnham  
GU9 0LR



Restarting September 10th,  
Keep an eye open for up  
coming events!

**Wednesdays**  
**9.30am-11.30am**  
**Term time only**  
**Free of Charge!**

For information please contact:

Sheryl Rees - Family Group Leader - 07379 130073  
familysupport@homestartwaverley.org  
(Sheryl works between 9am-3pm)

Or

Isabel Gunn - Hale Community Centre - 01252 722362  
stayandplay@halecommunitycentre.org.uk



## Waverley Family Centre

**Tuesdays**  
**9.30-11.00am**

## Sensory Stay and Play at our Hale site

A weekly stay and play session for children with additional needs and the adults who care for them. Sensory activities, bucket time, bubbles, and a chance to chat to other parent/carers. Support available from the Early Support and Family Centre Teams, plus advice from visiting professionals. Runs all year.

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## Waverley Family Centre

1<sup>st</sup> October to 26<sup>th</sup> November  
(with a break for half term)  
Wednesday mornings, 9am to 12  
in The Ark at William Cobbett School

**8 week parenting programme**  
incorporating The Parenting Puzzle and DICE

Take time out from your role as a  
parent to explore parenting styles  
and strategies; talk to other  
parents and share ideas.

I liked having  
a space just  
for me.

Thank you for  
this morning -  
it's been like  
therapy.

Weeks 1-4 - The Parenting Puzzle: your guide to  
transforming family life  
Weeks 5-8 - DICE: Understanding the risks young  
people face in modern society

Email  
lisa.audain@barnardos.org.uk or  
scan the QR code to go to our  
website



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## Waverley Family Centre

Delivered online, on Teams  
Wednesday morning  
9.30-11.30am  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>  
November

## Talking Teens

THE CENTRE FOR  
EMOTIONAL  
HEALTH

HOME OF FAMILY LINKS

- Develop your understanding of teenage development, and the influence of brain development on behaviour.
- Focus on the importance of listening and of verbal and non-verbal communication.
- Practice positive approaches to boundary setting and problem-solving.
- Share your experience with other parents and carers.

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To book your space email  
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**FREE**

**Young Carers Youth Club**

Open to Young People who care for someone or provides emotional support including those that live with someone who has a disability or long term illness

**Weekly Respite\***

- \*Term Time only
- Arts and Crafts
- pool, games, support
- for School Years 6 - 9

**TUESDAYS**

**6PM - 8PM**

In partnership with

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Hale Community & Youth Centre

Scan QR code to register below

01252 722362

uk@halecommunitycentre.org.uk



**Parent Empowerment Group**

A FREE Five Week Online Course for Effectively Supporting Children Who Are Experiencing Anxiety.

**Understand How Children's Emotions Work**

Learn the brain science behind your child's emotional outbursts and how you can support them effectively when they do happen. Receive support for the sometimes difficult work of parenting as well as celebrating the wins!

**Learn five simple but effective anxiety busting tools**

Build bite size connection moments. (A game changer for family life). Understand how to set loving limits that build co-operation and help your child thrive.

**Understand the role of play and laughter in reducing anxiety**

Bring the joy back into family life, build confidence in your parenting and receive reflection time and appreciation for you!

Book using QR Code or email below:  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> Sept & 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
10.30am till 12noon  
on Zoom

07383 517838

lou@learningspace.org.uk

# Hope

## Building futures Transforming lives

### Parent and carer support

Supporting young people who face additional challenges can be difficult at times. With that in mind, the Hope Service has created a space for groups of parents and carers to come together on a regular (fortnightly) basis to discuss the challenges they face in a confidential and supportive environment.

If you would like to participate, please [book on Eventbrite](#), or if you require any further information, please [contact the Hope Service](#).

Date and Time	Session theme
Tuesday 9 September 2025, 5pm to 6.00pm	<b>Disordered Eating and Body Image:</b> How to support a young person who is struggling with food, eating or their body image.
Tuesday 23 September 2025, 5pm to 6.00pm	<b>Self-harm:</b> Practical advice in supporting young people with self-harm.
Tuesday 7 October 2025, 5pm to 6.00pm	<b>Tips for creating an Emotional toolbox:</b> Practical ideas in how to put together a toolbox to support your young person self-soothe and regulate their emotions.
Tuesday 21 October 2025, 5pm to 6.00pm	<b>Families Learning About Self-Harm (FLASH) taster session:</b> Opportunity to learn more about this 10-week programme run by the Hope Service. This is for parents and carers whose young people (11 to 18) exhibit self-harm behaviours that impact the whole family. The programme aims to reduce stress levels to a manageable level.
Tuesday 4 November 2025, 5pm to 6.00pm	<b>Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC):</b> How do you support a young person with an ASC who struggles with their mental health.
Tuesday 11 November 2025, 5pm to 6.00pm	<b>Action For Carers:</b> Are you looking after a friend or relative? Find out what support is available for parents and carers from Action For Carers.
Tuesday 18 November 2025, 5pm to 6.00pm	<b>Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) and the connection with gender identity:</b> How do you support your young person with an ASC diagnosis and gender identity.
Tuesday 2 December 2025, 5pm to 6.00pm	<b>Understanding Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD):</b> A guide to identifying OCD and supporting young people with their symptoms and the link with ASC.
Tuesday 16 December 2025, 5pm to 6.00pm	<b>Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and Mental Health:</b> How does ADHD impact on a young person's Mental Health and what strategies can be used to support a young person with ADHD.



# PARENT EMPOWERMENT AROUND ANXIETY COURSE

A course for parents and carers of children with anxiety

The group will meet for four sessions each lasting 1.5 hours and will provide:

- Opportunities to talk about and develop strategies and tools for supporting children with anxiety including behavioural challenges
- Support for everyday parenting challenges
- Opportunities for parents to share their own experiences and learn from others

Parents will have 2 30 minute 1:1 sessions, one before the group starts and one after it finishes.

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## OCTOBER HALF-TERM CAMPS

OCT 27, 28, 29

9AM-3.30PM

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

Full Week- \*£85.50 Single Day- \*£31.50 Half Day- \*£18

\*SCHOOL 10% DISCOUNT

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Garden



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and a love of nature

Autumn half term holiday club

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

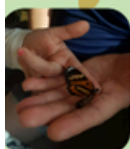
Time: 9am - 3.15pm

Ages: 6-11 years

Venue: The Therapy Garden, Normandy near Guildford

Price: £40 per day

Run by qualified, DBS checked nature lovers



Join us for Halloween fun in our secure garden for exploring, pumpkin carving, skeleton crafting, bug hunting, den building.. and so much more



"I loved being outside, getting dirty and finding all the bugs hidden in the gardens"

"The best bit was making and taking home our bird feeders"



Book now

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