

MARCH 13TH 2026

SOUTHFIELD PARK

NEWSLETTER



Dear families

The school has been full of science today as every class has taken part in a live lesson with the Primary Science Teaching Trust, before completing a practical activity and sharing their findings with other schools. Please ask your children about what they have been learning today as part of British Science Week.

Young Carers Action Day was also a huge success on Wednesday, and we'd like to thank everyone for their generosity. So many cakes and donations were received, raising over £500, and many of you expressed how pleased you were to support such a worthy cause. Thank you to Miss Lucy Radcliffe, our Champion for Young Carers, for organising the event. We will now be looking into a few special events for our Southfield Park Young Carers.

Well done to our Year 4 cyclists, who have been on the playground earning their Bikeability Level 1 badges this week.

Next week, we have Parent Consultations on Monday and Tuesday for Reception parents only, Year 1 will be out on a local park walk in Geography, Year 5 will be participating in a Spinnaker RE workshop, and the Friends are running Easter discos after school on Friday. It is also Comic Relief on Friday 20th, so children, brush up on your jokes over the weekend!

Have a lovely weekend,

Dates for your diary...

Mon 16th & Tues 17th March

- Reception Parent Consultations - PM

Fri 20th March

- Easter Discos

Mon 23rd March

- Dress Rehearsal for Music Festival (Glee) at Epsom Playhouse - All Day
- Open Classrooms 2.45-3.45pm

Tues 24th March

- Choir attending Dorking Halls Music Festival - Eve

Tues 24th & Wed 25th March

- Music Festival (Glee) at Epsom Playhouse - Eve

Wed 25th March

- Reports out to parents (years 1 - 6)

Fri 27th March

- Break up at 1.30pm



● Comic Relief 2026



Next Friday, 20th March, we will be joining in with Red Nose Day by sharing some funny moments in school. Children, it is time to practise your jokes because next Thursday you will be able to share your favourite joke in class. Class winners will be decided by how much you can make your classmates laugh at your joke and will then get the chance to share their jokes in SHINE assembly on Friday to see if we can get the whole school giggling!

Children can wear a red nose or a red accessory to mark the day - the funnier the better. Please make sure red noses are named so that we don't end up with a pile at the end of the day.

After the success of Young Carers Action Day this week, children do not need to bring in money to participate, however if you would like to donate to the Comic Relief charity, you can do so by following this link to our JustGivingPage: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-southfield-park-primary-school?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=020

● Access to school on Monday

On Monday morning, between **10** and **12**, we have a company coming in to do some work at the front entrance. We have chosen the quietest part of the day because scaffolding will be up and there will be no access to the school or office via the main entrance.

If you need to come to the office during those hours, please call the office and they will meet you at another agreed entrance: **01372 743104**.

● Video Computing Day - Reminder

Video Computing Day is coming up soon on Wednesday 25th March.

To ensure your child can take part in the filming and related activities, please complete the consent form attached to the email sent on Tuesday and also below.

[Consent Form Link for Parents and Carers](#)

If you have not yet returned the form, we kindly ask that you do so as soon as possible. Thank you for helping us make sure all students can participate fully in this exciting learning experience.

- **Advice for children who might be upset by the news**

In light of recent events in the Middle East, our thoughts are very much with any of our families who have loved ones living in or visiting those parts of the world.

We understand that children can often feel worried or upset by what they see and hear on the news. Newsround has provided a very helpful guide for parents and children that gives 'Advice if you are upset by the news' which can be found here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

- **Upcoming Improvements to Our School Website**

We are excited to advise that work will be underway over the coming weeks to give our school website a brand new look with a more streamlined structure as well as incorporating our new school logo. Next week, we will be changing the main menu names so it is clearer for visitors to know where to look for specific information. The website will remain live whilst this happens but it may be that pages change their location suddenly if you are using it. If there is anything you cannot locate please do remember to use the search function on the home page in the top right corner. We are really looking forward to our website becoming more representative of where we are now in our journey, a more effective information resource for our families as well as raising our profile within the wider local community.

Year 6 Explore the Art of Batik

This week, Year 6 had an exciting opportunity to begin exploring the traditional art technique of batik as part of their art lessons. The children were introduced to a special tool called a tjanting, which is used to carefully apply hot wax onto fabric to create patterns and designs.



During the session, pupils experimented with using the tjanting tool to place wax onto different materials, including silk and calico. This allowed them to practise controlling the flow of wax and develop confidence using the tool. The children quickly discovered that by adjusting how they held and moved the tjanting, they could create a variety of shapes, lines and decorative patterns.



The lesson provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to experiment with the technique before beginning their final pieces. Over the coming weeks, Year 6 will use these skills to design and create their own batik artwork, combining wax-resist techniques with vibrant dyes to bring their ideas to life.

The children have also been busy planning their ideas carefully. Here are some of our wonderful final designs for our batik artwork, where pupils have shown great creativity and attention to detail when developing their patterns.

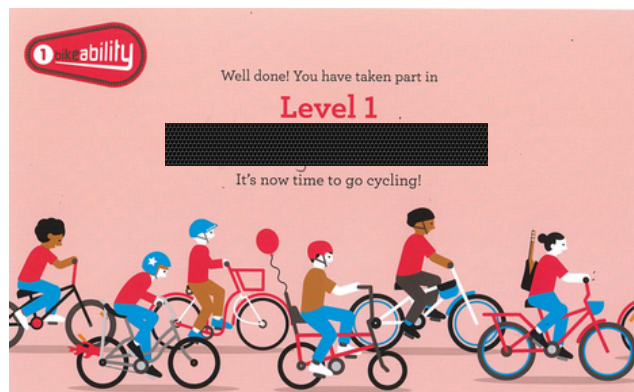
After the Easter holidays, we hope to showcase our wonderful batik artwork in the year 5/6 corridor for everyone to enjoy.



● **Year 4 Bikeability**

Congratulations to all of our Year 4 pupils who took part in the Level 1 Bikeability training this week! They showed fantastic effort, focus and determination while developing their cycling skills and learning how to ride safely and confidently.

Now that they've completed the course, it's time to put those skills into practice and enjoy cycling even more. Well done to everyone involved—we're very proud of you. Happy cycling!



Congratulations to Alastair for his Stagecoach performance of K-Pop Demon Hunters last night! He brought incredible energy and confidence to the stage. The audience loved every minute, and we couldn't be prouder of the enthusiasm and talent he showed. Well done, Alastair – a fantastic achievement!



Congratulations to Caden and his hockey team who achieved a fantastic result last Sunday, winning the U10 Boys Surrey Plate tournament. Keeping a clean sheet throughout the tournament while scoring two or more goals in every match. A brilliant achievement!



Well
Done
Caden

Congratulations to Ella who recently competed in her first London Regional competition with Sutton Gymnastics Academy and delivered an outstanding performance. She earned Silver medals on Bars, Beam and Vault, and a Gold medal on Floor.

In an incredible achievement, Ella also won Gold for the highest All Around (AA) score in her age group (7-8 years). A huge congratulations to Ella on such a fantastic and well-deserved success – we are very proud of her!



Well
Done
Ella



Young Carers Action Day at Southfield Park

A special thank you from Miss Radcliffe and the Young Carers Team at Southfield Park

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent mufti day and cake sale! Thank you to all the children and families who took part in our mufti day by wearing their own clothes in exchange for a small donation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

A big thank you as well to everyone who baked or donated cakes. We had such a fantastic selection, and thanks to your kindness we were able to sell so many!

Finally, thank you to everyone who came along to the cake sale to support us. The queue went all the way around the playground - it was amazing to see so many people getting involved.

Your support means so much and will help us provide a really special experience for our Young Carers. Thank you for helping make the day such a success!



The grand total raised was **£513!**



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News From The Friends



Next Friday 20th March - Easter Disco

Tickets still available , [click here to get yours](#)

There are three sessions for the disco - one for each phase of the school:

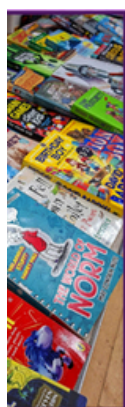
- Phase 1 (Reception and Year 1) 16:45 - 17:45
- Phase 2 (Years 2 & 3) 18:00 - 19:00
- Phase 3 (Years 4, 5 & 6) 19:15 - 20:15

Tickets cost £5, includes an Easter treat for the children to take home with them.

The DJ is a familiar face to the children and we are sure they will get your children dancing!

Please do consider volunteering to help us at the disco - a DBS check is preferred but not essential.

Children will have DBS-checked parents with them at all times. You are able to sign up as a volunteer on PTA Events when booking your ticket or otherwise send an email to friends@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR BOOK DONATIONS



Your generosity meant there was a fantastic selection of books for the children to choose from - we overheard great discussions about which book they were choosing and why.

Just over £600 was raised from this event, which will be vital in helping the school provide additional learning experiences to all children.

The Friends of Southfield Park



COMING SOON

We are organizing a collection of pre-loved clothing and other items for after the Easter Break.

Check the list of what is accepted [here](#)

UNDERSTANDING PATHOLOGICAL DEMAND AVOIDANCE PARENT WORKSHOP

Held at
Southfield
Park

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TO HELP PARENTS UNDERSTAND, RECOGNISE AND SUPPORT
THEIR CHILDREN WITH PDA

Q&A AT THE END

To book,
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A PROFILE WITHIN AUTISM WHERE EVERYDAY
DEMANDS CAN CAUSE HIGH ANXIETY, LEADING
TO AVOIDANCE BEHAVIOURS.

Spring Term 2026 - Key Dates

Mon 16.03 & Tues 17.03	Pm	Reception Parent Consultations
Fri 20.03	Easter Discos	
Mon 23.03	All day	Dress Rehearsal for Music Festival (Glee) at Epsom Playhouse
Mon 23.03	Open Classrooms 2:45 – 3:45pm	
Tues 24.03	Eve	Choir attending Dorking Halls Music Festival
Tues 24.03 and Wed 25.03	Eve	Music Festival (Glee) at Epsom Playhouse
Wed 25.03	Reports out to parents (years 1 – 6)	
Fri 27.03	Break up at 1:30pm	

Summer Term 2026 - Key Dates

Date	Time	Event
Mon 13.04	8:35am	Children return to school
Tue 14.0.4		Duck egg experience arrives in Reception
Thu 16.04	Am	Grow, Cook, Enjoy planting with KS2
Fri 17.04	Year Group Newsletters out to parents	
Tue 21.04	Pm	Year 3 and 4 Girls' Football Tournament
Fri 24.04	Reception ducklings picked up	
Thu 30.04	9:15am	Year 1 Year Group Assembly
Mon 04.05	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	
Thu 07.05	9:15am	Year 4 Year Group Assembly
Fri 08.05	9:00 - 10:30am	Reception Sports Day
Fri 08.05	6:00pm	Family Bingo Night with the Friends
w/c Mon 11.05		SATs in Year 6 including Breakfast Club
Fri 15.05	9:00 – 11:00am	Infant Sports Day (Year 1 and 2)
Fri 15.05	3:00 – 3:30pm	Krispy Kreme Donut Sale with the Friends
Mon 18.05	Class Photographs	
Thu 21.05	3:30pm	Year 5 PGL meeting for families
Fri 22.05	pm	Junior Sports Day at the Harrier Centre
w/c Mon 25.05	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED	
Wed 03.06	9:00 – 9:30am	Open Classrooms
Wed 03.06	6:00pm	SHINE Show
Thu 04.06	Year 6 Geography Field Trip to the River Mole	
Fri 05.06	Reserve Junior Sports Day	
w/c Mon 08.06	Year 6 Bikeability Level 2	
Mon 08.06	3:00pm	District Sports Field Events
Thu 11.06	9:00am	District Sports Track Events
Fri 12.06	Reception Trip to Bocketts Farm	
Fri 12.06	9:15am	Year 3 Year Group Assembly
w/c Mon 15.06	Year 5 Residential to PGL Liddington	

Date	Time		Event
Wed 17.06	Time tbc (early eve)	Choir event at The Horton	
w/c Mon 22.06	Creative Arts Week		
Mon 22.06	Summer Fair hamper donations (MUFTI)		
Mon 22.06	Dance Festival rehearsals at Epsom Playhouse (daytime)		
Tue 23.06 + Wed 24.06	Evening	Dance Festival at Epsom Playhouse	
Wed 24.06	Grow, Cook, Enjoy cooking with Year 3		
Thu 25.06	Year 3 Sleepover		
Fri 26.06	1:15pm	Year 3 finish early	
Tue 30.06 and Wed 01.07	Year 6 Transition Days at Secondary Schools		
Tue 30.06 and Wed 01.07	15:00-18:30 16:00-18:00	Y1-6 Parent Consultations (no	
Wed 01.07	Grow, Cook, Enjoy cooking with Year 4		
Thu 02.07	Summer Fair bottle donations (MUFTI)		
Fri 03.07	Year 6 trip to London		
Sat 04.07	12:00 – 2:00pm	Summer Fair	
Mon 06.07	Grow, Cook, Enjoy cooking with Year 6		
Tue 07.07 and Wed 08.07	6:00pm	Year 6 Production	
Wed 08.07	Grow, Cook, Enjoy cooking with Year 5		
Thu 09.07	9:15am	Year 2 Summer Sing-a-long	
Thu 09.07	6:00pm	New Reception Parents information session	
Fri 10.07	Year 6 to Chessington World of Adventures		
Mon 13.07	3:30pm	Sayers Croft information meeting (current year 3 parents)	
Wed 15.07	5:30pm	Year 6 Leavers' Party	
Fri 16.07	9:00am	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	
Fri 16.07	1:30pm	Break up for Summer Holidays	



YMCA EAST SURREY

Supporting your child with the transition from Primary to Secondary school

Join YMCA East Surrey's Family Wellbeing Service for an informative and supportive online workshop about how to support and prepare your child, and yourself, for the transition from Primary to Secondary school.

Three workshop days and times to choose from:

- u Tues 17 March | 12:00 -
- u 13:00 Wed 18 March | 18:00
- u - 19:00 Wed 22 April | 18:00 - 19:00

1:1 tailored follow-up sessions are available after the workshop, please indicate on the sign-up form if you are interested.

To register interest, please scan the QR code or click

[Family Wellbeing Service - transition workshop contact form](#)

For further information or to book a place, email

communitywellbeingteam@ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk



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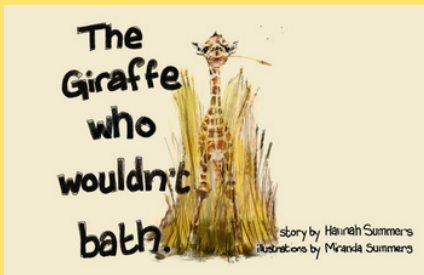


Easter Holiday Family Events

Theatre | Storytelling | Workshops



Make this Easter break unforgettable with a magical lineup of family events, perfect for little and grown-ups alike. From interactive storytelling to enchanting music and puppet theatre, there's something for every imagination to explore



Short Stories Tall Tales: The Giraffe Who Wouldn't Bath
Tuesday 31st March, 11:30am and 1:30pm
Adventure with Gerald on his hilarious sticky-icky journey while he discovers what happens when you don't have a bath. Inventive, interactive and above all, creative play for your little ones to enjoy.



SPANISH FESTIVAL OF MUSIC &
DANCE 2026
Ages 0-5 Family Concert - Ferdinand The Little Bull Friday, 3rd April, 11:30am

Bilingual (English / Spanish) narrated concert, suitable for the whole family. The music of the English composer, Alan Ridout, performed on solo violin, tenderly illustrates this simple story that contains messages of peace, individuality and friendship. Ages 4+



Gaby Gulliver's Travels
Friday 10th April, 11:30am and 2:30pm
A magical shadow theatre show for children and grown-ups alike.

This imaginative retelling of a classic story of a journey through strange new worlds, where Gaby discovers what it truly means to be big...and small. Ages 5+



Shadow Puppetry Workshop with Indigo Moon Theatre
Friday 10th April, 1pm – 2pm
In this creative workshop children and their carers will use light and their imaginations to design their own shadow puppets and explore how to bring them to life. Ages 5+



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14th March 2026
11:00am

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STEPHEN MANGAN

Donations of good quality clothing, toys, and household items are gratefully received.



ADVICE CAFE

WelcomePack

FRIDAYS
10AM-12PM

Freedrop-in hub with cake and refreshments for advice on debt, benefits, and other important issues.

St Barnabas | KT19 8HA | 020 8224 9838

Our regular advisors can help with:

Mental Health

Physical Health

Debt Help

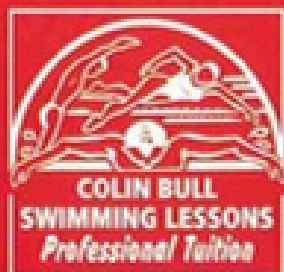
Employment

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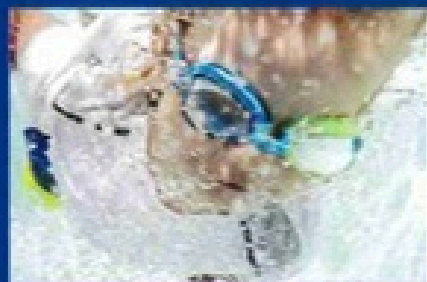
Other areas of support are also available, please get in touch to find out if we can help support you.

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Club4 Parent Guide - Easter 26

Hey Parent/Carers! Looking for exciting ways to keep your kids active, creative, and full of smiles this Easter? Club4 is back—and we've got an incredible line-up of fully-funded holiday activities for eligible families across Surrey! The Holiday Activity and Food Programme, delivered by Active Surrey on behalf of Surrey County Council, is a fantastic Department for Education initiative offering places for children and young people from Reception to Year 11 who receive benefit-related free school meals. Funding covers up to 4 activity days per child. From high-energy sports and games to hands-on cooking, colourful arts & crafts, exciting outdoor adventures, and so much more — Club4 camps bring the fun every Easter, Summer, and Winter! Kids can explore new passions, build confidence, make amazing new friends, and create memories that stick long after the holidays.

There's something for every family... **SEND-specific** camps and family stay and play experiences, designed to be inclusive, supportive, and joy-filled **Teen days** out packed with adventure, teamwork, and new experiences

» **Family events** where everyone can get involved and make the holidays extra special

» Bookings for Easter open at 7:30am on **Tuesday 24 February** – but why wait?

» Register your interest now and get ahead of the **Scan the QR code or click here to book**

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today! [Eequ](#)



We're so happy to see so many children and young people excited about our Club4 sessions!

But here's the challenge: some parents are booking spaces, and children aren't showing up.

Because these sessions are fully funded, every missed place means:

- *A funded activity spot goes unused*
- *Another child misses the chance to join in, have fun, and enjoy a healthy meal*

To make sure as many families as possible can benefit, providers may not be able to accept future bookings from families who regularly miss sessions without letting them know.

- ✓ *Only book sessions your child is able to attend*
- ✓ *If plans change, cancel your booking on Eequ as early as possible so another child can enjoy the opportunity*

Together, we can make this holiday active, creative, and memorable for every child!



Parent Highlights

*"A wonderful resource for families to ensure that all children have the opportunity to be active, social and have a chance for respite from additional needs siblings at home." **Parent***

*"These are amazing and I'm so so grateful as a single parent of three very young children to be given the opportunity to have my daughter go to these not just for her but for myself and her younger brothers. The staff are amazing and really have the children at heart." **Parent***



*"We had a fantastic time at the Stay and Play. The facilities are amazing and the staff so helpful and attentive, it's a perfect place for my daughter and her brother who has special needs to bond and try a new activity together. We will definitely be coming along again." **Parent***

*"Amazing, great staff, inclusive and great opportunities for kids activities." **Parent***



An Overview of Dyslexia and how to Support Learners at home



Do you want to be able to support your child at home with dyslexia?

- Definition of dyslexia
- Characteristic areas of difficulty
- Potential impact on literacy (and numeracy) development
- Benefits of a multisensory approach to learning
- Supporting reading
- Supporting reading comprehension
- Supporting writing
- Supporting spelling
- Keeping self-esteem high.

There will be the opportunity to ask questions and to meet other parents in a similar situation.

At the end of the workshop, you will:

- Understand dyslexia better
- Understand what dyslexia means for your child and how it affects more than reading and spelling
- Have practical ideas about how to help your child with memory and organisation
- Have practical strategies for helping your child with
- reading, writing and spelling
- Have learnt ways to boost your child's confidence and
- self-esteem.

Find out more about other courses we offer please go to our [website www.helenarkell.org.uk](http://www.helenarkell.org.uk)



A helping hand for a *healthier* *family*

Do you need help to achieve a healthy weight for your child or teenager?

Be Your Best is a funded healthy lifestyle programme for Surrey families with children & teenagers aged 5-17 years, who are above the healthy weight range.

We can help you make a positive difference to your child or teenager's health & wellbeing.

The programme is made up of one-to-one and group sessions:

Sessions include

Live cooking workshop
Meal planning for the whole family
Easy food swaps
Managing screen time
How to become an active family
Importance of sleep

One-to-one sessions

With a health & wellbeing advisor at a mutually agreed time & location

Online group sessions for parents/carers

Week days after school via Zoom

Online physical activity sessions

Group sessions via zoom or on-demand video content

"Me and my boys are really enjoying this programme and we are so grateful to be taking part." - Mum

Find out
more :



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What age range do you offer advice for?

We provide free, confidential advice to all parents and carers of young people aged 0-25.

What kind of issues do you support with?

Our advisers are equipped to support you with anything that your child is going through. Including school avoidance, behavioural challenges, worry, ADHD, low mood and much more.

Is there a long wait time on the calls?

We aim to answer our calls as quickly as possible. But if there is a queue you can select the option for a call back within two working days or chat with us online.



IS YOUR CHILD GOING THROUGH A TOUGH TIME?

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