

SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been filled with energy and enthusiasm as 17 of our KS4 students have put themselves forward to be House Captain. Each candidate has demonstrated maturity, respect and a sense of humour throughout the process and we would like to congratulate them all for putting themselves forward for the leadership role. Students voted today with the results celebrated in the school assembly.

The Surrey Special Schools Sports Association met on Thursday and a list of events will be published soon for the students to work towards and look forward to. The first event on the calendar is the winter cross country on Wednesday 8th October at the Royal Alexander & Albert School.

Next week is ADHD awareness week and we will start the week with an assembly led by some of our students to help raise awareness and deepen our collective understanding of the challenges, and importantly how to be supportive. Thank you in advance to the students who are delivering the assembly.

Mr Wright

Harry Franklin - 1,000 House Points

Congratulations to Harry Franklin for achieving 1,000 Housepoints! Harry has always been a young man who prides himself on being mature, responsible and dependable. He continually engages with all aspects of life at Sunnydown, whether it be as part of a sports team, as House Captain or ensuring that GASP continues for future students and this engagement has seen Harry's RICE3 values develop over his time here. Harry has developed himself into a 'voice for the students' and will confidently and eloquently champion them on their journey here at Sunnydown, ensuring that each student leaves with their fingerprint on the school. We are all immensely proud of Harry and know that he and his family will be too!

Miss Newcombe

New House and Vice Captains

Congratulations to the following new House and Vice Captains:

Buxton	Whyteleafe	Burntwood	Portley
Captain Thomas Emms	Captain Callum Jordan	Captain Harrison Williams	Captain Harry Franklin
Vice Captain Lithar Po-Ba	Vice Captain Callum Dowie	Vice Captain Jayden Peters	Vice Captains Jack Bristow Alfie Tharle

Online Safety

Please see the online safety flier attached to this newsletter regarding 'What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Conspiracy Theories.'

Mr Cassim



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October Timetable	
All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long	
£24 each or FREE with School Membership	
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Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)	
Understanding The Teenage Brain	6 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	6 Oct 7pm
Supporting A Child With ADHD	13 Oct 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	14 Oct 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Facing Defiance	20 Oct 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	21 Oct 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Oct 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	23 Oct 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	27 Oct 7pm
What Is ACT?	28 Oct 10am
Introduction To OCD	28 Oct 7pm



Your students are invited to join the Lightyear STEM Youth Group!

The [Lightyear STEM Youth Group](#) is a space for disabled & neurodivergent students aged 14-25 to share their STEM stories, experiences, and ideas.

Our first meeting is online on **Monday, October 13th** at 6pm, and we would love your help sharing this free event with your students & their families.

At the meeting, students will have the chance to:

- Meet other young people with a passion for STEM
- Try an inclusive STEM activity
- Share their thoughts with a disabled-led organisation working to make STEM more inclusive & accessible for all young people

Please pass this on to families and young people in your school community. We'd love for them join us!



Mathematician, artist and professional nerd Aylean is passionate about everyone finding the joy in Maths.

She will share a fun, interactive Maths activity for our youth group participants to try at home. Come along and have a go!

13 October 2025 | 6:00-7:00 PM

Online event (with live captions)

Follow the QR code or [click the link](#) to sign up via Eventbrite – it's FREE!

[Lightyear Foundation](#) is the UK's only disabled-led charity dedicated to improving access to STEM for disabled and neurodivergent young people.



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Thought for the Week
(W/C: 22/9/25)

The REST Strategy -
How it helps & working together

Thought for the Week
(W/C: 29/9/25)

ADHD Awareness Month

Sportsmanship Award

Zack Harrison

The Baton

Milo Baker

RICE³ Awards

Resilience	Toby Fergus
Independence	Alfie Tharle
Cooperation	Jacob Kelly Harry Origgi-Fernando Alex Rose Harley Schooling James Titchner

Scientist of the Week

The recipient of Scientist of the week, awarded by Ms Hristova is
Jaden Doorga
For resilience & cooperation
& awarded by Mr Cybuch for cooperation are
9P & 9H

Mathematician of the Week

The recipient of Mathematician of Week, awarded by Mrs Webb is
Louie Rodrigues
For working well independently
Blake Pope
For a really positive attitude to his assessment & work this week
& awarded by Mr Wright are
Milo Baker
Matthew Marenga

Writer of the Week

The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Palmer is
KS3
Thomas Illman
For being so creative & accurately applying speech in his writing
KS4
& awarded by Miss Thomson is

	Harrison Williams <i>For excellent commitment and engagement</i>
<u>Chef of the Week</u>	The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is Jacob Ryan <i>Consistent effort and independence</i>
<u>Reader of the Week</u>	The recipients of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Wood are Kye Lawrence Milo Baker <i>For commitment and progress in the latest Star Assessment</i>
<u>Artist of the Week</u>	The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is Bertie Evison <i>For his fabulous shoe in Art this week</i>
<u>Musician of the Week</u>	The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith is Zack Harrison

House Points

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Harry Franklin	1,000 House Points
Kasra Alavi	950 House Points
Noah Atkins	750 House Points
Zac Hoad	750 House Points
Luke Dean	700 House Points
Ethan Lyons	650 House Points
Jack McDowell	250 House Points
Callum Duff	200 House Points
Ross Smallman	200 House Points
James Titchner	200 House Points
Louie Rodrigues	150 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2025

Autumn Term 2025	
Wednesday 15 October 2025	School Photos
Monday 27- Friday 31 October 2025	Half Term
Monday 3 November 2025	INSET DAY
Friday 19 December 2025	INSET DAY
Monday 5 January 2026	INSET DAY
Wednesday 28 January 2026	Open Morning (9.30-11am)
Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February 2026	Half Term
Monday 30 March - Friday 10 April 2026	Easter Holiday
Wednesday 29 April 2026	Open Morning (9.30-11am)
Thursday 18 June 2026	Graduation (TBC)
Friday 19 June 2026	INSET DAY
Tuesday 21 July 2026	Sports Day
Wednesday 22 July 2026	END OF TERM (12.30 finish)

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