

SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of another week, it feels only right to comment on the weather. After what seems like a full term of rain, we are all more than ready to start looking ahead to brighter mornings and the first signs of Spring approaching. Longer days are on the way, even if the umbrellas are still working overtime for now.

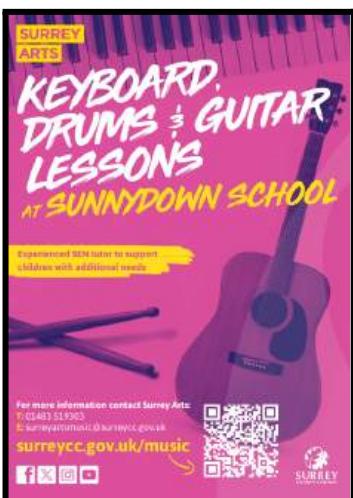
A special mention must go to our Year 11 boys who took part in their glamping residential this week and showed real resilience and good humour, despite the very wet conditions. Camping in the rain is never easy, but the boys rose to the challenge, supported one another well and represented the school brilliantly. Experiences like these build independence, teamwork and memories that last far longer than soggy trainers.

With tomorrow being Valentine's Day, we would also like to wish all our families a happy day with the people they care about and love. Whether that means time with family, friends or simply looking after yourself, we hope it brings a smile at the end of the week.

We would like to wish everyone a restful break, and we look forward to welcoming the boys back to school on 23rd February. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mr Richard Woolley - Headteacher

Instrumental Music Lessons: New Spaces Available



We are pleased to open up additional slots for students interested in music tuition. Lessons are taught by a specialist from Surrey Arts and are currently available for Drums, Keyboard, Guitar, Bass, and Ukulele.

If your son is interested in picking up a new instrument or refining their skills, please sign up for a free taster session. These can be arranged through your Form Tutor or Mrs Cyburch.

Detailed information regarding scheduling, pricing, and booking can be found through the link on the flyer attached below.

Mrs Cyburch

Greenhouse Sports

Last week a Greenhouse T-shirt went to Alex Rose. Alex is always polite and hardworking and has really developed his teamworking skills and resilience since joining Sunnydown.

Well done Alex and keep up the good work!

Mr Odia

Year 11 Residential

This week, the Year 11s set off for their final Sunnydown residential to Henley Fort. The students braved the February weather for two days of mixed activities including low ropes, team building challenges, archery and climbing.

It was wonderful to see the students' maturity levels and they were complimented by the onsite staff for their good humour, can-do attitude and positive behaviour across the two days. I can honestly say I was filled with pride to see how mature all attendees were. It was a privilege to be a part of this moment before their GCSEs and life after Sunnydown. Well done one and all.

Students particularly enjoyed:

Charlie C - The friendly community

Dominic - The dinner

Harvey - Lots of pigeons

Jayden - The dancing

Leo - Good activities and messing around

Luke - The archery



The Sunnydown Team

Mr Wright, Miss Thompson, Mr Derrig Adams, Mr Cousins and Mr Odia

Friday Curriculum

DT students were working hard on the decking this morning.



Mr Derrig-Adams

Uni-Hockey

Well done to the following year 7 students: Ned Barnes, Thomas Copus-Fawcett, Zac Picksley, Toby Fergus, Kieren Bishop and Kayden Wheatcroft for representing the school at the Year 7 Uni-hockey tournament at St Piers School on Tuesday. They all showed great resilience, determination and teamwork. It was a great day, congratulations on all your efforts.



Mr Cassim

Online Safety

Please see the attached flier 'What parents and educators need to know about violent content online.'

Mr Cassim

Thought for the Week
(W/C: 9/2/26)

Safer Internet Day -
Why is it important to keep safe online?

Thought for the Week
(W/C: 23/2/26)

Welcome Back -
Expectations for the term ahead

Baton Award

Zack Harrison

Respect Award

Harry Franklin

RICE³ Awards

Resilience

Toby Fergus
Charlie Histed
Alex Pereira
James Titchner

Independence

Freddie Ponsford

Cooperation

Isaac Benn
Callum Duff
Carter Stevenson

Mathematician of the Week

The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Webb is

Ross Smallman
For really 'locking in' in maths this week!

& awarded by Mr Wright is

Alex Hofer
For immaculate presentation and fantastic shape knowledge

Scientist of the Week

The recipient of Scientist of Week, awarded by Ms Hristova

Jack McDowell
For excellent participation in lessons

Ross Smallman
For excellent participation in lessons

Chef of the Week

The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is

Sam Walsh
For resilience and effort to work towards independence

<u>Reader of the Week</u>	The recipients of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Wood are Milo Baker <i>For his positive attitude in reading and communication lessons</i>
<u>Musician of the Week</u>	The recipients of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith are Ethan Lyons Leo Sumsion & awarded by Mrs Cybuch is Jonah Mee <i>For his Jurassic Park composition</i>
<u>Artist of the Week</u>	The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Ogle is Loui Salliss <i>For his fantastic Pop Art cupcake this week</i>
<u>Computer Scientist of the Week</u>	The recipients of Computer Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Oringo are Archie Gillam Nathan James <i>For hard working and following instructions independently</i>

House Points

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Kasra Alavi	1,050 House Points
Harry Franklin	1,050 House Points
Freddie Collins	900 House Points
Freddie Dunne	700 House Points
Jack Gregory	600 House Points
Frankie McSorley	550 House Points
Loui Salliss	450 House Points
Zack Harrison	400 House Points
Jack McDowell	350 House Points
Toby Fergus	100 House Points
Elliot Goold-Williams	100 House Points
Nathan James	100 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2026

Spring Term 2026	
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February 2026	Half Term
Wednesday 25 th - Friday 27 th February 2026	Year 10 Sayers Croft Residential
Tuesday 3 rd March 2026	KS3 SSSSA Basketball
Tuesday 10 th March 2026	KS4 SSSSA Basketball
Wednesday 11 th March 2026	Year 7 Parents Evening
Monday 23 rd March 2026	Year 7 & 8 Limpsfield Grange Games night
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	Curriculum Evening
Friday 27 th March 2026	Early finish – 1.30pm
Summer Term 2026	
Tuesday 14 th April 2026	Year 9 Bikeability Level 1
Monday 20 th April - Friday 24 th April 2026	Year 9 Bikeability Level 2
Wednesday 22 nd April 2026	Year 9 Parents Evening
Wednesday 29 th April 2026	Open Morning (9.30am – 11.00am)
Monday 4 th May 2026	Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5 th May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 10
Wednesday 6 th May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 11
Thursday 7 th May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 9
Friday 8 th May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 7
Friday 15 th May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 8
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May 2026	Half Term
Thursday 18 th June 2026	Year 11 Graduation
Friday 19 th June 2026	INSET DAY
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Year 10 Parents Evening
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Sports Day
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	End of term (12.30pm finish)