

SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Next week we will be dedicating our Friday Curriculum to Breast Cancer Awareness. There will be a variety of events on the day including a sponsored walk for some of the boys, a cake sale and some House activities. Friday will also be 'non school uniform' day with the boys being asked to wear an item of pink clothing in support of this incredible charity. Further details will come out next week. Please also look out for details of the next coffee morning where we will be inviting parents to talk about different aspects of SEN and particularly Neurodiversity with Dr Cath Stracey, an event that proved very valuable to parents who joined in the summer term.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe weekend.

Mr Lord

School Photos

The school photos were taken on Wednesday 15th October. Students had individual as well as class photos taken. Your son should have brought home an ID card with a QR code. This can be used to purchase the photos when they are available. If you do not have this, please email me at a.lawson@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk and I can send you a copy of the card.

Miss Lawson

Correction to Term Dates

Please note that there was an error in the term dates section at the end of the newsletter. The actual date for the February 2026 half term is Monday 16th - Friday 20th February 2026. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Miss Lawson



One in fourteen people suffer with Developmental Language Disorder which is known as DLD. People living with this condition will battle with the long term challenges of talking and or understanding words and using spoken language.

DLD emerges in early childhood and can cause challenges that persist into adulthood. These challenges can affect everyday life from social and emotional wellbeing as well as a child's academic progress and adult professional life.

As a school, we are working to raise awareness amongst staff and develop our understanding of how to best support our students at Sunnydown who suffer from DLD.

Today on DLD Awareness Day staff enjoyed 'Facts and Snacks' delivered by Kim Fairfax and Rosey Moloney from the Speech and Language team. They were supported by the Academic Support team and our very own DLD champion, Miss Thomas.

For more information or guidance please feel free to email Kim Fairfax the specialist speech and language therapist from Surrey kim.fairfax@surreycc.gov.uk or refer to radld.org for more information.



Miss Wood

GASP

Here are some pictures from this week.



Mr Bright

Preparation for Adulthood Additional Needs Service Showcase

Surrey County Council asked us to share details of the Preparation for Adulthood Additional Needs Service Showcase. [Additional Needs Service Showcase - Surrey County Council](#).

The event is appropriate for those of **secondary school aged and above** and will be held at The Light, cinema and entertainment complex located at 3-11 Gallery Walk, High Street, Redhill, RH1 1RA.

The event will be open to the public from 9.30am – 2.30pm. **No need to book, just pop in.**

The location is accessible by road, has good public transport links and ample nearby parking, and gives an opportunity to highlight inclusive leisure opportunities at The Light. [What's On in Surrey | The Light Redhill](#).

They expect to have more than 20 organisations and services from Education, Health, Social, Community, and Employment Services:

According to the needs of pupils, some that are especially relevant include:-



- Surrey Choices – Short breaks, employment support, independent living, and travel training
- YMCA East Surrey – Short Breaks and Lifeworks
 - Brooklands FE College
- WayThrough – Employment Support, Talking Therapies and Community Connections
- Autism by Experience including Autism Friendly Communities – leisure, community, adult and family support.
 - The Include Choir and Include Support Group
- Appeer – support for autistic girls, teenagers, young women, and parents
 - Transition to Adulthood Team and Learning Disability and Autism Team
- Surrey Care Trust, employment mentoring and the Gateway Community Garden.
 - Health – school nursing and therapies

Online Safety

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter re ‘What Parents and Educators Need to Know about Memes.’

Mr Cassim

Thought for the Week
(W/C: 13/10/25)

World Values

Thought for the Week
(W/C: 20/10/25)

British Values

The Baton

Ethan Lyons
Arthur Oldfield

Employability Award

Kai Bagwell

Sportsmanship Award

Kayden Wheatcroft

Respect Award

Kasra Alavi
Jacob Kelly

*Awarded by Miss Newcombe for supporting all their peers
with GCSE Speeches by actively listening and asking questions*

RICE³ Awards

Resilience

Alex Borisov

Independence

Rhys Brown

Cooperation

Jack McDowell

Mathematician of the Week

The recipients of Mathematician of Week, awarded by Mrs Webb are

Blake Pope

For a fantastic attitude and working hard on division

Zac Picksley

For communication and effort

Tekai Lewis

For some great work on area

& awarded by Mr Wright are

Eddie Smith

George McGookin

Scientist of the Week

The recipients of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Ms Hristova are

Rhys Brown

	<i>For his resilience and excellent participation in class</i>
<u>Writer of the Week</u>	The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe is KS3 Archie Gillam <i>For amazing planning of his protagonist and antagonist</i> KS4 Leo Sumsion <i>For an excellent speech about his views on school uniform</i>
<u>Chef of the Week</u>	The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is Zack Harrison <i>For excellent recall of information and confidence</i>
<u>Reader of the Week</u>	The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Wood Frankie McSorley <i>For his beautiful reading out loud</i>
<u>Musician of the Week</u>	The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch is Alex Hofer <i>For enthusiasm and focus in music</i> & awarded by Mr Smith is Zack Harrison
<u>Artist of the Week</u>	The recipients of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle are Sam Lopes <i>For independence in art</i> George Cooke <i>For his fantastic Matisse collage and effort in art</i>

House Points

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Harvey Caruana	1,050 House Points
Kye Lawrence	650 House Points
Callum Dowie	600 House Points
Jack Gregory	550 House Points
Frankie McSorley	500 House Points
Jacob Ryan	450 House Points
Cody Osborne	400 House Points
Alexander Thompson	400 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2025/26

Autumn Term 2025	
Wednesday 22 nd October 2025	Year 7 Parents Evening
Friday 24 th October 2025	MUFTI DAY
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st October 2025	Half Term
Monday 3 rd November 2025	INSET DAY
Wednesday 5 th November 2025	Royal Opera House Visit
Wednesday 19 th November 2025	Year 8 Parents Evening
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Early finish – 1.30pm
Friday 19 th December 2025	INSET DAY
Spring Term 2026	
Monday 5 th January 2026	INSET DAY
Wednesday 14 th January 2026	Year 11 Parents Evening
Wednesday 28 th January 2026	Open Morning (9.30am – 11.00am)
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February 2026	Half Term
Wednesday 11 th March 2026	Year 7 Parents Evening
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	Curriculum Evening
Friday 27 th March 2026	Early finish – 1.30pm
Summer Term 2026	
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
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)

November Timetable	
All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 60 minutes long.	
E24 each or FREE with School Membership	
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk	
Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)	
Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am
Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm
FREE ADHD Kids & Homework	13 Nov 6-7pm
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm



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ARTS & CULTURE
FESTIVAL

FREE event
Library Hub
Staines-Upon-Thames
TW18 4QB
8 November
11am-3pm

**ARE YOU INTERESTED
IN THE ARTS & CREATIVE
INDUSTRIES?**

Come and have a go at games coding,
DJing, filmmaking, crafts and more!




The Surrey Youth Arts
and Culture Festival will
showcase the creative sector
through exciting,
interactive activities
for young people
aged 11-18.

Get the inside track from creative
industry experts, listen to live music
from local artists, get stuck in with
workshops and much more!

surreycc.gov.uk/youthfestival



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**KEYBOARD,
DRUMS & GUITAR
LESSONS**
AT SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

Experienced SEN tutor to support
children with additional needs

For more information contact Surrey Arts:
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