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Dear Parents and Carers

It was wonderful to welcome students back to school on Monday and to see the site full of energy, positivity and purpose once again after the Easter break. It has been a pleasure to see students happy to be back, reconnecting with their peers and staff, and showing real enthusiasm to get involved in school life once again.

While students were away, a significant amount of building and improvement work was completed across the school site. We are delighted to share that the redevelopment of the front car park and taxi area has now been finished. The new arrangements are already helping routines at the start and end of the day, with systems running smoothly. As everyone becomes more familiar with the updated layout, we are confident these improvements will continue to have an even greater impact over time.



We are also pleased that the new pathway leading to the astro area has now been completed, improving access for pupils and staff. We will be sharing photographs of these developments so that families can see the progress that has been made.



Further improvements were also completed inside the school during the holidays. New acoustic noise-cancelling panels have been installed in the dining hall, and these are already making a noticeable difference to background noise levels during lunchtime. Creating calmer, more comfortable spaces for students remains an important priority for us.

Works are also currently underway to upgrade the school's IT infrastructure. Our network switches are being replaced and the Wi-Fi system is being fully replaced. This investment will support teaching and learning across the school and pave the way for an exciting new Computer Science room and Multimedia Suite, planned for the summer holidays.

We would also like to wish all of our Year 11 students every success as they enter the final run-up to their GCSE examinations. We are proud of the resilience, maturity and determination they have shown throughout the year. Particularly well done goes to those students who completed their GCSE Art practical examination this week.

Finally, congratulations to our Year 9 students who have been undertaking their CAT tests. These assessments provide valuable information that helps us better understand individual strengths and needs, allowing teachers to tailor support and challenge effectively in lessons.

Mr Richard Woolley - Headteacher

Forthcoming Road Works

Please see below upcoming pre patching for pavement slurry works on Whyteleafe Road, Caterham.

Pavement Works

22 April

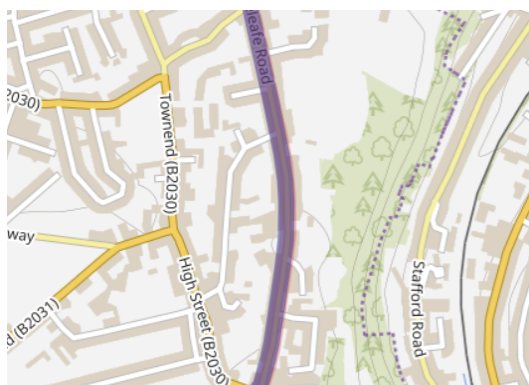
For 2 days

9.30am to 4pm

No Parking

When they return to complete the full Pavement Slurry, new signs and information will be distributed.

See below for a map of the extents for our works: Burntwood Lane to Church Road.



Sometimes plans must change, often due to bad weather or problems on other works in the same programme which can have a knock-on effect. If anything changes with the details of these works, they will let you know.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact them on: 0300 200 1003 or email: works.communication@surreycc.gov.uk

Art Exam

Well done to the Year 11 students who completed their Art GCSE practical exam this week. They have produced some excellent work and should be very proud of their results!

Mrs Ogle



Dear Members,

We hope that you have had a restful Easter. We'd love to hear from you — and to do so, we're excited to invite you to a range of FREE events coming up this April and May. These sessions are designed to inform, support, and empower parent carers, while giving you the opportunity to shape future services.

Upcoming Events

1. FREE Webinar: Alternative Provision & Education Other Than At School (EOTAS) Tuesday 21 April 2026 | 12:00–1:30pm | Online (Zoom)

We're excited to welcome Rob Price, Director at HCB Solicitors and expert in Education Law, for an informative and empowering session for parent carers, focusing on:

- Alternative Provision & Section 19 Duty
- Education Other Than At School (EOTAS): What it is and when it applies
- Your legal rights as a parent carer
- Common disputes and how to navigate them
- Practical advocacy tips

There will also be a live Q&A — send your questions in advance to: contact@familyvoicesurrey.org

 **Book your free place:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1985509966759?aff=oddtcreator>

2. SEND Personal Budgets Webinar Wednesday 22 April | 12:00–1:30pm | Online (Zoom)

Personal Budgets play an important role in how we support families and tailor services to individual needs. Following the release of the new guidance for families, the Local Authority is hosting an online webinar for parents and carers to share what's next — and we want your input. Family Voice Surrey is sharing this opportunity to help reach families and bring parent carers together so their voices and experiences can be heard.

- Learn about updated parent/carer guidance
- Hear about staff training plans
- Share your experiences and ideas

 Why your voice matters:

Your lived experiences are essential in shaping better services. By joining us, you'll directly influence how the Local Authority train staff and support families moving forward.

 **Sign up here:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1986066705981?aff=oddtcreator>


3. Let's Move Together! Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Surrey Family Fun Day

Sunday 26 April 2026 | 12:00–3:00pm | Guildford Spectrum Leisure Complex

Join Family Voice Surrey in partnership with Active Surrey to enjoy a FREE fun, inclusive afternoon, focusing on SEND Movement & Wellbeing for Surrey families.

The day will feature:

- Sports, games, animals & creative activities
- Sensory-friendly spaces
- A chance to talk to our special guest: Paralympian Lizzi Jordan MBE

 Register in advance to receive your event pack via email before the day:

 **Get your free tickets:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1985276232654?aff=oddtcreator>

4. Welfare Benefits Update & Q&A

Tuesday 28 April | 7:00pm | Online (Zoom)

Are you unsure about the latest changes to welfare benefits? You're not alone and we're here to help.

Join Family Voice Surrey and Maria Zealey (Surrey Welfare Rights Unit) for:

- Key updates on welfare benefits changes
- How these changes may affect your family
- Live Q&A session
- Information on the new Surrey Carers Income Maximisation service

 **Reserve your place:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1985803258001?aff=oddtcreator>

5. Understanding Sensory Reactivity, Occupational Therapy webinar

Thursday 7 May | 7:00pm | Online

A Parent Workshop with Aniesa Blore -
Consultant Paediatric Occupational Therapist | Certified in Ayres Sensory Integration®

Does your child seem overwhelmed by noise, touch, movement or busy environments?

Or do they constantly seek movement, crash into things, chew, spin or make repetitive noises?

You're not alone - and there is a reason for it.

Join Family Voice Surrey in this workshop which helps parents understand sensory reactivity - how your child's nervous system responds to everyday sensory experiences - and how this directly impacts behaviour, emotions, sleep, attention and participation in daily life.

💡 Learn about:

- Sensory processing and reactivity
- Links between behaviour, anxiety, and regulation
- Practical strategies to support your child

🧠 Ideal for parents of children who experience sensory challenges, anxiety, or emotional regulation difficulties.

👉 Reserve your place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1985804718369?aff=oddtcreator>

We hope you can join us for these valuable sessions and be part of shaping better support for families. Let's empower parent carers together ❤️

Don't forget in case you missed it before Easter, you can also see our helpful new resource regarding the Government's SEND White Paper proposals.

We have been working with Rob Price, Director at HCB Solicitors, who has kindly prepared a clear and accessible fact sheet for our parent carer members. This briefing outlines the key proposals and what they may mean in practice for children and families.

Importantly, the document highlights that these proposals are **not yet law**. All current legislation and rights remain fully in place and must continue to be followed by local authorities, schools, and services.

The fact sheet covers:

- What is being proposed in the SEND reforms
- What remains unchanged right now
- Possible future changes to EHCPs and support systems
- Key areas of uncertainty
- Practical points for parent carers

We hope you find this information helpful in understanding what is being discussed and, just as importantly, what has *not* changed.

👉 Download the SEND Reform Proposals Briefing from our website: <https://familyvoicesurrey.org/2026/03/27/send-white-paper-what-it-means-for-parent-carers-by-solicitor-rob-price/>

Your voice is important and valued. You can continue to send us your feedback and stories on the SEND White Paper (and any other topics) to our dedicated inbox yourvoice@familyvoicesurrey.org or to our central inbox contact@familyvoicesurrey.org

Warm Wishes,
Family Voice Surrey



Let's Move Together

AS ACTIVE SURREY & family voice surrey

SEND Movement & Wellbeing event
Sunday 26 April 2026
12pm - 3pm
Guildford Spectrum Leisure Centre

Creating Connection
 We're excited to welcome *Paralympian Lizzi Jordan MBE*, who will be joining us to inspire children and young people with stories of resilience, possibility and the joy of movement.
 This **free**, family-focused event is designed for children and young people with **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)** and their families.

Explore a range of inclusive activities, including:

- Sports & movement sessions
- Games and Scalextric
- Crafts & creative zones
- Quiet breakout spaces
- Small animals for calm engagement

A space to feel included | A space to play, explore and connect |
 A space to discover what movement can mean for your family

While **booking isn't required**, register for your free tickets in advance to receive an event pack by email before the day, including everything you need to know and details on how to claim your free goody bag." Simply **scan the QR code**.



Pet of the Week



Rhys has kindly shared a photo of one of his Sugar Gliders called Groot for this week's entry. He is super cute!

Thought for the Week
(W/C: 13/4/26)

Welcome Back
Stress Awareness Month

Thought for the Week
(W/C: 20/4/26)

Earth Day

Baton Award

Arthur Oldfield

Employability Award

Oscar Gregory

Jack Gregory

Sportsmanship Award

Thomas Copus-Fawcett

Respect Award

Luke Dean

RICE³ Awards

Resilience	William Elliot
Independence	Ollie Hall Jaden Doorga
Cooperation	Harry Salter Harry Origgi-Fernando

Mathematician of the Week

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

Tyler Forshaw

For excellent work on Time

Kayden Wheatcroft

For great engagement and effort on Time

Writer of the Week

The recipients of Writer of Week, awarded by Miss Thomson are

Thomas Illman

For participation & engagement when completing work

Harry Origgi-Fernando

For participation & completion of work

Callum Dowie

For classroom discussion & participation

Thomas Emms

For improving his writing skills for PETZAL paragraph

Scientist of the Week

The recipient of Scientist of Week, awarded by Ms Hristova is

Alex Pereira

	<i>For outstanding scientific effort, inquiry & commitment of learning in Science</i>
<u>Chef of the Week</u>	The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is Daniel Leonard <i>For great recall of information and independence</i>
<u>Reader of the Week</u>	The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Wood is Jack Gregory <i>For his consistent approach to reading sessions</i>
<u>Artist of the Week</u>	The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is Leo Sumsion Alfie Tharle <i>For effort and concentration in the art exam</i>

House Points

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Robert Hall	900 House Points
Daniel Leonard	550 House Points
Jonah Mee	400 House Points
Thomas Illman	350 House Points
Archie Gillam	150 House Points
Alex Borisov	150 House Points
Thomas Copus-Fawcett	150 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2026

Summer Term 2026	
Monday 20 th April - Friday 24 th April 2026	Year 9 Bikeability Level 2
Wednesday 22 nd April 2026	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22 nd April 2026	KS4 GCSE PE Video moderation
Wednesday 29 th April 2026	Open Morning (9.30am – 11.00am)
Thursday 30 th April 2026	KS4 Disco with Limpsfield Grange
Monday 4th 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
Thursday 14 th May 2026	Year 10 Careers Fair @ East Surrey College
Friday 15 th May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 8
Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 2026	Half Term
Monday 1 st - Friday 5 th June 2026	Year 10 Work Experience
Monday 1 st June 2026	KS3 Disco with Limpsfield Grange
Thursday 18 th June 2026	Year 11 Graduation
Tuesday 23 rd June 2026	Years 7 & 8 African Drumming Workshop
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 30 th June 2026	Year 7 Transition Day
Monday 13 th - Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Year 9 Residential
Friday 19th June 2026	INSET DAY
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Year 10 Parents Evening
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Thursday 16 th July 2026	Year 9 DTP & MEN ACWY & Year 8 HPV catch up
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Sports Day
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	End of term (12.30pm finish)