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Friday 20th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Last weekend, we made an important improvement to our sports hall by installing specialist noise-reducing acoustic panels on the ceiling.

The sports hall is a large, busy space and, until now, it has been quite echoey. This meant that sound travelled and lingered, making it harder at times for students to clearly hear instructions or feel comfortable in the environment. Acoustic assessments showed that this level of background noise could impact how easily speech is understood.

The new panels are designed to absorb sound rather than let it bounce around the room. This will help to reduce overall noise levels and create a calmer, more manageable space for everyone.



This change is especially important for many of our students who can find busy or noisy environments overwhelming, or who benefit from clear consistent verbal instructions. By softening the noise in the hall, we are helping students feel more settled, more confident and better able to take part in activities.

We expect this to make a real difference to everyday experiences in the hall, whether that's during PE lessons, assemblies, or shared activities, making it a more inclusive and supportive space for all.

This is one of many ways we continue to adapt our environment to meet the needs of our young people, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have.


Mr Richard Woolley
Headteacher


Have Your Say - Family Voice Surrey Educational Needs and/or Disability Annual Parent Carer Survey (2026)




Family Voice Surrey has launched their Educational Needs and/or Disability annual parent carer survey (2026), and we would really value hearing from our members.

This survey is for parent carers of children and young people aged 0–25 with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND). It is your opportunity to share your experiences of education, health and social care services in Surrey **over the past 12 months** and help shape improvements to local SEND services.


 The survey takes around **15–20 minutes** to complete.

 If you have **more than one child or young person with SEND**, you are welcome to complete the survey separately for each child.

 **Your responses are anonymous.** Individual responses will only be accessed by Family Voice Surrey and will not be shared, unless a response raises a concern about someone's safety.

The feedback we receive will be used to **inform and improve SEND services across Surrey**. An **anonymised summary** will be shared with Surrey County Council and relevant NHS partners, and a **full report will be published later this year**.

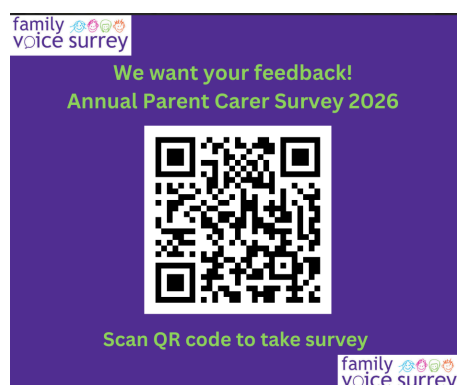
If you need **support to complete the survey or would like a paper copy**, please contact us at contact@familyvoicesurrey.org.

 Because this survey is anonymous, it **cannot be used to raise individual complaints or safeguarding concerns**. If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact **Surrey County Council on 0300 470 9100**.

Thank you for helping us ensure the voices of Surrey families are heard.

 **Take the survey here:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YP7SK37>

The closing date for the survey is Monday 27 April 2026.



KS3 Tag-Rugby



The KS3 tag-rugby team delivered an outstanding performance, securing a well-deserved victory in glorious weather conditions. With the sun shining and spirits high, the team demonstrated excellent teamwork, communication, and determination from start to finish.

A massive congratulations to you all!

Mr Cassim

Writing Competition

Caterham Rotary Club are running their annual writing competition and the theme this year is 'Space.' The writing can be fiction or non-fiction and written as poetry or prose. The judging is purely done on the content/imagination of the writing - not handwriting or spelling. It can be handwritten or typed. The only rule is that the writing must be the student's own work with no assistance from an adult or AI. There are three cash prizes up for grabs.

If any student in KS3 wishes to participate, please could entries be handed to me by Friday 24 April. Flier attached to this newsletter.

Miss Newcombe

Message from Your Space Therapies

Your Space Therapies is a specialist counselling, play therapy, and child psychotherapy service registered with Adoption South East. It is open for children who are adopted or living under a Special Guardianship arrangement. These children often benefit from tailored therapeutic support—and importantly, this support is fully funded through the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund (ASGSF), meaning there is no cost.

At Your Space Therapies, we work closely with children, parents, and special guardians to provide compassionate, effective support that meets each child's unique needs.

How to get started:

- If parents or special guardians would prefer an informal conversation about accessing funding or understanding how we can help, they are very welcome to get in touch directly via email at emmaconnor@yourspacetherapies.org

More information about our service can be found at: www.yourspacetherapies.org

We would be delighted to support your school community and help ensure every child receives the care they are entitled to.

www.yourspacetherapies.org

Jo Wermig
Deputy Head/SENCO/DSL

Thought for the Week (W/C: 16/3/26) Red Nose Day	Thought for the Week (W/C: 23/3/26) Women's History Month
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<u>Baton Award</u> Milo Baker
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<u>Employability Award</u> Thomas Emms

<u>Sportsmanship Award</u> Harry Salter
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<u>RICE³ Awards</u>	
Resilience	Jack Bristow
Independence	Tekai Lewis
Cooperation	Archie Gillam Nathan James Tyler Forshaw

<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>	The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Webb is Kieren Bishop <i>For choosing a more challenging worksheet</i> & awarded by Mr Wright are
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	<p>Luke Luo Milo Baker</p>
<u>Writer of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Writer of Week, awarded by Miss Thomson is</p> <p>Harry Salter <i>For writing a wonderful WW1 poem</i></p> <p>& awarded by Miss Newcombe are</p> <p>Ned Barnes <i>For an excellent diary entry about Private Peaceful</i></p> <p>Blake Pope <i>For enthusiastic engagement in every English lesson this week</i></p> <p>Jack Bristow <i>For excellent engagement in completing a Functional Skills exam</i></p>
<u>Scientist of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Scientist of Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch is</p> <p>Oscar Gregory <i>For Independence</i></p> <p>& awarded by Ms Hristova are</p> <p>Jack Bristow <i>For excellent effort in his written and practical work</i></p> <p>Kasra Alavi <i>For academic achievement and creativity in project work</i></p>
<u>Chef of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is</p> <p>Ollie Hall <i>For great recall of information and contribution to class discussion</i></p>
<u>Reader of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe is</p> <p>Callum Dowie <i>For effort and engagement in improving his reading</i></p>
<u>Artist of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cousins is</p> <p>Jack Bristow <i>For effort in Art this week</i></p> <p>Leo Sumsion <i>For his commitment to his Art GCSE exam preparation</i></p>
<u>Musician of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch is</p> <p>Zac Picksley <i>For creative composition</i></p>

House Points

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Luke Dean	750 House Points
Eddie Smith	700 House Points
Oscar Gregory	650 House Points
Kieren Bishop	100 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2026

Spring Term 2026	
Monday 16 th March 2026	Year 8 Annual Reviews (2 weeks)
Thursday 19 th March 2026	KS3 Tag-Rugby
Friday 20 th March 2026	KS4 Tag-Rugby
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
Thursday 14 th May 2026	Year 10 Careers Fair @ East Surrey College
Friday 15 th May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 8
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May 2026	Half Term
Monday 1 st - Friday 5 th June 2026	Year 10 Work Experience
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 19 th June 2026	INSET DAY
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Year 10 Parents Evening
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)