

SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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Friday 27th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Our Year 10 students have had a fantastic residential trip to Sayers Croft from Wednesday to Friday this week. Throughout the week, the boys have taken part in a wide range of physical and team building activities, challenging themselves outdoors and supporting one another through each task. Whether navigating problem solving exercises, tackling adventurous activities or simply managing camp life together. They have shown resilience, cooperation and growing independence.

Residential experiences like this play an important role in personal development. Students learn to step outside their comfort zones, communicate effectively, build trust and demonstrate leadership. We have been particularly impressed with the way they have encouraged one another and represented the school so positively.

The weather has been mixed at times, but that has only added to the sense of adventure. The boys have embraced the experience with enthusiasm and maturity, returning with strengthened friendships, increased confidence and plenty of stories to share.

We hope that all students, along with the accompanying staff, have had a wonderful time and created lasting memories from this valuable experience. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mr Richard Woolley
Headteacher

Road Works

Please see the letter below of upcoming pavement slurry works on Whyteleafe Road, Caterham. **Preparation works will take place on Thursday 5 March for 2 days – working hours: Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 4pm.**

The extent of works are from Portley Lane to Church Road. Temporary traffic signals will be in use during works, please allow extra time for your journey.

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, we will be informed.

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

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To the residents of Whyteleafe Road, Caterham

Surrey Highways
Merrow Lane
Guildford
Surrey
GU4 7BQ
25 February 2026

Dear homeowner or occupier,

As part of Surrey County Council's commitment to improving roads and pavements, Whyteleafe Road, Caterham has been selected for pavement slurry works.

Our preparation works will take place Thursday 5 March for 2 days – working hours: Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 4pm.

The extents of our works are from Portley Lane to Church Road. Temporary traffic signals will be in use during our works, please allow extra time for your journey.

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

We will make sure you can get to and from your house or business when it is safe to do so. Please talk to a member of our staff on site if you need help – they are keen to deliver the work with minimal disruption to you.

Please take extra care during this time and ensure that you do not walk or drive on the wet surface. The wet sections of footway will be closed off until it has dried. Please check shoes are free from material before entering your home, as this can stick to them and ensure you check pet paws before they go inside.

- Weed killing - The pavement will be sprayed to minimise weed growth with herbicide treatment twice prior to any works taking place.
- Pedestrian traffic management will be in place to cater for the closures. An alternative route will be provided.
- Weather dependent – we can only carry out these works when it is dry and fine.
- Extent of the works – our works extent is shown opposite; however, we may skip areas of the pavement where the surface is new and in good condition.
- Concrete areas - We cannot surface over concrete; slurry seal does not stick to concrete.



- There will be some noise, but we will try to keep this to a minimum.

Please cut back any overgrown vegetation, tree branches, hedges or shrubs from your garden that are hanging or growing over the pavement to expose the full width of the pavement surface before our works start.

It is essential to keep the road free from parked vehicles to enable the work to proceed as planned.

We thank you for your patience while we carry out these works and apologise for any inconvenience caused.

A Surrey County Council officer has hand-delivered this letter to your property today. If you have any further concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via our website www.surreycc.gov.uk or you can reach us on 0300 200 1003.

Yours faithfully,

Works Communication Team Leader
Surrey Highways

Contact us

- Telephone: 0300 200 1003 (9am-5pm Monday – Friday)
- Email: contact.centre@surreycc.gov.uk
- Textphone (via Relay UK): 18001 0300 200 1003
- Text (SMS): 07860 053 465
- British Sign Language: www.surreycc.gov.uk/bsl



Please scan the QR code to for news and updates about highways in your local area.



Mindfulness Pony Days

Due to the popularity and success of last year's Mindfulness Pony days, new dates have been released for the Easter holidays.

Mindfulness Pony Days at Hill Crest Farm, Horsham.

Dates: Thursday 2 April or Friday 10 April

Time: 9:30am – 2:00pm

Cost: £140 per child

- ✨ Mindfulness with ponies
- 🐾 Pony care
- 🐎 Riding and mounted games
- 🌿 Arts, nature and friendship

To secure your place, book via Eventbrite. A £40 deposit is paid at booking, and the remaining balance will be invoiced by email on 27 March.

Spaces are limited to 10 children per day. We warmly welcome children with SEND and are committed to providing an inclusive, supportive environment where every child can thrive. Book your chosen date by clicking using the links below:

[Thursday 2 April - Mindfulness Pony Day - Book Now!](#)

[Friday 10 April - Mindfulness Pony Day - Book Now!](#)



www.yourspacetherapies.org

Easter Holiday Mindfulness Pony Day for Kids!

Dates: Thursday 2nd April and Friday 10th April
 Time: 9.30am- 2pm
 Location: Hill Crest Farm, Horsham

Join us for a magical day of ponies, riding, art, friendship, and mindfulness!

What to Expect:

- ☐ Mindfulness Time with Ponies
 - ☐ Pony Care
- ☐ Riding and Mounted Games
- ☐ Connect with Arts and Nature
 - ☐ Make New Friends

Click the link to book the day of your choice:

[Thursday 2nd April- Mindfulness Pony Day- Book Now!](#)

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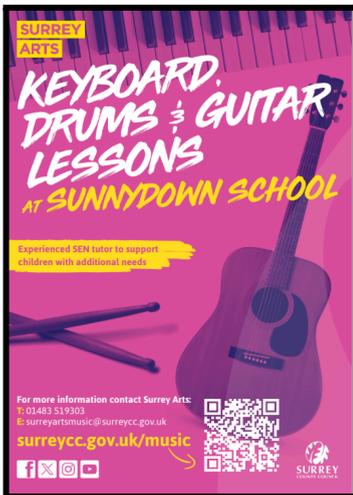
Cost: £140 per child

BY PURCHASING A TICKET VIA EVENTBRITE, YOU ARE PAYING £40 DEPOSIT. YOU WILL BE INVOICED VIA EMAIL FOR THE OUTSTANDING AMOUNT ON 27th MARCH.

Spaces limited to 10 children per day

We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.

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 Cybuch.

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

Mrs Cybuch

**Thought for the Week
 (W/C: 23/2/26)**
**Welcome Back -
 Expectations for the term ahead**

**Thought for the Week
 (W/C: 2/3/26)**
National Careers Week

<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>	The recipients of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Webb are William Elliot Jonah Mee <i>For excellent engagement & achievement on your assessment this week</i>
<u>Writer of the Week</u>	The recipient of Writer of Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe is KS3 George Cooke <i>For excellent engagement when starting to learn about Private Peaceful</i>
<u>Scientist of the Week</u>	The recipient of Scientist of Week, awarded by Ms Hristova Ned Barnes <i>For his excellent participation in Science</i> Blake Pope <i>For creativity and imagination in his project work</i>
<u>Chef of the Week</u>	The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is Thomas Copus-Fawcett <i>For consistent effort & good knowledge recall</i>
<u>Reader of the Week</u>	The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Madzudzo is James Titchner
<u>Musician of the Week</u>	The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith is Kayden Wheatcroft
<u>Artist of the Week</u>	The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is James Titchner <i>For great digital art this week</i>
<u>Computer Scientist of the Week</u>	The recipient of Computer Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Oringo is Kayden Wheatcroft <i>For working hard during lesson</i>

House Points

House Points	
Alex Pereira	800 House Points
Callum Dowie	650 House Points
Tekai Lewis	300 House Points
Elliot Palmer	250 House Points
Grayson Hanlon	100 House Points
Tyler Forshaw	100 House Points
Bertie Evison	100 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2026

Spring Term 2026	
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
Friday 13 th March 2026	GCSE PE Basketball - Caterham school
Monday 16 th March 2026	Year 8 Annual Reviews (2 weeks)
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)

 March 2026 Timetable	
All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long £24 each or FREE with School Membership Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)	
Improving Family Communication	2 Mar 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Mar 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Mar 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 Mar 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Mar 10am
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	10 Mar 10am
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Mar 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Mar 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 Mar 10am
What is ACT	17 Mar 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Mar 10am
Decreasing Depression	23 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Mar 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Mar 7pm
FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidance	26 Mar 7-8pm