

# SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers

Although we are nearing the end of the term, there are still lots of events and activities going on before we break, including the Christmas shopping, Christmas lunch, Sunnydown's Got Talent, cake sale and mufti day again next Friday. Some of the boys (pictured below) started off the run into Christmas by decorating the school Christmas tree, kindly donated by Knights Garden Centre. I am sure all those that see it will agree they have done an incredible job.

Thank you to all of the families that made donations towards the Sunnydown Christmas shopping event, organised by the Friends of Sunnydown, who have been in school today collecting some of the donations ready for the final week. There will of course be further opportunities to bring in donations which the boys can leave in the Pastoral Office on arrival in the mornings. A huge thanks to the volunteers from Friends of Sunnydown who are working to make this another exciting Christmas shopping morning.

Wishing you all a happy and safe weekend.

**J.Lord**

## Lead up to Christmas

As we move into the final weeks before Christmas, we have the opportunity to adjust the pace after what has been a long and demanding Autumn term. Our Year 11 students, in particular, have shown great maturity as they prepare for their practice exams next week. We also wish our KS3 Badminton players the very best of luck on Monday as they compete in the Surrey Special Schools Tournament at the Guildford Spectrum and we hope everyone enjoys the Friends of Sunnydown Mufti Day on Friday.

The final week provides a well-earned change of energy, giving everyone the chance to celebrate their progress and share some festive moments together. Our programme includes Mufti days, report read-throughs, the Friends of Sunnydown shop, Christmas lunch, the Talent Show and a Form Activity Morning. This blend of academic focus and community celebration reflects our commitment to recognising students' hard work while ending the term with warmth, joy and a strong sense of togetherness.

**Mr Wright**



Knights Garden Centre in Woldingham kindly donated this beautiful Christmas tree. Thank you to Jacob Kelly, Charlie Histed and Charlie Carter who did an amazing job of decorating it!

## Cinema Trip

On Thursday 4th December, Year 7 went to the cinema to see 'A Christmas Karma' which is a modern adaptation of Charles Dickens 'A Christmas Carol'. We have been studying A Christmas Carol in English for Autumn 2 and the boys have a really good understanding of the story so it was lovely to be able to wrap it up by watching this film. All of the students who attended behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school. There was a lot of laughter and smiles throughout with comments on the comedy, the catchy songs and the modern storyline. Well done to the Year 7 boys for making it such an enjoyable day!

**Mss Newcombe**

## Greenhouse T Shirt



A Greenhouse T-shirt went to Kayden Wheatcroft last week. It is amazing to see his progress since he has been here, accepting losing and supporting other students when they struggled when they had lost in Games. He should be proud of his progress and his growing leadership skills.

**Gabe**

## Online Safety

Please see the online safety flier attached to this newsletter regarding '12 Top tips for Parents & Educators using Generative AI in the Classroom.'

**Mr Cassim**

<p><b>Thought for the Week</b> (W/C: 1/12/25)</p> <p><b>Protected Characteristics</b></p>	<p><b>Thought for the Week</b> (W/C: 8/12/25)</p> <p><b>Role Models -</b> <b>How do others see us?</b> <b>How do we want to be seen?</b></p>
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### Sportsmanship Award

**Jayden Peters**  
**Callum Jordan**

Respect Award  
**Callum Truttero**

RICE <sup>3</sup> Awards	
Resilience	<b>Oliver Hall</b>
Independence	<b>Jack McDowell</b> <b>Harry Salter</b>
Cooperation	<b>Toby Fergus</b>

<u>Scientist of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Scientist of Week, awarded by Ms Hristova</p> <p><b>Alexander Hofer</b> <i>For excellent engagement and creativity</i></p> <p><b>Zac Picksley</b> <i>For active learning</i></p>
<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Mathematician of Week, awarded by Mrs Webb is</p> <p><b>Grayson Hanlon</b> <i>For actively participating in the maths lesson</i></p> <p><b>Callum Duff</b> <i>For engagement and effort</i></p> <p>&amp; awarded by Mr Wright</p> <p><b>Arthur Edmondson</b> <i>For excellent work applying Pythagoras' Theorem</i></p>
<u>Writer of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe</p> <p><b>KS3</b></p> <p><b>Toby Fergus</b> <i>For an excellent connection between Word of the Week and Scrooge</i></p> <p><b>KS4</b></p> <p>&amp; awarded by Miss Thomson</p> <p><b>Zac Hoad</b> <i>For determination in improving his homework after feedback</i></p>
<u>Chef of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is</p> <p><b>Alexander Thompson</b> <i>For growing confidence and independence</i></p>
<u>Reader of the Week</u>	<p>The recipients of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Wood</p> <p><b>Thomas Copus-Fawcett</b> <i>For getting five out of five in his quiz</i></p> <p>&amp; awarded by Miss Madzudzo</p>

	<p align="center"><b>Sam Watson</b> <i>For beautiful reading to Mrs Madzudzo</i></p>
<b><u>Artist of the Week</u></b>	<p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is</p> <p align="center"><b>Leo Sumsion</b> <i>For effort and resilience in Art exam</i></p>
<b><u>Musician of the Week</u></b>	<p>The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith is</p> <p align="center"><b>Eddie Smith</b></p>
<b><u>Computer Scientist of the Week</u></b>	<p>The recipients of Computer Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Djehiche are</p> <p align="center"><b>Ollie Hall</b> <i>for focus</i></p> <p align="center"><b>Isaac Benn</b> <i>For working hard during the lesson</i></p> <p align="center"><b>Tekai Lewis</b> <i>For diligence</i></p> <p align="center"><b>William Elliot</b> <i>For focus</i></p> <p align="center"><b>Nathan James</b> <i>For growing confidence and staying focused</i></p>

### House Points

House Points	
Luke Luo	550 House Points
Tekai Lewis	250 House Points
Callum Duff	250 House Points
Carter Stevenson	200 House Points

### Forthcoming Events 2025/26

Autumn Term 2025	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 	Donation Day - Chocolates/sweets tombola
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Year 7 Swimming
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Start of Year 11 Practice Exams (2 weeks)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	KS3 Badminton Tournament
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 	MUFTI DAY - Exchange for giftable donations
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 	Donation days for cake sale
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 	Raffle draw & bake sale/Christmas shopping day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Early finish – 1.30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	INSET DAY

Spring Term 2026	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	INSET DAY
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Year 11 Parents Evening
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Open Morning (9.30am – 11.00am)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Year 11 DofE trip to High Ashhurst
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 10 Sayers Croft Residential
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Half Term
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 7 Parents Evening
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Curriculum Evening
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Early finish – 1.30pm
Summer Term 2026	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Year 9 Bikeability Level 1
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Year 9 Bikeability Level 2
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026	Year 9 Parents Evening
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Open Morning (9.30am – 11.00am)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 10
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 11
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 9
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 7
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 8
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Half Term
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 11 Graduation
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	INSET DAY
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 10 Parents Evening
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	Sports Day
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026	End of term (12.30pm finish)

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