



SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of another busy and productive half term, I would like to thank all of our families for their continued support of the school community. This term has been an important one for the school as staff and pupils have worked incredibly hard together to further define who we are as a community and what we want the future of the school to look like.

A great deal of work has taken place behind the scenes to shape our curriculum, co-curriculum and pastoral provision so that they truly reflect our values, ambitions and the needs of our young people. There has been a real sense of collaboration, reflection and excitement across the school as we continue to strengthen the educational experience and wider opportunities available to all pupils. I am particularly looking forward to sharing much more of this journey with families through our new school website, which is due to launch in mid June. The website will give parents and carers a much richer insight into daily school life, our curriculum offer, enrichment opportunities and the wider vision for the future of the school community.

As part of this, we were delighted to welcome a professional photographer into school recently. The photographs captured the warmth, energy and character of our pupils and staff wonderfully, and we are excited for families to see these showcased across the new website when it launches.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support this term. We wish all of our families a safe, restful and enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming pupils back refreshed and ready for the final half term of the academic year.

Mr Richard Woolley - Headteacher

Kenley Cycle Event

We have been running a Kenley bike ride at the aerodrome for the last five years and the challenge has always been to get students to try to walk and cycle 660km to raise money for good causes while being active and promoting sport and cycling. This year, yet again, we have exceeded our distance target. Each lap is approximately 3 kilometres and students have managed a grand total of 301 laps meaning a total of 903 kilometres covered. The individual year group distances and the names of the cyclists who covered the greatest distance in each year are below:

Transforming Lives

Year 7 - 46 laps (*Alex Hofer 6*)
Year 8 - 64 laps (*Thomas Illman 9*)
Year 9 - 108 laps (*Daniel Leonard & Jacob Ryan 14*)
Year 10 - 58 laps (*Freddie Collins & Zac Hoad 9*)
Year 11 - 25 laps (*Jacob Kelly & Leo Sumsion 4*)



A special mention to the Year 11s who only did a shorter cycle due to exams and to the Year 8s who cycled on one of the coldest days in May. The days were, however, all about participation rather than solely distances covered and it was great to see new cyclists and old, walking and cycling round and doing their best whether that was completing one lap or ten.

Well done and thank you to everyone for your support. This year we were fundraising for the Children's Football Alliance and raised a total of £530.

Thank you for your generosity.

Mr Odia

Year 9 Bikeability Event

Spring has been a busy time for cyclists at Sunnydown. As well as the Kenley event in May, we had the Year 9 Bikeability event where cyclists were reminded about techniques for safer cycling onsite before developing their skills by cycling on road with a team of school staff and Bikeability instructors. It was wonderful to see the increasing confidence of students like Hayden, Samuel and Jacob Napier, the determination of Loui and George, the enjoyment of Kai and Daniel and the leadership of Matthew.

All students completing the course cycled with distinction and I couldn't have been prouder of them. They should be very proud of themselves.

Cyclists

Daniel	Loui
George	Matthew
Hayden	Milo
Jacob N	Sam W
Kai B	Zack H



Mr Odia

KS3 Football

A Team report

Sunnydown School recently entered two teams into the Surrey Special Schools KS3 Football Tournament, competing alongside 15 other schools from across the county. The teams were split into two groups of eight for the group stages, with the top four teams from each group progressing into the prestigious Champions League knockout competition.

The Sunnydown KS3 A-Team produced some outstanding football throughout the morning, combining excellent teamwork, determination and composure in every match. Defensively, the side were exceptional, conceding just two goals during the group stages thanks in part to a series of brilliant saves from Harry-Origgi-Fernando. Their unbeaten record saw them qualify confidently for the Champions League knockout stages.

Unfortunately, the quarter-final draw produced an all-Sunnydown derby against our other KS3 side. Both teams competed with tremendous spirit and sportsmanship in what was a fiercely contested match, with the A-Team progressing after a hard-fought 2–0 victory.

The team continued their impressive form in the semi-final, securing a convincing 3–0 win before producing arguably their best performance of the entire tournament in the final. Playing with confidence, discipline and creativity, Sunnydown ran out deserved 3–0 winners to be crowned tournament champions.

As well as demonstrating excellent footballing ability throughout the day, the players represented Sunnydown School superbly. Their sportsmanship towards opponents, respect for referees and support for one another reflected the values we are extremely proud to promote at Sunnydown. Every player deserves enormous credit for what was truly a complete team performance.

A special congratulations goes to Matthew Marenga, who was voted **Player's Player** of the Day after an immense series of performances across the tournament.

The Champions - Jacob Ryan, Matthew Marenga, Zack Harrison, Milo Baker, Daniel Leonard, Jonah Mee, Jack McDowell & Harry Origgi-Fernando.

Mr Wright

B Team report

Sunnydown B started their tournament with a 4-0 loss to Bramley, then found their groove and had two 4-0 wins of their own, a 2-2 and a 0-0 draw to make into the quarter finals of the cup where they were up against Sunnydown A and even though they performed admirably, were beaten by the opposition 3-0. Well done to all the B team, Harry Salter for his great saves, Tekai and Jacob Napier for fierce defensive performances, Ross, Kai and Kye for tireless work in midfield, Carter for a piece of skill that even had the referee gasping and Loui and Callum for their skill and goal scoring expertise.

Team

Callum Duff	Jacob Napier	Loui Salliss
Carter Stevenson	Kai Bagwell	Ross Smallman
Harry Salter	Kye Lawrence	Tekai Lewis

Players' Player of the tournament: Harry Salter for great saves and resilience.

Well done to one and all!

Mr Odia

<p>Thought for the Week (W/C: 18/5/26)</p> <p>Living in a diverse culture</p>	<p>Thought for the Week (W/C: 1/6/26)</p> <p>Pride Month - Respect for others</p>
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<p><u>The Baton Award</u></p> <p>Alex Rose</p>
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<p><u>Employability Award</u></p> <p>Freddie Dunne</p>
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<p><u>Sportsmanship Award</u></p> <p>Harry Origgi-Fernando</p>
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<p><u>Respect Award</u></p> <p>Harry Origgi-Fernando</p>
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<u>RICE³ Awards</u>	
Resilience	Harry Salter Tekai Lewis
Independence	Daniel Leonard Louie Rodrigues Ross Smallman
Cooperation	Bertie Evison Oscar Gregory Thomas Illman

<p><u>Mathematician of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipients of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Webb are</p> <p>Nathan James <i>For excellent effort and independent work on Algebra</i></p> <p>Louie Rodrigues <i>For excellent effort on Ratio this week</i></p>
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<p><u>Writer of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Writer of Week, awarded by Miss Playford-Wall is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luke Luo <i>For excellent recall of AFOREST techniques</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Year 11 <i>For excellent dedication to their English exams so far</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">& awarded by Miss Thomson is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Robert Hall <i>For revision and improving his writing skills independently</i></p>
<p><u>Chef of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs O’Toole is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jack Gregory <i>Consistent effort and excellent knowledge recall</i></p>
<p><u>Reader of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Wood is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Callum Duff <i>For his perseverance when completing his Star Assessment</i></p>
<p><u>Musician of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipients of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smithh are</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alex Borisov Archie Gillam Ethan Lyons George Cooke Grayson Hanlon Kayden Wheatcroft Leo Sumsion Thomas Copus-Fawcett Zack Harrison</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For how focussed they all were during lessons</i></p>
<p><u>Artist of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sam Walsh James Titchner</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For effort and independence in Art</i></p>

House Points

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Kye Lawrence	750 House Points
Jaden Doorga	700 House Points
Jack Gregory	650 House Points
Harrison Williams	650 House Points
Frankie McSorley	600 House Points
Hayden Howells	550 House Points
Kai Bagwell	550 House Points
Ollie Hall	350 House Points

James Titchner	350 House Points
Elliot Goold-Williams	150 House Points
Rhys Brown	150 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2026

Summer Term 2026	
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th 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
Friday 5 th June 2026	7H Trip to Flower Farm
Wednesday 10 th June 2026	Photography exercise - Caterham school
Friday 12 th June 2026	7Z Trip to Flower Farm
Thursday 18 th June 2026	Year 11 Graduation
Friday 19 th June 2026	INSET DAY
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
Thursday 2 nd July 2026	Burntwood Coral Reef Trip
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Wednesday 8 th July 2026	SSSSA Chess Tournament
Monday 13 th - Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Year 9 Residential
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)