

SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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Friday 24th January 2025

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

The School Meeting on Monday morning felt like years gone by with less than 70 students in the room, a similar number to when I arrived in 2011. This was obviously due to the school ski trip with 20 of the boys and a team of 6 staff tackling the slopes in Italy. At the point of writing this they are setting off on their journey back home and we look forward to seeing them back safe on Monday where no doubt we will hear lots of stories.

We have had the pleasure of a visit from an ex-student today, Harry Watts, who has progressed through the ranks of the apprenticeships scheme and is now just starting an incredible new job in engineering. He spent some time talking with the Life Skills group about his journey. Great to see him back here and doing so well.

Wishing you all a safe and restful weekend.

Jez Lord

Year 11 Final Food Assessment

The second group of Year 11 students completed their final assessment this week and did a great job. They worked with confidence and independence and presented a well cooked meal to their guests. Well done to Max Gibbins, James Hall, Taylor Conway and Andrew Hendry-Smith.

Year 8 Layered Salad House Competition

The Year 8 students all took part in making a healthy, well presented layered salad this week, competing in a House competition. They all worked hard and according to the brief, so the competition was tight. Each class voted for their favourite and the winner from 8H was Daniel Leonard (Whyteleafe), with Jacob Ryan (Buxton) a close second. In 8P the winner was Luke Luo (Whyteleafe), with second place going to Arthur Edmondson (Portley). Well done to all of Year 8 for their hard work.

Mrs Hull

Friday Curriculum



During school project 9C helped make a chicken climbing frame out of recycled materials.

Mr Moody



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have parental experience? Could you spare 2/3 hours per week to help a local family with young children who need extra support at home?

Full training given, courses run twice a year in Spring and Autumn

Waverley

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SPRING PREP COURSE DATES 2025

Runnymede & Woking - Tues 28th Jan
East Surrey - Wed 29th Jan
Elmbridge - Wed 5th Feb
Epsom, Ewell & Banstead - Wed 26th Feb
Waverley - Mon 3rd Mar
Guildford - Wed 19th Mar
Surrey Heath - TBC
Spelthorne - TBC



RECRUITING
NOW

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have parental experience? Could you spare 2-3 hours a week to share your invaluable knowledge? If yes we would love to hear from you!

Home-Start volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support, tailored to each family.

Our volunteers are fully trained and given expert ongoing support

Home-Start Surrey covers all 11 boroughs in 8 local branches: East Surrey, Elmbridge, Epsom, Ewell & Banstead, Guildford, Runnymede & Woking, Spelthorne, Surrey Heath & Waverley
www.homestartsurrey.org

Volunteering for local families can change your life and the life of a family in your community!

Spring 2025 Courses starting throughout Surrey very soon, don't delay get in touch today!

For further details please call: 01252 737453
Or email: volunteers@homestartsurrey.org



One-minute guide

Home-Start in Surrey



Home-Start Surrey

Home-Start are local charities passionate about supporting a society in which every parent or carer has the help they need to give their children the best possible start in life. With 8 local offices, all affiliated to Home Start UK, we provide support across the county. We are committed to promoting the welfare of local families who are struggling and who have at least one young child. Together with families we aim to increase their confidence and independence. We work with Surrey County Council and many local charities to help provide early help to Surrey families providing support where we can, and making referrals to additional support where appropriate.

What do Home-Start offer?

Many of our families are supported by our home visiting service where volunteers bring friendship, a listening ear, emotional support, encouragement and practical help. Our volunteers are trained to offer emotional and practical help that is free, confidential, and non-judgemental. In addition to the mandatory volunteer preparation course, volunteers often have additional specialist training to be able to respond to some very specific and complex needs such as substance misuse, domestic violence, mental health difficulties, SEND and other issues.

Volunteers visit weekly for 2-3 hours per week. Given our collective core service knowledge and with extensive local experience, we have been able to expand and adapt our services to meet the changing needs of Surrey families. This means for example that in addition to home visiting, all 8 Home-Starts offer a variety of support activities including parenting groups and classes, crisis support where a family has short term intensive needs, groups for new mums and pregnant mums, support for new dads, and counselling. In general, we support families where there is a child under five, but increasingly we support families who only have older children where our services are appropriate.

How are referrals made to Home-Start?

Anyone can make a referral to Home-Start Surrey. This includes parents or carers and expectant parents who recognise they need support, who can self-refer. Practitioners working with a family must seek the parents' consent before making a referral. To make a referral, people should phone the appropriate Home-Start or visit their website (details below). A Family Co-ordinator will assess the referral, then complete an initial home visit to assess need and match a suitable volunteer. Regular reviews are carried out. Support on average is for 6-9 months but may be longer.

How can people become volunteers with Home-Start?

Home-Start Surrey is always looking for people to become volunteers. Anyone interested should telephone, email or visit their closest Home-Start (see below). The recruitment process includes a

face to face informal interview and completion of an application form that requires names and contact details for two-character references. Suitable applicants are invited to attend a mandatory volunteer preparation course and an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check is undertaken. Volunteers are usually parents themselves. All volunteers have regular support and supervision with a Family Co-ordinator and are expected to take full advantage of the comprehensive continual learning and development programme. Home-Start Surrey also need volunteers to help with other things such as being a Trustee, helping at groups and fundraising.

Key Contact Information:

Home-Start East Surrey

Telephone: 01737 770 220.

info@home-starteastsurrey.org.uk, www.home-starteastsurrey.org.uk

Home-Start Elmbridge

Telephone: 0203 757 7220

enquiries@home-start-elmbridge.org.uk, www.homestartelmbridge.org.uk

Home-Start Epsom, Ewell & Banstead

Telephone: 01737 379 902.

homestart@hseeb.org.uk, www.hseeb.org

Home-Start Guildford

Telephone: 01483 511181.

office@hsguildford.org.uk, www.hsguildford.org.uk

Home-Start Runnymede & Woking

Telephone: 01483 740 367

info@homestartraw.org, www.homestartraw.org

Home-Start Spelthorne

Telephone: 01784 463200

info@home-startspelthorne.org, www.home-startspelthorne.org

Home-Start Surrey Heath

Telephone: 01276 681121

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Home-Start Waverley

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Adult Art Classes

**Fun Art Classes for adults
in Caterham!**

Absolute beginners welcome!
These classes are for people who would like to meet up each week with friends to chat and enjoy experimenting with different mediums while learning new skills.

**Every Thursday at
7.30pm – 9.00 pm**

Only £18 per 1 ½ hour session!

To join in the fun, please contact **Viv Taylor** on **07940 598 761** or email vtay14@outlook.com

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Please see the flier detailing classes taking place here at Sunnydown.

Mrs Jensen

Online Safety

Please see the flier attached to this newsletter ‘What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Health & Fitness Apps.’

Mr Cassim

Thought for the Week
(W/C 20th January 2025)

Who was Martin Luther King Jr?

Thought for the Week
(W/C 27th January 2025)

Why is it important to remember the effects of the Holocaust? 80th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau

Mathematician of the Week

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

Harry Salter
For a positive attitude & working hard

Harry Origgi-Fernando
For enthusiasm & working hard

Scientist of the Week

The recipients of Scientist of the week, awarded by Mr Cybuch are

Sam Lopes
For independence

Cody Osborne
For cooperation

Writer of the Week

The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Clarke is

KS3

Freddie Collins
For his continued engagement & enthusiasm

& awarded by Mrs Jensen is

KS4

Alfie Monk
For is fantastic film review

Chef of the Week

The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is

Taylor Conway
For independence & presentation skills in the final assessment

Artist of the Week

The recipients of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle are

Cody Osborne
Sam Lopes

For their fantastic Pop Art work this week

Musician of the Week

The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith is

Leo Sumsion

& awarded by Mrs Cybuch is

Jack Gregory
For composing an excellent theme tune for his TV show

House Points

Due to the ski trip House Points will be awarded on Monday.

Forthcoming Events 2025

Spring Term 2025	
Wednesday 29 th January 2025	Open morning (9.30-11am)
Wednesday 5 th February 2025	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Monday 10 th February 2025	KS4 Fulham football
Tuesday 11 th February 2025	Year 11 Apprenticeship Show
Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025	HALF TERM
Wednesday 12 th March 2025	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Monday 17 th March 2025	KS3 Fulham football
Monday 7th April - Tuesday 22nd April 2025	EASTER HOLIDAY (1.20pm finish on 4th April)
Summer Term 2025	
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Start of Summer term
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 6 th May 2025	Year 10 Kenley Bike Challenge
Wednesday 7 th May 2025	Year 11 Kenley Bike Challenge
Wednesday 7 th May 2025	Open morning (9.30-11am)
Friday 9 th May 2025	Year 8 Kenley Bike Challenge
Monday 12 th May 2025	KS4 Fulham football
Friday 16 th May 2025	Year 9 Kenley Bike Challenge
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Year 7 Kenley Bike Challenge
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025	HALF TERM
Monday 2 nd - Friday 6 th June 2025	Year 10 Work Experience
Monday 9 th June 2025	KS3 Fulham football
Wednesday 18 th June 2025	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Thursday 19 th June 2025	Graduation
Friday 20th June 2025	INSET DAY
Thursday 26 th June 2025	FoS Golf Day
Wednesday 2 nd - Friday 4 th July 2025	Year 9 Residential
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	Presentation event
Thursday 17 th July 2025	Sports Day
Friday 18th July 2025	END OF TERM
Monday 21 st July 2025 (Was 4 th November 2024)	INSET DAY
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025 (Was 14 th March 2025)	INSET DAY

INDIVIDUAL
MUSIC LESSONS
AT
SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

Lessons include:
KEYBOARD GUITAR
DRUMKIT

Online registration:
bit.ly/SA-SpeedAdmin

Contact Surrey Arts for more information
T: 01483 519303
E: surreyartsmusic@surreycc.gov.uk

Discover more at:
surreycc.gov.uk/music