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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Parents Evening

Wednesday Evening saw our Year 8 Parents join us for Parents Evening which gives us an opportunity to share some of the wonderful work that has been going on and for you, as parents, to ask any questions about what is next for the boys and how you can support them from home. As always we appreciate your support in attending these events so that we can work together in providing the best possible experience for the boys.

1,000 Housepoints - Nathan Small

Reaching 1,000 House Points is quite a landmark at Sunnydown and something that deserves recognition. We would like to congratulate Nathan Small for this incredible achievement as he passed the 1,000 mark midway through his final year. Nathan always works hard at Sunnydown and gives everything a go, which is why he is so well respected. In the school meeting this afternoon the whole school will join together in celebrating this achievement with him.

Congratulations Nathan.

Jez Lord

Year 11 Visit to the Apprenticeship Show – Sandown Racecourse

As part of **National Apprenticeship Week**, we are delighted to announce that all Year 11 students will be attending the **Apprenticeship Show at Sandown Racecourse on Tuesday 11th February**. This event provides a valuable opportunity for students to explore different career paths, speak directly with employers, and learn more about apprenticeship schemes across various industries. Supported by Sunnydown staff, students will gain first-hand insights into vocational training and future employment options, helping them make informed decisions about their next steps beyond school.

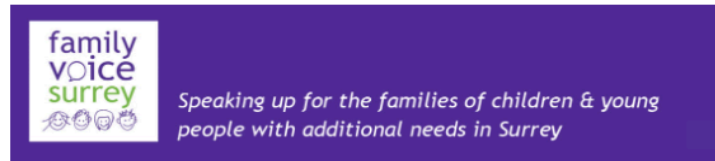
Mr Wright

Uni-Hockey Tournament

Sunnydown School took a small squad of players to a uni-hockey tournament in Lingfield this week. The team played well in the group stage, winning all but one of their matches and thus progressing to the quarter finals. Another win saw them enter the semis but after a draw in normal time, the players lost by a penalty shoot out. They were very worthy winners of their bronze medals though, not just for their performances but for how well they represented the school. Especially as, for many, it was their first time playing in a school tournament. Their thoughts on the Man of the Match are below:

SEND

Please see attached information regarding the SEND improvement review. Any feedback from you will be greatly received.



Have your say on Surrey's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) services

Dear Parent Carer,

Invitation to Participate in our SEND Improvement Review

Following the [Area SEND inspection of Surrey's Local Area Partnership in 2023](#), the Additional Needs & Disability (AND) Partnership published an updated [strategy and improvement plan](#).

An independent SEND advisor from the DfE is carrying out a review of our improvement journey. This will help us assess the progress we have made and what we still need to do, ahead of the next inspection in 2026.

How are parent carers involved?

The DfE advisor wants to get feedback from a small group of parent carers who have had recent firsthand experience of the AND Partnership and SEND services over the last year, since the improvement plan was updated.

The advisor is keen to hear from parent carers who have recent experience of the AND Partnership and SEND services over the last 12 months and those with experience of alternative provision.

We will be running two one-hour sessions online **next Thursday 13th February 2025:**

- Session one (12.30-1.30pm) will focus on our communication and relationships, timeliness and quality of statutory work and looking at the impact and outcomes of the work we are doing.
- Session two (1.30-2.30pm) will be specifically for parent carers with recent experience of [Alternative Provision](#).

The DfE are keen to gain a wide range of views and feedback, spaces for these two online sessions are limited so. If the group reaches capacity, or if you are not able to attend for any other reason, there will be an opportunity to share your written feedback via a survey. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

The Surrey AND Partnership Board will also be arranging further opportunities to share your views and experiences with us next term for those of you who are unable to attend these sessions.

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Why Your Feedback Matters

Parent Carers have invaluable insights from their experiences. Your feedback will directly contribute to the evaluation of our progress, what is working well and where improvements are needed.

How to Participate

To gather your views, the DfE advisor would like you to join them for one of the above sessions. The meeting will also be attended by Family Voice Surrey and members of Surrey County Council.

[Please register your interest here:](#)

Session One:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/have-your-say-have-surrey-improved-send-services-since-the-last-ofsted-tickets-1234791718269?aff=oddtcreator>

Session Two (Alternative Provision):

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/have-your-say-on-surreys-send-services-alternative-provision-tickets-1237183532249?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

Once signed up, we will confirm your space and further joining instructions. Please be reassured that all your contributions will remain confidential.

Thank you,

Surrey’s Additional Needs and Disabilities Partnership

Jo Wermig

Student Council

The Student Council meets every three weeks at lunch time. It is a fantastic opportunity for students to represent their peers and work with school staff to address ways of improving our school. In Forest View we now have a suggestion box and encourage our students to make any suggestions to improve or enhance their school. James Hall is our elected Chair and we meet every three weeks during lunch time to discuss any suggestions and welcome any new members. Please come along and share your ideas with us.

Jo Wermig

Online Safety

Please see the attached flier re ‘What Parents & Educators Need to Know About Scams & Fake News.’

<p><u>Thought for the Week</u> (W/C 3rd February 2025)</p> <p>What is a negative influence? How can you avoid them?</p>	<p><u>Thought for the Week</u> (W/C 10th February 2025)</p> <p>Safer Internet Day - Why is it important to keep safe online?</p>
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<p><u>The Baton</u></p> <p>Callum Dowie</p>

<p><u>Respect Award</u></p> <p>Teddy Foster</p>

<p><u>Employability Award</u></p> <p>Harry Franklin</p>

Sportsmanship Award

Finley Marley

<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>	The recipient of Mathematician of Week, awarded by Mrs Webb is Eddie Smith <i>For his continued excellent engagement & effort</i>
<u>Scientist of the Week</u>	The recipients of Scientist of the week, awarded by Mr Cybuch are Kamauri Craig <i>For resilience</i> Harry Franklin <i>For independence</i> & awarded by Ms Hristova are George McGookin <i>For excellent test performance</i> Milo Baker <i>For excellent test performance</i> Harvey Caruana <i>For excellent effort & work completion</i> Alfie Wilson <i>For excellent effort & work completion</i>
<u>Writer of the Week</u>	The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe is KS3 James Titchner <i>For excellent engagement when investigating Romeo & Juliet</i> KS4 Kasra Alavi <i>For an in-depth analysis of structure in a chapter</i>
<u>Chef of the Week</u>	The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is Freddie Dunne <i>For great resilience</i>
<u>Artist of the Week</u>	The recipients of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle are Alexander Thompson Jacob Napier For their teamwork & concentration in the photography lesson
<u>Musician of the Week</u>	The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith is Edward Gair & awarded by Mrs Cybuch is Milo Baker <i>For his composition</i>
<u>Reader of the Week</u>	The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe is Finley Marley <i>For his willingness to pick up his book & read</i>
<u>Computer Scientist of the Week</u>	The recipients of Computer Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Amzart are

	<p>Ross Smallman <i>For completing all tasks during the lesson & making some extremely intelligent points during class discussions</i></p> <p>Kai Bagwell <i>For correctly completing all tasks & assisting the class teacher during the lesson</i></p>
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House Points

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Nathan Small	1,000 House Points
George McGookin	500 House Points
Jacob Napier	400 House Points
Callum Duff	100 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2025

Spring Term 2025	
Monday 10 th February 2025	KS4 Fulham football
Tuesday 11 th February 2025	Year 11 Apprenticeship Show
Friday 14 th February 2025	Life Skills Science Museum: Power Up Trip
Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February 2025	HALF TERM
Wednesday 26 th February 2025	National Poetry Library Trip
Tuesday 4 th March 2025	SSSSA KS3 Basketball
Wednesday 12 th March 2025	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Monday 17 th March 2025	KS3 Fulham football
Monday 7 th April - Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	EASTER HOLIDAY (1.20pm finish on 4 th April)
Summer Term 2025	
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Start of Summer term
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	SSSSA KS4 Basketball
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 26 th May - Friday 30 th 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 20 th 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
Friday 11 th July 2025	The Arc - Prospero Drama Group
Thursday 17 th July 2025	Sports Day
Friday 18 th 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