



# Barnsbury Primary School and Nursery

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**Headteacher: Mrs J Harrup**

4th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

This morning we were treated to Ash Class' assembly. They told us all about their visit to the farm and shared some of their artwork with us. Singing beautifully, they also shared their knowledge about 3D shapes. I was really impressed by how confident they were and how well they remembered their lines.

On Tuesday morning, the children spent time in their new classroom with their new teacher. This is an exciting time of the year and there were many happy, smiley faces around the school. However, it can also create anxiety for some children. Please let us know if your child is feeling very nervous about the new academic year and we can do our best to support them.

### **Oliver G—a hugely talented individual!**

I wanted to say a huge congratulations to Oliver G in Year 6 who has produced a comic in order to raise money for Cancer Research. This is an outstanding piece of work—truly fabulous with many detailed illustrations that any adult would be very proud to have drawn! He is truly talented. Oliver will be selling his comic at the PTA Circus event this afternoon. Please support him if you can by visiting his stall and purchasing a copy of the comic for 50p. All proceeds will go to Cancer Research.

### **Surrey Libraries Summer Reading Challenge**

If you want to ensure your child continues their reading journey over the summer holidays then look no further than the Summer Reading Challenge, designed by The Reading Agency, delivered by libraries. The challenge runs between Saturday 5th July and Saturday 13th September. More information can be found [here](#).

### **Parenting Support Group**

Barnardo's Surrey Paediatric Parenting Support Service, commissioned by Surrey County Council, are offering a free, early-intervention parenting support group. Their service supports families with children aged 5 and under who may be showing signs of neurodiversity or who already have a diagnosis. The groups offer practical strategies to help parents navigate everyday challenges, understand their child's development, and support their emotional well-being. Just as importantly, it offers families a chance to connect with others who may be on a similar journey. More information can be found [here](#) and I have included posters in the body of the newsletter.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.  
With kind regards

Mrs J E Harrup  
Headteacher



## Star of the Week

## Effort Award

## Values Award

<b>Oak</b>	Isra	Lola	Rafferty
<b>Ash</b>	All of Ash Class	Isla	Eva
<b>1B</b>	Havanna	Hashim	Ruobing
<b>1M</b>	Imogen	Aliza	Jake
<b>2M</b>	Ben	Sammy	Elina
<b>2T</b>	All of 2T	All of 2T	Eva
<b>3B</b>	Rowan	Emma	Bea
<b>3M</b>	Roslyn	Jude	Eddie
<b>4D</b>	Mila	Violet	Khayaati
<b>4J</b>	William	Zaki	Elsie
<b>5M</b>	Georgie	Saad	Arvin
<b>5T</b>	Liam	Rosie	Dexter
<b>6G</b>	Noah	Isla	Nicola
<b>6L</b>	Sophie	Anthony	Dylan

**Congratulations to our Super Speller  
this week:**



**Congratulations to the recipients of a  
WOW certificates this week:**

**Kaylah and William B (5T)**



# Dates for your diary 2024-25—Summer Term

## July

Wednesday 9th	PTA AGM Meeting, 7.30pm
Thursday 10th	Year 6 Beach Trip
Friday 11th	Year 6 Rugged Earth & Sleepover
Monday 14th	1:30pm Y6 Production Dress Rehearsal, KS1 & Parents with small children
Tuesday 15th	Rock Steady Concert
Thursday 17th	Rock Steady Concert
Thursday 17th	1:30pm Yr 6 Production Dress Rehearsal, KS2 & Parents with small children
Friday 18th	Rock Steady Concert
Monday 21st	6.00pm Year 6 Production and Leavers' Party
Tuesday 22nd	End of Term (1:15pm finish)



## Woking Family Centre

Every Thursday - 4 weeks

24<sup>th</sup> July - 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
7pm - 8pm

## Online SEND Support Group for Parents/Carers

Free support group for parents/carers with children aged  
0-16 with pre or diagnosed SEND.

The course will cover topics like:

- Back to school and discussions around EHCP's
- Boundaries and useful parenting tools
- Accessing useful websites and other support networks
- Support on applying for DLA and other funding options.

For more information scan the  
QR code or call 01483 310419



**Woking Family Centre, The Bungalow  
Sythwood, Woking GU21 3AX**



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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

### COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

### DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

### BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

### SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

### REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

### FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

### USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

### PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College





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# Surrey Paediatrics Parenting Service



## Are you finding parenthood tough?

The Paediatrics Parenting Support Service is offering support to parents and carers living in Surrey who are exploring the possibility that their child, aged 5 or younger, may be neurodivergent, exhibiting challenging or avoidant behaviours, or are seeking help to improve their child's social and emotional skills.

We provide a 6-week support group, either online or face-to-face in the community, to empower families with strategies and resources for their child's development and well-being.

You can find out more information and how to refer into the service at by scanning the below QR code or email: [surreysupportu5@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:surreysupportu5@barnardos.org.uk)



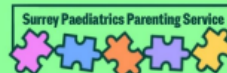
Contact our practitioners if you have any questions:

**Bianca Downey:** 07354200290 **Jo Hernandez:** 07394 865 632

**Fleur Howlett:** 07856 479486



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## Surrey Paediatrics Parenting Service

Come along to our free 1 hour online summer support sessions, a safe space to share any challenges you are experiencing with your child 5 and under.



### Want to find out more about support in Surrey?

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 11am - Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 7pm - Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 1pm

### Want to discuss big emotions?

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 7pm - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2pm - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 11am

### Want to know how you can support your own wellbeing?

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2pm - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 10am - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 7pm

### Want to discuss difficulties with sleep & food?

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August 11am - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 7pm - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 1pm

### Want to discuss sensory difficulties?

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August 7pm - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 1pm - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 10am

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

Please scan the barcode to register your interest.



Barnardo's is a charity ([216250](#) / [SC037605](#)) and a company limited by guarantee.

**Free BBQ  
until 2.30pm**

**You may have  
seen the builders,  
now come and see  
what's been happening  
in your local church**

**Bouncy  
castle**

**Board  
games**

**Face  
painting**

**Local  
group stalls**

**Space to  
pray**

**...& more!**

**St Mary of Bethany  
Community day**

**Sunday 6th July**

**12.30 - 4pm**

**[www.smob.uk/events](http://www.smob.uk/events)**

**All Together Service  
10.30am**

**Everyone's welcome to join us for the  
service before the community day, too!**

**On the first Sunday of each month we join together for a 45-  
min service to include something for absolutely everyone**

**After this service we'll have refreshments & pastries as we begin  
our Community Day!**



*Dancebites.com Presents*

# WEST END DREAMS WOKING



*Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July '25*

*9:00am - 5:00pm*

**INCLUDES MORNING & AFTERNOON SNACK**



Perform scenes from a selection of West End musicals.  
Gain exclusive behind-the-scenes insights.  
Collaborate with other enthusiastic performers.

Ages 5-11 years

9.00 - 5.00pm Standard Day

Standard Daily Fee - £50 (choose your days)

Weekly Fee - £200 (stay with us all week!)

Early Drop Off (8.30am) - + £5

Late Pick up (6pm) - + £5

Includes Complimentary morning & afternoon snack  
(provide lunch only)

Venue:

The Sheerwater Scout Hut

Lambourne Crescent

GU21 5RQ



SCAN ME

Or click this link: <https://www.dancebites.com/child-classes/>

And Choose WOKING - West End Dreams



*Dancebites.com Presents*

# ANNIE



*Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August '25*  
*9:00am - 5:00pm*



Perform scenes from Annie the musical!  
Gain exclusive behind-the-scenes insights.  
Collaborate with other enthusiastic performers.

Ages 5-11 years

9.00 - 5.00pm

Summer school fee - £180  
**INCLUDES MORNING & AFTERNOON SNACK**

**Venue:**

The Sheerwater Scout Hut  
Lambourne Crescent

GU21 5RQ

How to enrol ...



**SCAN ME**

And Choose ANNIE SUMMER SCHOOL or click:

<https://www.dancebites.com/child-classes/>

# SUMMER [AT] awe:STEM

## 2025 PLANS

An incredible opportunity to explore, innovate and create this summer!

Venue : Christ College Guildford    [www.awestem.co.uk](http://www.awestem.co.uk) Email : [info@awestem.co.uk](mailto:info@awestem.co.uk)

### DIY SCIENCE DAYS

5 - 11 YRS

AUGUST 11 & 14

10.00 - 15.00

£55

### COMBO DAYS -

ROBOTICS + MINECRAFT/ ROBLOX

AUGUST 12 & 13

0930 - 1200 AND/ OR 1300 - 1530

£30 OR £50 FULL DAY

### EXPERIENCE DAYS

5 - 11 YRS

JULY 28 - AUGUST 8

0930 - 1600

£75/ DAY OR £350 PER WEEK

### IGNITE - KS3 WEEK

11 - 15 YRS

AUGUST 4 - 8

0930 - 1600

£70 PER DAY

### LITTLE INVENTORS

4 - 6 YRS

AUGUST 4 - 8

0930 - 1200 AND/ OR 1300 - 1500

£30 OR £50 FULL DAY



Calling all  
KS3 students

awe:STEM

IGNITE - KS3

Age 11 - 16

BOOK  
NOW

*Meet like-minded students, discover the latest technologies and  
build your confidence in STEM*

ROBLOX GAME  
DESIGN



MICROBIT  
PROGRAMMING



PYTHON  
CODING



APP  
INVENTOR



4 Aug - 8 Aug

9.30 am - 4.00 pm

Christ College,  
Guildford, GU1 1JY



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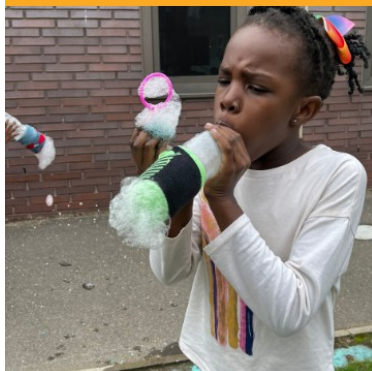


11 and 14<sup>th</sup> Aug  
Christ College  
Guildford

DIY  
Science  
DAY

10.00 - 15.00

£ 55



- build robust structures
- dissect owl pellets
- litmus tests
- smell challenge
- non newtonian fluid
- van de graff machine
- and many more ...

[www.awestem.co.uk](http://www.awestem.co.uk)

Barn Owl





# SUMMER CAMP 2025

## EARLY BIRD OFFER!

10% OFF if you book before 22nd June  
Use code: **SUMMER10** at checkout

Looking for action-packed summer fun for your kids? Book just one day with us or weeks at a time - choose what works for you

Let them discover, play, and thrive at Camp Martial X – where every day is an adventure!

### FULL 6 WEEKS

Wed 23rd July – Wed  
3rd September

### SHORT DAY LONG DAY 4-YEAR-OLD

9:00am – 3:30pm

**£30**

8:30am – 5:00pm

**£45**

9:00am – 1:00pm

**£20**

### ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- ✓ Football, Tennis, Archery, Axe Throwing
- ✓ Martial Arts, Hockey, Netball, Cricket
- ✓ Rounders, Dodgeball, Basketball
- ✓ Arts & Crafts, Jewellery Making, Tie-Dye T-Shirts
- ✓ Daily Competitions & Prizes!

### BARNSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Almond Avenue, Woking, Surrey, GU22 0BB

## BOOK NOW

[www.campmartialx.co.uk](http://www.campmartialx.co.uk)

Spaces are limited – book now to avoid disappointment

Suitable for ages 4+ (Children aged 4 yrs can only stay with us for 4 hours)







# TRAINING GROUND COURSE



## INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

This Summer Holidays Chelsea Football Club are opening their doors to their Training Ground in Cobham. We have an exclusive 2 Day Course available for independent students, providing Boys & Girls between the ages of 5-12 years the opportunity to experience our world class facilities through our fun Holiday Courses.

To find out more information please visit our booking site and use the below course code or simply scan the QR code.

Venue	Date	Course Code
Cobham Training Ground, Surrey, KT11 3PT	14th - 15th July	SS-CTG-HO-33

Timings	Ages	Cost
09.00-15.30	School Year 1-7	£150.00

[chelseasoccerschools.co.uk](http://chelseasoccerschools.co.uk)

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**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

Cobham training Ground, 64 Stoke Road, Cobham, Surrey, KT11 3PT

09:00 - 15:30 (Registration 09:00 - 09:15)

Boys & Girls (School Year 1-7)

£150.00 Total Cost

[chelseasoccerschools.co.uk](http://chelseasoccerschools.co.uk)

Course Code - SS-CTG-HO-33

[Click here to book directly](#)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Dom Taylor on the below email address.

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# **YOUR BARNSBURY PTA NEEDS YOU!**

**Help us shape the future of  
Barnsbury school and it's  
children by helping us raise  
vital funds...**

**WE NEED YOUR:**

**INPUT...your opinions matter  
TIME...however much you can spare  
DONATIONS...big or small and your  
help CREATING AWARENESS**



**Contact your class rep or email:  
[pta@barnsbury@surrey.sch.co.uk](mailto:pta@barnsbury@surrey.sch.co.uk)**