



Newsletter - 17th April 2026

## ***Top News***

### **Respect Rangers of the Week**

This week, our Respect Rangers have once again been recognised for their fantastic attitude and behaviour around school. They were nominated for their excellent listening skills and the calm, respectful way they line up and return to class after breaktime and lunchtime.

It's wonderful to see so many pupils showing such positive playground manners and setting a great example for others. Keep up the brilliant work, Respect Rangers—we're proud of you!

<b>3G</b>	<b>3Q</b>	<b>3S</b>	<b>4A</b>	<b>4D</b>	<b>4R</b>
Raina	Hope	Nura	Mashal	Elsie	Georgie
<b>5C</b>	<b>5S</b>	<b>5V</b>	<b>6D</b>	<b>6G</b>	<b>6M</b>
Benjamin	Joel	Ed	Ben	Lucy	Hannah

### **Headteacher Award Winners!**

We are delighted to announce last term's **Headteacher Award winners!** These pupils have gone above and beyond in their learning, showing exceptional dedication, curiosity, and effort.

Congratulations to all our winners - Your hard work is an inspiration to the whole school community, and we are incredibly proud of each of you!

<b>3G</b>	<b>3Q</b>	<b>3S</b>	<b>4A</b>	<b>4D</b>	<b>4R</b>
Freya N	Monroe-Blu W	Kai S	Henley S	Darcie D	Jasper R
Jack T	Amelia I	Jayden K	Sienna P	Hadi R	Lily S
<b>5C</b>	<b>5S</b>	<b>5V</b>	<b>6D</b>	<b>6G</b>	<b>6M</b>
Naseem M	Jesse S	Thea A	Martha M	Lucy L	Quinn R
Gabriella H	Kacey N	Albert P	Maya R	Eve P	Evie G

## **School Fun**

### **Calling All Green-Fingered Eco Warriors!**

Did you know that Sir David Attenborough will celebrate his 100th birthday on 8th May this year?

In honour of this special occasion, we'd love to give our beautiful Attenborough Garden a little TLC—and we need your help! We're inviting parents and children to come together and help spruce it up so it can be enjoyed by everyone. Our goal is to have it looking glorious in time for the birthday celebrations.

Whether you're a seasoned gardener or simply happy to lend a hand, there's something for everyone to do. If you enjoy getting your hands dirty and helping make the world a greener place, then we'd love to see you there!

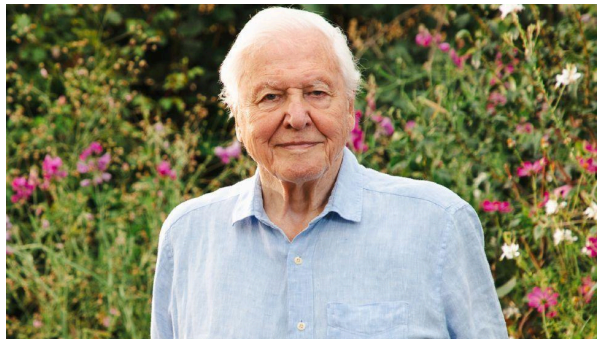
Join our very own Queen of Green, Mrs Crosby, for a fun and friendly gardening session on **Monday 20th April at 3:30pm (after school)**.

#### **What to bring:**

- Gardening gloves
- Any tools you can spare
- Plenty of enthusiasm!

Come along, have some fun, and help our garden bloom again. We can't wait to see you there!

*(All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.)*



 *Many hands make light work!* 

### **Owls After School Club Update**

Our after school club, *Owls*, had a wonderfully fun and active time last term! From imaginative crafts to bursts of creativity, the children kept busy making, designing, and exploring new ideas together.

It's been fantastic to see such enthusiasm, teamwork, and creativity in action!

✨ Take a look at some of the fun here:

[https://www.instagram.com/p/DWZAz\\_iAQWn/](https://www.instagram.com/p/DWZAz_iAQWn/)

## **Important Messages**

### **Attendance Reminder**

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the headteacher.

[Please click here to view our Absence Letter.](#)

### **Working Together for Great School Attendance**

This half term, we are focusing on encouraging all pupils to build and maintain strong attendance habits. We are supporting children below 90% to make great progress towards 96%+, while helping those already there to keep up their fantastic efforts. Over the six-week half term (58 sessions), this means aiming to attend at least 56 sessions, with no more than 2 sessions (1 day) of absence.

To make things even more exciting, children who meet their attendance targets will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a £25 Amazon voucher, with one winner in each year group.

**BE IN SCHOOL  
TO WIN IT!\***

**£25 Amazon  
voucher**

*Children with attendance over  
96% this half term will be  
entered into the raffle.  
The raffle will be drawn in the  
first week after May half term.*

**\*1 winner per year group**

## **Curriculum Highlights**

### **Year 6 Reflect on the Meaning and Impact of Easter**

Members of Heathervale Baptist Church visited Year 6 at the end of last term to lead engaging sessions exploring the story of Easter.

Through discussion and activities, pupils learned about key figures such as Jesus, the disciples and Pontius Pilate, helping them understand the events leading up to and following the crucifixion and resurrection. The sessions also highlighted how the Easter story has been portrayed in different forms of artwork across history, encouraging students to reflect on both its religious meaning and its cultural impact.



### **Robotics Workshop**



Year 3 and Year 5 experienced an amazing Robotics Workshop on Monday, run by Eduthing. They discovered what robots are, what they can do and how to program them. From walking and talking to rolling and backflipping, the sessions were filled with gasps, giggles, and jaw-dropping moments! See more of the session on Instagram [here](#).



### **From Myths to the Olympics: Year 3's Greek Adventure**

Year 3 enjoyed an enriching Greek Day, filled with exciting opportunities to explore ancient Greek life and culture. The effort put into their costumes was truly impressive, helping to bring the day to life.

A particular highlight was the food tasting, where the children sampled a range of traditional Greek dishes and eagerly shared their favourites. They also learned the Greek alphabet, took part in lively Greek dancing, and discovered the history of the Olympic Games through fun sporting activities. The children further explored the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur, working creatively and collaboratively to write their own alternative endings as scripts for a play. It was a memorable day of discovery, creativity, and fun!





### **Easter Egg Hunt Raises Smiles and Funds**

At the end of last term, our PTA organised a fantastic Easter Egg Hunt for the children. Despite the wet and windy weather, an impressive 168 children took part, showing great enthusiasm and community spirit.

We are delighted to share that a wonderful **£246.10** was raised for the PTA fund. Thank you to everyone who supported the event—it was a great success and we hope everyone (including the parents) had fun!

### ***Planning Ahead***

Coming up:

20th - 24th April - Year 4 Bikeability

20th April - Attenborough Garden Tidy-up (3:30pm)

21st April - Year 5 Thames Explorer Trip (5S & 5V)

24th April - 3Q Class Assembly (3pm)

24th April - Year 6 SATs drop-in (3:30pm)



Keep up-to-date with all school events on our School Calendar [here!](#)

### **Local News**

All news and information on local activities can be found on the Noticeboard of our website [here.](#)

Follow us on Instagram to keep up with the latest news, photos, and updates:

👉 <https://www.instagram.com/p/DP6loFCDhGp/>