

Despite the cold weather, our Year 6 playleaders have been brilliant out on the playground at break and lunchtimes. They have been running and managing groups of younger pupils to play organised games – completely independently – showing fantastic teamwork and leadership skills; they have been making us very proud. We are all thinking hard about how to be a great friend now we have launched our Kindness Crew certificates, and it is lovely to see how engaged the children are with nominating their friends. This week we officially completed the programme and have achieved our Healthy Relationships

🔪 KS1 Science – Investigating Absorbent Materials 🔪



sensible predictions and thoroughly enjoyed this hands-on approach to learning science. ✨

In science this week, KS1 children explored materials and learned what it means to be absorbent by investigating which materials soak up water and which do not. After an “accidental” water spill on the desks, the children tested cotton wool, foil, cling film and cardboard, making thoughtful predictions before carrying out their experiments and discussing the results. They showed great curiosity, made



ATTENDANCE

Our school target for attendance this year is 97%.

This week our attendance was 94.0%.

Year 2 had 100%.attendance 😊



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What's in the box?

This week, Chestnuts class were delighted to welcome Rev Nick, who visited with his special story box and shared a thoughtful and engaging story. He told a tale about a person who spent many years quietly watching a river from their cottage, until one day they noticed stepping stones appearing in the water, forming a path across the river as their cottage slowly disappeared behind them. The story prompted lots of thoughtful discussion, with the children sharing what they liked, disliked, and what they might change. They then responded creatively by drawing, writing, or building ideas inspired by the story, supporting their imagination, creativity, and understanding.



Aspens update

The Trust is pleased to be able to introduce changes to vegetable portion sizes at KS1 and baked potato sizes at KS2 following feedback from our primary pupils across the Trust.

From the 23rd February, vegetable portion sizes at KS1 will be increased to KS2 vegetable portion sizes. This will provide a healthy option for children with larger appetites, particularly towards the end of KS1.

In addition, we will be moving from half a baked potato to a full baked potato at KS2. The overall size of the potato will be reduced slightly but this will be more than offset by offering a full potato. It will also allow the potato to be presented in a more traditional way

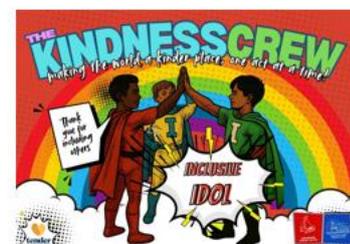


Healthy Relationships Setting

We have now achieved our Tender Reset Healthy Relationships badge and are recognised as a Healthy Relationships setting

We received some lovely feedback from Suzi who has supported us throughout the programme:

“A huge thank you again for all your wonderful work. I am absolutely certain that you will continue this brilliant work to ensure all your young people have the best start in life that they can. It's been an absolute privilege to work with you all at Surlingham and Rockland St Mary”



Holiday CLUB

SPOT ON COACHING

Kick Off the Fun This Holiday!

Join us for an action-packed day of **football, dodgeball and archery!** Whether you're scoring goals, dodging the ball or shooting the bullseye, we've got fun games, exciting matches, and friendly tournaments, with **medals and trophies** to be won.

Every child gets a **Certificate of Attendance** to remember the day. Plus, there's a **discount for siblings** – because fun is better with friends and family!

Our fully qualified, DBS-checked sports coach with first aid certification ensures a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

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Dates for the Diary

(New dates in red)

February

- **Every Wednesday of Spring Term 1** – Swimming – Chestnut class only
- **Thursday 12th February** – Parent Forum (online) – 5:30pm
- **Thursday 12th February** – Spirit of the Game Festival – Hawthorn class only
- **Friday 13th February** – Last day of half term
- **Half Term Holiday:** Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February
- **Saturday 21st February** – Jumble Sale at Surlingham Village Hall
- **Monday 23rd February** – Return to school after half term.
- **Monday 23rd February** - Year 1 and 2 – Dance Festival
- **Tuesday 24th February** – Year 4 only – Dodgeball competition
- **Tuesday 24th February** – Year 6 only – FRAM's performance of 'Oliver'.

March

- **Tuesday 3rd March** – Rockland Nursery Open Morning, 9:00am–10:30am
- **Thursday 5th March** – World Book Day Reading Café
- **Tuesday 17th March** – County Music Festival – Whole School 11-1.30pm
- **Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th March** – Willow Bawdsey Residential
- **Friday 27th March** – Last day of the Spring Term
- **Easter Holiday:** Monday 30th March – Tuesday 14th April

April

- **Wednesday 15th April** – Return to school after Easter Holiday
- **Wednesday 23rd April** – Open Morning
- **Tuesday 28th April** – Parent/Carers' Information Evening, 4:00pm–5:00pm@ FEHS

May

- **Thursday 21st May** –
 - Y7 Director of Learning visit to Year 6





21ST FEBRUARY 2PM-4PM

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ALL ITEMS 50P EACH



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Events 2025-26

September

Teddy Bears Picnic

Sunday 14th



FREE

October

Quiz and Chips

Thursday 16th 6.30pm
Surlingham Village Hall

Halloween Cafe

Friday 24th 3.15pm

November



December

Christmas Carols

Saturday 13th



January

Movie Night

Film and date - TBC



February

Jumble Sale

Saturday 21st
Surlingham Village Hall
2pm-4pm



March



April

Spring sculpture Trail

Over the 2 week Easter
break



May



June

Summer Fun Day

Saturday 6th



July



August

Fantasy Football

