

'Achieving our best by learning together and serving one another with Christ by our side'



Pyjama & Storytelling Day

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we end our first week back of this new half term, we have certainly hit the ground running! The start of the week for the staff was an incredibly moving and informative morning of training. We were first of all joined by Margaret and Barry Mizen, of the **Mizen Foundation**, who spoke about the loss of their child Jimmy when he was just 16 years old. They spoke of their forgiveness but the struggles which come with that. It was a truly inspirational and moving talk for all the staff, but also one that reminds us all of how lucky we are and how precious life is.

Book Week

Since Tuesday as a school we have been celebrating **Book Week**. We have had classes reading with one another, **Mystery Readers** whereby teachers visit other classes to read to them and today of course our **Pyjama & Storytelling Day**. We know that reading is an essential life skill for every child and life opportunities are dictated by our levels of literacy. I thank you for your support with hearing your child read daily as they will absolutely reap the rewards. A huge thank you to **Miss Brown** our reading lead for her preparation of such a successful week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MONDAY 2ND MARCH

Years 5 & 6 Boys Football vs Clarendon (home)
Scholastic Book Fair

TUESDAY 3RD MARCH

Lent Walk @ Cedars Park
Year 2 visit Sunbury Library
Scholastic Book Fair

WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH

Scholastic Book Fair

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

World Book Day
Years 5 & 6 Girls Netball Tournament @
Buckland Primary School
Scholastic Book Fair

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

Scholastic Book Fair

KS1 Grandparents' Afternoon

This afternoon was incredible! We welcomed the grandparents of many Key Stage 1 children this afternoon to our second event. It was a pleasure to welcome so many grandparents into Saint Ignatius to hear and listen to what goes on in their grandchildren's lives at school. I am very sorry if you were not able to get a spot but you will certainly have first place the next time we do this event.

Lent

Now that we have entered the season of lent I feel confident that your child should be able to tell you that this is a time of reflection, reconciliation and finally doing things to grow even closer to God. Every child has written a promise in class this week so please ask them what their promise was. In Music this week, every class has been learning the song from the words of Saint Francis of Assisi, "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace".

A final thought for every family this weekend: *What can you as a family to bring about peace?*

God bless,

Ms Murphy - Headteacher



Attendance

As this is a school priority this half term, every week I am going to report the classes with the highest attendance and classes with the biggest improvements.

This week's **highest attendance** was **5B** and **3BF** with 96.4% attendance. Our school target is now 98%.

The classes that have **most improved** in terms of number of pupils in classes before 8.45 am are **1OS** and **4AP**.

A huge thank you to all parents for a real push on attendance this week and for ensuring your child is in school for as close to 8.30am as possible.

These four classes will be receiving a reward on Monday.

Ms Murphy - Headteacher

Workshops and Trips

Please see below a summary of the workshops and educational trips scheduled so far this year, along with their corresponding payment deadlines. We kindly ask that all payments are made by the stated deadlines to ensure that each event can go ahead as planned.

Workshops and Trips

- **Reception - Wisley Gardens Trip**
 - Date: 11 March 2026
 - Payment Deadline: 20th February 2026
- **Years 1-6 - Science Boffins Workshop**
 - Date: 11 March 2026
 - Payment Deadline: 4th March 2026
- **Year 4 - Kew Gardens Trip**
 - Date: 19th March 2026
 - Payment Date: 6th March 2026
- **Reception - Bocketts Farm Trip**
 - Date: 21st April 2026
 - Payment Deadline: 27th March 2026
- **Year 3 - Ancient Egyptians Workshop**
 - Date: 12th May 2026
 - Payment Date: 1st May 2026
- **Year 3 - Roald Dahl Museum**
 - Date: 2nd June 2026
 - Payment Date: 15th May 2026
- **Year 2 - Bracknell Lookout Trip**
 - Date: 5th June 2026
 - Payment Date: 15th May 2026
- **Year 1 - London Zoo**
 - Date: 1st July 2026
 - Payment Deadline: 19th June 2026
- **Current Year 5 - PGL Residential Trip**
 - Please refer to the previous letter for the full payment schedule.
 - 2nd Installment Due Date: 27th February 2026

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Miss McCormack - School Office

Book Week

We've had a fantastic Book Week and it has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm for stories and reading across all year groups.

On Tuesday, the children loved welcoming our **Mystery Readers** into their classrooms. There was lots of excitement as they tried to guess who the surprise guest might be before sitting back to enjoy a story together.

On Wednesday, some classes took part in '**Book Tastings**', where they sampled extracts from a range of different genres and discovered new authors and styles they might not usually choose. Other classes spent time exploring activities linked to their current Book Club texts.

On Thursday, children buddied up with other classes to share stories together. It was lovely to see older and younger pupils reading side by side and talking about books. Throughout the week, there was also storytelling in the library, giving even more opportunities to enjoy a good story.

Today, we ended the week with our **Book Swap and Pyjama Day**. The children came to school in their pyjamas, brought along their cuddly toys and enjoyed a cosy story time with their teachers before exchanging their preloved books.

A big thank you to all the children who entered our **Bookmark Competition**- we had so many beautiful entries! The winners are:

- **Leo N** (10S)
- **Yenara W L** (2BP)
- **Thomas B** (4P)
- **Kayla K D** (5B)
- **Sophia R** (6S)

Next week we are looking forward to our **Book Fair**, which will be open after school from 3pm in the Library, Monday to Friday. All children should have received a book token. This can be used as a £1 voucher at the fair or exchanged in selected bookshops for a free book.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in encouraging a love of reading at home.

Miss Brown - Year 5 Class Teacher and Years 2-6 Reading Lead





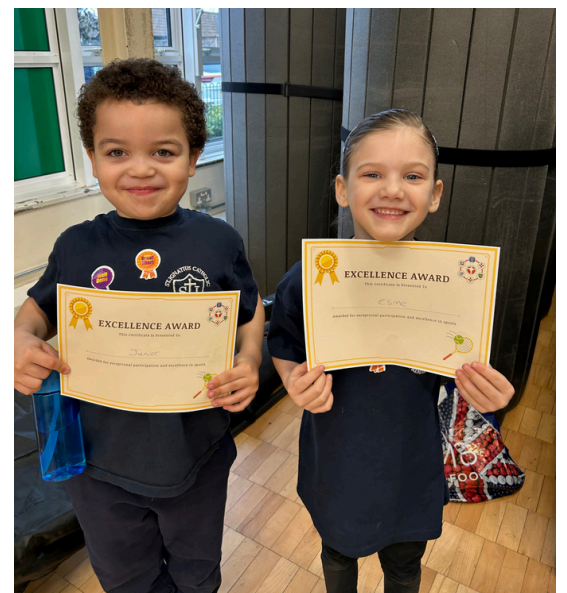
Years 1 & 2 ACAT Multi Skill Festival

On Thursday morning we took a group of Year 1 & 2 children to the ACAT Multi Skills Festival. The children had a great time testing their athletic skills in a variety of non competitive challenges before taking part in some relay races.

The children all listened attentively, talked nicely with the children and young leaders from other schools and tried their best.

At the end of the festival, the young leaders chose 2 people from each school to receive a special certificate. Well done to **Esmae S (2BP)** and **Reagan-Jr T (1G)** who were chosen from our school.

Miss Grady - Year 1 Class Teacher



Years 5 & 6 Boys A Team Football

Important note: The fixture on Monday 2nd March vs Clarendon has been postponed. I will share the new date as soon as I have it.

The following fixtures have been arranged:

- **Tuesday 10th March** (away vs Riverbridge)
- **Monday 23rd March** (away vs Town Farm) - *Letter to be sent closer to the date*



Years 5 & 6 Girls Netball Tournament

This competition will be on **Thursday 5th March** at Buckland Primary School. Letters were sent out this week if your child is in the team. The team will try and squeeze in some extra training sessions so please ensure your child has their trainers in school with them every day.

Years 3 & 4 ACAT Netball Tournament

This event will take place on **Thursday 12th March** at Our Lady of the Rosary. The letter has been sent to those children who were selected. The Year 3 team will train on a Tuesday and the Year 4 team on a Friday. Please ensure your child has their trainers in school with them on these days.

Years 3 & 4 Hockey Tournament

This will take place on **Friday 13th March** at Ashford Hockey Club.

The children in the team will have training with Miss Gleave at the start of lunch on a Monday and Thursday. Please ensure they have their trainers with them (and gum shields and shin pads once you have them).



KS2 Cross Country

This competition will take place at London Irish on **Tuesday 17th March**.

Well done to all of the children who took part in the trials. I have selected the top 8 from each trial race. If your child was selected, they should have been told today by their teacher and you will have received an email.

Miss Grady - Year 1 Class Teacher and PE Lead



PTA Notices

Thank you to everyone that purchased a chocolate bar in our recent fundraiser. Congratulations to our golden ticket winners below:

- Reception - **Carter S**
- Year 1 - **Archie W**
- Year 2 - **Elora M M**
- Year 3 - **Layla R**
- Year 4 - **Cloe S**
- Year 5 - **Daniel C**
- Year 6 - **Renaë S**



Prizes included tickets to Kidabulous, Hobbledown Farm, Ninja Warrior, Bowling and Urban Fun.

Can you help?

Going forward if any parents employer's offer charity donations or raffle prizes we would really appreciate the offers to help us fundraise and offer good prizes. Or even if you feel this is something you could help us with behind the scenes, contacting companies regarding their charity incentives we would be very grateful.

Mother's Day Shop

We have extended the Mother's Day Shop sale for a few more days but would appreciate orders as soon as possible to enable us to organise. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).



Textiles Bank

A huge thank you to everyone that has donated clothing to our textiles bank. Please be reminded that all donations should be placed inside tied bags and not loose. Thank you for your continued support.

PTA Team

Wake Up Wednesdays

Adult animated content is increasingly visible on platforms such as YouTube, TikTok and streaming services. While the bright visuals and cartoon style may seem harmless at first glance, many of these shows and clips are created specifically for mature audiences, featuring strong language, sexual references, graphic violence and unsettling themes.

This #WakeUpWednesday guide helps parents and educators understand the risks, from misleading visuals and algorithm-driven recommendations to desensitisation and edgy humour. It also offers practical advice on platform settings, open conversations and building children's critical thinking, so young people can navigate online animation safely and confidently.

Miss Partington

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ADULT ANIMATED CONTENT

Bright, bold, and widely shared, adult animated content is more popular than ever, but not always what it seems. These videos, which may appear cartoonish and harmless, often contain strong language, explicit themes, graphic violence, or dark humour. Many are accessible through platforms like YouTube, TikTok or streaming services, where filters may not catch them in time.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISLEADING VISUAL STYLE

Many adult animations mimic the colourful, exaggerated look of children's cartoons. This can easily mislead not just children, but also adults, into thinking they're suitable for younger viewers. Without watching the content fully, parents or educators might approve a show or video that contains explicit jokes, graphic imagery, or highly inappropriate language, all disguised beneath a playful and fun visual style.

INFLUENCE OF EDGY HUMOUR

Dark, edgy humour is common in adult animation and often includes jokes about topics like sexism, racism, mental illness, or abuse. When children hear these jokes, they may repeat them without fully understanding their meaning. This can lead to inappropriate behaviour in school or online spaces, and in some cases, it can reinforce harmful stereotypes or desensitise children to real-world injustice and discrimination.

EXPOSURE TO HARMFUL THEMES

A number of adult animated shows and online videos explore mature or disturbing themes, such as addiction, trauma, abuse, self-harm, or violence, and often do so in a stylised or humorous way. Younger viewers may not have the emotional maturity to process this content, leading to confusion, distress, or the normalisation of very serious issues that should be discussed in a supportive context.

ALGORITHMIC RECOMMENDATIONS

Video platforms are designed to keep users watching by suggesting similar content. If a child watches one mature animation, they may quickly be shown more, including even darker or more extreme videos. These recommendations are based on viewing patterns, not age-appropriateness. Without strict settings in place, this can lead to a rapid spiral into unsuitable, upsetting, or even harmful content online.

RISK OF DISTRESS AND FEAR

Some adult animations, especially horror-based content or 'creepypasta' style stories, include disturbing imagery, unsettling music, and sudden scares. These videos sometimes feature distorted versions of well-known children's characters, such as Sonic the Hedgehog or Peppa Pig, in frightening or violent scenarios. Children can be negatively affected if they come across this unexpectedly, leading to sleep disturbances, anxiety, or long-lasting fears, especially if children have existing worries or sensitive personalities.

DESENSITISATION TO VIOLENCE

Stylised violence in animation is often exaggerated and constant. Repeated exposure to it can reduce a child's emotional response to harm, making aggression or cruelty appear entertaining or acceptable. Over time, children may become less empathetic or more tolerant of harmful behaviours in real life, especially if they see others online reacting with humour, memes, or praise for violent characters or scenes.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN WHAT CHILDREN ARE WATCHING

Take time to ask children what they're watching and who their favourite creators are. Sit down and watch a few videos to get a full understanding. This helps you spot inappropriate content early and shows children that you're interested and engaged in their online world, not just policing it.

TALK ABOUT WHAT'S APPROPRIATE

Keep communication open and non-judgemental. Talk about why certain themes or jokes are not appropriate for children, even if they appear in animated form. Help children understand that just because something is popular or shared widely, it does not mean it's suitable or safe. If they've seen something upsetting, respond calmly, offer reassurance, and explain things in an age-appropriate way.

USE PLATFORM SETTINGS WISELY

Make use of built-in safety tools like content filters, restricted mode, and age settings on platforms such as YouTube, Netflix or TikTok. Turn off auto-play where possible and regularly review what children are being recommended. Although these settings aren't foolproof, they add an important layer of protection and help reduce the risk of children encountering disturbing or adult content accidentally.

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Help children think carefully about what they watch. Talk about the difference between fictional exaggeration and reality, while helping them question why certain content is made. Is it informative, entertaining, or meant to shock? This builds digital resilience and encourages them to make safer choices in future, rather than simply following viral trends or peer pressure to watch mature content.

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Let's Celebrate

We love to hear about your pupils' achievements both inside and outside of school.

- Congratulations to **Mabel H** (2BP) for completing her ballet exam during half term. She was very excited and prepared herself well

If you would like your child's achievement to feature in the newsletter, please email the details along with a photograph to newsletter@st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk.

Mrs Tunnicliffe - School Office



Lunch Menu

Please see below next week's menu. Please discuss with your child their preferred lunch options and book via [IFG](#).

MENU WEEK 1
SERVED W/C: 27th Oct | 17th Nov | 8th Dec | 19th Jan | 9th Feb | 2nd Mar | 23rd Mar | 13th Apr
Cucina IFG

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: left;"> MAIN MEAL </div>	OPTION 1 Cheese & Bean Lasagne	Margherita Pizza & Wedges	Vegan Lentil & Stuffing Pastry Roll	BBQ Quorn & Peppers & Rice	Vegan Vegetable Nuggets & Chips
	OPTION 2 Sticky Chinese Chicken & Vegetable Rice	Traditional Creamy Beef Lasagne	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken in a Katsu Curry Sauce & Rice	MSC Approved Fish Fingers & Chips
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: left;"> VEGGIES </div>	Carrots & Peas	Broccoli	Roasted Carrots & Parsnips	Peas	Beans
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: left;"> PASTA </div>	Cheese Sauce	House Tomato Sauce	Cheese Sauce	House Tomato Sauce	Creamy Pesto
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: left;"> FILLED ROLLS </div>	Ham Cheese	Chicken Egg	Ham Cheese	Tuna Mayo Cheese	Egg Cheese
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Our crunchy colourful salad & jacket potatoes with cheese, beans, tuna mayo or cheese and beans					
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: left;"> SWEET TREATS </div>	Blueberry Cookie Bar	Chocolate & Banana Brownie	Strawberry Yoghurt & Strawberry Sauce	Apple & Cocoa Sponge	Raspberry Jelly
Desserts available every day - a choice of jelly, fruit or yoghurt					
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; color: white; background-color: #e67e22;">KEY</div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> Nutritionist's Choice </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;"> Vegetarian </div> <div style="margin-right: 10px;"> Vegan </div> <div> Added Wholewheat </div> </div>					



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7TH - 10TH APRIL
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Holiday Activities & Food

The Harlequins Foundation's Healthy Holiday Programme offers young people, aged 5-11 and in receipt of benefit related free school meals access to a range of FREE activities delivered by our experienced team of coaches.



 Sunbury Manor School
TW16 6LF

 10:00-14:00

7 - 10 April 2026

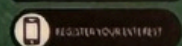
Activities Include:

- ◆ Multi-sports including rugby, football, cricket, dodgeball
- ◆ Robot Rugby
- ◆ Arts, crafts & board games
- ◆ Specialist sports coaching

Special features:

- ◆ Healthy snacks and lunch provided
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Key Term Dates

SPRING TERM 2

Monday 2nd March - Years 5 & 6 Boys Football vs Clarendon (home)

Tuesday 3rd March - Year 2 visit Sunbury Library (10.30am & 1.30pm)

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Thursday 5th March - Years 5 & 6 Girls Netball Tournament vs Buckland Primary School (away)

Tuesday 10th March - Years 5 & 6 Boys Football vs Riverbridge (away)

Wednesday 11th March - Reception trip to Wisley

Wednesday 11th March - Year 2 Parent Assembly

Thursday 12th March - Years 3 & 4 Netball - ACAT - Our Lady of the Rosary (away)

Friday 13th March - PTA Mothers Day Sale

Friday 13th March - Years 3 & 4 Hockey Tournament @ Ashford Hockey Club

Monday 16th March - Neurodiversity Celebration Week

Tuesday 17th March - KS2 Cross Country @ London Irish

Tuesday 17th March - Neurodiversity Celebration Week - Parent Workshops

Wednesday 18th March - Neurodiversity Celebration Week - Pupil Workshops

Thursday 19th March - Year 4 trip to Kew Gardens

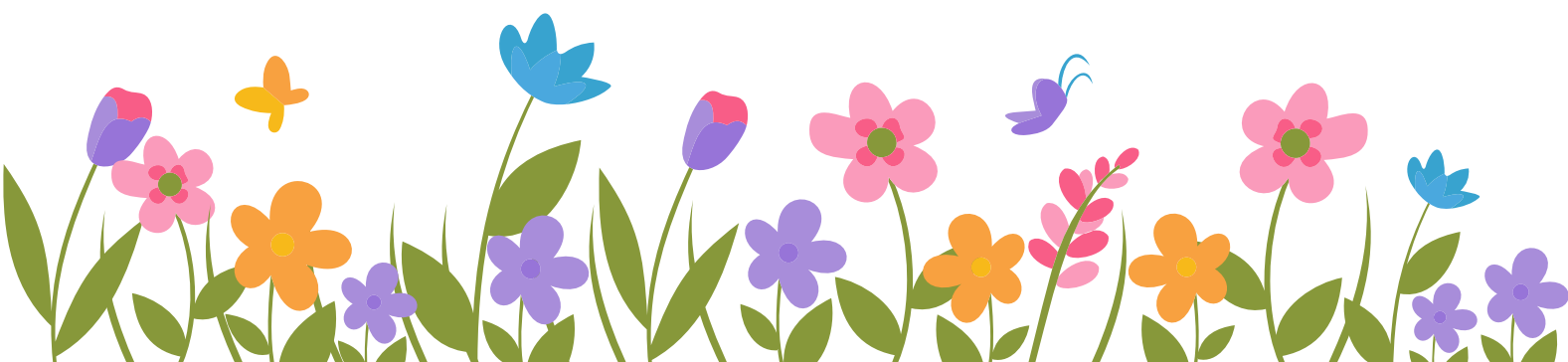
Monday 23rd March - Years 5 & 6 Boys Football vs Town Farm (away)

Monday 23rd March - Parents' Evening @ 3.30pm

Tuesday 24th March - Parents' Evening @ 3.30pm

Wednesday 25th March - EYFS Fairytale Workshop

Friday 27th March - End of spring term - finish at 1.15pm



Safeguarding

Governors and staff of St Ignatius share an objective to help keep children safe by:

- Providing a safe environment for them to learn
- Identifying children who are suffering or likely to suffer significant harm, and taking appropriate action.

Please read through the safeguarding guidance documents on this page, which include those designed for children. Please contact the Designated Safeguarding Leads below should you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child.

You can do this by calling the school directly, or emailing: dsl@st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk

You can also find out more about how we teach safety to children on our [Safety Curriculum](#) page, in the Curriculum section of the website.

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD (DSL):

Mrs E O'Neill - Deputy Headteacher

DEPUTY DSL:

Ms H Murphy - Headteacher

Miss T Frew - Assistant Headteacher

Mrs I Barkworth - SENDCo

Mrs L Whittington - KS2 Lead

Miss Z Palmer - KS1 Lead

Any concerns can be discussed with a DSL. If you have any concerns that involve the Headteacher, please contact the **Ascension Catholic Academy Trust** via email at admin@ascensioncat.org or by telephone on 0208 325 4630. The LGB details are being updated.

You can read our **Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy** [here](#).

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