



ST IGNATIUS NEWSLETTER

03.07.2026



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



District Sports

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we end the week with slightly lower temperatures, I believe we may need to brace ourselves for higher temperatures again next week. **PE kits may be worn every day next week.** If your daughter would prefer to wear her summer dress that is fine and anyone wearing a shirt will not require a tie. We will continue to monitor on a daily basis and ensure the children have time indoors and outdoors as appropriate. Our activities in the final couple of weeks will reflect the needs at the time.

Year 6 pupils are making great strides with their production - **The Amazing Adventures of Superstan** - and I'm so excited to be in the audience next week.

Celebration of the Arts

I met with pupils taking part in this years Celebration of the Arts evening this week. I guarantee there is going to be a full array of talents on display on Wednesday 15th July at 2pm in the hall. Even if your child is not taking part, you are very very welcome to witness the talents of the children in our school.

For those children who are taking part, now is the time to really get practising and if you have specific pieces of music, please send the links to either Mrs Evans or myself.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MONDAY 6TH JULY

EYFS Sports Day @ 9am

TUESDAY 7TH JULY

Years 6 Production *(to school only)*

WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY

Year 6 Production to parents @ 7pm

THURSDAY 9TH JULY

Drumming Assembly @ 9.45am
Year 6 Production to parents @ 7pm

FRIDAY 10TH JULY

Art Gallery & Opal Play for parents @ 9am
Ms Murphy's Afternoon Tea
Reports & New Classes to parents
Holly's School of Dance Presentation @
3.45pm



On Wednesday evening, I had the pleasure of attending the **ACAT Writing Competition**, which was held at our School. Every child across the Trust took part in a piece of writing, which was then identified by the teachers as strong pieces of work. Wednesday was an opportunity to identify the best writers and give a special badge to each of them, as well as a special plaque for the winner.

The following children were finalists:

- Jeremiah J (6N)
- Mia C (5B)
- Naina V (4P)
- Kiara V (3V)
- Oryn L (2C)
- Austin W (1OS)
- Oliver (R)

The overall winner in his age group from St Ignatius was **Austin W** in Year 1.

Community Day

Over the summer, we are planning to renew our Prayer and Wellbeing Garden. We would be very grateful if you could help us prepare the site.

Please join us for a few hours on **Saturday 11th July** from 2pm to help with the following tasks:

- Demolish the existing planters
- Remove the trellis and fence panels
- Pressure wash the paving slabs
- Cut back the dead hedge



If you have any of the following, please bring them with you: secateurs, a saw, large waste bags, a pressure washer and gardening gloves.

Mobile Phones

Please can I remind all parents to put their mobile phones away during drop-off and pick up time every day. The children have spent time creating posters to remind all of us adults of the need to have your undivided attention, eye contact and smile. This is not possible when we are on our mobile phones. Our children will not be this age forever.

Can I also please request that any children on bikes or scooters come off them and walk them once they reach the school gates. Thank you so much for your support.

Bayeux Tapestry

I have seen that the **British Museum** will be displaying the [Bayeux Tapestry](#) from September. Tickets are available [here](#). This may be something that we may never get to see you again in our lifetime. I will certainly be buying my tickets.

Every Monday morning, I gather all the staff together to focus ourselves for another week of learning and serving with one another. This week, I showed the following clip from some words for Mother Teresa. The link is [here](#) if you are interested. I find stopping and taking time to reflect regularly is a helpful tool.

Information for 2026-2027

I will be writing to you all next week regarding staffing for 2026-2027 and you will also receive your child's school report and information about new teachers.

At this time of year, the team is planning the next academic year and our school priorities, which I will share with you in September.

Uniform

Please be advised that from September schools are restricted to offering a maximum of 3 branded items, this is to support parents financially. At St Ignatius we have selected the following three items:

- School tie
- Branded school jumper or cardigan
- Branded school PE t-shirt

Optional Items

Whilst the above mentioned items are compulsory, you are very welcome to continue to purchase the remaining aspects of the school uniform with our branding on. All of this information can be found on the school website under [Uniform](#).

School Bags

Regarding school bags from September, again the school still has the branded school bags, which are very smart, but no longer compulsory. However, I would ask for any bags to either be black or navy. Studies have shown that where there is a high regard for uniform and presentation, pupils and standards at the school are generally higher.

Last week, was my sister's birthday and it was a reminder of the importance of family. It is my daughter's birthday party tomorrow and she has asked for a mini festival. Please wish me luck!

God bless,

Ms Murphy
Headteacher

Attendance

This week's **highest attendance** was **3BF (98.1%)** and **3V (97.2%)**.

The whole school attendance percentage this week was **93.6%**. Our school target is 98%.

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.

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.

- **Year 2 - The Great Fire of London Workshop**
 - Date: 2nd July 2026
 - Overdue Payment: 18th June 2026
- **Current Year 5 - PGL Residential Trip**
 - Installments date as follows:
 - Friday 27th March 2026
 - Thursday 30th April 2026
 - Friday 29th May 2026
 - Tuesday 30th June 2026 (final payment)

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Miss McCormack - School Office

Year 1 London Zoo

The Year 1 children had a wonderful time on their school trip. They saw many different animals but some of their favourites were the giraffes, zebras, gorillas, monkeys, penguins and lions. They also loved seeing the tigers as one of them was walking around.

The children were full of excitement as they explored the zoo and learned lots of interesting facts about the animals. It was a fantastic day and the children all coped very well with the long journey back to school!

Miss Grady and Miss O'Sullivan - Year 1 Class Teachers



District Sports (Athletics)



We had a hugely successful time at district sports on Thursday. The children competed fantastically and everyone tried their best.

We won lots of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals and were delighted to finish in 2nd place overall. Well done to all of the children who took part for showing such great sportsmanship, determination and wonderful behaviour.

Thank you also to the parents who so kindly transported their children (and in some cases their friends' children) to and from the venue so that we could get everyone there. I know that some parents got stuck in particularly bad traffic on the way there but all of the children made it!

Finally, a huge thank you to the teaching assistants for coming and helping not just at this event but at many events this year. Without their kind offers of help, we would not be able to take the children to these events.

Miss Grady - Year 1 Class Teacher & PE Lead

Year 2 The Great Fire of London Workshop

On 2nd July, the Year 2 children took part in an exciting Great Fire of London workshop led by the **Freshwater Theatre Company**. In role as Mary Porter, a resident of Pudding Lane in 1666, the actor used drama, role-play and tableaux to bring history to life. The children explored life before, during and after the Great Fire, even becoming the flames through movement, mime and ribbons.



This fun and engaging, hands-on experience enriched our history learning, giving the children the opportunity to deepen their understanding of this significant historical event through dramatic re-enactment.

Mrs Pegram and Miss Cade - Year 2 Class Teacher

PTA Break the Rules Day

Thank you to the PTA who have organised a Break the Rules day today! We have seen great hairstyles, bright coloured tops and all different trainers. The children have had lots of fun showing their friends the rules they have broken.

What a great way to raise money for the school! The PTA will share an update once they know what all the money kindly donated will be spent on. Many thanks to all the parents for your support and donations.



Miss Frew - Assistant Headteacher

PE Notices

Years 5 & 6 Girls Netball League

The following fixtures have been arranged:

- **Tuesday 14th July** vs Laleham (home game). I will send a letter today but the permissions from the original letter will apply.

EYFS Sports Day - Monday 6th July @ 9am - 11am

- Please ensure that children are in school at 8.30am
- Children need to wear their PE kit and trainers
- Children need to have a sun hat, water and sun lotion applied at home

The far KS2 gates will open at 8.45am - please arrive promptly to sign in so that the event can start on time.

Safeguarding at Sports Day

For safeguarding reasons, we are unable to allow parents or siblings to use the school toilets. Please be mindful that we will ask you to stay for the whole event as we don't have enough staff to walk parents back to the gate during the event.

Miss Grady - PE Lead

Opal Play Awards

The following children have been awarded an OPAL play certificate during our Friday Celebration Assembly.

Golden Broom Award

- KS1 - Christopher R
- KS2 - Kaitlyn H

Golden Welly Award

- KS1 - Carter S
- KS2 - Valentina S



Miss Frew - Assistant Headteacher

Headteacher Awards

Each week our pupils are recognised for following our school values. This week's value was **Helpful Harrison**. During our Celebration Assembly today the following children were awarded a Headteacher Award:

Reception:

- Hedgehogs - Jason V
- Badgers - Nadelyn F

Year 1:

- 1OS - Phoebe V
- 1G - Andreea A

Year 2:

- 2C - Sebastian J
- 2BP - Phoenix W

Year 3:

- 3V - Marlene D
- 3BF - Leo R

Year 4:

- 4P - Aadi G
- 4AP - Jasmine A

Year 5:

- 5W - Layla-Rae S
- 5B - Maddox L

Year 6:

- 6N - Patrick H
- 6S - Daisy S

I am so very proud of each and every one of you!

Ms Murphy - Headteacher

Let's Celebrate

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

- Congratulations to **Cameron A** (3BF) for achieving 1st place in his Judo competition last weekend
- Congratulations to **Eliza M** (3BF) for competing in her first ever gymnastics competition at Spelthorne Gym last weekend. She was very proud of herself, as it was a big crowd and she has never competed or performed in anything before
- Congratulations to **Lana M** (5B) for being awarded a 1st prize medal in her gymnastics championship last weekend. We are so proud and impressed

Mrs Tunnicliffe - School Office



Wake Up Wednesdays

Top Tips for Managing Digital Boundaries for Under-5s

Screens are now part of daily life, but for very young children, simple and predictable boundaries can make a big difference. This guide explores how adults can help under-fives build healthier digital habits by choosing content carefully, keeping devices in shared spaces, protecting bedtime routines and making screen time feel calm rather than constant.

It also highlights the importance of adult involvement, from co-viewing and chatting about what children see to modelling balanced device use ourselves. With practical scripts, transition tips and age-appropriate routines, the guide offers supportive advice for families, nurseries and early years settings looking to manage screen time with confidence.

Miss Partington - Year 4 Class Teacher & PSHE Lead

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

MANAGING DIGITAL BOUNDARIES FOR CHILDREN UNDER FIVE

Screens are part of everyday life, but they should not take over early childhood routines. For under-fives, healthy digital habits are built through simple, steady boundaries that protect sleep, play, connection, and development. Current UK guidance advises avoiding screen time for children under two – except for shared activities such as video calls – while children aged two to five should ideally have no more than one hour a day.

1 ASK A GROWN-UP FIRST

For under-fives, autonomy is important, but not when it comes to choosing digital content. Establish an 'ask a grown-up first' rule early, whether at home or in an early years setting. Adults should choose the video, app, or game, therefore helping children avoid unsuitable content and understand that devices are tools to be guided, not toys to control.

2 PROTECT SLEEP BUFFERS

Screens can make it harder for young children to wind down, especially when content is bright, noisy, or fast paced. Aim for a screen-free hour before sleep or start with 30 minutes if that feels more realistic. Use this time for calming routines such as stories, both time, quiet play, or cuddles, helping children recognise that bedtime is approaching.

3 CO-VIEW AND CHAT

Screen time is safer and more meaningful when adults are involved. Sit with children, even briefly, and talk about what they're watching. Ask simple questions like, "What can you see?" or "How does that character feel?" This turns passive viewing into shared interaction, supports language development, and helps adults spot adverts, unsuitable content, or confusing messages.

4 KEEP DEVICES HIDDEN

Young children are more likely to ask for screens when they can see or reach them. Keep devices out of sight when they're not being used, and consider casting content to a shared screen instead of handing over a phone or tablet to a child. This reduces private scrolling, supports shared viewing, and helps adults stay in control of what appears next.

5 PLAN THE TRANSITION

The hardest part of screen time is often stopping. Before the screen goes off, tell the child what's coming next and offer two acceptable choices, such as blocks or drawing. This gives them a sense of agency without removing the boundary. A planned next activity prevents a sudden gap, which can quickly become frustration or distress.

6 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Children notice adult habits long before they understand adult explanations. If they're expected to put their screens away, they need to see adults doing the same thing during meals, play, and conversations. Create a shared 'phone home', such as a basket or shelf, to show that technology has a place in daily life but does not need constant attention.

7 MAKE SCREENS PREDICTABLE

Young children do not always understand minutes, but they quickly learn patterns. When screen time happens at a regular point in the day, it becomes a routine rather than a negotiation. Use the same start and finish signals each time, such as a timer, goodbye wave, or tidy-away moment, so children know what to expect next.

8 CREATE SCREEN ZONES

Physical boundaries help children understand digital boundaries. Keep screens out of bedrooms to protect their sleep and away from tables to preserve mealtime connections. Choose one agreed 'yes space', such as a shared living room area or supervised classroom corner. This makes limits feel less personal and more like a clear family or setting routine.

9 USE SIMPLE SCRIPTS

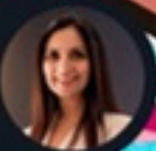
Transitions are easier when children hear the same calm language each time. Use short, repeatable phrases such as, "First tidy, then tablet," or "When the timer beeps, we stop." Avoid long explanations during emotional moments. Simple scripts reduce negotiation, help adults stay consistent, and give children clear expectations they can gradually understand and follow.

10 PRIORITISE SLOW CONTENT

Not all screen time feels the same to a young child's brain. Fast-paced clips, loud sounds, and rapid scene changes can make it harder for some children to settle down afterwards. Choose slower content with simple stories, gentle voices, and natural pauses. Think of digital content like food, with more calm, nourishing choices than fast-paced, digital 'sugar rushes'.

Meet Our Expert

Neha Agarwal is the founder of Cyber Ved Kids, an innovative educational initiative that transforms complex cybersecurity concepts into engaging, age-appropriate adventures for children aged 3-10. With her unique background leading cybersecurity services for corporates and serving as an expert panel advisor on Internet Matters, Neha brings corporate-grade cybersecurity expertise to the early years world.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Key Term Dates

Date	Event
Monday 6 th July	EYFS Sports Day @ 9am
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 6 Production @ 7pm in School Hall
Thursday 9 th July	Drumming Assembly
Thursday 9 th July	Year 6 Production @ 7pm in School Hall
Friday 10 th July	Reports & New Classes
Friday 10 th July	Opal Play & Art Gallery @ 9am - 9.30am
Friday 10 th July	Holly's School of Dance Showcase
Monday 13 th July	In-House Transition and Stay & Play Sessions (EYFS)
Tuesday 14 th July	In-House Transition
Tuesday 14 th July	Years 5 & 6 Netball Match vs Laleham (home)
Wednesday 15 th July	Celebration of Arts in School Hall @ 2pm
Thursday 16 th July	Leavers' Liturgy @ 9.30am
Friday 17 th July	End of term - finish at 1.15pm
Monday 20 th July	INSET Day
Tuesday 1 st September	INSET Day
Wednesday 16 th September	School Individual Photos
Friday 25 th September	PTA Break the Rules Day
Wednesday 30 th September	Open Morning to Prospective Parents @ 9.30am

Lunch Menu

Please see below next week's menu. Please discuss with your child their preferred lunch options and book via [SchoolGrid](#). Please note that orders can be placed up to 8:30am each day with the new SchoolGrid system.

If you haven't already registered, please do so via the link emailed out this week. Please remember to update your child's dietary requirements if applicable.

If you encounter any issues booking school lunches, please contact SchoolGrid on 01506 300310. Note that only one parent can be assigned as the user of the account.

School Office Team

MENU WEEK 1

SERVED W/C:

2nd Mar, 23rd Mar, 13th Apr, 4th May, 15th June, 6th July

Cucina IFG

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Main Meal

OPTION 1

OPTION 2

Margherita pizza & oven baked wedges

Mixed bean bolognaise with penne pasta

Vegetable sausages with roast potatoes & gravy

Pea-powered vegetable stir fry with carrot rice

Vegetable nuggets, chips & tomato ketchup

Pepperoni pizza & oven baked wedges

Beef & lentil bolognaise with penne pasta

Roast gammon with roast potatoes & gravy

Creamy coconut chicken & chickpea curry with carrot rice

Fish fingers, chips & tomato ketchup

Veggies

Broccoli

Carrots & peas

Carrot & cabbage

Broccoli & Cauliflower

Baked beans

Pasta

Penne pasta with house tomato sauce

Penne pasta with a creamy cheese sauce

Creamy pesto penne pasta

Penne pasta with a creamy cheese sauce

Penne pasta with house tomato sauce

Filled Rolls

Ham Cheese Tuna mayo

Ham Cheese Tuna mayo

Ham Cheese Tuna mayo

Ham Cheese Tuna mayo

Cheese Tuna mayo

Sweet Treats

Lemon shortbread biscuit

Chocolate & banana brownie sponge

Orange jelly & mandarins

Baked apple & cinnamon sponge

Strawberry yogurt & strawberry sauce

Available Every Day -

Crunchy Colourful Salad Bar & Jacket Potatoes with Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise & Cheese & Beans

KEY

Wholegrain

Vegetarian

Nutritionist's Choice

Vegan

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MIDDAY ON
19TH JULY

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AFTER
MIDDAY ON
19TH JULY

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PER DAY

DATES:

MON 20TH - FRI 24TH JULY

MON 27TH - FRI 31ST JULY

MON 3RD - FRI 7TH AUGUST

Picnic in the Park

Bring your own picnic
Entry £2 per adult, £1 per child

Staines Park
Tuesday 28th July
11am-2pm



Games
Train Rides
Refreshments
Toy Sale
Football



Homemade Cakes
Crafts courtesy of





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Mindfulness Pony Days For Kids

A magical day of ponies, riding, art, friendship and mindfulness

What to expect :

- Mindfulness time with ponies
- Pony care
- Riding and Mounted games
- Connect with arts and nature
- Make new friends



Dates:

4th, 6th, 10th and 13th of August 2026

Time: 8:30 am -1:00pm

📍 **Hillcrest Farm Riding School,
Horsham RH13 6NX**

Book Now

Spaces limited to 10 children per day

£115 per child per day £30 pound deposit

By purchasing a ticket via eventbrite you are paying a £30 deposit. You will be invoiced for the balance 1 week before the event

Links for Booking

4th August

6th August

10th August

13th August

We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) we celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.



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AGES 9 TO 19

STEP INTO THE WONDERFULLY WEIRD
WORLD OF THE ADDAMS FAMILY

AUDITION DATES

Tuesday 14th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026

VENUE

Godalming (Venue TBC)

REHEARSALS

W/C 14th September 2026 – W/C 8th February 2027

7:00pm – 9:00pm

SHOW WEEK

W/C Monday 8th February 2027

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SUMMER HOLIDAYS

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BOOKINGS ARE NOW LIVE FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.



EcoKids Craft Camps are 20th to 31st July and 10th to 21st August.

Full and Half Days are available.

Each morning has a new upcycling activity.

Example activities are below.

UPCYCLED PLANT POT PAINTING, PAINT A TERRACOTTA OR CLAY PLANT POT.



SHOE AND TRAINER GLOW UP USING PAINT, DECOUPAGE AND JEWELLERY



TIN CAN PLANT POT UPCYCLING USING PAINT AND STENCILING.



UPCYCLE A PICTURE FRAME, MIRROR OR SMALL ITEM USING PAINT, DECOUPAGE OR STENCILING.



"SUCH A LOVELY CLASS, MY DAUGHTER MADE SOMETHING SUSTAINABLE TO KEEP"- RACHEL



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Summer Holiday Activities



Picasso-style Cubist Faces

4th August 2026

Use cardboard, scissors and paint to create a topsy-turvy masterpiece

11am-12pm or 2pm-3pm Cost: £3.50

Age: 4-12. 4-5 year olds must be with an adult

Fantastic Fans

11th August

Discover the history of fans and see some originals

Then decorate a wood and paper fan.

11am-11:45am or 2pm-2:45pm Cost: £3.00

Age: 4-12. 4-5 year olds must be with an adult

Clay Day

18th August

Discover Ancient Greek toys and explore our replicas before making your own clay creations.

11am - 12pm or 2pm-3pm Cost: £3.50

Age: 5-12. 5 year olds must be with an adult

Butterfly and Bee Noughts and Crosses

25th August

Make a butterfly and bee noughts and crosses game using wood, paint and your imagination.

11am - 12pm or 2pm-3pm Cost: £4.00

Age: 5-12. 5 year olds must be with an adult

Booking is essential. To book: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/organizations/friends-of-chertsey-museum>

Or phone: 01932 565 764

www.chertseymuseum.org/events

Call 01932 565764 to book your place

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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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