



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Here we are, having reached 1st May! This year seems to be moving along so quickly and this week, I have had the pleasure of supporting the Year 6 children in their Mock SATS week, which really helps to prepare them for the tests coming up soon (Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May.)

We also welcomed Daniel Skyes this week, who works for Cyber Protect, as part of Surrey and West Sussex Police. Daniel gave the children two extremely insightful talks into how to protect themselves online, as well as hosting a parent and staff session. In particular, we learnt about the word of 'influencers', restricting your digital footprint and the risks of exploitation facing young people today. I cannot stress enough how important it is to engage with these kinds of parent talks, particularly in the new era of Artificial Intelligence, especially as we know through our discussions with children, a huge number are actively using AI for a range of activities online (mostly harmless and fun) but you may like to ask your child these two thought provoking questions over the bank holiday weekend to better inform yourself:

1. Who do you follow on social media / watch videos of on YouTube?
2. How have you been using AI on your devices?

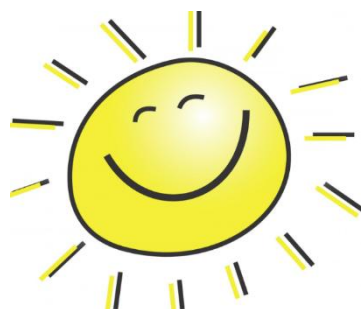
Here are some useful links which were also shared in the sessions, which are relevant to all families:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

<https://cybercheck.southeastcyber.police.uk/>

BANK HOLIDAY

A reminder to parents that Monday is a bank holiday and therefore school will be closed. We hope everyone has a wonderful long weekend.



SUMMER WEATHER

Now the weather is getting warmer please may we remind parents that children must come to school each day with a water bottle and sun hat (these must be the Shottermill green caps) which can be purchased via Scopay and then collected from the School Office. We also recommend children have suncream applied before school. Children are welcome to bring suncream into school if they need to reapply during the day. Please ensure this is named.

MAY HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMP

KOOSA Kids are pleased to be operating our May Half Term Holiday Club at Shottermill Junior School from Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May. Their exciting, action-packed activity programme is designed for children aged 4-13, featuring a mix of exciting games, art and crafts, active challenges and their famous Go-Karts.

For more information and to book please visit this link! <https://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club>

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WELL DONE

Well done to Hannah in Year 6 who competed in the IDTA nationwide Latin finals at Blackpool Winter Gardens Empress Ballroom, having qualified to compete for the South East Region.

Her dances were Jive, Rhumba, Samba and Cha Cha, and she danced two rounds in the 12 years and under age group. We are very proud of the dedication and confidence that Hannah has shown! Well done Hannah!



A huge congratulations to Eli in Year 5 who was awarded team MVP at the Tigers Rugby Tour last weekend. Benji and Hariison (also Year 5) were also awarded medals by Will Greenwood, ex-England International. This competition was attended by approx 2,400 children so a huge achievement to all the boys!



THE PTFA QUIZ AND CURRY NIGHT

The PTFA would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended and helped run last Friday's PTFA Quiz and Curry Night, as you helped raise £773 for the school! Congratulations to our winning team - The Spicy Margs!

Thank you to the Lion's Den for generously supplying vouchers for our winners, and to Shottermill parents Alex and James for being expert quizmasters. Finally a massive thank you to Shottermill parent Naseer and the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community at the Mubarak Mosque in Tilford, for the incredible curry they very generously cooked and donated, it was delicious!

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YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES

We are delighted that Year 6 can now order their Class of 2026 Leavers' Hoody! We are working with Fizz Hoodies, the UK's premier supplier of Leavers' Hoodies, and are eagerly anticipating what is sure to be a wonderful keepsake to celebrate Year 6's time at SJS. The hoodies will have a large '26' print on the back, containing the names of all students in the year group, and will also feature an embroidered school logo on the front. The hoodies are available to purchase in bottle green - our school colour.

To place an order, please visit the following website: <https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk/>

Our School Unique ID is: J08988YR6. **If you would like to order a hoodie you must place an order before 6th May 2026.** I cannot stress this deadline enough, as we do not want anyone to be disappointed. The school will not be ordering any spare.



HASLEMERE HUB YEAR 6 PARTY

The Haslemere Youth Hub have arranged a Year 6 end of SATs party on Friday 15th May (3.45pm-6pm). Tickets cost £5 and children will have access to a range of activities and food and drink.

To book your child's place visit:

[Yr 6 SATs Party! - The Haslemere Hub](http://www.thehaslemerehub.com/youth)

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ATTENDANCE

In each newsletter we will be congratulating the three classes with the highest attendance figures. Although we do appreciate all children from time to time do get poorly and this cannot be helped, we feel it is important to celebrate the classes who have the highest attendance.

4ZH - 97.2%

3N - 97%

4M - 96.9%

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DIARY DATES FOR 2025 - 2026

| May | |
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| Monday 4 th May | Bank Holiday |
| Wednesday 6 th May | Brenscombe Parent Information Session: 3.20pm (in school) |
| Monday 11 th – Thursday 14 th May | Year 6 SATS Week |
| Wednesday 13 th May | Sayers Croft Parent Information Session: 5pm (on Zoom) |
| Friday 15 th May | 4M Treat Sale: 3.10pm |
| Tuesday 19 th May | 3C to Pizza Express |
| Wednesday 20 th May | Year 6 to Chessington |
| Thursday 21 st May | Mufti day (wear home clothes) |
| Friday 22 nd May | Inset Day |
| Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May | Half-Term |
| June | |
| Tuesday 2 nd June | Year 6 photographs |
| Thursday 4 th June | Confederation Swimming Gala (tbc) |
| Monday 8 th June | Year 3 Tilford Trip |
| Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th June | Year 5 to Brenscombe |
| Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th June | Year 6 Bikeability |
| Friday 19 th June | 6H Treat Sale: 3.10pm |
| Monday 22 nd – Wednesday 24 th June | Year 4 to Sayers Croft |
| Friday 26 th June | Colour Run (tbc) |
| Monday 29 th June | Confederation Sports |
| Tuesday 30 th June | Move Up Day |
| July | |
| Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th July | Year 6 Bikeability |
| Wednesday 8 th July | School Production |
| Thursday 9 th July | School Production |
| Thursday 9 th July | District Sports |
| Thursday 16 th July | Year 6 Leavers Disco: 6pm |
| Monday 20 th July | Year 6 Leavers Assembly (time tbc) |
| Tuesday 21 st July | Mufti Day and End of Summer Term |
| Wednesday 22 nd July | Inset Day |

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Penalty Notices - Just to remind parents/carers that if you take your child out of school without authority, you will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable is £80.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £160.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive four penalty notices. Please note if you have received a penalty notice fine since 19th August 2024 the second penalty notice will be a flat fee of £160.00 – there is no reduction in fee regardless of how quickly payment is received. If you incur two penalty notices within three years 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. Our full Attendance Policy is available to view on our website.

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