



Be the best you can be, every day

Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

A Happy New Year to you all and welcome to 2025! I hope you managed to enjoy a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. It has been lovely to see everyone back this week, as well as being able to welcome some new members to the North Downs family.

A big thank you to everyone who joined us at the Christmas Fair at the end of term, but a particularly huge thank you to Team FONDS and all of the volunteers who gave their time to make this end of term event such a success. As soon as we have a total for the monies raised we will share this with you. There are many more events planned for this school year, including the return of the North Downs Panto...more details to come!

More immediately though, I would just like to offer a reminder that our parent teacher consultations take place in a few weeks. The dates and times for these are as follows:

Betchworth & Leigh: Tuesday 11th February 3.30pm - 6pm
Thursday 13th February 4.30 pm - 7.00pm

Brockham: Tuesday 11th February 4.30pm - 7.00pm
Thursday 13th February 3.30pm - 6pm

Information regarding booking details and availability for Mrs Scott, SENCo and Inclusion Lead will come out over the next week or so.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 10th February - Start of Children's' Mental Health Week

Tuesday 11th February - Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th February - Parent Teacher Consultations

Thursday 13th February - Parent Teacher Consultations

Thursday 13th March - World Book Day

Friday 14th February - Break up for half term

Monday 24th February - Children return to school

Wednesday 26th February - Music Festival at Dorking Halls

Friday 4th April - Break up for Easter

Tuesday 22nd April - Children return to school

Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday Monday

Friday 23rd May - Maypole on The Green

Friday 23rd May - Break up for half term

Monday 2nd June - Children return to school

Monday 23rd June - Year 6 Residential Trip

Friday 11th July - End of Reports sent home

Friday 18th July - Children break up for the summer

Interested in becoming a teacher?

Surrey Downs Partnership (<https://www.surreydownspartnership.org.uk/>) are recruiting applicants to train in a range of primary and secondary subjects. We are looking for recent graduates, career changers or those wanting to re-start their working career to share their knowledge, skills and experiences with young people in our communities. Teaching remains a valuable and fulfilling profession. We are looking for those with the drive and resilience to really make a difference to young people's lives.

We are hosting two events:

Train to Teach event at The Ashcombe School on Tuesday 21st January 2025 from 10 - 11.30am. Please register your interest by completing this online form [Train to Teach - 21st January 2025](#)

If you are unable to make the daytime event on 21st January, we are also running an evening online Zoom meeting on Monday 27th January at 6pm, when you can gain information about getting into teaching.

The link for joining the evening meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85482120405?pwd=BnkabuY6rBrtarFLtBeACkH7bBiCxb.1>

Meeting ID: 854 8212 0405

Passcode: D9HjwV

SURREY ARTS

SOUTH SURREY ENSEMBLES OPEN REHEARSALS

Mid Surrey Wind Band
Grade 3 + | Tuesday 21 January
4pm to 5.30pm
at The Ashcome School, Dorking

Mid Surrey Training Band
Beginner to Grade 2 | Tuesday 21 January
5.30pm to 6.30pm
at The Ashcome School, Dorking

Prima Strings
Beginner to Grade 2 | Wednesday 22 January
5.15pm to 6.30pm
at Tillingbourne School, Chilworth

Opus Strings
Grade 2 to 4 | Wednesday 22 January
5.15pm to 6.30pm
at Tillingbourne School, Chilworth

South West Winds
Beginner to Grade 4
Wednesday 22 January
5.15pm to 6.30pm
at Tillingbourne School, Chilworth

South West Surrey Youth Orchestra
Grade 4 +
Wednesday 22 January
6.45pm to 8.45pm
at Tillingbourne School, Chilworth

Contact Surrey Arts for Information on Joining:
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E: surreyartsmusic@surreycc.gov.uk
surreycc.gov.uk/music

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A Polite Reminder regarding Admissions

We would like to remind parents that the national closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2025 entry is **15 January 2025**.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply/step-4-apply>

Applications received after the closing date without an exceptional reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of you being offered one of the preferred schools for your child.

If you have any admissions queries please contact Mrs Harrison at our Betchworth site by emailing:

admissions@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk

Wishing you an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

JL Douglas