



St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

In faith and love, we learn and grow.

Weekly Newsletter

19th December 2025

Dates for the diary

January

5th – Start of Spring Term

15th Y6 SAT's meeting for parents 5pm

16th Bears at Bedtime KS1 at 4.30-6.325pm

23rd Y4 Class Mass at 9am parents are welcome

23rd Bears at Bedtime KS2 at 4.30-6.325pm

February

13th Reception Class Learn and Share for parents in school hall at 2.45pm.

16th-20th – Half Term

24th Woking Music Festival KS2 School Choir

March

3rd Author visit for World Book Week

6th Y2 Class Liturgy 9am parents are welcome

13th INSET Day

20th Y1 Class Liturgy at 9am parents are welcome

27th Final day of Spring term early finish 1pm

April

13th start of the Summer Term



Mrs Grace

Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your love and support for everything we do in our school. Thank you also for all the generous gifts we have all received for Christmas. You are always so especially thoughtful at this time of year and we really appreciate it.

Your children are an absolute pleasure to teach and they all bring so much individual personality and joy to our school. Every one of them is known and loved, made in God's image.

This morning the youngest and the oldest child in our school followed our Christmas tradition and placed the Baby Jesus in the crib at our carol service. What a special moment that was as we prepared ourselves to meet Jesus at Christmas time.

In this week's newsletter, I hope you enjoy looking at the pictures of the children receiving their various awards during celebration assembly. Congratulations to all of them for excelling in everything they do.

The children enjoyed their class parties and brilliant craft activities provided by our wonderful 'Friends.' Thank you to all of you who have supported them in their endeavours to raise money to help improve our school.

Goodbye for now to Mrs Medina who will commence her maternity leave in January. We wish her every blessing at this momentous time in her life and look forward to seeing her and baby soon. Merry Christmas everyone! Mrs Grace









Sports Person of the term Max Y3

Celebration Assembly Awards







News at St Hughs

Design a Christmas Jumper

It was lovely to receive so many colourful and creative Design a Christmas Jumper entries for the Governors competition, we have lots of budding artist in the school. It was very difficult to select winners, but after lots of consideration the winners were Erin in KS1 and Braeden in KS2. Thank you for all the entries.



Winners of The Governors' Christmas Card Competition - Erin and Braeden

Information Board

School Development Fund (managed by the Governors)

Thank you to all the parents and carers who make voluntary contributions to our School Development Fund.

At St Hugh we want to provide the best education to enable every child to thrive, and with your support, your child can enjoy even richer learning experiences.

Our School Development Fund turns parent contributions into meaningful enhancements, from vibrant classrooms to exciting opportunities that go beyond the everyday curriculum. Whether it's upgrading facilities, investing in innovative learning tools, or creating inspiring spaces, your donation helps ensure your child has the best possible environment to learn, grow, and thrive.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community, the School Development Fund has already supported a range of exciting improvements and enrichment opportunities, including:

- Our Creation Garden
- Upgraded classroom technology, including interactive whiteboards and tablets
- Our new History Timeline
- Choral Singing Programme

These are just a few examples of how your support is making a lasting impact and there's so much more we can do together. Every donation makes a difference however big or small. If you are able, please consider monthly donations or a one-off gift. All donations are handled confidentially. It's really easy to make a donation via CAF Donate link below:

St. Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School - Donate now (cafonline.org)
or use the QR code



We are also able to claim gift aid from UK taxpayers, increasing the value of your contribution at no cost to yourself.

Thank you for supporting the future of St Hugh's pupils.

News at St Hugh

Clubs

Have you signed up for your child's afterschool clubs for next term? For external clubs please book directly with club providers following the link below.

[St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School - School Clubs](#)

Anti-Bullying Week Poster Competition

A big **well done** to everyone who took part in our Anti-Bullying Week poster competition! The creativity and powerful messages shared by our students were truly inspiring.

We are excited to announce that **two winners** were chosen by the Wellbeing Committee. Their fantastic posters will be proudly displayed in the **school library** for everyone to see.

Thank you to all participants for helping us spread the message of kindness and respect throughout our school community!



Guildford Cathedral's Carol Service is on Sunday 21st December at 6pm. If you'd like to see Mr Ellson in his role as a professional singer then come along to what promises to be a truly special and reflective service of carols and readings, sung by the internationally renowned Guildford Cathedral Choir of boys, girls and Lay Clerks.

Reading

SORA

We are still able to provide your children with lots of fantastic books to read during the holiday through our online library. Please log on to The Hampshire School Library e platform Sora. Your children will be able to choose ebooks, audio books and magazines to borrow. To find out more about the service the library service have created a short information video. Log in details can be found in your child's reading diary.

With Sora, you can get free ebooks and audiobooks from your school.

1

Install the Sora app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or go to soraapp.com.

2

In Sora, find your school (or enter your school's setup code), then sign in.

3

Setup code: hampshiresls

4

Browse the **Explore** tab and borrow a book. Your book will open so you can start reading right away.


Close the book and go to your **Shelf** to see all your books (including assignments). From there, you can:

- Tap **Open Book** or **Open Audiobook** to read or listen to the book.
- Tap **Options** to renew or return the book, get to your notes and highlights, and more.

Winter Reading Competition

The Reading committee would love for everyone to read over the Christmas break. They are asking you to read for ten minutes a day and to record this please use the chart below. The reading committee have designed St Hugh's bookmarks which they will be handing out.


Please return your sheet by Friday 9th January.



ST HUGH'S WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Add a sticker/ tick for every day that you read for 10 minutes.

| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| 1 | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | |



THE FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025



Message from the Chair's

As we wrap up another wonderful year and prepare our hearts for the joy of the Christmas season, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our parents and caregivers. Serving as PTA Co-Chair's it has been a true privilege, and it would not have been possible without your incredible support, generosity, and time.

Throughout the year, your willingness to serve others so generously truly reflects the spirit of our Catholic faith. Whether you volunteered at events, supported fundraisers, attended meetings, or offered quiet encouragement and prayer, your involvement helped strengthen our school community and enrich the lives of our children.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, may we be reminded that it is through community, service, and love that we best support one another.

Thank you for your partnership, your trust, and your continued commitment to our school. We are deeply grateful to be part of a community that lives out its faith so beautifully.

Wishing you and your families a blessed, peaceful, and joyful Christmas season.

Andreea & Adam

Donations

Thank you for all your support this term. The Friends have raised funds which we have put towards:

- Christmas Cracker for each child for the Christmas lunch
- Christmas craft for each child for Christmas party afternoon
- Donations to fill the playground boxes with games and arts & crafts



January Events

We're delighted to announce Bears at Bedtime will be back in January, so cosy up with a teddy and friends for a kids only fun filled film evening. Please see Classlist to book and for more info.

Thank you!

Thank you to Mrs Grossi for organising the Christmas artwork - no small feat this year!

Thank you to Izy for organising the clothes donations, an amazing **£324** was raised.

Email: friendsofsthughsppta@gmail.com



Friends 2026 Events: Bears at Bedtime KS1



KS1. BEARS AT BEDTIME. MOVIE NIGHT

FRI 16 JAN

TIME 4:30-6:25

INCLUDES POPCORN & SQUASH

CLICK HERE TO BOOK ON CLASSLIST

Trolls
Band Together

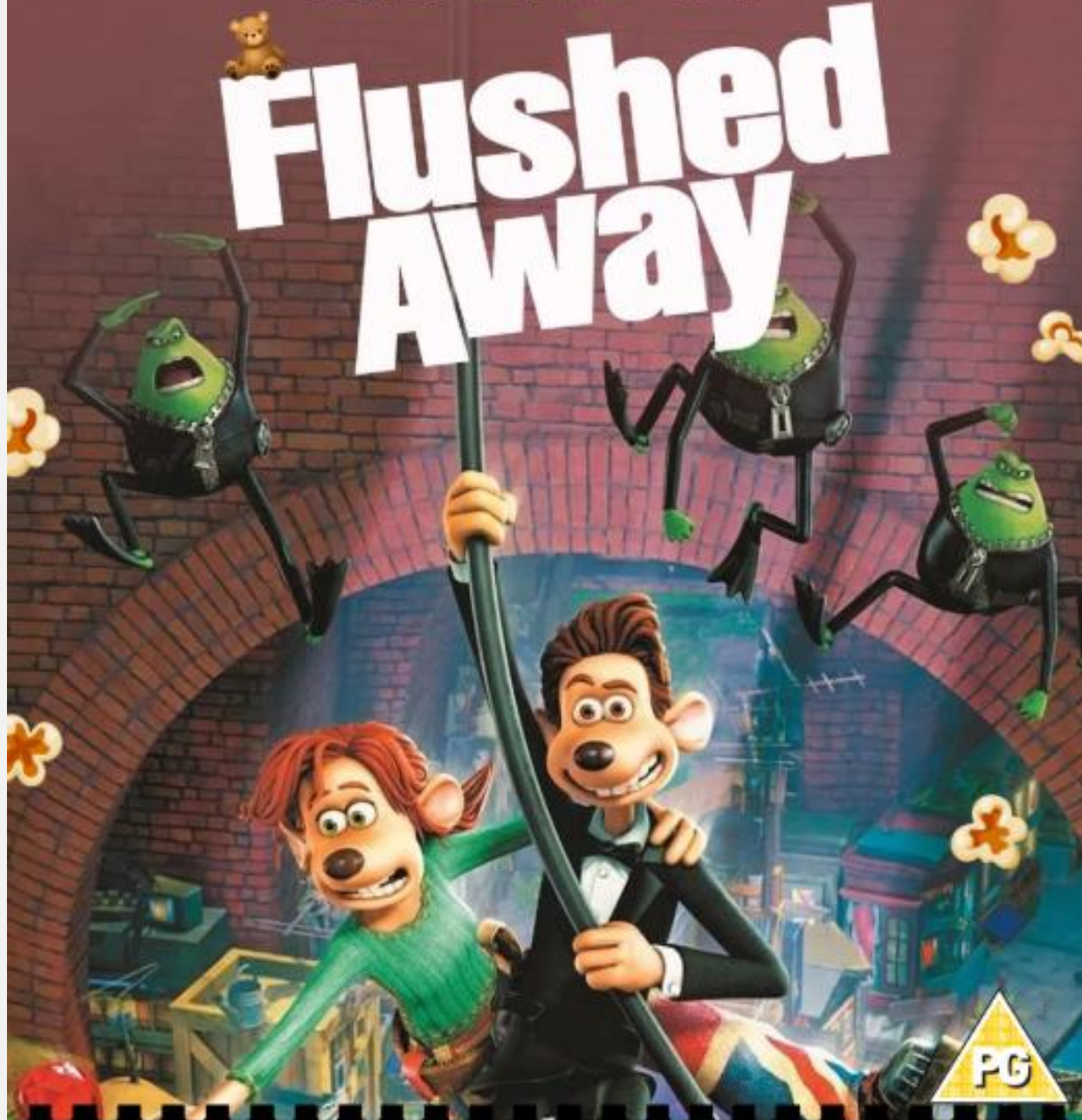
Bring a teddy, wear your pyjamas and snuggle in for a movie night with your friends. This event will be held in the School hall. No need for parents to stay, please sign up on Classlist if you can help.

Friends 2026 Events: Bears at Bedtime KS2

KS2. Bears At Bedtime.

Date: Fri 23rd Jan

Flushed Away



Time:
4:30-6:25pm
Location:
School Hall

**Click here
to book on
Classlist.**

**Includes
Popcorn &
Squash**

News at St Hugh

ND LIVE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS/CARERS DELIVERED BY LEARNING SPACE

Book a place on this two hour live webinar exploring neurodivergent conditions, with a particular emphasis on autism and ADHD; whilst also looking at PDA and anxiety.

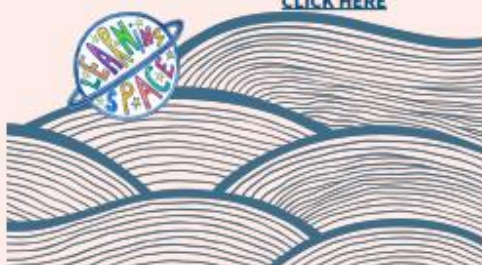
This webinar is for **parents and carers** of any child or young person with an ND need, whether diagnosed or not. **Please note we will need you to sign up at least a day in advance of the session.**

Dates

Day 1: Wednesday 14 January 12:00-2:00pm
Day 2: Monday 19 January 6:00-8:00pm
Day 3: Wednesday 21 January 12:00-2:00pm
Day 4: Wednesday 4 February 12:00-2:00pm
Day 5: Monday 23 February 6:00-8:00pm
Day 6: Wednesday 4 March 12:00-2:00pm
Day 7: Monday 9 March 6:00-8:00pm
Day 8: Wednesday 25 March 12:00-2:00pm

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK BELOW

[CLICK HERE](#)



ST HUGH'S AFTER SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

Years 3-6



PAUL
WELLING
CHESS



Reasons for playing chess
Encourages thinking ahead

Proven to raise IQ!

Increases problem solving skills

Improves concentration

It's fun!

Sessions will run from Monday 5th January
to Monday 23rd March 2026 (11 weeks)

Time: 12.45-1.15pm

Cost: £52.25

For more details contact Paul/Jo on
paulwellingchess@gmail.com



children with autism

A variety of 6-part support programmes for parents and carers of children with autism (or suspected autism) are available online and in-person around Surrey. Your child must live in Surrey or attend a Surrey education setting.



EarlyBird
Licensed



Teen Life
Licensed

Early bird programme for parents of children aged 5 years and under

- Understanding autism
- Communication
- Understanding autistic experiences
- Supporting daily living
- Health and wellbeing
- Connections

Cygnus programme for parents of children aged 5-18 years old

- Introductory session
- Overview of autism with parent and carer experience
- Thinking & sensory
- Social interaction & communication
- Understanding & supporting behaviour
- Analysing behaviour

Teen life for parents of children aged 10-16 years old

- Understanding autism
- Understanding autistic identity
- Stress, anxiety and understanding behaviour
- Health and wellbeing
- Puberty
- Education and transitioning into adulthood

Can I ask some questions?

Email us on parenttraining@freemantles.surrey.sch.uk

How do I join a course?

Please scan the QR code to register your interest & be part of our mailing list. We will email you each time a new set of courses are available for booking.

Surrey Parent Training
Programmes



Reminders

School Absence

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then 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.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Safeguarding

We seek to provide a safe and happy environment for all children. This means that we have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place. If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard, or dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk as soon as possible the same day.