

# NEWSLETTER

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We hope the children have enjoyed their Comic Relief non-uniform day today. If you would still like to make a donation directly to the Comic Relief charity, please do using this link: <https://donation.comicrelief.com>



## M&M Productions bring *The Secret Garden* at school

This week, our pupils were treated to a magical visit from M&M Productions, who brought the much-loved classic *The Secret Garden* to our school. The performance was full of energy, colour, and captivating storytelling, leaving pupils thoroughly absorbed from start to finish.

Following the show, our Year 6 pupils took part in an exclusive behind-the-scenes workshop. They learned how the company uses staging, lighting, costume changes, sound effects, and clever scene transitions to bring a full theatre production into a school hall. The workshop offered a fantastic insight into the world of performing arts and inspired lots of questions and perhaps even a few future actors, designers, and technicians!

In the afternoon, M&M Productions performed a second show, this time for our EYFS and KS1 children. The younger pupils were delighted by the characters, music and humour and many were eager to share their favourite moments afterwards.

It was a wonderful day filled with creativity, imagination, and theatrical magic. A huge thank you to M&M Productions for giving all our pupils such a memorable experience, as well as to our wonderful PTFA for funding half of the experience. There is still an opportunity to contribute £2.50 if you have not yet done so, payable on Scopay, thank you.



**Consideration when parking near school** Sadly we have had another complaint from a neighbour near Downs Hill Road, where school parents are parking across their driveway blocking access. Please only park in designated spaces.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**Mon 23rd March**—Epsom & Ewell Schools Music Festival dress rehearsal, selected children Years 2 and 6, Epsom Playhouse, during school day, packed lunch required

**Mon 23rd March**—Year 5 Easter Spinnaker Day

**Tues 24th and Wed 25th March**—Epsom & Ewell Schools Music Festival, selected children in Years 2 and 6, Epsom Playhouse, 5-7pm

**Thur 26th March**—Easter service, St Martin's Church, 9-11am

**Fri 27th March**—Spotlight on Learning Assembly, Pine Class, 9am, large hall

**Fri 27th March**—Parent Workshop 'Managing Worries and Anxieties', 9.10am, Happy Shack room

**Fri 27th March**—Last day of Spring Term: **Early Finish:**

**Early Years, Year 1 and 2—1.15pm**  
**Years 3-6—1.20pm**

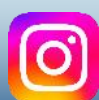
**Mon 13th April**—Start of Summer term

**Mon 13th-Wed 15th April**—Year 4 residential trip to Sayers Croft

**Fri 17th April**—PTFA non-uniform sale, 3.25pm, kitchen area in library/music block

## 'Coffee and chat' with Senior Leadership Team

Parents and carers are invited into school for a 'coffee and a chat' with the school's Senior Leadership Team (SLT) on **Tuesday 28th April**. This is a chance to chat with the SLT, ask questions and find out more about our Nurture Project. More information to follow.



**Active Ambassador**

This week's Active Ambassador is **Elsie M** in Pine class, Year 6 for stepping out of her comfort zone and demonstrating perseverance and determination during our trip to Marchants Hill. She was a great support to her team and took on challenges with courage. Well done Elsie!



**Swimming** Congratulations and a big well done to the St Martin's swimming team who represented the school at the Surrey Schools Swimming Association on Saturday evening at Guildford Spectrum. The children were fantastic ambassadors for our school and competed well against some very stiff competition. We are very proud of them all.

**Netball tournament** Our Year 6 netball team attended the Epsom & Ewell Schools tournament on Monday at Rosebery where each of our teams played 5 matches against other local schools. All the children played brilliantly, demonstrating some excellent passing, good teamwork and great intercepting skills. Overall they placed 4<sup>th</sup> and should be very proud of their achievements. Most importantly, they also all had excellent sportsmanship and enjoyed themselves!

**Spring Term House Point Winners**

The total house points were given out in the assemblies on Thursday. The winning house was Hylands and they will have a treat on Monday afternoon next week.

Woodcote - 1710  
**Hylands - 1714**  
 Maidstone - 1624  
 Durdans - 1524



**Understanding restrictive interventions in our schools** Please view the following link about restrictive interventions in our schools. This information is being provided due to updated Government guidance to the document 'Restrictive interventions, including use of reasonable force, in schools', which is applicable from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026. [Click on link for full information.](#)

**School Attendance**

**Attendance last week:**  
 9th – 13th March 2026

**Infant Attendance: 95.7%**  
 Highest class was Fox with **100%**.  
 Well done!

**Junior attendance: 97%**  
 Year 6 had 100% attendance all week for their residential trip. Fantastic!

**Every day counts !**

**Attendance reminders:**

- Children must arrive between 8.45-8.55am in time for class registration at 9am. Arriving promptly and on time gives them the best start to the day.

- All absence must be reported by 9.20am on each day of absence to the school office.

- Leave of Absence requests must be made 2 weeks in advance of the requested date.



PTFA news .....

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**Zactiv Fundraising** We are absolutely delighted to share that thanks to all of the children's tremendous efforts in raising sponsorship for the Sponsored Sportsweek raised an incredible total amount of **£5,031!!**

This by far covers the cost of the Zactiv platform and Zack's visit in September 2026, and the rest will all go to the sports department to fund sports equipment for the whole school.

Huge, huge thanks to everyone who contributed, this really is a record amount of money raised and the children really benefit from exciting new equipment and their continued enjoyment of the Zativ platform.

**Easter Treats Sale—Last day of term** Join us in the Junior playground at pick up on Friday 27th March where we will be selling a range of Easter cakes, sweets, bunny ears, stickers and more!

**Emptying of lost property trolleys** The lost property trolleys in the office reception area and Early Years entrance will be emptied after drop off next Friday 27-March.

Please make sure you collect any lost items that belong to you before this time. Any items left will be removed - all named items will be returned to your child via the school office/class, any unnamed items will be washed and added to the next second hand uniform sale in the summer term.

**Next used uniform sale and donations of used uniform** The next used uniform sale will take place at 3:25pm on Friday 17-Apr from the kitchen area in the Music/Library block. Please use the doors and queue to the right and be mindful of children leaving school.

We will be re-opening the online request form for second-hand uniform items between Monday 13-Apr and Thursday 16-Apr. Stock depending, we will aim to send your requested items home via your child's class within a week.

We are also looking for the following used uniform items (nothing else please at the moment!):

- All ages: ties, hoodies, PE shorts and joggers, white and house-coloured PE T-Shirts, book bags, PE bags
- Ages 3-7 (KS1): poloshirts
- Age 6-7: trousers, skirts (both grey and blue)

Please only donate clean and good quality items - as a general rule: if you wouldn't buy it for your child, please don't **send it in**.

**Next PTFA meeting:**  
 Friday 27th April at 7.30pm  
 Venue: to be confirmed

# SEND News

## We are happy to provide details for Epsom and Ewell Family Centre.

Family centres help families with all aspects of family life. Your local family centre will support you with parenting and relationship challenges and will help you to grow in confidence so you can manage any future difficulties. The aim of the family centre is to help families build their own resilience and support network.

The Family Support Team work across the whole of Epsom & Ewell Borough, providing support to families with children aged 0-19 years old (up to 25 for SEND). The team is there to support and guide you to get the best out of family life. They want to work in partnership with you to help each member of your family to reach their full potential.

The team offer a variety of courses providing support with all aspects of family life as well as sessions for families with children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Some of the supports include:

 <h3>Epsom &amp; Ewell Family Centre</h3> <h2>Parenting Drop-Ins</h2> <p><b>Parenting drop-in - Thursdays 9:00-12:00 @ Ewell</b> Drop in with any family-related questions - including SEND, mental health, domestic abuse, family conflict, housing, benefits and energy. Our Family Centre and Citizens Advice Bureau teams are here to help, and CAB Energy Advice will be here the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month (dates may vary). Ewell Family Centre, Riverview Road, KT19 0JP</p> <p><b>SEND drop-in - Mondays 9:00-12:00 @ Epsom</b> Drop in for signposting on SEND services and support. Epsom Family Centre, Pound Lane, KT19 8RY</p> <p>No need to book, but if you want to contact us scan the QR code, call 01372 571 178 or email <a href="mailto:epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk">epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk</a></p> 	 <h3>Epsom &amp; Ewell Family Centre</h3> <h2>Can Do!</h2> <p>10:00-11:30am Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April &amp; 28<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p>Join our welcoming playgroup for families with children aged 0-11 who have additional needs. Chat with other families and professionals while your children enjoy fun activities and crafts.</p> <p>Booking is essential. To book a place, scan the QR code, email: <a href="mailto:epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk">epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk</a> Or call: 01372 571 178</p>  <p>Epsom Family Centre, Pound Lane, Epsom, KT19 8RY (no parking on-site)</p> 
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You can find out more about the offer here:

[Groups and Courses at Epsom & Ewell : Surrey Barnardos Family Centres](#)

Or by contacting the team directly on

01372 571178 or [epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk)

Mrs. M. Hughes, SENDCo



## Book Corner .....

We hope that everyone enjoyed World Book Week. The library has been a hive of activity with some wonderful origami, Top trumps and art among other activities.

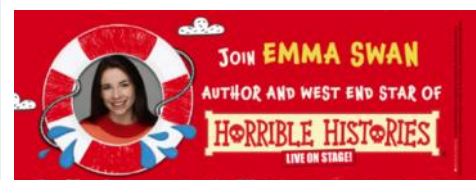
## Competition Time

As the Easter Holiday approaches, we would like to invite you to get your felt tips pens and colouring pencils at the ready for designing a poster for the next Book Fair. This will take place from **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**. We are holding this in the large school hall, from 3.30pm-4.00pm.

Please make your posters as bold and eye catching as possible. Your entry must be handed to the library or the school office by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Your poster could win a £5 voucher to spend on new books at the fair. Enjoy creating!

Our local Waterstones store has reported that the tickets for the Katie Kirby – Lottie Brooks book event sold out in just 3 days. I do hope that you were able to secure your ticket!

They have also informed us of another author event by author Emma Swann:



In store for fun quizzes and drama games  
Saturday 11th April, 2pm | Waterstones Epsom  
Suitable for children 7+



This is a free event, please contact the store directly to book your place. The Cruise Ship kid books tell the story of Silver, a ten year old, who lives on a cruise ship and solves crimes at sea.

Please contact me if you have any queries regarding the library at:  
[librarian@stmartinsepsom.school](mailto:librarian@stmartinsepsom.school)

# Values Tie and Stars of the Week



**Badger- Values Tie: Dylan. Superstar: Ariana**

**Star of the week: Rosie** has had a brilliant first week back. She's been using her listening ears, sitting beautifully on the carpet and trying so hard with her phonics. Well done, Rosie!

**Dormouse- Values Tie: Han. Superstar: Ava**

**Star of the week: Miffy** is a real Teamwork Taura, she demonstrated such kindness to a new member of the class this week by independently offering to support him with his learning. Thank you for being such a thoughtful and caring member of the class Miffy!

**Fox - Values Tie: Mateo. Superstar: Mila**

**Star of the week: Anya** has been working especially hard in our phonics lessons. She has been a real Thinking Thedrick when writing sentences, focusing on correct letter formation as well as her neatness. Keep up the great work Anya!

**Hedgehog- Values Tie: Rex. Superstar: Betty**

**Star of the week: Jessica** has been working hard in phonics— joining in with saying our sounds, using her Freddy Fingers to help with sounding out and spelling and trying her best with writing our spelling words. Keep up the great work, Jessica!

**Mole- Values Tie: Delilah. Superstar: Thomas**

**Star of the week: Damian** has been working super hard in applying his phonics sounds to his writing, and I can see so much improvement in his confidence and independence. Well done Damian!

**Otter- Values: Bauti. Superstar: Emma G**

**Star of the week:** Well done to **Willow** who has demonstrated great maths this week - using terminology such as 'before, next, after' when talking about the days of the week and months of the year. Keep up the great learning!

**Rabbit- Values Tie: Esmee. Superstar: Evelyn**

**Star of the week: Angie** was a real Curious Cully on our school trip yesterday, she asked some excellent questions. Well done Angie!

**Squirrel- Values Tie: Asher. Superstar: Amelia**

**Star of the week: Havin** for being a Thinking Thedrick, using her 'All the time toolkit' in English to create excellent pieces of writing. Well done!

**Vole - Values Tie: Nola. Superstar: Roxi**

**Star of the week: Logan** for being a Thinking Thedrick working so hard on his innovated journey story, in English this week. Keep up the great work!

**Holly- Values Tie: Zeki. Superstar: Louis**

**Star of the week: Kamil** has shown fantastic participation in our RE lessons and has been producing work of a very high quality. Your thoughtful ideas and carefully considered contributions have really stood out the last few weeks Keep up the excellent effort!

**Juniper- Values Tie: Zion. Superstar: Noah**

**Star of the week: Ezekiel** was asking some excellent questions about a Shang Dynasty artefact, showing he was really thinking like a historian. Well done Ezekiel!

**Willow- Values Tie: Charlotte. Superstar: Vincent**

**Star of the week:** Well done to **Delilah** for her brilliant persuasive writing this week. I was very impressed by your super vocabulary and the way in which you used the rule of 3 in your writing. Excellent listening, participation and hard work. Keep it up!

**Maple- Values Tie: Calvin. Superstar: Zabdiel**

**Star of the week: Sam** for sharing his thoughts and ideas more during class discussions and showing a more conscientious attitude to his learning. Well done, Sam - keep it up!

**Poplar- Values: Andrii. Superstar: Emily**

**Star of the week: Darci** for showing great focus and asking excellent questions when learning about the water cycle, and for using this knowledge to create a detailed plan for her model. I can't wait to see it finished, it's going to look fantastic!

**Plum- Values Tie: Cade. Superstar: Isabella**

**Star of the week: Maisie** for including everything she has learnt in her planning for her water cycle. It will look fantastic once completed. Well done Maisie!

**Hazel- Values Tie: Maeva. Superstar: Zané**

**Star of the week: Emily** for your great describing of a setting in English and for bringing in some atmosphere. Keep up the great work!

**Hawthorn- Values Tie: Anya. Superstar: Katherine**

**Star of the week:** Well done **Skye** for your excellent Quidditch stadium planning for our upcoming DT project. Your ideas for incorporating pulleys and levers into your design show great application of our science learning. Great work!

**Beech- Values Tie: Ava. Superstar: Jemimah**

**Star of the week: Harvey**, well done for being a great 'Keeper' in Quidditch. You made a couple of very impressive goals last week, in our PE lesson.

**Oak- Values Tie: Josh. Superstar: Cassidy**

**Star of the week: Danny** for his unwavering enthusiasm towards everything he does. Whether it be archery or algebra, you can always be relied upon to 'bring the party!' Thank you.

**Chestnut- Values Tie: Mason. Superstar: Oscar**

**Star of the week: Kendrik** for being so positive and willing to have a go at Marchants Hill, and for being a supportive friend all week.

**Pine- Values Tie: Florence. Superstar: Ethan**

**Star of the week: Bethany** for being a fantastic learning partner and for making excellent contributions during our Alma work in English - well done!

# SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

## for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

### NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosey around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

### RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

### TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

### STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

### DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

### IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

### ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

### REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

### THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though; they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

### SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos: this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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**Jack Apperley**  
Associate Chorus Director London Symphony Chorus  
Musical Director Goldsmith's Choral Union  
Musical Director Concordia Voices  
Conductor Epsom Chamber Choir


**Saturday 28th March 2026**  
2pm-5pm (registration 1:30pm)  
St Martin's Junior School  
Ashley Rd, Epsom KT18 7AD  
£10 | Ex-members and students £5 | Under 18s Free  
Ticket price includes music hire and light refreshments  
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Y3-Y6

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**EASTER: 30<sup>th</sup> March - 10<sup>th</sup> April**

- ST MARTIN'S SCHOOLS, EPSOM (KT18 7AD)
- STAMFORD GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL, EPSOM (KT19 8LU)

<b>Rec-Y6</b> For Boys & Girls	<b>8.45am</b> Start time	<b>4.00pm</b> Finish time	<b>5.30pm</b> Extended Day Finish
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