# The Chandler News

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Welcome to the first newsletter of the school year. These will usually appear in your inbox every other week. Hopefully, they will be a useful place to go to find out more about what is going on in school, for regular updates and also for information from other members of the local community.

**Information Meetings** - throughout this week and next, our teachers have been holding Year group meetings for parents and carers to come and hear about what the children will be learning throughout the year, with a particular focus on this term and how you can help and support their learning. Do look out for copies of these information sheets in your emails. They are a handy reference point for things like topics, homework, PE days, dates and staff email addresses.

**School Photographs** – our photographer, Andy Faulkner, visited us this morning and took photos of individual children and, where possible, with their siblings. How smart everyone looked! You will be provided with a code which you can use to view and order images of your child online.

**Year 6 France visit** – in ten days' time (Monday 21st September), most of our Year 6 children and five lucky staff (including me) will be enjoying a residential visit to the Picardie region of France – famous for the World War One battlefields of the Somme and just a coach drive from Paris where we will be spending the day on Tuesday. Bon voyage!

**Progress Evenings** – the first proper chance to hear about how children are doing comes in mid October with our two progress evenings. More details will follow but the dates are Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th October. In the meantime, if you do have a concern, please feel free to approach teachers at the end of the day, email them or make contact via the school office. A small concern can usually be dealt with before it becomes a bigger worry.

**Medication** – all medications must be clearly labelled with the child's name and dose and brought into the school office/collected by an adult. If you know that you have provided medication for your child before, it is worth checking that inhalers for example and any other medicines are still within their use by dates.

**Pupil Premium** - all schools are offered a small grant for each child that qualifies as Pupil Premium. This includes: any child who has received free school meals in the past 6 years; children in care, or previously in care; children with parents in the armed forces; and children of families who qualify for Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit. As a school we use this funding to support parents with the costs of residential trips, uniforms, holiday clubs and other areas of learning and pastoral support in the school day. On our website is a detailed report breaking down how the school uses the funding each year. If you think your child may qualify for Pupil Premium funding then please contact the school office. It would really help with funding these important areas of school life.

**Parking** – is never easy being in a school at the end of a cul-de-sac. Children and cars really do not mix well so please do avoid coming into the school car park which is for staff use only. Children should not cross the car park but use the safe pathway around the edge to the playground or main entrance. We do have a disabled space and this is for blue badge holders only – please display your badge should you need to use the space.

Please do park respectfully – not blocking pavements, driveways or in the private garage area.

**House Captains** – our Year 6 children will be preparing to put themselves forward in our annual House Captain election next week. A boy and girl from each house are elected by the other children in the house from across the school. The runners up become Vice Captains. Good luck to everyone who puts themselves forward. The results will be announced towards the end of the week.

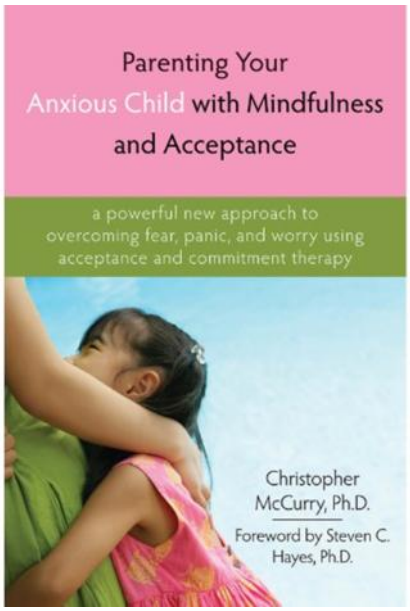
**The Friends** – all parents and staff are automatically members of The Friends (our Parent Teacher Association). The Friends is only ever as good as its members and we always welcome new faces. The first meeting is the AGM so please do come along and find out more:

***Annual General Meeting of The Friends of The Chandler***

We are delighted to invite all parents and carers to our upcoming Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday 6th October at 7.30pm** in the staff room. The Friends play a vital role in enriching school life, helping to fund memorable experiences, valuable resources, and opportunities that benefit every child. We organise events which help fundraise for the lovely extras the children enjoy in school – recently these have included playground projects; library books; sports equipment; cameras and IT equipment. However, a successful PTA depends on the support and involvement of our school community.

We need parents to get involved, whether by joining the committee, helping at events, sharing ideas, or simply giving a little time when you can. Together, we can achieve so much more for our children. Please come along to the AGM to find out more about the our work, hear about plans for the year ahead, and discover how you can make a difference. Your support is not only valued, it is essential to the continued success of The Friends and the opportunities it provides for our pupils.

**A book recommendation** – This book has been recommended to us for parents whose children struggle with anxiety



# SCHOOL TOURS

We warmly invite prospective families to join us for a guided tour of our school. This is a great opportunity to explore our learning environment, meet our staff and get a feel for the unique culture that makes our school special. Whether you are considering joining us in the near future or simply wish to learn more about what we offer, we look forward to welcoming you and answering any questions you may have.

**When:**
Friday 18th September 9.00am
Wednesday 30th September 9.00am
Monday 5th October 2.00pm
Thursday 15th October 2.00pm
Tuesday 3rd November 9.00am
Wednesday 11th November 2.00pm
Friday 20th November 9.00am
Thursday 26th November 2.00pm
Tuesday 1st December 2.00pm
Monday 7th December 2.00pm

**Bookings:** Bookings are essential. Please book using this link: https://bookwhen.com/chandlerjunior

# FOOTBALL SQUAD

This year, we're excited to be putting together a football squad for each year group to represent Chandler in future matches and tournaments.

If your child would like the opportunity to be part of their year group squad, we'd love them to come along to one of our **football training sessions**. These sessions will happen during lunch time and will give us a chance to see the children play together and help us decide who we feel is currently the best fit.

When choosing our squads, we won't just be looking at footballing ability. We'll also be considering effort, teamwork, attitude, sportsmanship, behaviour around the school, and how well children represent our school and its values. We understand that, unfortunately, we won't be able to include every-one in the squad this time around. However, we will review the squads each term, giving children further opportunities to get involved as the year progresses. The training dates will be on the children's P.E. day, so they will already be in their sports kit. Children will not need any additional football gear.

**Training dates:**

- **Years 6 & 4:** Thursday 17th September
- **Year 3:** Thursday 24th September
- **Year 5:** Friday 25th September

We're looking forward to seeing lots of enthusiastic footballers there!

# SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Applications can now be made online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date for applications is **31st October 2026** but we suggest that you ensure your application is submitted by **Friday 16th October 2026** which is the last day of school before half term.

# ABSENCE REMINDER

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.

# DIARY DATES

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| Monday 14th September | Yr4 parents information meeting at 2.45pm |
| Tuesday 15th September | Yr3 parents information meeting at 2.45pm |
| Monday 21st to Friday 25th September | Yr6 residential to France/ Yr6 local studies |
| Monday 28th September | Nasal flu vaccinations<br>Yr6 height and weight checks |
| Friday 2nd October | Yr5 to Sayers Croft (more details to follow) |
| Tuesday 6th October | The Friends AGM at 7.30pm in the School staffroom |
| Monday 12th to Thursday 15th October | Scholastic Book Fair |
| Wednesday 14th October | Parent consultations 5.30-8.00pm (more info to follow) |
| Thursday 15th October | Parent consultations 3.30-6.00pm (more info to follow) |
| Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October | **HALF TERM** |
| Monday 2nd November | INSET DAY— School closed to pupils |

**Friends of the Chandler**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**6 October 2026 7.30pm**

**AGENDA**

1] Welcome

2] Minutes of the previous meeting

3] Matters arising from the Minutes

4] Election of Officers and Trustees of the Committee

Chair – Kelly Davidson
Secretary – vacant
Treasurer – Sarah Wheatcroft
Trustees – Kelly Davidson, Sarah Wheatcroft, Andy Pinnells
Cheque signatories

5] Chair's Report for 2025/2026

6] Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2026 and Treasurer's Report for 2025/2026

7] Trustees' Report for 2025/26

8] Policies

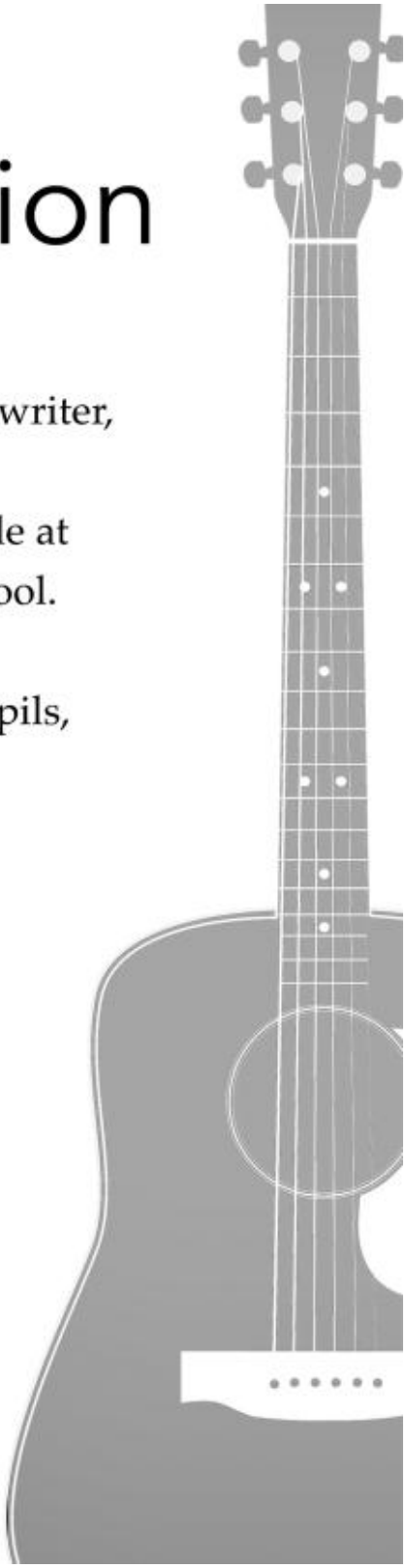
9] Year ahead – events

10] Year ahead – spending ideas

11] Parent/carer engagement – committee, helpers, class reps, newsletter

12] Any Other Business

# Guitar Tuition



Professional musician and songwriter, Keith Ryder, offers lessons in contemporary guitar and ukulele at The Chandler C of E Junior School.

Spaces are available for new pupils, beginners are very welcome.

Keith may be contacted on:
01483 414874
07958 534458
keith.ryder@btinternet.com

**Guitar/Ukulele Tuition**: Professional musician and songwriter, Keith Ryder, offers lessons in contemporary guitar and ukulele at The Chandler CofE Junior School and has spaces available for new pupils in September. Beginners are very welcome. Keith may be contacted on 01483 414874 / 07958 534458 or email keith.ryder@btinternet.com.

# September Children's Events Schedule

**Saturday September 5th**
**10am - 4pm** - Music Discovery Day

**Saturday September 12th**
**2.30 - 4pm** - Game Design Drawing Workshop

**Saturday September 19th**
**2.30 - 3.30 pm** - Coding session

**Tuesday September 8th**
**3.30 - 5pm** - Design a bookmark drop-in session

**Tuesday September 15th**
**3.30 - 5pm** - Ozobots session

**Tuesday September 22nd**
**4pm - 5pm** - Science Workshop (Space themed)

**Wednesday September 9th**
**11 am** - Pebble the Penguin Tea Party & Storytime

**Wednesday September 16th**
**11 am** - Green Storytime
**3.15 - 4.45 pm** - Junk Modelling

**Thursday September 24th**
**4pm - 5pm** - Chatterbooks

**Friday September 11th**
**4 - 5pm** - Gravitrax marble run taster session

**Thursday September 17th**
**3.30 - 5pm** - Ozobots session



SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

Godalming Library

GO ALL IN. National Year of Reading 2026

A reminder that the Summer reading challenge finishes on Saturday 12th September so there is still time for children to come and finish it and collect their rewards for reading.

# Would you like to try table tennis?

## Free taster session for all

## by Godalming Table Tennis Club

**Loseley Fields Primary School, Green Lane, Godalming, GU7 3TB**

**Sunday 13th September 2026 from 2pm to 5pm**



GODALMING TABLE TENNIS CLUB



## Beginners welcome

**Wear comfortable sports clothes, trainers and bring a water bottle.**
**Bats and balls provided. Stay for as long as you want!**

## Come down to play, practice or have fun!







If you have any questions, please email Adam at the below email address.

**adamlaws80@gmail.com**

**Website: https://godalmingttc.ttclubs.co.uk/**

**Facebook: search for 'Godalming Table tennis Club'**

Table Tennis England

# ALL SAINTS CHURCH WITLEY

www.allsaintswitley.org.uk
office@allsaintswitley.org.uk

## Saturday 26th September
## 3.30pm – 5.30pm
## in church

Messy Church

All ages welcome
01428 681872 for more info.

# Activities, songs, stories, tea

# ALL SAINTS WITLEY

# SING HOSANNA

## Sunday 20th September 11.30am

**hot drinks and cakes**

Songs, craft, story and prayer for all ages

Everyone welcome


Studio BAE
@TheStudioBAE
courtneybae@gmail.com
HAZELBANK
Hazelbank
Floral Art
Workshop
10-11AM THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
HAZELBANK NURSERY, TILFORD ST, TILFORD GU10 2AA
Enjoy a relaxing floral works on paper class, inspired by Hazelbank's florals and led by twice-represented Portrait Artist of the Year semi-finalist, Courtney Bae. Welcoming all levels 8yrs+ to play in pencil, charcoal, pastel, and ink. £26 class includes materials, a take-home sketchbook, and a complimentary hot drink from the Hazelbank Tearoom.
BOOK NOW
WWW.COURTNEYBAE.COM/ARTCLASSES


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courtneybae@gmail.com
HAZELBANK
Hazelbank
Still Life Gouache
& Watercolour
Workshop
10-11AM SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER
HAZELBANK NURSERY, TILFORD ST, TILFORD GU10 2AA
Step into an inspiring creative sanctuary led by twice-represented Portrait Artist of the Year semi-finalist, Courtney Bae. Drawing inspiration from a composition of seasonal fruits and vegetables, this class welcomes all levels 8yrs+. £28 class includes materials, a take-home sketchbook, and a complimentary hot drink from the Hazelbank Tearoom.
BOOK NOW
WWW.COURTNEYBAE.COM/ARTCLASSES



## CHICHESTER HALL FUNDRAISER



# WITLEY WILD WEST

# HOEDOWN

Line dancing class with DancefitwithTina folowed by Live Music from 'The Highway Sun'

**SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER**

**CASH BAR**

**CLASS 7PM**
**BAND 8.15PM**



**CHICHESTER HALL**



**CLASS ONLY £10**
**BAND ONLY £10**
**BOTH £20**

HTTPS://GYMCATCH.COM/APP/PROVIDER/3614/EVENTS/9897729
HTTPS://GYMCATCH.COM/APP/PROVIDER/3614/EVENTS/9897744
OR CONTACT TINA 07921 251770



**Saturday 26th September**

12pm - 6pm

# *Miles for* MARIE

# CHARITY FUN DAY














Join us to celebrate the finale of an incredible 24-hour challenge, with fun activities for the whole family.

**In loving memory of Marie, raising support for Melanoma UK.**

Come along, get involved, and help make a difference — join us and donate.

**Valkyrie HQ**

Forsyth's Home Farm, Godalming GU8 6AD

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