

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so lovely to see the sun starting to shine this week, and our children have certainly been shining just as brightly! Both in school through their learning and out in the wider community at sporting events, they have continued to impress us with their enthusiasm, effort and positive attitudes. On Monday, we introduced our new personal skill focus for this half term: Collaboration. Throughout the coming weeks, every year group will be developing a different aspect of what it means to work effectively with others, whether that's sharing ideas, listening carefully or solving problems together. We're excited to see how these skills grow and develop and look forward to our children sharing their learning with us during our celebration assemblies. It's going to be a wonderful term of teamwork!

Best Wishes, **Mrs Davie** Headteacher

School Community News

Year 6 Leaver hoodies

Year 6 Parents/Carers

Today is the closing date for ordering leavers' hoodies or T-shirts.

Orders can be placed by following the instructions sent in our previous communications.

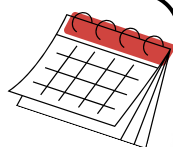
School Community Messages

SJS Sporting Events

Over the last two weeks, our pupils have been proudly representing SJS across the local community, showcasing their sporting talents, teamwork and fantastic attitudes. On Friday last week, a group of Year 3 and 4 runners took part in the Lower Cross Country Championships at the Sports Centre. Mr Tough and Miss Vincent were incredibly proud of all the children who took part, demonstrating determination, resilience and a real love of sport. Then, on Wednesday this week, pupils from across Years 5 and 6 put their teamwork and football skills into action during friendly matches against several local schools. All members of staff who attended were extremely proud of how our pupils embodied our school values throughout the event — even stepping in to help other schools by sharing players so that matches could go ahead. Well done to everyone involved for representing SJS so positively!

Upcoming Events

- 25th April - Colour Run
- 26th April - Junior Parkrun - SJS takeover
- 28th April - Share My Learning after school 3:20
- 29th April - Year 5 and 6 football after school - see letter.
- 30th April - Year 5 River Hamble trip



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Coming Up Soon – Colour Run!

This Saturday, 25 April, the ever-popular Shirley Schools Colour Run returns! Join us for a fun-filled run, walk, or jog through bubbles, bursts of colour, and the magical Unicorn Alley. Participants will enjoy medals, refreshments, and a range of activities, making it a fantastic event for the whole community.

Volunteers are also needed to help make the day a great success.

★ More up to date information can be found later in this newsletter.

We look forward to seeing many members of our community at this exciting event!



Our new library - help needed

Over the last year, a wonderfully dedicated member of our school community has given their time every single week to plan, organise, gather, sort and transform our school library, supported by other fantastic volunteers and our amazing site team. Thanks to their hard work, our new library is looking absolutely incredible and is nearly complete — soon to become a calm, welcoming and inspiring space where all our pupils can enjoy books and develop a love of reading.

We're also excited to share that we have invested in a brand-new library system, which will allow every child to borrow books to take home and enjoy. Loading all of our books onto this new system is a big task, and we would be incredibly grateful for any volunteers who are able to give some of their time to help us with this important job. If you think you could help, please email the school office — your support would make a huge difference!

