



# St. Anne's Gazette

Free Prae Road, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 8ET  
Headteacher: Mrs L M Harris

December 2023 

Dear Parents,

We are certainly on a countdown to Christmas. In this weeks Gospel we hear Jesus telling the disciples to stay awake. In collective worship this week we spoke about Advent being a time to stay awake and get ready for Jesus. Children shared examples of how they intend to do that.

Many families already have generously put their boxes of love together. It is wonderful to see and I know the children and adults receiving them will be very grateful for the donations.

Not only are we providing for some of our community with our love in a box we also intend to share our reflections on our Christmas story, despite not having a hall, in many ways. Reception, Year 2 and Year 4 will be doing their presentations at the Church. Our choir and drama club have a special performance planned at Salesian college and as a whole community we hope to all come together for our Carols around the crib. The scene is already set and hopefully with the right weather we can have a special time together to mark the journey through Advent.

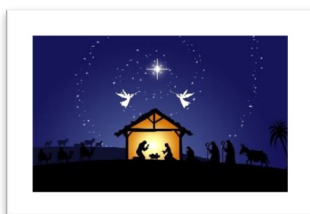
**DON'T FORGET—THE DEADLINE FOR  
APPLICATIONS TO SURREY FOR CHILDREN  
STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2024  
AND ALL  
REQUIRED PAPERWORK TO YOUR FOUR  
PREFERENCES IS  
15TH JANUARY 2024**



## Carols around the Crib Thursday, 14th December at 4pm

Parents, grandparents and children are invited to hear the Advent story and join in with carols around the nativity scene in the **prayer garden** to celebrate this time of Advent together.

We hope this will be a special moment of peace and joy that you can share with those closest to you and bring the whole school community together everyone is welcome to join us.



There will be refreshments available too. As the hall is still being built, we would particularly like to invite children and families from Years 1, 3, 5 and 6 as they will have learnt one song in particular to perform to you.

We hope as many of you as possible can join us. So, please wrap up and bring your singing voices along to this very special occasion in our school and Church year.

God Bless, Mrs Murphy



## Christmas Cards

We know how much the children like to send and receive Christmas cards but to promote **inclusivity** and **kindness** please could I ask that children refrain from sending individual cards through school and instead if they'd like to send a card, **send one to the whole class** which can be displayed in the classroom instead.

The other option would be a charitable donation made on behalf of your child and as a school we promote the **Bee-lieve Foundation** - <https://www.beelievefoundation.co.uk/support-us> due to the amazing work they do to support children's mental health.



## DATES FOR CHRISTMAS EVENTS

### Christmas Assemblies - (to be held at St. Anne's Church):

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| EYFS/Y2 | Monday, 11th December - <b>2pm</b><br>Tuesday, 12th December - <b>2pm</b> |
| Year 4  | Monday, 18th December - <b>1.45pm</b>                                     |



**Carols Around the Crib** - Thursday, 14th December  
4pm

**Santa's Grotto** - Santa will be visiting the children in  
EYFS & KS1 on Friday, 15th December

**Christmas Lunch** - Wednesday, 20th December  
We will be holding Christmas lunch for the whole school on  
just one day.

**The BIG Little Nativity!** - Wednesday, 20th December  
2023 at Salesians College, Highfield Road.

A fabulous evening performance by **St Anne's Drama club**, accompanied by **St Anne's school choir**.

**Christmas Mufti** - Thursday, 21st December

We will once again celebrate the end of term  
with a Christmas themed Mufti. We will **not**  
be asking for a donation of money, just lots  
of happy children spreading Christmas joy!



So dust off your best Christmas jumper,  
headband, Santa hat, costume or just wear  
Christmas colours and join in the fun.



## School Car Park Safety

Please note that the car park is a strictly **one way system**.

If the school gates are **closed**, there is **no** vehicle access, you will need to park outside of the school. We close the gates at **pick up time** to allow parents and children to leave the school site safely.

If the gates are **open** then you may enter using the **IN** gate (Closest gate to Eastworth Road) and exit using the **OUT** gate directly opposite the schools main reception.



These are clearly signposted with **IN** and **no entry** signs.

### Please note:

- There is **strictly no parking in front of the main reception or the parking spaces in this area at any time.**

- In the morning the **drop off zone only** is available, strictly no parking on site.
- **From 4pm onwards** when collecting a child from a club or the after school club you may enter using the correct gates and park in an available space (not those directly outside the main reception) Please do not block any cars in, if there are no spaces available you will need to park on the street taking care not to block our neighbours driveways or park on double yellow lines.
- Please drive carefully and slowly using **the one way system at all times!**

This system is for the **safety of your children and our staff** as well trying to make the drop off and pick up as convenient for you as parents and carers as we possibly can.

If these procedures are not followed by everybody we will need to reconsider allowing access at any time.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Antibullying week 13th November - 17th November 2023

On **Monday, 13th November** the children and staff came to school wearing an outfit that expressed themselves and their interests for the start of anti-bullying week.

Throughout the week, the children completed activities related to bullying and friendship. Finishing the week with '**Friendship Friday**', the older children shared/read books with the younger children.

This was a brilliant way to end the week, it was lovely to see the younger children listening to the stories being read to them.

We raised **£295**

Thank you so much for your support, the money raised will go towards The Bee-lieve Foundation.



**Anti-Bullying Week** was a perfect opportunity to update our **Anti-Bullying Policy** and ensure all of our children have a say and contribute to the final policy.

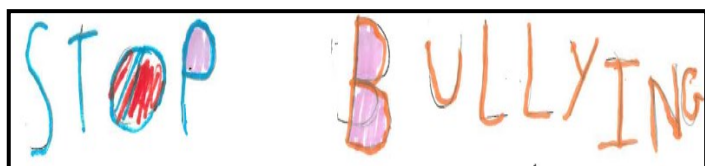
I met with '**The Voice of Children**' group to gather their thoughts about the **Anti-Bullying Policy** and after the meeting I decided to run a competition, which was open to the whole school, to create artwork for our **child friendly Anti-Bullying Policy**.

The children were asked to design, on an A4 piece of white paper, a picture suitable to go on our policy.

The winners were announced on **Friday, 17th November (Friendship Friday)**. The winning pictures have been put onto our official child friendly Anti-Bullying Policy that will be displayed in school and on our school website.

[The Voice of Children Anti-Bullying Policy](#)

### The winning entries:



Aoife Turner 1L



Savrielle Ado 3D



Cathy Ramsay 6E



Alice Lovatt 6S

# Congratulations

Thank you for all the wonderful entries, it did make my task of selecting the winners very difficult.

We have lots of very talented children.

Miss Lawrence  
KS1 Lead



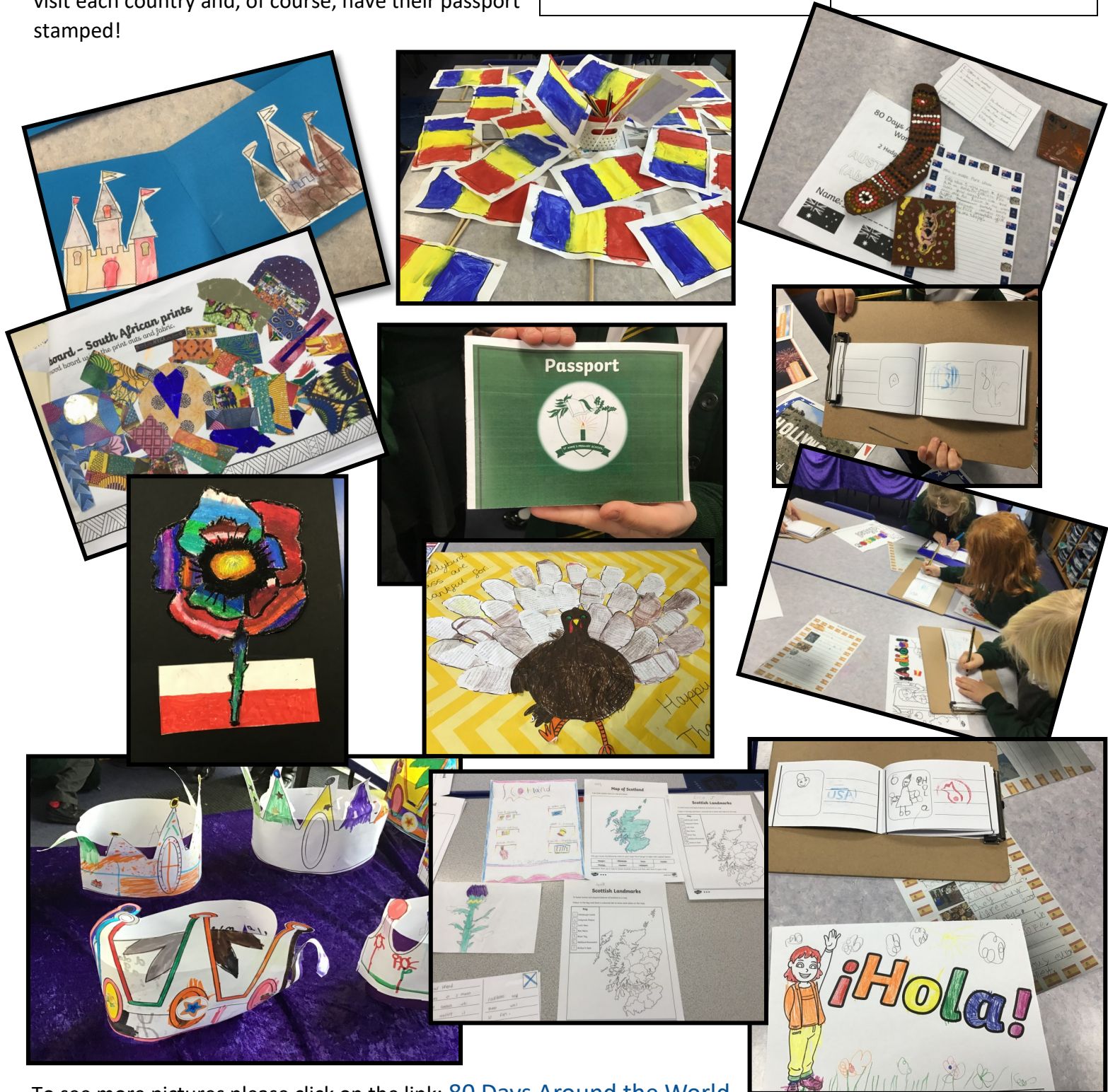
# 80 Days Around the World

During the week beginning 27th November, the children took part in activities and learning under the theme **“80 Days Around the World”**.

It was an opportunity for the children to explore countries of the world and the vast cultures and practices within them. Each class focused on a country to explore for the week with a culmination of the work being on display on Friday afternoon for parents.

Each child was given a passport that was stamped as they entered each country. They were very excited to visit each country and, of course, have their passport stamped!

|                |           |    |              |
|----------------|-----------|----|--------------|
| Sunshine class | China     | 4T | South Africa |
| Rainbow class  | Romania   | 4R | India        |
| 1L             | America   | 5E | Italy        |
| 1B             | Spain     | 5F | Poland       |
| 2H             | Australia | 6E | Ukraine      |
| 2S             | Australia | 6S | Greece       |
| 3M             | Scotland  |    |              |
| 3D             | Ireland   |    |              |



To see more pictures please click on the link: [80 Days Around the World](#)



# Supported Lodgings & Foster Care with Surrey County Council



## Surrey County Council encourages residents to offer Supported Lodgings/foster

Supported Lodgings, and Fostering are both incredibly rewarding experiences that can transform the lives of both the children/young people being supported and the carers' themselves. Children and young people who enter the care system have often experienced trauma and instability in their lives, and a stable and supportive carer family can make a significant difference in their wellbeing and development.

Nationally, there are currently over 70,000 children living with carer families in the UK. However, there is still a significant shortage of Supported Lodgings and foster carers, with around 9,265 new carer families needed in the next year alone. In Surrey, there are over 1,000 children in care and Surrey County Council have just under 400 carer families.

Supported Lodgings is targeted at young adults aged 16-21 to help them build their independence skills ready to live independently in the future, from the security of a caring, stable home environment.

Supported Lodgings Carers and Foster carers come from all walks of life and backgrounds, and there is no one-size-fits-all approach to caring. Whether you are single or married, young or old, own your own home or rent, you can still become a carer. The most important thing is a willingness to provide a safe and loving home for a child in need.

This is the message that Surrey County Council is promoting in national recruitment film 'Any of Us'. The short film has been jointly funded by over 80 councils across England and aims to raise awareness about fostering, particularly among those people who may not have previously considered themselves suited to caring for vulnerable children and young people. The film looks at the potential of three people from different backgrounds to become carers, and the potential of children they care for to grow and thrive. 'Any of Us' is available to watch from the 26<sup>th</sup> September.

If you have ever thought about fostering, or offering Supported Lodgings, now is the time to take that first step and find out more. The more people who consider caring, the greater the chance of finding loving, stable homes for children in Surrey who desperately need them.

You can contact Surrey County Council Fostering Service on 0300 123 1620 (this is the General Fostering Duty telephone, please ask for the Supported Lodgings worker, when connected), via email at [supportedlodgings@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:supportedlodgings@surreycc.gov.uk) or by visiting the website; [www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering)

You can watch 'Any of Us' via [Any of Us - YouTube](#) and connect with the Fostering Service on social media via @surreyfostering.

**Rosie Brookes**

Supported Lodgings Officer



## Mental Health and Emotional Support Parenting Advice

The mental health charity **Place2Be** has a parenting section called '**Parenting Smart**'.

Here you can find advice on many topics related to mental health, emotional support and common issues at home.

[Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Articles](#)

## TRAIN TO TEACH WITH OUTSTANDING ITT PROVIDER XAVIER TEACH SOUTHEAST

Take a moment to flick through XTSE's prospectus [here](#) or watch some of our 'success stories' [here](#).

**Want to find out more before applying?** Attend one of the following up-coming events:

**Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 9.30-11am** : SCITT Open morning event @ Salesian school, Guildford Road, KT16 9LU. Register [here](#)

**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 11.00-11.30am**: Online information event. Join using this [link](#)

Follow XTSE on social media to find out about more events, or just pick up the phone today to the Xavier Teach SouthEast team on 01932 578 682 or email [j.crome@xaviercet.org.uk](mailto:j.crome@xaviercet.org.uk)

[www.teachsoutheast.co.uk](http://www.teachsoutheast.co.uk)



# Safeguarding

We know this time of year can put pressure on families and loved ones. For that reason we just wanted to draw your attention to some websites and resources that may come in helpful now and in the future:

**Family Lives** – very useful parental information website, provides lots of links and resources - they also have a telephone support line for parents/carers

[Parenting and Family Support - Family Lives \(Parentline Plus\)](#)

**Mental Health support** – suitable for lots of families, especially at this time of year

[Mental health support - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#)

**NHS Talking Therapies** – it may be helpful for any parents to be able to talk to someone and this is a self referral service Home

[Mind Matters Surrey - NHS Talking Therapies \(mindmattersnhs.co.uk\)](#)

**Family Conflict** – SCC pages for parents

[Our resources for reducing conflict between parents - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#)

**Your Sanctuary** – Domestic Abuse Support - Services

[YS Home \(yoursanctuary.org.uk\)](#)

**Relate** – resources for relationships –

[Get Help | Relate](#)

[Find your online centre | Relate](#)

## Drug and Alcohol Support Services

[i-access Drug & Alcohol Service : Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust \(surreydrugandalcohol.com\)](#)

**Catalyst** – substance and mental health support

[Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Service in Surrey \(catalystsupport.org.uk\)](#)

**Citizens Advice** – another more general link but useful for newsletters at this time of year

[Citizens Advice](#)

**Family Information Service** – Families can search for services near to them

[Family Information Service - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#)

**Online Understanding your child guides** – Free for all Surrey residents – use access code ACORN.


[Online Learning \(heiapply.com\)](#)

As a safeguarding team we are always here to support, to be a listening ear, and guide in anyway you feel appropriate. Do get in touch with any member of the team via phone or email. ([DSL@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:DSL@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk))

You are not on your own and many individuals or families do come and ask. We've supported **37 families** just this term.

**Miss Dorgan, Mrs Harris, Mrs Murphy, Mrs Burke, Mrs Lewthwaite, Miss Lawrence, Ms Alba, Mrs Dyer**

## Class Attendance - November 2023

| EYFS & KS1   | %  | KS2        | %  |      | %  |
|--|----|------------|----|------|----|
| Sunshine  | 98 | Monet      | 97 | EYFS | 96 |
| Rainbow  | 94 | Delaunay   | 95 | KS1  | 95 |
| Ladybird   | 95 | Tolkien    | 96 | KS2  | 96 |
| Bumblebee  | 96 | Rowling    | 95 |      |    |
| Squirrel   | 97 | Earhart    | 94 |      |    |
| Hedgehog   | 94 | Fiennes    | 94 |      |    |
|  |    | Einstein   | 96 |      |    |
|  |    | Somerville | 96 |      |    |



Now more than ever your child attending school is crucial to their education and future. We will be sharing these figures with you each month and celebrating those classes who have high attendance. We appreciate some absences cannot be avoided and in these cases you do need to let the office know the reason on a daily basis.

**Congratulations to Sunshine Class** for the highest attendance figures for November.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Dear Lord,

May Christ be at the centre of all we do.

With your help, fill our school with laughter and learning.

With your guidance, help us listen and respect each other, no matter our differences.

With your love, encourage us to be kind and gentle.

With your light, shine on our school family, so we can be a light for others.

We are all part of St Anne's community and we know that we are loved.

Amen

| December 2023   |   | Important information:<br>Spring Term curriculum info for parents                  |   |   |   |     |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|-----|
| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat |
|   |   |  |   |   | 1   | 2   |
| 3<br>First Sunday in Advent   | 4<br>School Closed  | 5<br>Y4 Reconciliation Service   | 6   | 7<br>Upton Court Meetings for Parents 3.30pm & 5.30pm                       | 8<br>Christmas Jumper Day<br>EYFS/Y2 Dress Rehearsal<br>PFA Elfridges<br>PFA Festive Fun after school | 9   |
| 10  | 11<br>EYFS/Y2 Christmas Play at St. Anne's Church 2pm   | 12<br>Y5 Reconciliation Service<br>EYFS/Y2 Christmas Play at St. Anne's Church 2pm | 13<br>Y3 - Nativity Journey, The Wintershall Estate Trip  | 14<br>Carols Around the Crib 4pm  | 15<br>Year 4 Dress Rehearsal<br>Santa visiting School<br>EYFS/KS1                                     | 16  |
| 17  | 18<br>Year 4 Christmas Play at Church 1.45pm<br>Drama Club Dress Rehearsal- Salesian School, Highfield Road | 19<br>Y6 Reconciliation Service  | 20<br>The Big Little Nativity Drama Club Performance at Salesian College<br><br>Christmas Lunch | 21<br>Christmas Mufti<br>End of Autumn Term<br>KS1: 12.05pm<br>KS2: 12.15pm | 22  | 23  |
| 24  | 25  | 26   | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  |
| 31  |   |  |   |   |   |     |
| Christmas Holidays<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> December – 7 <sup>th</sup> January |   |  |   |   |   |     |

Thank you for your ongoing support

Take care and God bless

Yours sincerely

*L Harris*

Mrs L M Harris  
Headteacher



### SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES

**Thursday, 21st December (End of Term)**

**FOUNDATION AND KS1: 12.05 pm  
KS2: 12.15 pm**

**SPRING TERM COMMENCES ON**

**Monday, 8th January 2024**

**Registration 8.45 am - 9am**

# SCITT OPEN MORNING

*Come and meet us*

MEET CURRENT  
TRAINEES, ECTS &  
XTSE DIRECTOR,  
AMY HARPER

WEDNESDAY, 17 JANUARY  
9.30 - 11.00

SALESIAN SCHOOL,  
GUILDFORD ROAD, KT16 9LU

REGISTER YOURSELF ON  
OUR WEBSITE!

[www.teachsoutheast.co.uk](http://www.teachsoutheast.co.uk)



## School uniform fund

### Need help with the cost of school uniforms?

If your child needs a school uniform, you may be able to receive some financial help.

#### Who can apply for a voucher?

- 1 Household annual income below £33,000.
- 2 Savings below £6,000.
- 3 Must be liable for Council Tax.
- 4 From nursery age up to school Year 11.



Get more information on eligibility, and how to apply for funding by scanning the QR code or visit:  
[www.runnymede.gov.uk/benefits-support/household-support-fund](http://www.runnymede.gov.uk/benefits-support/household-support-fund)

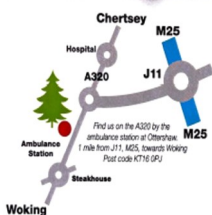
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They have a huge selection of freshly cut trees, tree stands, logs & wreaths. They are situated on the A320 by the ambulance station at Ottershaw.

## Christmas Holiday Activities

### Create a Christmas Village

21st December 2023  
11-12:30pm or 2-3:30pm  
Cost: £4 Age 4-12

Use mini cardboard houses to create a gingerbread-style Christmas village. Decorate with paints, gems and glitter.

Four and five year olds must be accompanied by an adult

Booking is essential

Book online at  
<https://chertsey-museum.arttickets.org.uk> or  
by phone: 01932 565 764



[www.chertseymuseum.org/events](http://www.chertseymuseum.org/events)  
Call 01932 565764 to book your place

The Otter Meadows  
Conservation Centre

Runnymede  
Borough Council







St Paul's  
Addlestone

# Christmas Lunch Project

Collect your child's FREE

Packed Lunch on

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd December

Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th December

FROM 12 noon TO 12.45pm

St Paul's  
Church

Lunches available for all  
children, regardless of  
circumstances.

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