The Chandler News

1st October 2026

Edition 2

This time last week I was lucky enough to be in northern France with our wonderful Year Six pupils who were praised everywhere they went for their polite manners, respectful behaviour and calm attitude. We visited Paris on Tuesday, Amiens on Wednesday and the battlefields of The Somme on Thursday before heading home via Etaples on Friday. We already have next year's visit booked and we will be shortly be writing to Year Five parents and carers with more details of our annual five day residential stay.







Harvest – this Friday, we will be giving thanks for the many gifts we receive as we mark Harvest in school. Children may chose to come to school in non-uniform clothes and make a donation which will go to Godalming food bank. They welcome donations of:

- Tinned tomatoes/peas/beans/mixed veg
- Tinned custard and rice pudding
- Pasta sauces
- Anti-bac cleaning spray
- Instant coffee
- Gluten-free snacks
- Mayonnaise
- Jam
- Hot chocolate
- Washing up liquid

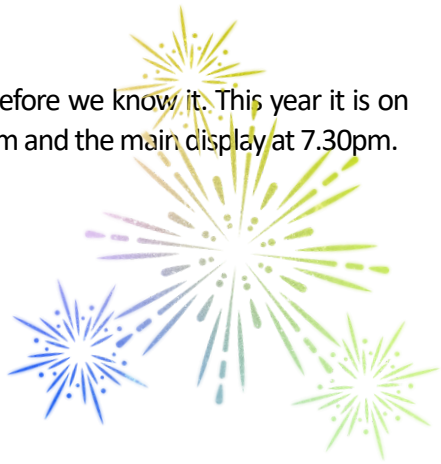
Responsibility – is our Value for October. Following on from our September Value of Belonging, we will be looking at some of the implications of belonging. The children are being encouraged to think about what they have Responsibility for and to think about this quote from the Bible: "Work hard and cheerfully at whatever you do". (Colossians 3:23).

Friends AGM - The Friends of The Chandler is our parent-teacher association and each of you is automatically a member. If you are a familiar face, or just getting to know the school, it would be great to see you at our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 6th October at 7.30pm in the staffroom. We will be looking back at last year's fundraising and hoping for some fresh ideas for the year ahead. You don't need to be able to commit to loads of meetings – every little helps!

Year Group Information meetings – I hope you found the recent year group meetings useful. Don't worry if you weren't able to make it – the information sheets have now been sent home and are on the website (under each year group) if you ever need them.

Progress Evenings – your first chance to hear about how your child has settled into their new class is coming up on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th October. Booking is now open via Arbor.

Fireworks Evening – our annual community fireworks event will be upon us before we know it. This year it is on Thursday 5th November. Gates open at 6.00pm with a low bang display at 6.45pm and the main display at 7.30pm.



Tickets cost:

Adults in advance £6	Adults on the door £7
Children £4	Under two years free

Available online: Get tickets here or use the QR code

🙋 **Can you lend a hand?**

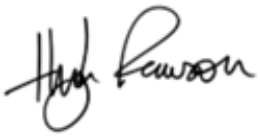
Events like this simply wouldn't be possible without the brilliant support of our school community. If you can spare a little time to help on the night, we'd be incredibly grateful. Please add your name to our helper rota here:

👉 **volunteersignup.org/3XW77**

Parent Tours – we are currently offering school tours for parents of Year 2 children who will be choosing junior schools over the next few months. Dates are booking up so if you know someone who would like to see the school, please point them in the direction of our website.

Half Term – a reminder that, in line with Surrey County Council schools, this Autumn Half Term lasts two weeks. School will be closed from Monday 19th October. Please note that Monday 2nd November is a staff training day when we will be looking at Philosophical Teaching and Learning alongside most other Godalming schools. Children should return to school on Tuesday 3rd November.

The Big Future – is a survey from the Children's Commissioner, Rachel deSouza, asking children and young people about their lives, their experiences and their hopes for the future. The aim is to build a national picture of what matters to children today and to ensure their views are heard by Government. The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and can be accessed here: https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture



THE CHANDLER
EVERY LIGHT SHINING

POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS

A huge thank you to everyone who entered our Fireworks poster competition. We were so impressed by all the colourful and creative designs! Congratulations to our winners:





🏆 Harrison G, 5E
🏆 Zoe D, 3C

Well done to our winners and to everyone who took part!

REPORTING ABSENCE

Please be aware that if your child is unwell you must report the absence to the School Office by 9.00am at the latest on the day and every subsequent day they are off. You can do this as follows:

- report via Studybugs mobile phone app
- by emailing absence@chandlerjunior.school or
- by phoning 01428 683071

Please note that if your child suffers from vomiting or diarrhoea, they must stay away from school until they have been completely free of symptoms for 48 hours.

We are required by law to report 'unauthorised' absences or frequent latecomers, and any absence from school is considered 'unauthorised' until we receive an explanation via email or phone call from a parent or carer.

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.

KEEPING OUR SCHOOL ALLERGY SAFE

We all have a part to play in keeping children with allergies safe at school. Our Allergy Safety webpage explains our approach and includes important information for parents and carers. Please have a quick read, even if your own child does not have an allergy: Allergy Safety - important info

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO THE CHANDLER!

We are excited to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair will be running from Monday 12th to Thursday 15th October in the school library. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children and families to discover engaging books, explore new authors, and celebrate the joy of reading together. The Book Fair offers a wide variety of titles—from picture books and early readers to chapter books, graphic novels, and non-fiction. In addition to books, there will also be fun school supplies and small gift items.

Why It Matters - The Book Fair is more than just a shopping event. Every purchase helps our school earn rewards that go directly toward books and resources for our classrooms and library. It's a simple and meaningful way to support learning while also encouraging a lifelong love of reading.

Opening Times - Children will have a chance to visit the Book Fair at lunchtimes between 12.45pm and 1.10pm (cash payments only). Families are also invited to visit immediately after school (cash and card payments accepted).

Thank you for helping us make the Scholastic Book Fair a success. We look forward to seeing you there!

DIARY DATES

Friday 2nd October	Year 5 to Sayers Croft
Tuesday 6th October	The Friends AGM at 7.30pm in the School staffroom
Friday 9th October	6M Class assembly at 2.45pm - parents/carers welcome Donut sale in the playground after school
Monday 12th October to Thursday 15th October	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 14th October	Parent consultations 5.30-8.00pm
Thursday 15th October	Parent consultations 3.30-6.00pm
Friday 16th October	Year 3 trip to Butser Farm 6S Class assembly at 2.45pm - parents/carers welcome
Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October	**HALF TERM**
Monday 2nd November	INSET DAY— School closed to pupils
Tuesday 3rd November	Year 4 trip to Fishbourne Palace (more information to follow)
Thursday 5th November	Fireworks evening
Friday 6th November	6R Class assembly at 2.45pm - parents/carers welcome

YEAR SIX

Rodborough SCHOOL

Principal:
Emma Hunston
www.rodborough.surrey.sch.uk

30 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Information Evening

As you prepare to make the important decision regarding your child's secondary school placement, we would like to invite you to our upcoming Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 6 October 2026 at 6pm.

This event is specifically designed for parents and carers who were unable to attend our Open Evening or one of our School in Action tours.

During the evening, you will have the opportunity to hear directly from our Principal and the transition team, gain insight into our school's vision, values, and curriculum, and learn more about what makes our school community unique.

Please note: There will not be a school tour included as part of this event.

To help us plan for numbers, please book via Eventbrite here.

We look forward to welcoming you and helping you make an informed choice for your child's secondary education.

Yours sincerely,

R. Chambers

Mrs R Chambers
Assistant Principal/Transition Lead

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📣 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – HELP KEEP STARBURST RANGERS OPEN! 💙

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join Starburst Rangers in Godalming and help us continue providing a fantastic space for local girls aged 14–17.

⭐ **What are Rangers?**
Rangers is the Girlguiding section for girls aged 14–17.

Our Rangers take part in all sorts of activities – learning valuable life skills, supporting community events, going on adventures, making friends and, most importantly, having lots of fun!

⚠️ **But we urgently need more volunteers.**
The unit is currently being run by leaders who already volunteer with Brownies and Guides elsewhere in the district. They're doing a brilliant job, but Starburst Rangers really needs volunteers who can dedicate their time specifically to the unit.

Without additional volunteers, the unit will unfortunately have to close.

💙 **Why volunteer with Girlguiding?**
Volunteering is incredibly rewarding – and lots of fun! As a volunteer, you can:

✨ Learn new skills
🤝 Make new friends
🎒 Enjoy activities and adventures
🌍 Get involved in your local community
💪 Help girls and young women develop confidence and essential life skills

No previous Girlguiding experience is needed. Full training and support will be provided.
We'd love to hear from anyone who is enthusiastic, enjoys working with young people and would like to make a real difference.

💻 **Prefer to help behind the scenes?**
We're also looking for volunteers who could support the unit with admin and accounts, so there are ways to get involved even if being a unit leader isn't for you.

📩 **Interested or want to find out more?**
Email: hambledondistrictcommissioner@gmail.com
🔗 You can also register your interest through the Girlguiding website:
https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-to-volunteer/

Please share this message! Even if volunteering isn't right for you, sharing it could help us find the people we need to keep Starburst Rangers going. 💙

SCHOOL MEALS DELIVERY DRIVER NEEDED

Regular Term-Time Work

A SMALL JOURNEY MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE

HEALTHY MEALS
BRIGHTER DAYS
HAPPIER LEARNERS



We are looking for a reliable, friendly self-employed driver to help deliver school meals for this school.

GOOD FOOD FUELS BRIGHT FUTURES

- Regular term-time work
- Competitive daily rate
- School holidays free
- Short daytime working hours
- Use of your own suitable vehicle

Routes operate during the school day and are typically around 30 minutes to 2 hours per day, depending on the requirements of the route.

The work is ideal for anyone looking for regular daytime work during school term time, including retired or semi-retired people, parents, or anyone with availability during the day.

Work that fits around you

TERM-TIME WORK REAL IMPACT



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Interested?

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adminsupport@sheridanmyers.co.uk

01922 453500

Be part of something good

21 for 21 Charity Run



24th and 25th October
Merrist Wood College, Guildford

A weekend of running (or walking!) food, drinks & music!

On 28th October, Charlie would have been celebrating his 21st birthday.

Help us raise £21,000 in his memory, and help keep young people safe.

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Saturday 24 October

2.1km Family Fun Run
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5km Charity Run
Reg 8am · Start 9:20am

10km Charity Run
Reg 12:30pm · Start 1:30pm

Sunday 25 October

21km Charity Run
Reg 8am · Start 9am

21km Charity Walk
Reg 8am · Start 9:05am



Sign up, prices & full details

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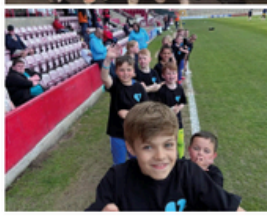
or visit www.charliespromise.org/21for21charityrun

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21 for 21

21 Promises for Charlie





Charlie was just 17 when he died following a knife attack in 2023. Before we switched off his life support machine, we made him a promise: that we would dedicate our lives to educating young people about the dangers and devastating impact of knife crime.

Now you can be part of that promise.

This October to mark his 21st birthday, we're asking individuals, families, schools, youth groups and communities across the UK to help us turn that milestone into change.

Walk or run 21km
Wash 21 cars
Sell 21 Cakes
21-minute sponsored silence
21 Dance Routines
21k Steps
21 Star Jumps
21 Acts of Kindness
Swim 21 Lengths

Register your interest & make your promise

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