

5th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

This is always an incredibly busy time of year. Please do keep an eye on the calendar. If you have mislaid the version we sent before, you can always keep track on our school website: [Yattendon School - Calendar](#)
 Don't forget that Monday 15th June is an INSET day and the school will be closed to children.

Fiesta Fun in Year 5

To bring the study of Brazil alive in Year 5, Wednesday was 'Samba Day'. The following was written by Charlie:
 Samba Day was incredibly fun! We got to play the drums and other instruments, have a party and make our own headdresses. We performed the carnival music we had practised to our parents at the end of the day! *Charlie Y5*



Whole School Photo

On Monday 8th June (this Monday coming) we are having the whole school photographed. Please send your child to school in correct summer uniform. This can be summer dress or white polo shirt and trousers/shorts/skirts. Please make sure they look smart for the photo. It might be an idea for them to bring a brush or comb.

Parent Survey

Please do take time to give us your views on all aspects of our education provision at Yattendon. Please click on the link and tell us how you feel. We would love to know about the positives as well as any ideas you have for improvements we could make. Schools face considerable challenges providing an increasingly wide range of services without additional funding, but we are always determined to do the best we can and really value your thoughts. Please click here: edurio.com/poll/Hjs87zxzlya9gmVKBUNYMpkPMkl. To be completed by Friday 19th June.



Samba Day in Year 5

Sports Day - 24th June

This is always a wonderful community celebration of athletics and competitive fun. Please do come along for the morning if you can. Please plan to park well away from the school and be prepared to walk a little way, as only the front entrance will be open and Oakwood Road will be busy.

Uniform Reminder

If shoes need replacing at this time of the year, I am happy for the children to wear plain black trainers throughout the week (PE and non-PE days) for the rest of this term. Please ensure your child is wearing correct uniform in all other respects. It is also very helpful, if children have had their ears pierced, that they don't have earrings on for PE days. Plastic safety retainers (with flat backs) may be worn instead on these days. [CLICK HERE FOR THE UNIFORM POLICY](#)

Dates coming up...

Monday 15th June - School closed to pupils for INSET

Monday 15th June - Last date for photos to be submitted for science week. Please see studybugs message sent this afternoon.

This week's winning house

Rowan: 745	Hazel: 670
Birch: 494	Whitebeam: 604



SAFEGUARDING: Yattendon School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects everyone to share this commitment. If you have any concerns about the welfare of any child, please contact one of the designated members of staff. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE](#)



School Attendance is a Priority

As you may be aware, the Local Authority have made changes to Penalty Notices that are issued for unauthorised absences. Head Teachers are only able to authorise requests for absence if there are exceptional circumstances.

The issuing of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance. This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 10 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 10 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration.

If you consider that there are exceptional circumstances relating to your request, please let the school have full details. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis.

Below are the amounts payable for a penalty notice and consequences for repeat unauthorised absences.

If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to your 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.

If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to your 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.

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.

Please remember that we are here to support you and if you have any difficulties getting your child to school, please contact our Home-school Link Worker, Karen Burgess, by phone or email: kburgess@yattendon.surrey.sch.uk