

# THE SFS EXPRESS

*Inside: Autumn Term School Trips*



## THE BIG SURPRISE OF PUDSEY

For Children in Need, we had a very special guest who came to visit us... Pudsey!

Guided by Mrs Abdul-Salam, he greeted the children during an assembly waving. Enthusiastically. Everybody (including the teachers) were in stitches when he showed off his DAB moves!

After his exciting visit, everybody began to fundraise with their cake baking; it was just like having a big *Junior Bake Off* in South Farnham School. In total, we managed to raise an impressive £628.49 for children across the country who are in need of help and support. A huge thank you goes to everybody who helped.



## Meet the Newspaper Club team!



For eight weeks, we've been working on this newspaper so that you can enjoy reading it. Year 5 and 6 have mainly contributed to this, however, some Year 3 and 4s have been guest helpers to write about their enjoyable school trips.

Aalya (Year 6) exclaimed, 'I really enjoyed taking part in this club be-

cause it is exciting to write something the whole school may read.'

Everybody was assigned by Miss Wray to write about some recent events or create some themed quizzes for the debut edition of the SFS Express. We have all successfully written articles that we hope you will enjoy!

# AUTUMN TERM SCHOOL TRIPS



## Year 3—Butser Ancient Farm

This term, Year 3 went to Butser Ancient Farm and learnt all about the Stone Age. Here, we went into one of the huts and sat down on animal skins just like they would have done all of those years ago! We acted like archaeologists and dug to find bones and objects. We then made a story to explain what we thought they were used for. All the children really enjoyed the trip and Oliver from 3B commented, 'I loved making the bracelet the best!' Another person from 3B commented that they liked crushing chalk.

## Year 4—Fishbourne Roman Palace

Year 4 were lucky enough to go to Fishbourne Roman Palace. Here, there is the biggest collection of mosaics in the whole of Europe, with the most famous one being 'Cupid On A Dolphin'. There is even a skeleton of a Roman person for all to see. As it

was a lovely sunny day, we all went into the gardens and courtyard to see where the Romans ate. We learnt that they would have they have meals lying down and they would dangle the grapes into their mouths. There was

also (in the Roman times, of course!) a slave who came round after a meal with a bucket of wine and a feather. It is supposed that after they drank the wine, they would poke the feather down their throats to make themselves vomit! Yuck! Year 4 also did some activities including making mosaics, writing our names in Latin and much, much more. It was a superb day!

## Year 5—The Mary Rose Museum

This term, Year 5 were privileged enough to visit the Mary Rose Museum which is in Portsmouth. Whilst we were there, we received a tour from incredibly knowledgeable staff and we were able to see the remains of the historic ship. As well as this, there were engaging lessons about loading the Tudor guns and also a France vs England invasion where we had to use sneaky strategies to battle each other! "It was a fascinating trip!" a child from 5W told

us when they returned. We also spotted that the ship has three little pieces that divers first found which are now painted red. This is how they discovered the remains of the Mary Rose.

## Year 6—The Natural History Museum and the V & A Museum

In November, the Year 6 pupils went to the Natural History Museum and the V & A Museum. We studied Islamic Art in the V & A and earthquakes in the Natural History. 'It was one of the best experiences in my whole time at this school' said Carys, a child in 6W (Miss Whitbourn's class). The workers there were very impressed by all of our behaviour, and said that they would like us to come back.

These lucky children also went through an exhibition full of dinosaur fossils and bones. Furthermore, we got to go on an escalator through a model earth with light effects—it was fascinating!



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TERM:



## **Singin' in the Rain**

Another Autumn term, another show and what a spectacular show it was this year...! *Singin' in the Rain* was all singing and all dancing and made sure that the audience were clapping along. It included the most popular songs from the original Broadway production including *Good Mornin'* and of course *Singin' in the Rain*. The three girls who played Kathy in the different casts also sang a solo of *Lucky Star*; they all sang like angels in their performances!

Every single child in the school took part in the show with year three pupils performing in their own version of the play. The quality of the acting was very impressive and new lighting this year made sure that it would be unforgettable! A huge thank you needs to go to all staff, parents and of course the children who made the show so spectacular.

## **The Christmas Fair**

On Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> November, our school hosted this year's Christmas fair. It included: Stalls, Secret Santa, Tombolas, Santa's Grotto and Name the Bear. Thanks to the generous donations from our school members and helpful parents, lots of sweetie jars and bottles were brought in and raised a lot of money. Miss Wray, who was helping out on the sweet stall, exclaimed, 'It was ridiculously busy from start to finish. What a fabulous way to raise money!' At the Secret Santa, people were bustling in and out, collecting gifts for their friends and family. It was so popular; almost all the gifts disappeared in less than half an hour. Altogether, over ten thousand pounds was raised!

## **Singing at Light up a Life**

As some know, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November, children in the Christmas choir took part in an event organised by Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice which was held at the South Farnham School hall. This evening was organised to help people remember loved ones they had lost in their lives. To keep their spirits high, the children sang lots of festive songs including: *Starry Night*, *Winter Wonderland* and *Noel*. The whole hall was packed and Mrs Hall commented that this year was the busiest we had ever seen! Well done to all of the children who sang so beautifully.

## **Remembrance Assembly**

On the eleventh day of the eleventh month, all staff and pupils attended our remembrance assembly. It was a sombre time as we remembered all the soldiers that fought and lost their lives in war. For this occasion, a bugler was invited to play 'The last post' to commence the silence. As the silence ended, the children that had put on the assembly read some letters out that soldiers wrote to their family before they lost their lives for us. Mrs Donnachie described the assembly as beautiful and we would all agree.

# 'Roald Dahl Day' Competition

To celebrate one hundred years since Roald Dahl's birth, the pupils at South Farnham School were invited to take part in a competition to write one hundred words about their favourite

character in a book by him. Teachers were hugely impressed by the effort and creativity of the children. The four entries of the lucky winners can be read and enjoyed here!

## The BFG – Toby 3O

Once there lived a giant called the BFG who had big, dirty ears that he waved around when he was very happy. Did you know the BFG used to have his own stamp? The BFG has a friend called Sophie. The other giants are mean, bone crunching giants. Their names are Flesh Lump, Blood Bottler, Butcher Boy and more! The BFG's favourite drink is frobscottle (it makes you blow off). The Flesh Lump Eater hates water and the other giants hate fire. The BFG had stinky snozzcumbers instead of human beans (people). The BFG is very kind.

## Willy Wonka – Ruby 4B

I like Willy Wonka because he makes lots of delicious sweets that everyone loves (especially children!). They are mouth-watering! He has helpers in his chocolate factor called Oompa-Loompas. Imagine working for Roald Dahl's best character ever?

He wears a smart, black top-hat and a big, spotty bow tie with a long, pink coat. What a crazy outfit! Willy Wonka has a room in his factory full of sweets! I wish I had one! I also like Willy Wonka because he is a very jolly person (just like me!) although sometimes, he can get a little sad.

## Trunchbull – Rebecca 6T

Her thick set frame resembles a walking giant blamanche, pink and bluberry with an unpleasant odour of mothballs and rotten eggs. Cankles, swollen and puffy, protrude out of her shoes, whilst her monstrous belly bursts through her stained yellow shirt. Walrus, warty wrinkles wobble as she bellows at the children. Her hair is slicked back like a slather of lard, hardened and gone crusty with an aroma of Gorgonzola and sweat. Full of pure evil, her soulless, shark black eyes glare at any pupils that step out of line. Her heart is made of solid black ice, starved of any love.

## The Witches – Matthew 5L

Roald Dahl's characters, how can I choose? They are all pretty amazing and the books are really cool.

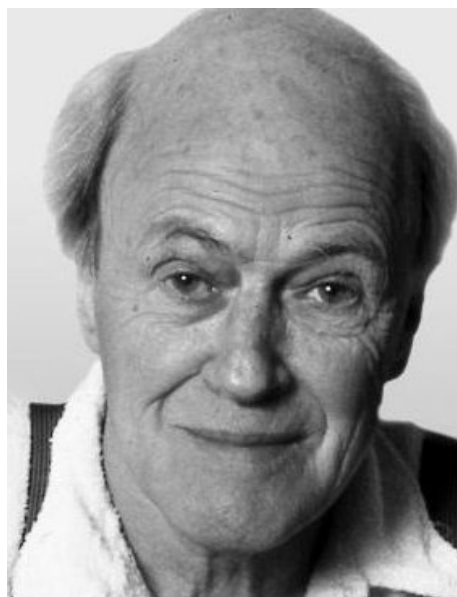
But if I had to pick my favourite one, from the people you've brought to life.

The Grand High Witch would be the one for me, but certainly not as a wife!

Turning children into rodents or cooking up their bones,

The Grand High Witch hates us kids and wants to take us from our homes.

I love the long claw like finger nails and scalp that's covered in warts!



*'We are dreamers of dreams,' Roald Dahl*

# Book Recommendations:

## 'Dolphin Song'

Lauren St. John

This book is perfect for animal lovers; and those who enjoy a page turner. In it, a school trip to see the Sardine Run in South Africa goes dreadfully wrong. Will the castaways be able to survive?

In total there are 5 books in this series:

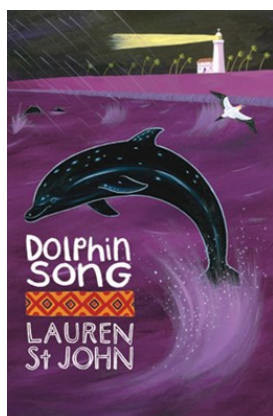
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*Dolphin Song*

*The Last Leopard*

*The Elephants Tale*

*Operation Rhino*

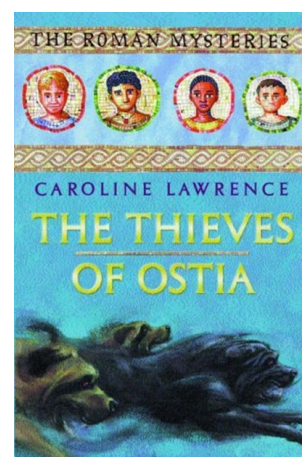


## 'The Thieves of Ostia' from the the Roman Mysteries series

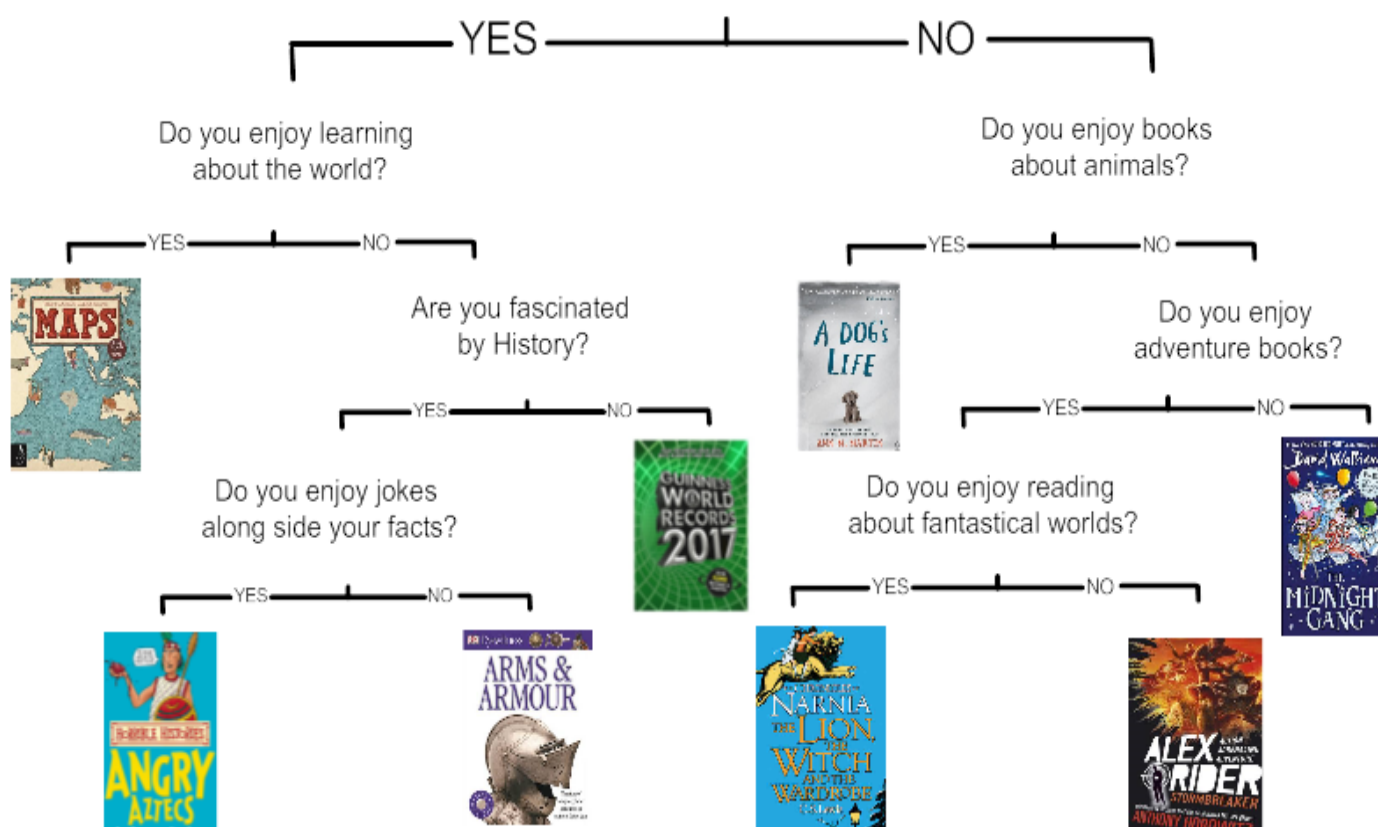
Caroline Lawrence

This book is awesome because it is full of suspense and mystery. There are 18 books in this series, and you will want to read every book because they all have interesting, entrancing plots. I totally recommend reading these books!

You can find them in the Foundation Library near the Year 5 and 6 classes.



Do you prefer non-fiction books?



# NATURE WATCH

## YEARLING IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Recently on our school grounds, there have been various sightings of a young deer. These sightings have been by classes in their games lessons, Mr Brown when has been locking up the gates and by pupils at the end of the day. Deer live in a variety of habitats, but are most often found in forests and fields. It is such a treat to have this amazing view of wildlife in our very own school field; it feels like we are looking in to the countryside.

'The first sighting of the deer was in June, where she was seen foraging around on the top field, near the sandpit,' Mr

Brown explained.

After this first viewing, a deer expert was promptly called and informed Mr Brown that she was a female yearling (she is around a year old). The deer expert also advised the school to dig a

hole under the fence so that the deer could find her way out.

It is believed the yearling entered the school field by jumping the fence. Although it is only three foot high on the other side, it is six foot from inside the school grounds meaning that it was quickly trapped.

Mrs Garrod (kitchen supervisor) kindly donated apples to tempt her through the hole and back to safety which took a whole three days.

Since the first sighting, the yearling has returned three or four times and was last seen in early October



by the after school care children outside.

As a school, we are unaware whether this young deer has been separated from her family or not. However, we must keep a close eye on her to make sure she's safe. We hope that she safely gets back to her parents and is not harmed or injured.

Mr Brown commented, 'When undisturbed, she is quite happy foraging at the top of the field but she is very shy and easily scared.'

## TREE STUMP IS NOW BEAUTIFUL SCULPTURE

After one of the trees in the playground had been damaged in the storm last term, it was decided that it should become artwork! A

'tree pirate' spent the weekend with his chainsaw creating the most spectacular sculpture of an owl. The wooden creature sits on a pile of books all with famous authors who have connections to Farnham and the surrounding areas. Make sure you go and have a look at our newest addition to the school!



# QUIZ PAGE

TEST YOUR BRAIN WITH OUR  
AROUND THE WORLD PUZZLES!

## AROUND THE WORLD RIDDLES:

1. What is the slipperiest country in the world?
2. Where do fish go to get new fins?
3. What moves all around the world but sits in the corner?
4. I am a country, but would become a part of your body if you removed one letter. Can you name me?

## ANAGRAMS

Unscramble these words  
into countries around  
the world!

ZBIRLA

TYLIA

DANACA

## WORLD WORDSEARCH:

M I K L S E S A Y L M T W I P  
S U R A L E B N H A U P G O G  
D Q U A P D A O O S I H K E X  
A I D K L M D G I C G S A K J  
N M K N R N Y R Z O L W S J X  
W D Y E A A E E L T E F R U A  
C D G H D L I E D L B R Z J R  
T V T W A S E N D A Z A P N T  
V F M N W T N C E N I N N R Y  
U F D E O N Q P I D F C L K X  
R F D A U S T R I A Y E T X I  
F E C E E R G J B E J G K E H  
N Z E K B E C H A B M H T V N  
L Q N U Q G G A H P G Z M Y U  
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AUSTRIA  
FRANCE  
ICELAND  
SCOTLAND

BELARUS  
GERMANY  
IRELAND  
SWEDEN

BELGIUM  
GREECE  
RUSSIA  
UKRAINE



## GEOGRAPHY TRIVIA QUESTIONS:

1. Which country is the largest in the world?
2. What is the capital of France?
3. Which countries make up the United Kingdom?
4. What's the capital city of Russia?
5. Which country can Mount Vesuvius be found?

# SFS SPORT NEWS

## SUCCESS IN CROSS COUNTRY

Over the course of the Autumn term, years 3,4,5 and 6 have been running against the cold wind and rain to make sure that the cross-country title would be theirs.

Boys and girls from every year came into school at the **incredibly** early time of 8:00am for training in preparation for the event. When they had got changed, made their way up to the top court and had done a couple of quick stretches, they were off running for **6 straight minutes!**

On the morning of the big run, everyone competing in this exciting event arrived at Farnham Park all pumped up and ready for the long distance event.

First, there was the boys race with Jake Leahy (a fellow SFS student) coming third out of around **300 boys!**

In the girls race Lara Webb was our top placed girl and even more impressive: our



girls came **first** out of all the schools participating!

Well done to everyone who took part and represented our school.

**Do you want to get involved in sport next term? Why not join one of the following clubs next term?**

- Netball
- Football
- Hockey
- Gymnastics
- Urban and commercial Dance



## OUR NETBALL STARS!

On the 28<sup>th</sup> November, a team of 9 netball players went to compete against Highfield South Farnham and managed to win an impressive 8-5. This team had never played together before so they did extremely well in the match.

Incredibly, Helena from 6W managed to score 4 goals in just 10 minutes! The other scorers were: Tamsin (1 goal), Carys (1 goal) and Lara in 6W (2 goals)

The duration of the match was 40 minutes with each player swapping positions every 10 minutes. Afterwards, Miss Whitbourn congratulated every player: 'You did very well in winning that match against our partner school.'