

# DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

Empowering success through a strong and respectful home-school partnership

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## Headteachers Message

The children have enjoyed a productive week in school so please read the paragraphs below for more details.

Although we only have 4 days of term left, and they will be busy as usual, I would like to draw your attention to an **important event on Wednesday 27th**. Once you have dropped your child/ren into school, please come to the hall where Miss Legg and I will be waiting to talk to you about how we can expand our amazing pupil Dynamo team to include the adults who care for them.

We have always had FODD (Friends of Darley Dene) and we are not looking to end their wonderful work but we are hoping that FODD can evolve and become included in our Dynamo mission. Darley Dene Dynamos is all about the community serving itself. For our children, this includes helping each other wherever help is needed and we would love our caring adults to have the same support system of relationships. For people, it is their connections with one another that make the world go round and the right connection at the right time can be life enhancing or even life saving. We have some ideas about how an adult Dynamo team might work but we would like to have your ideas before we go ahead and make plans about how this team of brilliant, community minded people might have their power harnessed.

**So, if you like the idea of school being a place where you, as adults, can get support from one another the way the children already enjoy, please come along to the hall next Wednesday. We look forward to seeing you there.**

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## Author Visit

Just a reminder that children's author Andrew Weale is visiting Darley Dene this Monday 25th March 2024. Andrew will lead individualised workshops in classes between Reception and Year 6, sharing his picture books and guiding the children to find ideas for their own stories. In addition, he will answer the children's questions and then sign copies of his titles. In order to fund this exciting experience, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2.50 per child.

Andrew's titles include:

- One Newt in a Suit
- Nora: The Girl WHO Ate and Ate and Ate
- Spooky Spooky House
- A Quiet Day in the Jungle
- Dinosaur Doo

## End of Term

A gentle reminder that it is end of term on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March and the children will be dismissed at 1pm.

## Reading, Reading, Reading...

Following book week, each class has been busy ordering and designing elements for their personalised book corners - look out on our social media for the final results in the coming weeks. It has been wonderful to see how busy our reading den is each lunch time and how thoughtful our student librarians are when selecting books each week. Monday dismissal has been so exciting with our pre-loved book stall - the look on children's faces when they leave with a 'new' book for home is priceless. Library visits are continuing until the end of term - try to take the Remember to check out the book recommendations below!

EYFS & KS1	KS2
	
Not Now, Bernard	Lion Boy

## Home Learning

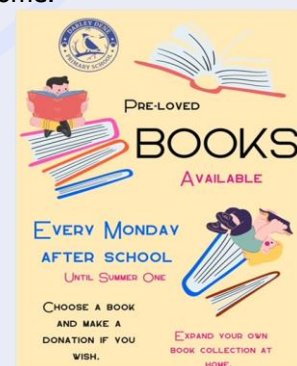
To support you in accessing all the home learning platforms that are on offer, we have included direct links on our website.

<https://www.darleydeneprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=28>

Please let your class teacher know if you have any specific questions to support your child at home.

## Pre Loved Books

It was wonderful to see so many of our families enjoying the offer of our pre-loved book stall after school on Monday. This will continue to be available every week until the books run out. Please remember to only take the books you will read so all our families have the opportunity to take part. These books are a wonderful way to build your selection at home to encourage your child to read each day.



## Talk Question

What do you think is beyond the stars?

### Timestables Rockstars

Anusha, Deenie, Alfie, Angela

### Oracy Celebration

All of our children are enjoying the opportunity to earn one of the certificates. Well done to all of the children who have already been successful and good luck to everyone else for the coming weeks.

#### Oracy Champions

Oscar  
Leo  
Olivia S  
Paulo  
Caesar  
Milan  
Darcy  
Lexi C

#### Jigsaw

Frankie S  
Laavanya  
Olaf  
Maddie  
Roshan

#### Sports Stars

Lily  
Levi P  
Aleksandra  
Dolcie  
Omera  
Fatmana  
Daniel C  
Grace  
Isabella W

#### Maths

Ebrahim  
Theo  
Alice C  
Rori  
Reni  
Advik  
Isabella S  
Taree  
Ines

#### Writing

Noah M  
Fallon  
Alice I  
Max  
Anusha  
Jude  
Archie  
Angela

### Gold Leaves

Congratulations to the children who earned a Gold Leaf this week. This could be for an exemplary piece of work, an over and above gesture of kindness, showing responsibility, perseverance, determination or other positive trait etc.

**ROBINS:** Aria

**SPARROWS:** Jayleen, Eddie

**WOODPECKERS:** Amelia, Hannah

**MAGPIES:** Advik, Laavanya, Srisajini, Anusha, Kaylee, Mehrab

**DOVES:** Jude, Lena, Sudem, Matthew

**KINGFISHERS:** Kacper

**EAGLES:** Faye, Lucy-Ann



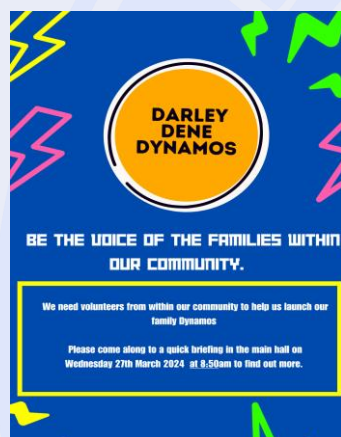
## KS1 Dance Show

This half term, Jays and Woodpeckers have been working hard in their PE lessons to learn different dance routines. We are excited to announce that the children are putting on a mini showcase to share their routines with their families. This will take place on **Monday 25th March at 2:45pm**. We are hoping for an outside performance (weather permitting). Please arrive at **2.40pm** and sign in through the school office.



## Dynamos!

Within the autumn term, we successfully launched our new pupil Dynamos. We are now excited to share that we are extending this into our family community. Come and join us next **Wednesday 27th March at 8:50am** to find out more!



## House Competition



Meteor	102
Comet	99
Supernova	90

## Calling All Volunteers

If you have any free time to offer even if it's only an hour a week or you have any friends or relatives who would be interested in volunteering in school; please fill out the expression of interest form below and we will be in touch to talk it through in more detail. We would love to hear from you!

## [Darley Dene Volunteer Form](#)





## Enrichment Clubs Summer Term

The Summer term clubs are shown below these will be available to book from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March via your ScoPay account.

Dates	Year Group	Type	Run by	Description	No. of Spaces	Location
Tuesday 23rd/30th April. 7th/14th/21st May. 4th/11th/18th/25th June. 2nd July	Year 4/5/6	Girls Football Club	Mr Howick & Miss Smit	Do you want to Bend it like Beckham? Following the Lionesses bringing it home in 2022, could you follow in their footsteps? Then Darley Dene's first girls' football club is the place for you! Join Mr Howick with his FA coaching skills and 20+ years of experience to start your journey now.	20	Junior Playground (Main Hall)
Tuesday 23rd/30th April. 7th/14th/21st May. 4th/11th/18th/25th June. 2nd July	Year 3/4/5/6	Board Games	Geek Retreat	A club for board gamers at Darley Dene in KS2 run by the Geek Retreat, come and show off your skills and learn new games.	8	Library
Wednesday 24th April. 1st/8th/15th/22nd May. 5th/12th/19th/26th June. 3rd July	Reception, Year 1 & 2	Lego	Mrs Lansdell	What can you build? In Lego Club we will be planning and building our own amazing creations - the sky's the limit! Bring your imaginations and see what you can create.	16	Sparrows Class
Wednesday 24th April. 1st/8th/15th/22nd May. 5th/12th/19th/26th June. 3rd July	Year 3/4/5/6	Football	Sports Elite	This club will allow children to learn and develop new football skills as well as enjoy gameplay in a structured setting. Children will need to bring a PE/sports kit for this club.	20	Junior Playground (Main Hall)
Thursday 25th April. 2nd/9th/16th/23rd May. 6th/13th/20th/27th June. 4th July .	Years 1-6	Cheerleading	Resolution Dance	Children are encouraged to express themselves through positivity. They will learn routines and stunts in a safe environment. Children will need to bring a PE/sports kit for this club.	30	Main Hall
Thursday 25th April. 2nd/9th/16th/23rd May. 6th/13th/20th/27th June. 4th July .	Year 5 & 6	Netball	Miss Nhambure & Mrs Lanecka	Netball club is a fun place for girls to learn new skills and prepare for some competitions - if they wish - within the Trust. Are you ready to shoot some hoops?	16	Junior Playground
Friday 26th April. 3rd/10th/17th/24th May. 7th/14th/21st/28th June. 5th July.	Year 1 & 2	Football	KS1	This club will allow children to learn and develop new football skills as well as enjoy gameplay in a structured setting. Children will need to bring a PE/sports kit for this club.	20	Junior Playground (Main Hall)



## Messages from the School Office

### Safeguarding

Are the contact details we have for you up to date? This is a safeguarding issue. We need to have the contact details of at least 3 people we can ring in case of an emergency.

### Absence

If your child is unwell or off school for another reason, please ensure that you phone the school office promptly on the first day of absence by 8:00am and report by pressing 1. We will contact you if your child is not in school when the registers close. For any medical appointments please email a copy of your appointment to the school office. We strongly recommend that parent/carers DO NOT book their family holidays during term time as these will not be authorised and may incur a Penalty Notice being issued. Absence from school can seriously disrupt your child's continuity of learning. Not only do they miss the teaching provided on the days they are away, they are also less well prepared for lessons upon their return. There is a consequent risk of under-achievement. Above all, missing school seriously affects children's longer-term life opportunities. Darley Dene will not authorise holidays or leave of absence in term times, except in exceptional circumstances determined by the Head Teacher. Evidence will be sought to substantiate exceptional circumstances. Should a parent wish to apply for any leave of absence within term time then this must be made in writing to the Head Teacher at least two weeks in advance. A 'Leave of Absence Request' form can be obtained from the school office. If holidays or absence are taken, without prior authorisation, the child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised in the school register and you may still incur a Penalty Notice. On the advice of the Inclusion Service if any parent requests extended leave of absence of more than 4 weeks to visit their home country then the school will take their child's name off-roll and the parent will have to re-apply for a place when they return. There is no guarantee, in this instance, that a place will be available. Unauthorised absence of 5 consecutive days or more will incur a Penalty Notice. The Inclusion Service, acting on behalf of Surrey County Council, may issue a Penalty Notice as an alternative to the prosecution of parent(s)/carer(s) for their child(ren)'s unauthorised absence from school, and requires the recipient(s) to pay a fixed amount. The amount payable on issue of a Penalty Notice is £60 per parent/carers per child if paid within 21 days of receipt of the Notice, rising to £120 per parent/carers per child if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority must prosecute the parent(s)/carer(s) for failing to ensure regular school attendance under Section 444 Education Act 1996

### Uniform

Please ensure that your child's uniform including Coats, Jackets and PE Kits as well as water bottles are named.

### Lunch Boxes

Darley Dene is a **nut free** school. Please do not send your child to school with chocolate spread Sandwiches for lunch as it is not possible to distinguish between Nutella and a nut free chocolate spread. If your child has a chocolate spread sandwich we will call home to request that an alternative be brought in. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Medication

If your child has been prescribed with medication which needs to be administered during the school day, please ensure that you complete a Pupil Medication Request form which can be found on the school's website or from the school office. Without the completed form staff will not be able to administer any medication.

### Wrap Club

At Darley Dene we offer extended care at our breakfast and after school Wrap Clubs in order to support our families should they require it. Wrap Club is open to pupils in all year groups. At Wrap Club we have a variety of activities for the children to take part in.

- Play dough, puzzles, Rubik's games, book corner, kitchen area. Lego, bingo, transformers, costumes, construction, dominos, 4 in a row, cards, balloons, dolls. Engines, bowling and a wide selection of board games.
- We have plenty of puzzle words, cut-outs, water colour, painting and colouring.
- We promote "Reading for Pleasure" and free art, providing different sorts of materials every week to expand our children's imagination.



## Breakfast Club

- The Breakfast Club is a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment, provided for those children who may have parents or carers with work commitments outside of the usual school hours.
- Children who join us for Breakfast Club enjoy an array of activities - ***from reading and crafts, to games and puzzles*** - supervised by our friendly and experienced team.
- The children are provided with a delicious and nutritious breakfast which includes ***bagels, toast, cereal, yoghurts and a variety of spreads and preserves.***

## Trust Vacancies

**Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting** Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference? We are for a fixed term Teaching Assistant until the end of August 2024. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1411306>

**Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting** Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference? We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant . For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1410747>

**Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting** We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual who is qualified with a minimum of Level 3 Teaching Assistant to join our team. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-1410732>

**Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting** Do you have a passion for Early Years? Are you motivated by working within a high performing environment? We currently have an opportunity for a dedicated nursery Leader to join our Team. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/nursery-room-leader-1411012>

**Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting** We are looking to appoint a member of staff to support in the delivery of P.E. lessons across the five Lumen Learning Trust (LLT) schools, this is an exciting role for anyone who is interested in coaching and developing youth sport. This role is supported by Sports Premium funding and therefore is a fixed term contract, expiring on 31st August 2025. There is the possibility that the contract will be extended subject to the funding from the DfE continuing. <https://www.eteach.com/job/sports-coach-1407402>

**Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:** We are looking to appoint an Office Assistant with a 'can do' attitude who are passionate about making a difference, to join our friendly, committed, hardworking team. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/school-office-assistant-1410722>

## Lumen Summer Camp 2024 is coming!

For those families looking ahead to the summer break we are delighted to share that we will be operating a Lumen Summer Camp from Monday 29th July to Friday 9th August at our Echelford Primary School site in Ashford. Staffed by teachers and teaching assistants drawn from our school staff teams - as well as trusted Lumen partners - families can be confident about the quality *care their children will receive. More information will be featured in school newsletters, on our Camp website* and Facebook page later in March with our booking site going live after the Easter break. We look forward to sharing more detail with you in the coming weeks.

## Our School App

Live and ready for you to install, our school app is available free of charge on your mobile device via the iOS App Store or Android Google Play. Just search for 'School News', look for the dark blue logo (right) and install to give you access to the key parts of our website including our website school calendar, a quick contact tab as well as handy extras to connect you to key school information and online forms. The app calendar will even allow you to add school events to your own device calendar so you need never miss an important date again. Make sure you install it today!

Please visit this link for full instructions on how to install the app on your device: [Darley Dene App](#)



## Upcoming Diary Dates

### Spring Term 2024

Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 3 Sleepover
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Author Visit
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Library Visits
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March	End of term 1.00pm

### Summer Term 2024

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 Trip – SKY Academy
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> to Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs (Year 6)
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Rise Up Year 4
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half term
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return to school after half term break
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term for children 1.00pm
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET DAY 4
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET DAY 5





## Term Dates 2024 - 2025

### Autumn 2024

Monday 2nd September INSET Day 1  
Tuesday 3rd September INSET Day 2  
Wednesday 4th September Children return to school  
Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November HALF TERM  
Monday 4th November INSET Day 3  
Tuesday 5th November Children return to school  
Friday 20th December Last day of term

### Spring 2025

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January New term starts  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February Half Term  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February Children return to school  
Friday 4th April Last day of term

### Summer 2025

Tuesday 22nd April Children return to school  
Monday 5th May Spring Bank Holiday  
Monday 26th – Friday 30th May HALF TERM  
Monday 2nd June Children return to school  
Friday 18th July Last day of term  
Monday 21st July INSET Day 4  
Tuesday 22nd July INSET Day 5

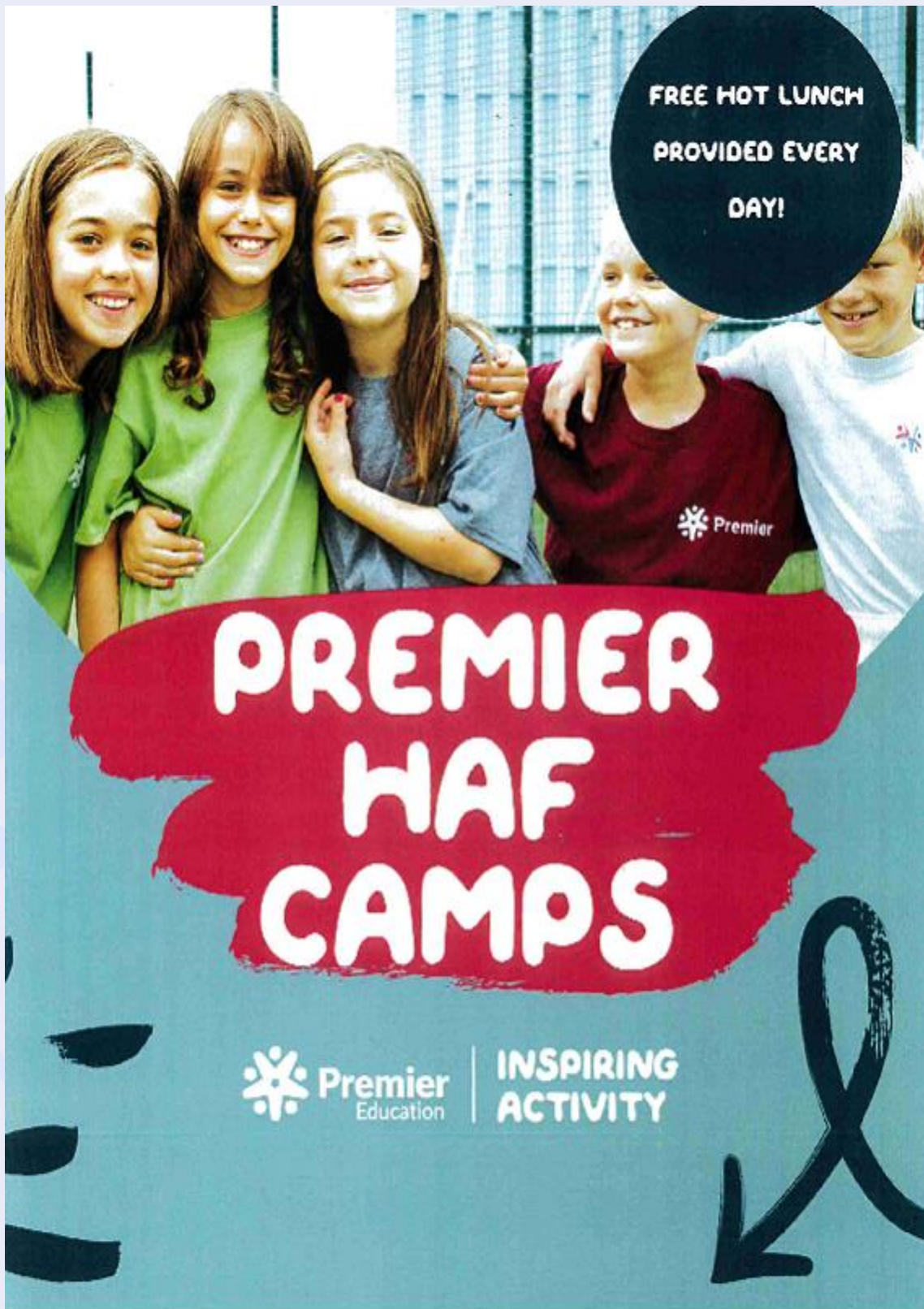
Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards



**Sarah Kober**  
**Headteacher**





# YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP...

**Venue:** Darley Dene Primary School, KT15 2NP

**Dates:** Monday 8th to Thursday 11th of April 2024

**Times:** 9am to 4pm

**Price:** Free to Free School Meals Children. Book Online

**Ages:** 5 to 12 (Year 1 - Year 7)

**Additional info:** Visit <http://rb.gy/vn25d3> to book today

## PLEASE BRING

A Water bottle  
Suitable clothing  
Loads of energy!

At our camps, every day is an adventure, brimming with an exciting array of activities that promise to captivate young minds and ignite their passions. From exhilarating games like dodgeball and cricket to engaging sports like basketball and archery, there's something for every child to enjoy and explore. Plus, unleash creativity with our arts and crafts sessions, where imaginations soar and masterpieces come to life!

Join us for an enriching experience where laughter echoes, friendships blossom, and memories are made to last a lifetime – all while ensuring every child receives a warm, nourishing meal included!

**Book now** for a school holiday full of fun!

**BOOK ONLINE**

<http://rb.gy/vn25d3>



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# Easter Lunch Project



## FREE PACKED LUNCH

**Available to all children, regardless of  
circumstances**

**GOOD FRIDAY—29th March**

**Lunches only available at St Paul's Church**

Tuesday 2nd April to Friday 5th April

Monday 8th to Friday 12th April

12 noon to 12.45pm

From any of our collection points at

St Paul's  
Church



Tesco  
Addlestone  
(Next to Timpsons)

Longden Avenue  
Off Strawberry Fields

Contact us at [hebrews@stpaulscofe.org](mailto:hebrews@stpaulscofe.org) or on 07743 243008 with any queries





St Paul's  
Addlestone



# GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP

Story telling  
Prayer activities  
Singing/dance  
Clay modelling  
Facepainting

RECEPTION-YEAR 6  
10 AM TO 1 PM  
FREE LUNCH  
(DONATIONS WELCOME)

Sign up online @ [www.stpaulscofe.org](http://www.stpaulscofe.org)  
Contact Michelle: 01932-846059  
[admin@stpaulscofe.org](mailto:admin@stpaulscofe.org)

## ST PAULS CHURCH

