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The Week [@NotreDameCobham](https://twitter.com/NotreDameCobham)

Mrs Plummer will be accompanying Year 6 on the French Trip and therefore there will not be a Friday Mailing next week!

**The All Weather Pitch Update**

It is so exciting to see the latest stage of the pitch development. The tarmac surface has now been smoothed and is ready to be dressed with turf.



Plans are underway for the official opening of the pitch which will be in January. Watch this space for the announcement of our surprise guests!



**Chaplain's Corner—**  
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For students, staff and parents, the new school year brings with it an inevitable time of adjustment and settling in. This

often involves deciding priorities and forming good practices for study, commitments and responsibilities.

Stephen Covey, best remembered as the author of 'The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People', offered suggestions for using time wisely which can help all of us. Perhaps one of his most well-known quotes, 'the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing', is a reminder not to lose sight of what we most value (which will be different for all of us) and to 'not prioritise what's on our schedule but to schedule our priorities'.

Jesus was inundated with requests wherever he went and yet he always prioritised time alone for prayer. It took getting up early and going to a quiet place away from everyone to connect with his Heavenly Father for guidance and encouragement. Wouldn't it be wonderful if this year, with all the things we have to juggle, we could achieve a good work / life,

or school / play (!), balance by reminding ourselves to consciously prioritise so we do not miss the people and things important to us and ultimately as Covey said 'live, love, laugh and leave a legacy' as undoubtedly Jesus did.

Mrs Harrison, Chaplain

**Parent & Toddler Group**

This is a 'drop in' session for all pre-school children. Please do encourage friends and neighbours to join us in our wonderful new classrooms!

When: Every Tuesday

Time: 1.30 - 3.00pm

Place: Early Years Classrooms

Refreshments are included

Phone for details on 01932 869990



## Prep School Mosaic—Project Floreer

We are very excited about the proposed design that Karen Parry (mosaic artist) has created from the girls' drawings. Karen is the artist who created the mosaic at the back of the Bentalls Centre going towards Seven Kings in Kingston.



Karen will be joining us from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Girls will be organised into groups to work with Karen and to ensure that every pupil and member of staff lays some tiles to be part of this wonderful experience. So watch this space!

Miss Deen

## Discovering the men of the parish who died in the two World Wars



A few months ago, I had a request from Margaret Maynard, who was compiling an educational website on the men commemorated on the War Memorial in St Barnabas Church on Ranmore Common. The website is part of the Church's commemoration of the centenary years of World War I, during which 14 local men died. All of these men either lived or worked on the Denbies Estate which then covered most of Ranmore Common.

*'One of these war casualties was an Ernest Bradley who was born to a local family on Ranmore Common in 1881 and died on the Somme in 1918. He was a gardener and the 1911 census shows him working in Burwood House Gardens. As I am trying to break up the website text with relevant illustrations, I would very much like to include a picture of Burwood House (now, of course, your School).'*

I was of course, delighted to be able to supply her with photographs of Burwood House which can be seen on The Ranmore War Memorial website now online:

<http://www.ranmorewarmemorial.info>

The page describing the life and death on the Somme of Ernest Bradley, who worked in Burwood House Gardens around 1911, is:

<http://ranmorewarmemorial.info/world-war-one/ernest-john-bradley/>

On this page she has included the photos of Burwood House/ Notre Dame School, then and now.

At the foot of Ernest's page is a link to the page about his family. Seeing where one of our War Memorial casualties lived and worked makes all the difference to his being a person, rather than just a name on a plaque!

Mrs Plummer



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## Year 5 PGL Trip

The year 5 girls have had a wonderful week in the Wye Valley on their PGL Residential trip.



These girls have had exactly the experiences I was describing at the welcome evening, learning to collaborate and work within a team confidently, but also to manage bedtime emotions and belongings independently. These experiences are essential to developing confident, happy whole individuals and we handpick the trip we take the girls on so that we are sure they are safe, happy and secure, and with teachers they know and trust.

That said, coping with possible homesickness, tiredness and being surrounded by others constantly and in a situation unlike home for a few days, is vital for breaking down fears and patterns that can hold them back in the future.

Starting with an overnight event at school in Year 4, four nights away in Year 5 and five nights further afield in Year 6 is in fact a well thought through training programme that supports learning and develops confidence no end.

Girls are notoriously driven by wanting to do only what is familiar, and it is well documented that this can hold them back in the classroom and in life. Therefore it is really

important that families allow us to take their children away for a few days to enable them to see just how easily they can manage, and what fun they can have in new places



Miss D'Aprano



**Textiles**—Follow us on twitter:

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My first two weeks of term have been a wonderful experience and I have really enjoyed meeting and teaching the students within Textiles and my lovely Year 7 form. I would like to ask if any Parents/Grandparents have any unwanted fabric or haberdashery bits and pieces that they can donate for the students to create samples with. We are doing a recycled project with Year 9's so any donations of unwanted scrap fabric would be amazing. Thank you so much,

Mrs Fahy



**Food & Nutrition**—Follow us on twitter:

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**Passionate About Cooking?**

**BBC2** are currently making a new and exciting food series and they are looking for people who are passionate about cooking to take part! This will be the next big cooking competition

**DOES YOUR FAMILY HAVE A PASSION FOR HOME-COOKING?**

**IS YOUR MUM'S IRISH STEW THE BEST THING YOU'VE EVER TASTED?**  
**DOES YOUR DAD'S CHICKEN BIRYANI RIVAL THE LOCAL CURRY HOUSE?**  
**IS YOUR MUM'S YORKSHIRE PUDDING THE STUFF OF LEGEND?**

Voltage TV is making a new and exciting show for BBC2 and wants to hear from anyone who can whip up a storm in their own kitchen.

We're looking for teams of three - whether it's you, your dad, mum, brother, gran or granddad - if you know someone who's a big character and is passionate about their home cooked food... GET IN TOUCH!

For further details please contact [food@voltage.tv](mailto:food@voltage.tv)

**BBC TWO**  
**VOLTAGE TV**

to hit our screens and they are searching for Britain's best family of home cooks.

If it is something you or your family are interested in then please contact [food@voltage.tv](mailto:food@voltage.tv)



**Languages**—Follow us on twitter:

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**The Prep languages corner**



French club will start again on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September. The club will take place on Mondays at activity break for years 1 and 2 and after school for years 3-6 (4.15-5.15). If you would like your daughter to attend French club, please send me an email at [nmacdonald@notredame.co.uk](mailto:nmacdonald@notredame.co.uk)

Mrs Macdonald



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**ND6 Team Building**

The Sixth Form enjoyed the sunshine with a team building session in their first General Studies session. Year 12 were welcomed by Year 13 in a 'speed dating' activity and then the Sixth Form played some



games! The 'find your pair' game was fun and thoroughly entertaining. Next was a challenge for each tutor group; they were tasked with building the tallest tower out of just their shoes! The winners were 12-13HPK with an impressive 78cm!



Year 12 have settled in well and both year groups have started their studies in earnest. We look forward to a superb year ahead!



Miss Harber



## ■ Prep News

Many thanks to all girls who have returned forms for Music Clubs and Ensembles or to learn new instruments. It's clear that the music department this year is going to be as vibrant as ever! This term we look forward to the Harvest Mass, the November Mass, the Nursery and Infant Nativities, the Lestonnac Choir Care Home trip and the Carol Service. We will also begin learning music for the Year 3 and 4 production in February.

## ■ ABRSM exams

The internal deadline for ABRSM exams this term will be **Friday 23 September**. If you think your daughter should be taking an ABRSM exam this term, please speak with your daughter's instrumental teacher, who will be submitting the entry to the music office. Your daughter's instrumental teacher will be able to tell you if they think your daughter is ready to take the exam.

## ■ Musical Instruments, Clubs and Ensembles

**Clubs and Ensembles correction:** Please note that Percussion Club, Djembe Club and Ukulele Club which were advertised at 10:10am in the Music Clubs Brochure will actually be at **10:30am** which is the time of morning break.

Clubs and ensembles will be starting in the week of 26 September, but some paid clubs and ensembles may start before then, and you will hear from the club director if this is the case. I am still working through the classes to enable every girl to sign up for instrumental lessons or for clubs and I will be sending forms home with them next week if they have not had them already – don't worry, nobody has missed the boat. Infant girls who want to join a club or ensemble, or learn an instrument, should speak to Mrs Bryant in their Music lesson.

## ■ It's a Boy!

Jakey Flaherty was born to Markus and Charlotte on Thursday 8 September weighing 8lb and 9oz. Markus is our Ukulele and Music Technology teacher.



Mrs Shaw

## ■ Senior News

### ■ ABRSM

We were delighted with the success in the ABRSM examinations over the Summer of 2016.

More students than ever before are achieving higher passes, merits and distinction which is great news!

A big 'Well Done' to the students, the instrumental teachers and the parents for supporting their daughter's learning.

Grade 5 Clarinet Serafina B

Grade 4 Flute Soobin P Grade 4 Singing Camilla M

Grade 3 Flute Jessica H (merit) Grade 3 Piano Layla K (merit)

Grade 3 Alto Saxophone Sofia G-P (merit) Grade 3 Violin Roisin M

Grade 2 Singing Jessica H (merit)

Grade 1 Flute Abby K (distinction)

### ■ Looking Ahead

We began auditioning for the singing parts in OLIVER this week. It was great to see a good turn-out of girls across years 8, 9, 10 and the Sixth Form. The students sang with enthusiasm and were quick to learn some of the pieces even with dance steps! I look forward to working with you all in the coming weeks.

### ■ Arundel Cathedral

The senior choir has been invited to perform in a Celebration Mass conducted by the Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, to be held at Arundel Cathedral on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Notre Dame Chamber Choir is the only school choir to be asked to perform during this service. This is a great honour and I look forward to working with girls to prepare for this important event.

### ■ Extra-curricular

Orchestra and both Choirs have returned from their summer break and are meeting each week in school as normal.

**Choir** is from **4.15 to 5.15 on Tuesdays** in the **Chapel** and **Orchestra** from **1.40 to 2.10** in the **Music Area**.

Please encourage your daughter to show commitment and good attendance. New members are always welcome.

Thank you.

Finally, most instrumental teachers have started in school this week so please check the notice boards for your times and speak to them about ABRSM entries for this term.

Mr Black

## DANCE



We have had a great week back, it's lovely to see the girls full of energy and creative ideas. If your daughter is new to ND or continuing Private Ballet this term, don't forget to fill out a form and hand it in to the office.

Please remember to wear correct uniform for Dance & Ballet Classes. Ballet shoes or Jazz shoes maybe worn for dance in Year 5&6.

### Madeleine Dances with National Youth Ballet

Congratulations to Madeleine (Year 6) who had a wonderful summer performing with The National Youth Ballet at Sadler's Wells, Tring and Crawley. What a wonderful experience.



Mrs Thomas



## DRAMA

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### Prep

Reception were fantastic in drama this week. Special mention for Charlotte who was my very able helper!



Miss Fletcher

### Senior



Auditions have been very impressive this week! Watch this space for the cast list!



(Mr Black teaching the girls 'Where is Love')

Miss Graham



## Prep Library News

### Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following girls on completing the Big Friendly Read challenge this summer!

**Reception H:** Charlotte S. and Aleksandra S.

**Year 2:** Michelle E, Lauren R, Hannah R, Clio S, Grace P, Lucy D, Phoebe J

**Year 3:** Megan C, Willow B-D, Scarlett S, Millie G and Molly H

**Year 6:** Emily W. Eve G. Evie D. and Juliette F.

### Roald Dahl Day

Tuesday marked Roald Dahl's centenary and the girls had fun searching the school for elusive Golden Tickets. Hidden in a variety of places many of the girls refused to give up on their quest with the final ticket being found on Wednesday. Well done to all our winners:

Daisy A. Rec H, Ainsley L. 1W, Ella H. 2S, Mia- Lily H. 3S, Mia T. 3P and Jemima J. 6S



### Chatterbooks Book Club for Years 5&6



As mentioned in last week's mailing our Chatterbooks Club will be returning on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September. This weekly club is especially for keen readers in Years 5 and 6 and promotes reading in a fun, lively and hands on way and was very popular with the girls involved last year. It will take place in the library from 4.00 until 4.45 each Monday afternoon.

If your daughter is interested in joining Chatterbooks she will need a letter from Mrs Thompson signed by her parents and returned to school as soon as possible. If you need any more information please ask Mrs Thompson.

*Mrs Thompson*

## Senior Library News



## PASSPORT TO READING

Anything can happen when you open a book!!

### Reading Passports

During Library lessons, Years 7, 8 and 9 are all given Reading Passports which encourages them to try different genres and provides exposure to different authors, cultures, alternative worlds and new vocabulary. The genres will vary according to year group but will always include a traditional classic, a thriller/mystery, poem/play and non-fiction element.

This is a popular scheme with students who 'travel through' their passports by reading books from each section, completing book reviews and acquiring stamps. It is also an opportunity to share views about books and perhaps inspire others to read them ... Once all sections have been stamped, a Notre Dame Book Award is given out in Library class.

New to the Year 7 and 8 Passports this year are sections on Poetry and Short Stories and we will be simultaneously re-launching those areas of the Library. This week, in celebration of poetry, we are delighted to include a poem written by Miss Hendicott – one of three recently included in the Guildford Fringe Anthology 2016!

### Bird Song Rhyme

Poetry is parrots.

Sentences are swans.

Words are wading water birds

Atop a moving pond.

All are flying colours

Inking through the sky

Where nests are made

And eggs are laid

And ideas never die.

*Mrs Finch*

# SPORTS BOARD



## PREP @NotreDame SPORT

### Netball

Netball Clubs will start on next 19<sup>th</sup> September, taking place in the sports hall. Year 3 Netball will be during activities break on Thursdays 2:10-2:40pm

- Year 4 and 5 on Mondays 4-5pm
- Year 6 Tuesdays 4-5pm (the week after they return from France)

### Cross Country

Cross Country will also start on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> at activities break 2:10-2:40pm for years 3-6, meet on the field

[Prep Fixtures Calendar](#)

Mrs Purgavie

**Football Club** starts on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September (Year 2 – Year 6) if you would like to join please come along. You can collect a form from the front office or you can find one on your website.

It starts at 4pm until 4.45pm on the school field.

Jackson Jones

### Swimmer of the Week

1W – Dolphins—Rachel J  
1W – Starfish—Ella N

2S – Dolphins – Poppy H  
2S - Starfish – Ella GB



### Swimming Squad

Invitation letters to join swimming squad have been sent home today based on assessments in their lessons this week and last term. Please don't be too disappointed if you have not been selected at this point, I will be continuing to assess the girls over the next few weeks and may well send out more letters at a later stage.

Also please note that places in the swimming squad are limited and not guaranteed and if the girls who have received letters do not continue to develop and progress as expected then they may lose their place in the squad.

It was really encouraging to see some great improvements in times over the summer holidays, well done to all the girls who have improved their personal best times.

Please send back your replies as soon as possible as the first squad training session for the Infant Swim Squad & Year 3 & 4 is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. The first training session for the Year 5&6 Swimming squad will be 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. (Letters for this training session will be sent out next Friday, once I have seen all the Year 5 & 6 girls)

Mrs Jones

## SENIOR @NotreDame SPORT



### Netball

#### U16 Versatility Tournament

ND hosted our first versatility tournament tonight with four schools entering A&B teams.

ND U16A team won two games convincingly v Priorsfield ND won 10-2 and v Manor House ND won 8-3 and lost narrowly to Claremont 4-7.

ND U16B won all three matches v Manor House 5-2, v Priorsfield 5-2 and v Claremont 7-2. Well done to all players.



#### U18 v Claremont

Congratulations to the U18A&B Netball teams on resounding victories in their first match of the season. It is a period of rebuilding and bringing the players together from different age groups.

Some players are returning to netball after a season or two out of netball. U18A had a strong start and maintained the lead despite the fast play of their opponents. ND won 26-13 and the squad was Jacqui C, Sophie W, Eleanor H, Claudia E, Caitlin L (captain), Hannah B, Catherine H, Fenna A.

ND U18B team captained by Lily C started by narrowly losing the first quarter then pulled ahead gradually to win 35-18. The squad was made up of Lily C, Claudia E, Eleanor H, Elena E, Taryn K, Tabatha D, Alana O, Rosie Mc D, Melissa H.

Good luck to the U18A squad playing away in the Independent Schools Cup match on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> September.



#### U14 A&B v Tormead

Both Notre Dame teams played really well against Tormead in their first matches of the year. The A team lost 21-15 and the B team won 9-6.

MVP: A team – Alice S; B team – Sofia B  
Well done to all the girls who played!!

[Senior Fixtures Calendar](#)

Mrs Marsh



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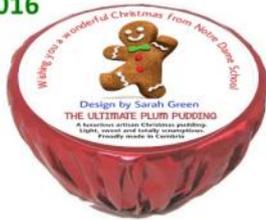
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## CHRISTMAS PUDDING DRAWING COMPETITION



Design a Christmas and/or Chocolate pudding label (Christmas theme for both) – a winner for each will be used as the label for our personalised puddings

All entries to be submitted to your form teacher by **26 September 2016**



All girls will be sent home this Friday with an entry form for designing a 'Notre Dame' Christmas and / or Chocolate Pudding label. FoND will be selling the puddings as a Christmas Fundraiser this year. All entries are to be submitted (via Class Teacher) by Monday 26 September.

## FoND 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL Foxhills GOLF DAY



**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**FOXHILLS GOLF CLUB  
WEDNESDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

Enjoy some of the country's best kept greens and picturesque fairways on the tree lined Longcross Championship Golf Course!

If you are able to join us, then please complete the registration form below and return it by email to [hilarystokes007@gmail.com](mailto:hilarystokes007@gmail.com) before 25 September 2016.

Payment should be made by bank transfer to FoND HSBC sort code 40-18-02  
Account number 71379267  
Reference NDGOLF and your name.

If you have any queries, then please contact me using the above email address. Hope to see you there!

[Click HERE to Register](#)

## KITCHEN CORNER

Our weekly menus can be found on the Parents Information Page on Firefly

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## EARLY YEARS (NDEY)



Follow us on twitter: [@NotreDame\\_EY](https://twitter.com/NotreDame_EY)

The Clever Caterpillar's have their first Woodland Explorers experience – looking for cones and leaves



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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 18—24 Sep** Year 6 French Trip **Prep**
- 20 Sep** Beyond Year 11 - 7—9pm **Snr**
- 21 Sep** Year 5 Parents' Info Evening 6.30—8pm **Prep**
- 24 Sep** Year 6 Challenge Day **Prep**
- 27 Sep** Malta Netball Tour Presentation 5.45—6.45pm **Snr**
- 28 Sep** Prep Individual Photographs **Prep**
- 30 Sep—4 Oct** Year 11 Geography Field Trip **Snr**
- 1 Oct** Open Morning 9—11am **School**
- 5 Oct** Y10-13 Textiles visit to The Knitting & Stitching Show
- 7 Oct** Senior School Photographs **Snr**
- 8 Oct** FoND Masquerade Ball
- 11—18 Oct** French Exchange students to France **Snr**
- 14 Oct** Prep Harvest Celebration Mass 10.30—12 **Prep**
- 18 Oct** Prep Book Fair **Prep**
- 19 Oct** Prep Class Photographs **Prep**  
Year 9 Options Evening 7.30—8.30pm **Snr**
- 20 Oct** Prep Harvest Celebration Mass 10.30—12 **Prep**  
Y1, 2 & 3 flu immunisation (for pupils who have been given parental consent) **Prep**
- Fri 21—28 Oct inclusive—HALF TERM**

[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS!](#)