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

Open Morning

Record numbers of families flowed through the doors last weekend to see our wonderful school in action! It is clear to see we are the #talkofthetown. The next open morning will be Tuesday 8th Nov 9—11am so please do continue to spread the word.



Competition Time!

We are going to be running a competition for the Welcome Sign in the front (guess which languages are on the wall in the front lobby).

This will run from Friday 7 October to Friday 14 October.

Entry forms can be collected from the front office.

Each entrant will be awarded a house point. We will return the marked forms to the form tutors to hand back to the girls once marked.
Mrs Keane



Masquerade Ball—Live Auction

Dear Parents

We are pleased to announce that our silent auction is now LIVE for bidding! Remember you don't have to be present at the Ball to bid. The auction will finish at 10.30pm on Saturday 8th October. Any funds raised via the auction will pay for a shelter on the new All Weather Pitch and new equipment for the Prep playground.

Please see the link below where you can find a list of our Silent Auction prizes and can begin bidding.

Before bidding, you will need to register, and you can do this by clicking the link: www.fondmasqueradeball.auction-bid.org

Once you have registered, there are two easy ways to begin bidding; by sending a text with the ITEM NUMBER and AMOUNT to 88850 (For example: 101 500), or by clicking the link in your registration text or registration email which will take you through to your personal bidding page.

Good luck, and thank you for supporting our wonderful school.

Kind Regards

The FoND Masquerade Ball Committee



Chaplain's Corner—
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There is a well-known party game in which one person whispers a message to the person next to them and the story is then passed progressively to several others.

Inevitably inaccuracies accumulate as the game goes on and amusement is obtained from the last player's announcement of the story they heard which is typically nothing like the original. Year 7 played this on their Reflection Day last week (full report inside) with all 60 girls in a huge circle. It was a powerful reminder that things are often not reported accurately and an opportunity to discuss how gossip and half-truths about us can be misleading and hurtful. Life would be easier if we all believed the best of one another and we read in John's Gospel that 'the truth will set (us) free' which is an encouragement to be straightforward and honest always!

Mrs Harrison, Chaplain

Prep Harvest Mass

Harvest Mass is at 9:30am next Friday 14th October and the following items can be brought in – they will then be given to Cobham food bank (all should have a long shelf life!):



soup, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, Fray Bentos pies, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tinned potatoes tea or coffee, long life juice, toilet paper, children's toothpaste,

It would be lovely for the children to choose the items they would like to donate as it helps them to feel responsible for helping others.

Thank you
Miss Golding



Art—Follow us on twitter:
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Self-Portraits

Year 2 have been very busy with their paint pots this week! Look at their beautiful Self-Portraits! Well done girls!



Mosaic Project

As part of Project Floreer, the Prep girls and staff have been taking turns to place mosaic tiles onto a display board which will be mounted on the playground wall!



Year 7 Reflection Day—Friendship

Last week, Year 7 had this year's first Reflection Day on the theme of 'Friendship'. We looked together at what makes a true friend, the important elements of friendship, including people who we might not naturally find it easy to be friends with and what can break friendships. The day included getting to know each other more, role play, crafts, video clips, games and a song which the year group bravely performed in assembly to the whole school. Jesus' teaching in answer to the question 'who is my neighbour' prompted some thoughtful acting on how to be a friend to those who maybe we don't yet know. The day ended with a reflection in the chapel during which the girls took away keepsakes to help them put into practice what they had shared together during the day.



Here is a student's account of the day:
Today was Reflection Day for the Year 7s and I thoroughly enjoyed it. It is a day off timetable and it got off to a brilliant start with every single girl turning up in muffin.

The theme of the day was 'Friendship', particularly special as it is the first year of senior school for us. We talked about what it means to us and what it is to be a true friend.

We played several fun and friendly games and watched some clips. We talked about good qualities in friendships - loyalty, trust, kindness, sharing, generosity but also the bad - betrayal, being two-faced, and unkind. Gossip is an extremely powerful thing, and in the process of doing so, it can hurt not just one, but many people.

We made massive banners and they all ended up bright and colourful with loads of awesome doodles and ideas involved. We learnt a song and made friendship recipes, with ingredients like 'mix in a pinch of giggles with five tablespoons of loyalty'. We even had pizza for lunch!

I loved Reflection Day and can't wait for the next one when I am in Year Eight!

Isabella B





Textiles—Follow us on twitter:

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Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 Textile trip to the Knitting and Stitching show at Alexander Palace.



Textiles students and staff had a very successful trip to The knitting and Stitching show where inspirational textile works of art were in abundance. There was a wide range of Textile Designers not only exhibiting their work but also there in person to talk to about the ideas behind their designs. Students had the opportunity to purchase unusual fabrics, beads, yarns and many more. Not only did we all enjoy the exhibition but the singing on the way up in the coach was pretty good too! (Steve, the coach driver was excellent, so a big thank you to him)

Mrs Fahy



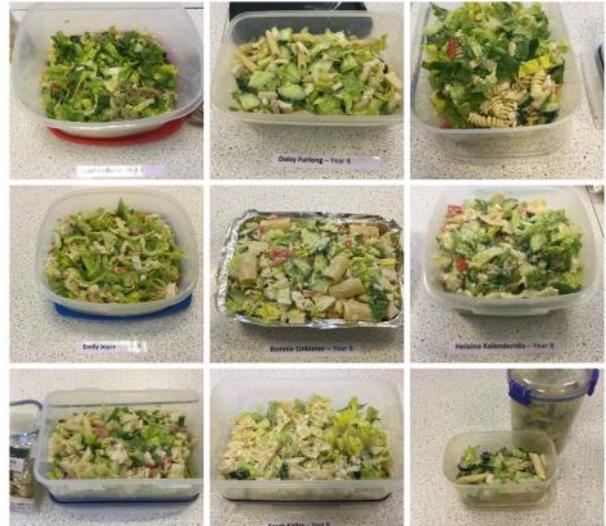
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Open Day Bake-Off! Well done ladies!



Year 8 have made these delicious 'Complete Pasta Salads' Learning to boil pasta and multi-task prepping salad ingredients #healthyeating
Mrs Anderson



Tennis Gold for Kakou

Kakou N (Year 5) has enjoyed an excellent county tour this summer. Congratulations on winning a gold medal crowning her U9 No.1 player in Surrey. Overall she is now ranked 15th in GB.



On the strength of her performance, she has been invited to join the Regional Training Camp for Tennis, organized by British Tennis Association (BTA) at the National Tennis Centre, Roehampton today! Good luck Kakou!

AWP Update



We are entering the final stages of our fantastic new sports development. The astro surface has been laid and the sand dressing continues. Hockey and football goals are now in place, together with the dugouts. The sprint track is now complete.

The netball and tennis courts are due to be painted within a week.

Car parking part 2 is due for completion by half term.

Thanks for your patience, we are sure you all agree the end product has been worth it!

Anthony Madigan, Estates Manager



MUSIC BOARD

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■ Prep News

Many thanks to all girls who have returned forms for Music Clubs and Ensembles or to learn new instruments. There are still a lot of clubs forms to be handed in – some girls have started groups and are on the register but I still need their clubs forms, so keep them coming in!

■ Harvest Mass

All are welcome to attend our Harvest Mass on Friday 14 October at 9:30am in the Chapel. This year's mass will have a folk music emphasis with a small folk band and the girls are really enjoying learning all of the songs. Harvest is a real celebration so do join us as we reflect on how to take care of God's world and the people in it.

Mrs Shaw

■ Senior News

■ Well Done Anna!

Anna B (Year 10) has recently passed her Grade 8 Clarinet examination with Merit. Anna has been playing the clarinet for 7 years and is a keen member of the school's senior orchestra. She performed parts of the Mozart Clarinet Concerto, Brahms Sonata No.2 in E flat and an excerpt from the Rite of Spring, by Stravinsky. She really enjoys playing the instrument having switched from trumpet at an earlier age. She is currently developing her experience by playing in other orchestras and attending residential music camps. Her ambition is to take A-level music and to continue developing her clarinet playing to an even higher standard. We congratulate you on your success and wish you the best of luck for the future. Well Done!



■ Oliver

Rehearsals of the school production of Oliver are well underway now and the girls are having great fun trying to sing like boys! The soloists are also hard at work learning their lines and practising their songs whilst dancing or acting. Miss Graham, Mr Rowland Roberts and Mr Black are trying to keep order two nights, each week, after school with a theatre full of hungry orphans and pick-pockets! God Bless them all!



■ Open Day

Mr Black would like to thank all of the musicians who gave of their time to play and sing during open morning, last Saturday. It was a very busy day with many visitors in school

and the girls rose to the occasion by playing beautifully and being great ambassadors for the school with their positive attitude. Special thanks go to: Aisling M, Izzy K, Sarah K, Sophie B, Anna B and Emanuela N.

Thank you,

Mr Black

■ DANCE



Very proud to see Scarlett S Year 3P performing in

the Royal Academy of Dance promotion video 'What do RAD exams mean to RAD teachers.' It's an interesting glimpse into the world of an RAD ballet teacher and what a wonderful experience the children have during the examination. Scarlett has a starring role!



61k Views



RAD Exam Day from Royal Academy of Dance on Vimeo.

Ballerinas of the week are Ellie S (not pictured), Vitoria S, Isabella B, Charlotte W, Louise A Yr 7 - all working so hard on the new Grade 4 syllabus.



Year 6 working on Contemporary Dance.





DRAMA

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Prep

Year 4 inter-house drama task... fabulous fairy tales! They were all amazing! Winner to be announced next week.



Senior

Dates for your diaries of upcoming performances:

Shakespeare Schools Festival Performance—Twelfth Night

Tuesday 18th October—refreshments from 6.30pm for a 7pm start

19th October—performance will start at 6.15pm

Production of Oliver

Friday 25th November—evening

Saturday 26th November—matinée and evening performances



Miss Graham



READING MATTERS

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Prep Library News

Library Prefects

Welcome to our new library prefects Darcey A. and Alice M. from Year 6. The girls have already been very busy helping to prepare lots of new books ready to go on our library shelves. Over the coming weeks they will also learn how to use our computerised library management system and will be able to scan out books during busy activity breaks. Thank you, girls!



Research and Homework Help

Notre Dame School Prep Library subscribes to an excellent on-line encyclopedia for children, World Book Kids, and we suggest that our girls use this as a starting point for all research rather than Google or Wikipedia. This site has been selected as it provides up to date information in age appropriate language for our pupils and is presented in a clear and easy to navigate manner. As this is a subscription site you will need to log-on with the **user name: notredame11 password: burwood**. Another on-line encyclopedia specially designed for children that you may find helpful is Q-Files. This is a reliable source of information aimed at the upper junior and lower secondary age group and is freely available without a subscription.



The girls are directed to these sites and other suitable sources during their TASK sessions in the classroom and the library and the links can be found on Firefly under the library section. I hope that you find this helpful but if you need any more assistance I will be happy to help.

If you are a member of your local library you may also access their online research tools for children. The Surrey Libraries Children's Reference Shelf includes the Encyclopedia Britannica and the Oxford Dictionary.

Date for your Diary - Book Fair 18th October

We will be hosting our annual Book Fair run by Bookbox International on Tuesday 18th October in the Lytton Parlour. Full details will be provided next week.

Mrs Thompson

Senior Library News

Notre Dame Most Popular Reads 2015/2016!

Every year we advertise the most popular books which have been taken out of the Library (excluding holiday/class reading books).

This Year we have an excellent mix which includes the following titles:

Apple & Rain – Sarah Crossan

Dead Time – Anne Cassidy

Fault in Our Stars – John Green

Finding Sky – Joss Stirling

I Am Malala – Malala Yousafzai

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone – J.K. Rowling

Misty Falls – Joss Stirling

Night Runner – Tom Bowler

Noughts and Crosses – Malorie Blackman

Private Peaceful – Michael Morpurgo

Seven Days – Eve Ainsworth

Smart – Kim Slater

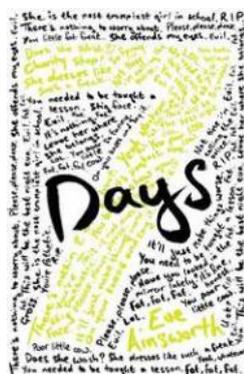
The Last Straw – Jeff Kinney



The number one slot goes to *Seven Days* (Eve Ainsworth) and is a bold and compelling book which follows the journey of two school girls and highlights issues facing teenagers today. The book has received such rave reviews from the students that I contacted the author who was thrilled - thanked us for supporting her books and is interested in visiting! We also have copies of her latest novel *Crush* ...

The majority of these books are included on the Recommended Reading Lists which can be found on Firefly under Senior Subjects/Library.

Mrs Finch



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Ripley Court Success

The Prep ND girls had yet another great success at the Annual Ripley Court XC meet. The U9 team consisted of; Ciara, Lila, Steph, Lexi and Mia-Lily. They ran a great race with Lila coming 2nd overall and the whole team finishing 2nd! A very well done to Lexi and Mia-Lily who took part in their very first cross country competition. The U11 girls followed with great success by winning their age group as well as Daisy, Sophie L and Emily finishing in the top 3! Well done to Maddy and Juliette who completed the U11 team. It was a great start to the season and let's hope for more success.



U10A and B Netball v Rydes Hill

Well done to the U10 girls who played well against Rydes Hill on Tuesday. The A team won 2-1 with player of the match going to Sienna and the B team drew 1-1 with player of the match going to Sophie K.



Clubs Next Week

Year 4 Netball Club will take place on the senior school netball court, please collect from Car park 4 at the senior

courts

Year 6 Netball Club is cancelled due to the Year 6 girls playing in a netball match

Upcoming Fixtures

- Monday 10th October- U10 A- C Netball @ GHS 4pm AWAY
- Tuesday 11th October – Prior’s Field XC 12:30-3:30pm AWAY
- Tuesday 11th October - U11A and B Netball @ Rydes Hill 4:30pm AWAY
- Wednesday 12th October– St Catherine’s Gala AWAY
- Friday 14th October– Year 3 Netball v Twickenham prep @ ND on senior courts
- Monday 17th October – Year 4 Hockey A and B v Downsends 4:30pm
- Tuesday 18th October – U10 A-C Netball v St Catherine’s AWAY 4:30pm

Hockey

The girls from Year 2-6 will be starting Hockey after half term on our lovely new hockey pitch (fingers crossed) therefore all girls are required to have mouth guards, shin pads and the ND hockey socks. As we are getting closer to winter, the girls will need to have warm clothing with them as all Hockey lessons will take place outside. *If girls aren't taking part in the lesson they are still required to change into PE kit as this will ensure they are warm and able to take part as either a coach or official.*

[Prep Fixtures Calendar](#)

Mrs Purgavie

Swimming

Swimmer of the Week!

Year 1 – Dolphins – Isla F

Starfish – Jia A

Year 2 – Dolphins – Clio S

Starfish – Valentina S



Away Gala at St Catherine’s Bramley

Letters for the Away swimming gala against St Catherine’s and Tormead have been sent out today, please return the permission slip asap. The Gala will be held at St Catherine’s in Bramley on Wednesday 12th Oct.

Mrs Jones

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Surrey Schools Swimming Association Secondary Schools Relay Gala on Saturday 24th September

A follow-up with confirmed results. On Saturday 24th September, eight girls from Notre Dame swam in the Secondary Schools Relay Gala held at Guildford Spectrum. The junior girls freestyle relay team (Maya G, Katie G, Tessa P and Niamh K) came **12th out of 20** in a time of 2.17.36. The intermediate girls freestyle relay

team (Zoe G, Bella T, Victoria G and Kayleigh M) came **15th out of 19** in a time of 2.24.17. Both teams then swam a medley relay and the junior girls came **13th out of 20** in a time of 2.40.84 and the intermediate girls’ team came **14th out of 19** in a time of 2.43.53.

Well done to all the girls

Miss Mulcahy



U12 and U13 v St Teresa’s

The U12 A&B and U13 A&B swimmers competed in a gala at St Teresa’s. This was the first time the U12 swimmers represented the Notre Dame Senior School. Both age groups swam really well against a very strong team from St Teresa’s. The overall results were Notre Dame 69 St Teresa’s 91. Swimmer of the night: U12 Evie and U13 Niamh K

Cross Country at Priorsfield

Results from today’s cross country. U13 girls Poppy 5th, Lulu 6th, Roisin 8th, Verity 10th and Ava 22nd. Overall in the team competition we came 2nd to Guildford high. All the girls ran really well.



Netball

U16 v Claremont

The U16 A and B teams had great wins against Claremont this week—perfect preparation for the Malta tour at half term!

Surrey Netball Tournament

ND U16 beat Sutton 18-4 and Streatham 7-6; goals 54 - 68 against;

ND U15 won 2, drew one ND goals 40-32 against! Well done!



Mrs Marsh

[Senior Fixtures Calendar](#)



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'A very big thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan coffee morning! Your generous support and beautiful baking helped us raise an amazing £300 for Cancer Research! We couldn't have done it without you!

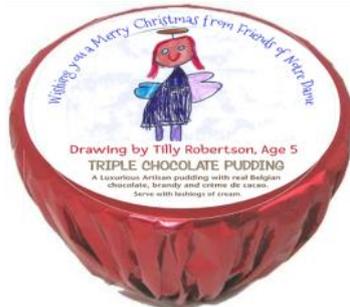


Christmas Pudding Label Competition

Thank you to all those who entered the Christmas Pudding Label Competition. We selected a winner from each year group with an overall winner for the Christmas and Chocolate puddings. The winners are as follows:

Year 4 - **Seung-A J**
(overall winner - Christmas Pudding Label)

Year 1 - **Tilly Robertson**
(overall winner - Chocolate Pudding Label)



Congratulations - we look forward to seeing your drawings on the Friends of Notre Dame Christmas Puddings later this year!
Year Group Winners:

- Nursery—Lyla S
- Reception - Patricia E
- Year 2—Poppy S
- Year 3—Lilly H
- Year 5—Sienna W
- Year 6—Emma R



Current amount of supports - 38

Donations to date: £387.35

EARLY YEARS (NDEY)



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This week Reception loved placing their tiles on the mosaic, even the teachers had a turn! We can't wait to see it finished and on display in the school



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 8 Oct** FoND Masquerade Ball
- 10 Oct** Year 11 Workshop on Stress **Snr**
- 11—18 Oct** French Exchange students to France **Snr**
- 14 Oct** Prep Harvest Celebration Mass 9.30am **Prep**
- 18 Oct** Prep Book Fair **Prep**
Twelfth Night Performance **7.00pm Snr**
- 19 Oct** Prep Class Photographs **Prep**
Twelfth Night Performance 6.15pm **Snr**
Year 9 Options Evening 7.30—8.30pm **Snr**
- 20 Oct** Y1, 2 & 3 flu immunisation (for pupils who have been given parental consent) **Prep**
- Fri 21—28 Oct inclusive—HALF TERM**
- 31 Oct—4 Nov** Y12/13 Assessment Week 1 **ND6**
- 3 Nov** Year 11 Parents' Evening 4.30—6.30pm **Snr**
- 4 Nov** FoND Mufti Day—Flower Theme **School**
- 5 Nov** Fireworks at Avorians with FoND **School**
- 5—7 Nov** A level Geography Fieldtrip **ND6**
- 7 Nov** Safe Drive Course **ND6**
- 8 Nov** Whole School Open Morning 9—11am **School**
Rec—Year 6 Parents' Evening 4.30—8pm **Prep**
- 11 Nov** FoND Christmas Gift Fair 11.30—5.30pm
in Sports Hall
- 16 Nov** Year 8 Latin Trip to Butser Farm **Snr**
- 18 Nov** FoND Year 7 & 8 Disco **Snr**
- 21 Nov** Feast Day Mass 10.30am—all parents welcome
Year 7 Parents' Evening 4.30—6.30pm **Snr**

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