

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are God's family, here to learn and try our best.
God is at the heart of everything.
Prayer is behind us in all that we do.
We are called to serve others.
We want everyone to be the best person they can be.
As friends of Jesus we treat others with respect, as we would wish to be treated.
We are all amazing in our own way.

Friday October 3rd 2025

Fabulous Harvest Celebration Today

Thank you to Year Four, Mrs Braid and Mrs Watts for bringing to us a wonderful Harvest Celebration today. Also thank you to the many parents and others who attended. There was a joyous feeling in the church this afternoon and together our school community once again showed how strong we are in supporting those less fortunate, both locally and nationally, through our collective generosity and care.



This generosity is a living example of our Gospel values in action, reminding us that by working together in faith we can make a real difference in the lives of others.

School Attendance

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this 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.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this 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.
3. 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.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Parish–School Mass: A Celebration of Faith, Community and Diversity

Last Sunday was a very special day for our parish and school community as we came together to celebrate the first joint Parish–School Mass. This initiative, developed by the newly formed steering group, reflects Bishop Richard’s Pastoral Plan which reminds us:

“This formation (faith development), lived out in the life of parish communities, with the school as a key collaborator and partner, will further develop the three-fold bond (home–school–parish) that has been long recognised as a source of strength.”

The Mass was a joyful celebration of faith, culture, and diversity. One of the highlights was the beautiful Procession of Nations, which showcased just a small sample of the many nationalities represented within our vibrant community. Although not every nation could be represented on the day, it was a powerful reminder of the unity and strength we share in our diversity.



Attendance far exceeded expectations, with over 1,200 people present (where 500 would usually be typical). The atmosphere was uplifting, with moving singing and heartfelt participation throughout the liturgy.

After Mass, many families continued the celebration together on the school field, where food, drink and activities created a wonderful social event. The catering and organisation ran smoothly, and the weather held just long enough for everyone to enjoy the occasion in great spirits.

This remarkable day was made possible by the hard work, vision and commitment of so many people. Heartfelt thanks go to all who helped with the planning, preparation and running of the event, especially those who contributed to the food, drink, music, and general support.

The overwhelming feedback has been full of praise, with many people commenting on how uplifting and unifying the day was. It was a wonderful demonstration of what we can achieve together as parish and school — a true celebration of our shared faith and community life.



Parent Governor Update

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Trevor Foale** and **Karen Hawkey** for their unwavering support and commitment during their time as Parent Governors. Both have given generously of their time, energy and expertise to help guide the strategic direction of the school, always keeping the best interests of our children at the heart of their work. Their contribution has been greatly valued by governors, staff, and families alike.

At the same time, we are delighted to congratulate **Aloma Jaworska** and **Daniela Tufo** on their election as our new Parent Governors. We look forward to the fresh perspectives and skills they will bring to the Governing Body as they begin their important role in supporting the continued success of St Joseph's.

Finally, a sincere thank you to all parents who supported this process and took the time to cast their vote — your involvement is an important part of our school community life.



Daniela Tufo



Alomo Jaworska

Year 6 Reminder Secondary School Applications

Is your child in year 6?

If so, you need to apply for a secondary school place by **31st October 2025**.

It is recommended all parents apply for a place by Friday 24th October 2025, as this is the Friday before the half term holiday. **It is very important you do not miss the application deadline.**

Please remember some schools you apply for may require an additional Supplementary Information Form too be filled in.

Please visit the school admissions portal and apply online at

surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or call 0300 200 1004 if you have any questions.

Information

Year Six Hoodies 2026

'Leavers 2026' sweat shirts which will be navy blue with the St Joseph's logo on the front and the children's names on the reverse in a '26' design.

They are intended as a long term memento of their time at St. Joseph's.

The children will be allowed to wear them at school for PE, Fitness Fridays etc. They must not be worn to and from school (except on Fitness Fridays and sports' days).

Please place your order on Arbor under school shop. In the text box please add the exact name and the size you require. Then make your payment on Arbor. Last day for ordering is Friday 10th October. Thank you. School Office



Year 3—Holy Communion

Parents are invited to register an interest in their child joining the First Holy Communion programme after masses on the coming Sunday.

You should go to the Chatterton Room after mass.

Would you like to Join the 100 Club?

Each month, three lucky people win great prizes.

Congratulations 100 Club August

1st Daniel Acevedo Astudillo £142
2nd Franklin Ummunakwe £85
3rd Lawrence Mansfield £57

100 Club

If you would like to join, or increase the number of tickets you hold, please contact the school office for information.

Just £5.00 per month

Congratulations 100 Club September

1st Jo Cullen £148
2nd Duncan Richardson £89
3rd Lauren Stone £59



Regular Reminders

Reminder– post box

Please use the post box for dropping items off to the school office. It is located on the wall outside the main entrance. This should mean that less people need actual contact with the office at busy times of the day. Thank you.

Baby Photos

We have a display of new babies in the school hall. If you have had a baby please send in a photo, with the baby's name and date of birth.

Miss Shanks

Earrings

Earrings are not permitted. Plasters over the ears are not a solution. The only time it is suitable to have ears pierced is the first week of the summer holiday.

Mobile Phones and Watches

Only year six who travel to school alone and their parents consider they **need** a phone are allowed to bring them to school. Phones must be handed in to the school office and collected from there at the end of the day.

Any watch with a camera device is not permitted in school. This aligns with our policy on mobile phones.

Reminder– 48 hours clear

Please remember that if a child is sick that they should be kept away from school for 48 hours. Thank you

Uniform

If items are labelled they will be returned to a child. Please label every item of clothing, including swim wear and after school club clothes.

Lunch Box reminders

We are a nut free school, this includes pesto, nutella and peanut butter in sandwiches and other nut based biscuits including cereal bars. By packing nut based food, you are placing at risk a group of children who have severe nut allergies.

This also includes no sweets ie. Haribos.

School lunches are entirely nut-free and are a good safe option.

School Pens and Swim Hats

The pen we prefer children to use is the pen we sell via the school office for £2.20. Class teachers collect the money and give the child a pen, which they will label. Swim hats can be purchased from the school office for £4 or on arbor under school shop.

Regular Reminders (continued)

School Car Park

Only staff are permitted to park in the school car park. If dropping off for D2D in the morning, please do not park in the inner car park.

No parking if you are dropping off at nursery. Please park elsewhere and walk.

Please Consider Our Neighbours

We have received a number of complaints regarding inconsiderate parking across driveways and on grass verges.

Cool Milk

Once your child turns 5 and you would like them to continue to receive milk at school, please visit www.coolmilk.com

Important– Keeping Safe

On arrival to school...

Please use the pedestrian paths behind the blue fences. Do not walk through the car park.

If you drop and go, direct your child to the blue fences and the paths.

Remember—no-one is permitted to park, hover or wait in a car in the car park. You may drop and go. Park elsewhere if you need to.

Reception –when leaving the school office reception area please refrain from letting others in through the door. Visitors should wait outside until a member of staff opens the door for them.

Meal Choices

A reminder to select the meal choices for the rest of this half term.

Events Coming Up

Monday 6th Oct	Year 5 to Sayers Croft until Wed 8th October. Year 4 Bikeability to Thurs 9th October. 2.30pm Miss Taylor's Class Assembly.
Thurs 9th Oct	9.00am Year 1 Rosary in the Church. Please join us.
Fri 10th Oct	Spanish Culture Day Wear your country colours, national costume or sports top. Show and Tell in class. 8.20am Grab and Go Coffee in Car Park. 2.30pm Miss McAdam's Class Assembly.
Mon 13th Oct	9.00am Year 4 Rosary in the Church. Please join us.
Tues 14th Oct	9.00am Year 2 Rosary in the Church. Please join us.
Wed 15th Oct	2.30pm Welcome Liturgy for new children and their families. Year 6 buddies will attend. Please join us.
Thurs 16th Oct	9.00am Year 3 Rosary in the Church. Please join us.
Friday 17th Oct	9.00am Year 5 Rosary in the Church. Please join us.
Tues 21st Oct	Settling in Meetings with Parents—face to face meetings
Wed 22nd Oct	Settling in Meetings with Parents—online meetings
Thurs 23rd Oct	Settling in Meetings with Parents—face to face meetings
Fri 24th Oct	Mufti Day—Donations to Christmas Hampers. Information to follow. 1.30pm Celebrating our Grandparents—Children can go home with Grandparents 3.15pm Break for Half Term
Half Term Homework	Prepare a 5 minute speech on 'When I'm older, I would like to.... Children can talk about a job they would like, an activity they would like to be involved with or a place they would like to visit etc. This will form part of the speaking and listening assessment carried out next half term, in week one.
Mon 3rd Nov	Return to school. Pay dinner money £101.50
Tues 4th Nov	Friends event—laser light show, please see note below
Thurs 6th Nov	Maths workshop for Year 1 parents 5.30pm —Option A
Fri 7th Nov	Maths workshop for Year 1 parents 9.00am—Option B

Events Coming Up Continued...

Grandparents Day—Friday 24th October

We welcome grandparents to school for a visit to spend time with their grandchildren. We know that many will live too far away but we want to have any grandparents who can make it to spend some time with us.

1.30pm Tea and a story

2.00pm Tour of School

Art and craft activities—sharing time together.

Please sign up to Arbor, in the 'trips' section, if grandparents are coming.



Parent Evenings

Tuesday 21st October– Thursday 23rd October

The link to book your parent/teacher meetings is in your email today.

<https://stjosephsepsom.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Children with IEPs: your link is already live for you to book your 20 minute appointment by today.

All other children: your link will go live on **Saturday morning at 10am** to book your 10 minute appointment.

Please note, Tuesday and Thursday evenings are face to face meetings in school.

Wednesday are online meetings via schoolcloud video call.

You will receive an email to confirm your booked appointment/s. You will then receive a reminder the day before the appointment and another an hour before. **Please note, teachers will not be able to make additional appointments if you do not attend this one.**

If you are choosing an online appointment, please log on to the system in advance of the meeting and ensure that you have given permission for Schoolcloud to access your video and microphone so that you have the full 10 minutes without technical hitches!

Class teachers have been instructed to carry out a low mark/no mark of books for this week in order to ensure a better workload balance.

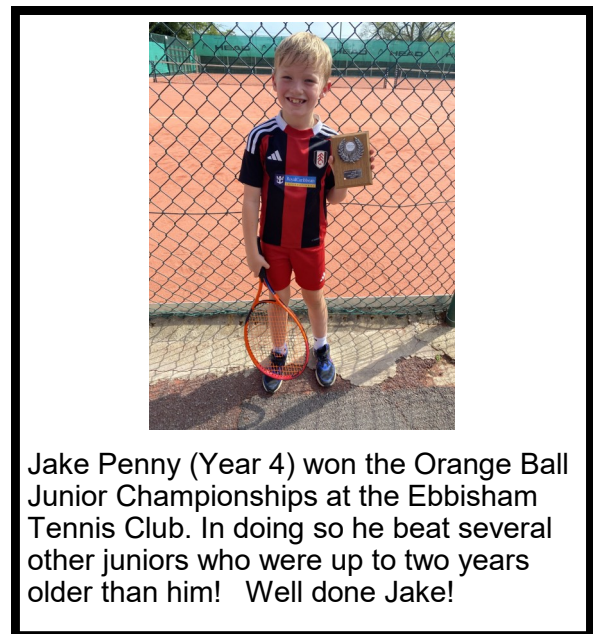
New Parents—there is an instruction sheet attached to your email today.

Good News to Share

	Week of 8th Sept	Awarded for	Week of 15th Sept	Awarded for	Week of 22ndSept	Awarded for
St Francis						
St Nicholas						
St Dominc	Amelia	Set A Great Example	Oliver	Journey With God	Lily-Rose	Set A Great Ex-ample
St Lucy	Ziyana	Set A Great Example	Anthony	Participate	Jasper	Set A Great Example
St Leo	Catalina	Set A Great Example	Fionn	Persevere	Lydia	Care For God's World
St Therese	William	Participate	Jessica	Set A Great Example	Emma	Participate
St Gabriel	Megan	Set A Great Example	Honor	Journey With God	Ollie	Persevere
St Raphael	Henry	Set A Great Example	Willan	Persevere	Isla R	Care For God's World
St Carlos	Fredrek	Participate	Floris	Set A Great Example	Abigail	Set A Great Example
St Bernadette	Bobby	Set A Great Example	Ethan	Set A Great Example	Lena	Show Kindness
St Kateri	Zain	Set A Great Example	Luisella	Showing Kindness	Florence	Participate
St Joan of Arc	Gigi	Serve Others	Rosangla	Set A Great Example	Chiara	Participate
St Paul	Ophelia	Show Kindness	Zoe	Journey With God	Hudson	Participate
St Peter	Leela	Persevere	Liam	Serve Others	Kaelene	Set A Great Example

Good News to Share (continued)

	Week of 23rd Sept	Awarded for
Earhart	Ziyana	Participate
Johnson	Lily-Rose	Show Kindness
Armstrong	Anna	Show Kindness
Apollo	Emma	Participate
Great Fire	Brandon	Participate
Pudding Lane	Megan	Serve Others
Claudius	Beatrice	Persevere
Romans	Jonah	Show Kindness
Carter	John	Persevere
Tutankhamun	Sofia K	Show Kindness
Conqueror	Oliver	Participate
Hastings	Tainah	Set a Great Example
Normandy	Daniel	Participate
Donkirk	Elizabeth	Show Kindness



Jake Penny (Year 4) won the Orange Ball Junior Championships at the Ebbisham Tennis Club. In doing so he beat several other juniors who were up to two years older than him! Well done Jake!

News from The Friends of St Joseph's

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

10 October	Parents Coffee Morning —Hosted by R/Y1 Parents
24 October	Mufti Day Christmas Hamper Donations
04 November	Laser Light Show
14 November	Friends Meeting
	Pre-loved Uniform & Christmas Jumper Sale
20 November	Wreath Making Evening
28 November	Parents Christmas Social
15 June	Summer Fair



Laser Light Show

We're excited to announce our **first ever Light Show** will take place on **Tuesday 4 November, 5:00–7:30pm** on the school field.

It promises to be a magical family evening full of lights, fun and community spirit.

Ticket details coming soon – keep an eye out for how you can book your place!

Parent Christmas Social

Save the date! Friday 28th November

The **Parents' Christmas Social** is back – with dancing, drinks and **DJ Kobbie** keeping the party going.

Tickets released soon
– watch this space!



Christmas Hamper Donations

Mufti Day—Friday 24th October

Please send your child in with their luxury Christmas hamper item.

Items could include: chocolates, scented candles, festive drinks, biscuits, tea towels, homemade preserves, and unique seasonal gifts.



Wreath Making Evening

Thursday 20th November at 7pm

Tickets are £35 each which includes a glass of bubbly and mince pie on arrival. All equipment is provided. Pay on Arbor to secure your place. Spaces are limited.



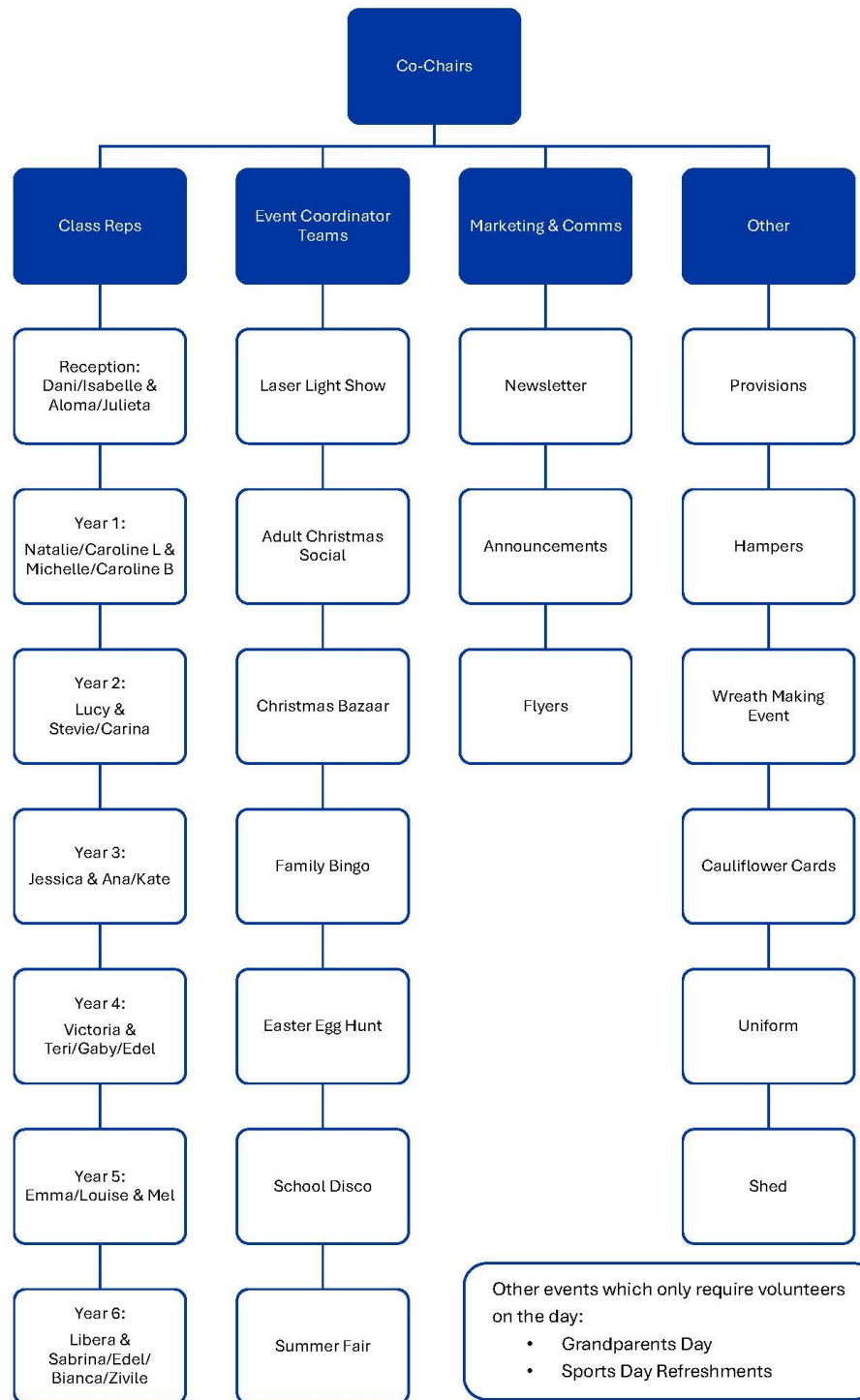
News from The Friends of St Joseph's

The Friends group plays a vital role in strengthening our school community by organising successful fund-raising initiatives and school-wide events. Thanks to these efforts we raise over £20,000 each year in additional funds that directly benefit our children.

Following on from feedback at The Friends meeting, the flow chart below sets out how we think The Friends should be structured this year. This shows the different roles and teams, and how they fit together to support fundraising, events and community activities across the school. Everyone is a Friend! The chart simply maps out how things can run smoothly, but at the heart of it all is a group of parents and guardians volunteering their time to make school life even better for our children.

Whether you're curious about a specific event or role, interested in joining a team to help organise or keen to volunteer in any other capacity — we'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to your class rep to get involved or learn more. Thank you very much,
The Friends of St Joseph's

Friends Structure 2025/26



Information

School Fund Contributions—Payable now

In order to supplement a limited budget we ask each family for a voluntary contribution of £35.00 per child (£70.00 per family) per year which is payable in September. Child 3 or 4 goes free! How is the money used:

- One third is transferred into the Governors' fund. As a Catholic school, the Government holds our Catholic community liable for 10% of all building costs.
- To enhance the school resources and environment as identified during the school year where funding from the DfE does not meet needs
- To support school activities where other funds are not available, e.g. shortfalls in trip and events contributions.
- To support any social and welfare needs identified for any child in need.

In addition to this, the parish of St. Joseph's provides the school with £15.00 for each Catholic child in the school as a contribution to learning.



Uniform Reminders

Winter Uniform from September 1st to April 30th

(Summer uniform may be worn until the end of September)

All items of clothing must be labelled clearly with the child's name.

Coats: Plain navy with no motifs, no fur or no writing. **Reflector strips are encouraged but should be subtle.**

Girls

- Navy socks are NOT permitted.
- Blouse- standard pointed collar, not rounded. No puff sleeves.
- Shoes should have straps or laces for safety
- If trousers are worn by girls, they may be ordered via school office or from Marks and Spencer. **'Girls Regular Grey Leg Stain Resist'**. **Product code T761454.** Only these trousers are permitted. **Not slim. Not skinny. These two are not a good look.**



Culture Days

We hope we have covered all culture days in the calendar. If you are new to the school and cannot see your culture celebration day, please let us know which day we should raise the flag!

Thank you for getting in contact about a celebration day for Turkey (November 29th) which has now been added to the calendar to be celebrated on November 3rd.



Attendance and Penalty Notices

Please be aware there are 2 types of penalty notice:

- Unauthorised Leave of Absence (holidays, weddings, funerals etc)
- Unauthorised Absence (Low level attendance, late after register has closed, failure to provide medical evidence)
- A penalty notice will be incurred after 10 unauthorised absences in any 10 previous school weeks
- 1 day counts as 2 unauthorised absences

Primary School Applications

Is your child starting primary school in September 2026?

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 you will need to apply for a school place. The deadline for primary school applications is 15th January 2026. **It is very important you do not miss the application deadline.**

Please visit the school admissions portal and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or call 0300 200 1004 if you have any questions.

Safeguarding

Smart Phone Usage Survey

We were pleased that no children appeared to have phones with them this week! As you're aware, Year 6 will only be permitted 'dumb' phones in school.

Smart phones will not be permitted.

Only year 6 children who make their own way home will be permitted a phone.

No other children are permitted phones. No child is permitted to wear a smart watch.

Designated Safeguarding Lead

If you have a concern over the welfare or safety of a child you should speak to Mr Tim Hallett as the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Even low level concerns should be reported.

If Mr Hallett is not in the building, you should speak to Miss Cullen then Miss Shanks, Miss Wheeler or Miss Mundy.

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TIME: 10.00AM - 2.00PM **COST:** £45 PER CHILD - £75 FOR SIBLINGS (AGES 5-12)

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COBHAM

TRAINING GROUND

OCTOBER HALF TERM



Chelsea Football Club are excited to be opening the doors to their Training Ground this October. Cobham is the exclusive home of our Chelsea FC's Men, Women's and Academy squads and this Half Term we are giving a limited number of players the opportunity to train here and experience our world class facilities.

We have several sessions available across the week from:-
[2 Day Courses, 1:1 Sessions and Girls Only Sessions](#)

Book on early to avoid disappointment! Please scan the QR code which will take you directly to our booking page providing you with all sessions available across the week.

Venue	Dates	Time
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Cobham Training Ground Surrey, KT11 3PT	27th-31st October	09.00-15.15 (excluding 1:1 Sessions)
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Age	Players	Prices
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6-12 Years (7-18 Years for 1:1 Sessions)	Boys & Girls (Mixed ability level)	£75.00 a day (excluding 1:1 Sessions)
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