


# Spring and Summer 26



Look, Winter is past,  
 the rains have come and gone.  
 The flowers are blooming in the fields.  
 It's time to sing!

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Spring keeps popping it's head out from behind the clouds and with longer days and warmer weather I hope you are all feeling energetic and ready to get out there because there are lots of things going on this term. Make sure to note the dates in your diary so you don't miss anything!

Our holy week and Easter events all went very well. Well done to all our actors on Palm Sunday who coped so well with what turned out to be quite a cantankerous donkey. It was great to see lots of people there, waving their palms.



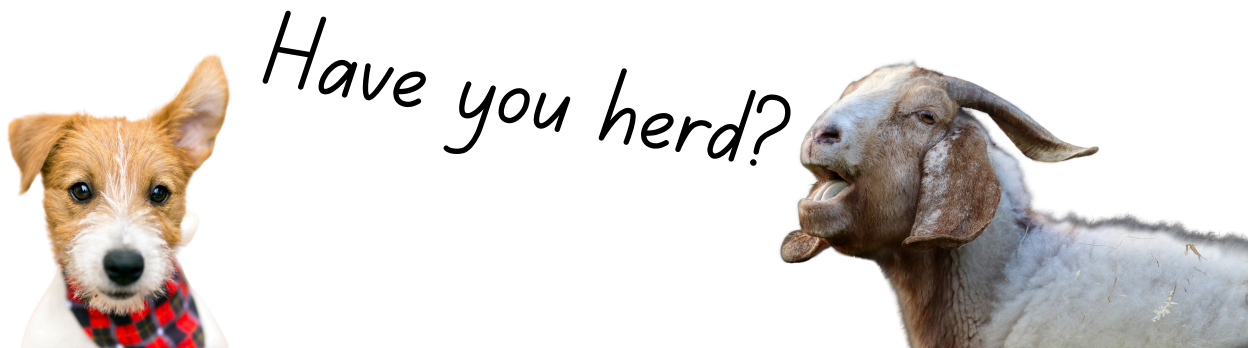
In Holy Week we welcomed 35 different children over the three mornings for our

Easter Holiday Fun Club. This year we looked at the events of Holy Week as if they were being reported by modern day news caster and reporter Gregg Sandbacon and Peggy Bread. The children enjoyed lots of activities like making cross stained glass window biscuits and roosters and fish, exploring the story through pictures and memory verses and playing lots of games where we called things that weren't eggs eggs. We also 'cracked' quite a few egg puns!

We hope all the children who came along had a wonderful time and we give thanks for the amazing team of volunteers who made it all happen.



On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 6-9pm we will be holding a barn dance to raise money for Christian Aid. There will be a live band with a caller taking you through all the steps and a meal. It's a great evening for all ages. Sign up on the sheets in the Forum or send an email to Ellen on [office@wokingurc.org.uk](mailto:office@wokingurc.org.uk)



The Petting farm is returning to Woking URC in the May half term. it is running from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> -Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 10:30am-4pm. This is a great day out for all the family and extremely reasonably priced at £5 for adults and £2.50 for children aged 3-16. This gets you into the farm, all activities indoors and one show. On Tuesday this will be with a magician and on Wednesday and Thursday our popular exotic animal shows. There are additional charges for the rides

outside and for food. All proceeds go to the Children With Special Needs Foundation who are partnering in the event.

*It's baaa...ck!*



**Petting farm, ferris wheel & exotic animals**



**Half Term • Tue 26, Wed 27, Thurs 28 May • 10.30am-4pm**

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Small admission fee in aid of Children With Special Needs Foundation



Children With Special Needs Foundation

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Mini Camp is back again for 2026 for children aged 6-12 years old. You can come for the whole thing, just for the day or just for the evening and overnight, whatever works for you and your schedule, we can be very flexible.

We set this up for those who are too young, or not ready for our weeklong residential Summer Camp or who want to find out more about it. But it also exists on it's own as a really fun and exciting thing to do with your friends at church.

We base our schedule on 24 hours of camp life, to give it a try without going away for a whole week. This will be based in the church building but will include an off site activity during the day. We will do devotions, head off site for an activity, have our meals together and play. For those who would like to stay, there will be a camp fire or film depending on the weather, a bedtime story and a chance to sleep at church followed by breakfast and the service the next morning.

If you want to know more please contact me on [children@wokingurc.org.uk](mailto:children@wokingurc.org.uk) or flag me down on a Sunday morning.

Booking opens on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May and you can access the booking page via this link:

<https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/MTIzNC03Mg/t>



Summer Camp this year will take place from Saturday 1st-Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August. A week later than usual as our preferred week wasn't available.

This year we will be returning to the International Scout centre in Youlbury, Oxfordshire. We last stayed here in 2022 and it's a really lovely site with modern facilities and lots of grounds for playing in and exciting activities to try.

We have been planning out the programme and a recce recently took place to choose our outing locations and it is shaping up to be a brilliant camp once again.

Booking for Summer Camp also opens on 3<sup>rd</sup> May and you can access the booking page from this link, <https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/MTIzNC03MQ/t> an early bird reduction in price is in place for all tickets booked before the end of June.

Good luck to all the children in year 6 sitting your SATs in May. We've been including you in Tuesday morning prayers as you go through all your practice and preparation. We pray that you will be able to do your best but most of all that you will be calm and happy and healthy.



# Dates for your diary

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Booking opens for Mini Camp and Summer Camp
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday. NO BRIGADES
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Christian Aid Barn Dance 6-9pm
10 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Christian Aid Week
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Church Meeting
26 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Petting Farm Event 10:30am-4pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Church family farm, BBQ and Worship 5-8pm
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Brigades Sports Day at Guildford Athletics track
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Brigades Awards evening
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Mini Camp
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Last night of Brigades term, all age

	from 5:30pm
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Church Parade  This is at a later date so that if the Boys and Girls Brigade groups from Zambia come to visit this Summer we can have a Parade Sunday while they are here.
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> August - Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	Summer Camp

Blessings

Alison and the children's team