



NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week ending 3rd October 2025

Parent Governor Election

The term of office of one of our current Parent Governors ends on 10th November 2025 and any members of the Parent Body that would like to stand for the position are therefore invited to submit a nomination form. If you would like to stand for election, please complete and return the [nomination form](#), you must include a short personal statement about yourself of not more than 250 words. All nomination forms must be submitted to Malcolm Elliott, Clerk to the Governors & Returning Officer clerkofgovernors@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk, by no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 8th October 2025.

From Mrs Hill – Gardening Club

The gardening afternoons are underway again this term for Years 1 and 2 and it would be greatly appreciated if parents & carers could kindly donate any of the following for the garden areas:

Any spare perennial plants or shrubs that you are digging up or dividing this autumn.

Spring bulbs of any sort.

Any woodland bulbs or plants such as English bluebells, aconite, wild garlic or ferns for the woodland area.

Seeds for next year.

Pond plants for our new ponds that you are dividing up in your own ponds.

Any donations can go to the Office or via your child's teacher.

Thank you

Harvest Festival

On Thursday 16th October, we will be celebrating Harvest Festival. KS1 will be marking the occasion with a walk down to St Mark's Church, where the children will learn about the importance of harvest time and the values of kindness and helping others. Meanwhile, the EYFS team will enjoy their own harvest celebration by coming together to sing songs and share poems. When everyone returns to school, our kitchen team will add to the festivities by preparing a special harvest lunch for the children to enjoy. As a whole school, we will also be collecting food donations for **Loveworks**, who have urgently requested the following items:

Tinned meat (corned beef, spam, ham)

Tinned fruit

Tinned vegetables

Tinned potatoes

Tinned custard

Tinned meat casseroles

Please send all donations into school **on Thursday morning** so they can be included in our collection. Your generosity will make a real difference and is greatly appreciated.

Online Safety Weekly Updates – EA Sports FC 26

The guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and gives top tips to minimise them.

Feeling Good Friday

It is World Mental Health Day on Friday 10th October. Our theme is 'connect' and we will be thinking about the importance of our wellbeing and mental health throughout the day. Rainbows represent diversity and unity, we're all different but we belong together. The children may wear their own clothes, choosing colours that they love and to represent the many different connections in our lives. Thank you.

Greensand Job Opportunities

Please [click here](#) for current opportunities within Greensand MAT.

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NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS

Snacks in Bags

Please **do not send any additional snacks** in your child's bag.

We have children with **severe food allergies**, and unsupervised snacks may put them at serious risk. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep all children safe.

Nursery Rhyme Day

On Wednesday, 22nd October, we will be celebrating the culmination of our Nursery Rhyme focus with a special 'Nursery Rhyme Day'.

Children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a nursery rhyme. Please do not feel the need to purchase an outfit; we strongly encourage homemade costumes and have provided some ideas below for inspiration. During the nursery session, children will enjoy singing, playing games, icing, and decorating a biscuit to resemble a nursery rhyme character.



NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

Learning Journeys

Thank you so much for decorating your children's learning journeys, they are so proud of them,

and they look absolutely fabulous!

If you have not yet returned your child's learning journey, please do so by **Monday 6th October**.

Reading Books

Your child will be bringing home their first reading book. These books are wordless books. Wordless books are designed to develop your child's vocabulary, storytelling skills and develop the idea that, in many books, the pictures and story are connected.

Please see the article below for more ideas/tips for enjoying wordless books

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/sharing-wordless-picture-books> You will also receive a reading diary, where the class team has written a brief comment about reading with your child, celebrating their achievements and suggesting next steps.

Please return readers, reading diaries and library books on Mondays.

NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

School Council

Next week we will be electing our school council members ready for this term. Children may put themselves forward for the position, explaining to their peers why they feel they would be suitable for the role. The children will then elect two members to represent their class. The elected members will take part in meetings, representing their peers; this is a great opportunity for children to develop their self-confidence, responsibility and speaking and listening skills. If you feel your child would benefit from taking part, please do encourage them to apply for the role. Thank you.

Junk Modelling

Please collect any clean, empty small boxes (not cereal boxes), empty kitchen roll cylinders, yoghurt pots, bottle lids and send them into school.

We have several children who have a severe allergy to nuts, eggs, and gluten so we ask that NO EGG BOXES or CEREAL BOXES, INCLUDING CEREAL BARS, be sent to school for junk modelling. Please ensure that all yoghurt pots are thoroughly washed out. Please also remember not to send in any packaging that contains nuts or sesame seeds. Thank you!

iRock Bands – Spaces Available

[iRock School of Music](#) provides rock and pop music lessons on Friday afternoons and after school. iRock gives children the opportunity to join their very own rock band, making learning music fun while also aiding other important skills such as confidence and teamwork. At the end of each term every band performs for parents and carers in the school hall. There are currently spaces on all instruments in the after-school band running from 15:05-15:35 and some spaces in the four bands running during the school day. Please see [Enrol | iRock Rock and Pop Band Lessons](#) for more information.

NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

School Council

Next week we will be electing our school council members ready for this term. Children may put themselves forward for the position, explaining to their peers why they feel they would be suitable for the role. The children will then elect two members to represent their class. The elected members will take part in meetings, representing their peers; this is a great opportunity for children to develop their self-confidence, responsibility and speaking and listening skills. If you feel your

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For any previous notices please refer to the [Holmesdale School website](#)