



NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week ending 7th November 2025

Language and Communication Workshops – Save the Dates

We're excited to invite parents and carers to our upcoming **Language and Communication Workshops**. These sessions will explore the importance of talking with your child, developing their vocabulary, modelling good listening behaviours, and encouraging singing and rhymes, all of which build strong early reading foundations. We'll also look at how to develop positive reading behaviours at home.

In Reception and Key Stage 1, teachers will explain how we teach phonics and reading and share valuable tips on how you can support your child.

Workshop Dates:

- **Year 2:** Tuesday 25th November, 2:15 pm
- **Nursery:** Wednesday 26th November, 8:40 am
- **Reception:** Wednesday 26th November, 2:15 pm
- **Year 1:** Thursday 27th November, 2:15 pm

Following the Reception and Key Stage 1 workshops, parents are welcome to stay for a 'Reading Surgery' from 3:10-3:40 pm, where staff will be available to support you and your child with reading together.

Friendship Week – 10th – 14th November

Next week is '*Friendship Week*' and we will be learning about what makes a good friend and how we can be a good friend to others. We will be taking part in a range of activities around the theme of friendship. The theme of the week is '*Power for Good*' and we will be focusing on the power of our words and the impact they can have on others.

To begin the week, we will be having an '*Odd Socks Day*'! On Monday your child may come to school in odd socks or colourful tights to celebrate that we are all different and unique. They will continue to wear school uniform, or PE kit, as usual but the socks and tights will provide us with an interesting talking point when we begin to think about and discuss the ways in which we are all different and special.

Children In Need

On Friday 14th November, children may wear Children in Need merchandise or something spotty alongside their school uniform. Voluntary cash donations are welcome on the day. Thank you.

Winter Fair

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon at the PSA Winter Fair at Holmesdale School on Saturday 22nd November 12:30 – 4:30 pm. For more details, please visit the [PSA Website](#). We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Performances

- The Nursery Christmas sing-along will take place on Wednesday 10th December at 10:50am (Robins) and 1:50pm (Ladybirds). Bumblebee parents can choose to attend either performance.
- The Reception Christmas performance will take place at Holmesdale, in our school hall, on Thursday 11th December at 9:30am and Friday 12th December at 9:30am. Please note that parents should only attend one performance so we can accommodate all parents.
- The Year 1 Christmas performance will be at 9.30am at St. Mark's Church on Wednesday 17th December.
- The Year 2 Christmas performance will be at 11:00am at St. Mark's Church on Wednesday 17th December.

We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you.

Occupational Therapy Helpline – Surrey Child and Family Health

A helpline supported by our Occupational Therapy team that anyone can call. An opportunity to talk through, and problem solve how your child/ young person is carrying out their everyday tasks. Please see attached pdf for details.

Online Safety Weekly Updates – Pokémon TCG Pocket

Pokémon TCG Pocket is a mobile version of the hugely popular trading card game. While the core game can be fun and helps develop tactical and numeracy skills, its design encourages spending and can feed addictive behaviours – making it important for adults to understand the risks.

Coats

A gentle reminder to please ensure that your child brings a named coat to school each day. Thank you for your support.

Greensand Job Opportunities

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

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NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS

Friendship Week

Next week in Nursery, we are learning all about friendship, what makes a good friend, and how we can be kind and caring towards others. We'd love for you to support this learning at home by talking about the qualities of a good friend when you read stories together or notice your child's actions during play.

You might look out for:

- **Kindness** – saying kind words or helping others
- **Sharing** – taking turns with toys or activities

- **Listening** – paying attention when others are talking
- **Caring** – checking if someone is upset or needs help
- **Cooperation** – working together and joining in with others
- **Fairness** – making sure everyone has a go

Thank you for helping us encourage kindness and friendship in our Nursery every day

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

Friendship Week

To celebrate our learning about friendship, how to be a good friend and what makes a good friend, we will enjoy an indoor picnic. We will decorate (ice) biscuits, play cooperation games, and enjoy stories about friendship.

Please see the ingredient list below and let your child's class teacher know if you do **not** want your child to eat a biscuit.

Rich Tea Biscuits

INGREDIENTS: Wheat Flour (**Wheat** Flour, Calcium Carbonate, Folic Acid, Iron, Niacin, Thiamin), Sugar, Palm Oil, Partially Inverted Sugar Syrup, **Barley** Malt Extract, Raising Agents: Sodium Carbonates, Ammonium Carbonates; Salt, Emulsifier: Mono- and Diacetyl Tartaric Acid Esters of Mono- and Diglycerides of Fatty Acids.

Icing Sugar

INGREDIENTS: Icing Sugar (97%), Maize Starch.

Cake Decorations, Multi Coloured 100s & 1000s

INGREDIENTS: Sugar, Maize Starch, Concentrates: Spirulina, Carrot, Sweet Potato, Radish, Apple, Hibiscus; Glazing Agent: Coconut Oil, Beeswax: Colour: Paprika Extract, Lutein.

Woodland Explorers in Reception

- Foxes will be visiting the woodland on Wednesday 12th November 2025.
- Ducks and Rabbits will be visiting the woodland on 13th November 2025.

Please send **named Wellington boots (or alternative footwear) in a bag and a warm, waterproof coat and, if needed, a hat and gloves, on the day.**

NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

Junk Modelling

We would be very grateful for any donations for 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!

Notecards / Envelopes / Letter Writing Paper

Next week we will be writing letters to our friends as part of Friendship Week. If you have any unwanted notecards, postcards, envelopes or letter writing papers, please pass them to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

There are no notices for Year Two this week.

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