



## NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week ending 5th December 2025

### School Absence

We've noticed that quite a few children have been off school recently with high temperatures and other illnesses. We have been reminding everyone about good handwashing practices, but we'd really appreciate your help too. Here are a few ways you can support:

- **If your child is feeling unwell**, especially with a fever, please keep them at home until they are better.
- Encourage good habits at home like washing hands regularly and covering coughs and sneezes.

Thank you so much for helping us keep everyone healthy and happy, your cooperation is appreciated.

### New Parent Governor

We are delighted to welcome Will Perrin, who recently became a Parent Governor on the Holmesdale School Committee. Please join us in welcoming him to the role.

### Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 11th December

We invite children to wear a Christmas or festive top to school in support of Save the Children. Please [click here](#) if you wish to donate.

### Christmas Post Box

Our Christmas Post Box will be available for children to send Christmas cards to each other if they wish from Monday 8th December to Thursday 18th December and will be situated in the library. Please make sure that cards have the intended child's **full name, if possible, initials of surname, and the class** on the envelope to ensure it reaches the correct recipient.

### Favourite Five

This fortnight, Miss Gooding has chosen her five favourite children's stories to take centre stage in our school library:

The Magic Faraway Tree - Enid Blyton  
Mixed - Arree Chung  
The Perfect Fit - Naomi and James Jones  
Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy - Lynley Dodd  
How To Catch a Star - Oliver Jeffers

She says each story is special for a different reason - maybe it's the magical adventures, the colourful characters, or the way the stories make her smile. Why not ask her why she loves these books so much? You might even discover a new favourite story of your own!

## Reminder - Open Doors

We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Doors on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th December.

- 3.20pm - 3.45pm for Nursery
- 3.15pm - 3.45pm for Reception, Years 1 and 2.

For more information and for booking details, please refer to last week's notices.

## Enrichment Activities 2025-26

Each year provides organised enrichment activities for children throughout the academic year. To enable these activities to take place, we kindly ask for a parental contribution.

Details of all planned activities can be found on the [school website](#). Holmesdale has recently moved to a new Management Information System called Arbor. Once you have set up an account with [Arbor](#) you will be able to pay for your child's enrichment activities. On Arbor, the enrichment activities are classified as a trip and instructions on how to pay are on the [school website](#) or please contact the school office.

## Greensand Job Opportunities

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

## Follow us on Facebook/Instagram

Stay updated on all the latest news, events, activities, and celebrations in our school. Follow us on Facebook [here](#) or on Instagram [here](#). Please invite family and friends to follow us as well.

## NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS

### 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 in a reusable bag (we will pass it back to you so you can reuse it).

**We have a number of children who have a severe allergy to eggs, milk and nuts so we ask that NO EGG BOXES or CEREAL BOXES, INCLUDING CEREAL BARS that have contained nuts be sent to school for junk modelling. Please ensure that all yoghurt pots are thoroughly washed out. Please also avoid sending in any packaging that contained pine nuts, lentils, chickpeas, or sesame seeds. Thank you.**

### Role Play

If you have a surplus of wrapping paper, small decorations (not glass), Christmas cards and present labels, please give them to a member of staff.

### Christmas Sing-Along

A little reminder that children are invited to come to nursery in their festive clothing for our Christmas Sing-Along on Wednesday 10th December at 10.50am and 1.50pm. Please remember that the children will still be playing and exploring throughout the day, both indoors and outdoors, so ensure their festive outfits are comfortable and appropriate for active play and the weather. We are looking forward to a lovely celebration together.

## NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

### Boxes

We are kindly asking for **empty boxes** (small to medium sizes) to help us create our Santa's Workshop role-play area. If you have a surplus of wrapping paper, small decorations (not glass), Christmas cards and present labels, please give them to your child's teacher.

### Reading Books – Reminder

Each week, children will bring home **three books**:

1. **One Little Wandle decodable book**
  - This is a book your child has practised in school.
  - They should be able to read this with growing confidence.
2. **One library book**
  - For you to enjoy and share together.
3. **One non-decodable book** (marked with an **X on the spine**)
  - Your child may need support with this book, as it may contain tricky words or phonemes we have not yet taught.
  - Please enjoy this book together and supply any words your child is unsure of.
  - This book can be changed as often as they like, pop it into their book bag.

The non-decodable and library books are designed to promote a love of reading, rich talk about the text, characters and settings, and positive shared reading experiences.

### Early Morning Club Bookings – Spring Term

Bookings for Early Morning Club for the Spring Term will open at 9:30am on Wednesday 10th December. How to book:

- Bookings must be made via [Scopay](#) and can be completed up until midnight the day before the session.
- Important:  
Please ensure a booking is made before bringing your child to Early Morning Club. There is a maximum capacity to maintain staff ratios, and without a booking, your child may not be able to attend.
- Payment options: If you wish to pay using childcare vouchers, please contact [bookings@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:bookings@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk). For any other queries, use the same email address.

## NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

### Christmas Performance

Please send in your child's costume in a named bag on Friday 12th December. We look forward to welcoming you to our performance. Thank you for your support.

### Toilet roll tubes

We are collecting toilet roll tubes for a craft activity. Please pass to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

### **Last Week of Extra-Curricular Clubs**

- Week of 8th December: This will be the last week of extra-curricular clubs for the term.
- All clubs will finish by Friday, 12th December.

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### **Learning Speaking Parts for the Nativity**

If your child has brought home a line to learn, please support them with saying it loudly, clearly and slowly. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

## **NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS**

### **Christmas Performance**

This week we have been busy practising for our Christmas performance, and the songs are already sounding wonderful! Please remember to send in your child's outfit in a named bag next Friday 12th December. We would like them to wear something festive like a Christmas jumper, something red, green, or sparkly or a party outfit. Please do continue to practise your child's words at home if they have brought home a line to learn. Thanks so much for your support.

### **Dance Workshop**

Sadly, our dance workshop this week had to be cancelled this week due to illness. We will rearrange this for the new year.

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