



NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week ending 16th January 2026

Parent Consultation Evenings

Our parent consultation evenings will take place on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 10th February** (*Woodpeckers only*)
- **Wednesday 11th February**
- **Thursday 12th February**

Please save these dates. Further details on the times and booking information will be shared next week.

Favourite Five

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

The Enormous Crocodile - Roald Dahl

The Pig's Knickers - Jonathan Emmett

Jack and the Flumflum Tree - Julia Donaldson

Oi Frog - Kes Grey and Jim Field

I Wonder Why Whales Sing and Other Questions About Sea Creatures - part of the 'I wonder Why' series of non-fiction texts - Caroline Harris

Mrs Hill has selected her favourite books to share with the class. She chose these stories because they make her laugh out loud, and she finds them wonderfully amusing. In addition to these fun reads, she has also included a non-fiction book about the ocean. Mrs Hill is fascinated by sea creatures and loves discovering new facts. We encourage the children to chat with Mrs Hill about the characters or the funniest parts of the stories and even share their own favorite books! It's a great way to spark conversations and a love for reading.

Children's Mental Health Week – 9th-13th February

The theme for this year's Children's Mental Health Week is *This is My Place*. That means feeling like you're part of something, such as your family, your school, your group of friends or a team. These happy moments help us feel connected, valued, and accepted. When we feel like we belong, we feel happy, safe, and ready to learn and play. It helps us grow strong in our minds and bodies, and it makes it easier to make friends, do well in school, and feel good about ourselves.

During Children's Mental Health Week, we'll be talking about how we can help everyone feel like they belong. We'll learn how to be kind, include others, and make sure no one feels left out. Because everyone deserves to feel like they have a place where they are accepted, cared for, and loved.

We will also focus on our well-being and what makes us feel happy, if you have a talent or skill that

you would like to share with the children at school, please email Mrs Samuel via the office. Perhaps you would like to visit a class or year group and run a short session on dancing, singing, yoga, drawing, mindfulness etc. We would love to welcome you into our school and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Tissue Donation

With the cold and sniffles season upon us, we're using lots of tissues. If you're able to donate any boxes, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping us stay healthy.

February Half Term School Holiday Activities

Bookings are open for the council's February half term school holiday activities. There are 14 different activities on offer, for children up to the age of 16. There are activities specifically for children with SEND, children under 5 and teens, as well as a mixture of all day activities and shorter taster session activities, including film making, trampolining, puppet making, coding, gymnastics, pickleball and more!

Take a look and book at www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/schoolhols

Remember if you are in receipt of means tested benefits you can receive a 50% discount, please email leisure.services@reigate-banstead.gov.uk to check your eligibility.

Greensand Job Opportunities

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

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NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS

Spare Clothes

Our stocks of spare clothing are very low, especially boys clothing, particularly socks and pants. If you have any spare clothes to donate, we would really appreciate it.

Junk Modelling

Next week we hope to make space rockets. 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 a number of children who have a severe allergy to eggs, milk 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 avoid sending in any packaging that contained nuts, pine nuts, lentils, chickpeas or sesame seeds. Thank you for your support.

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

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PE Kits

If you have not already done so, please make sure to return your child's PE kit to school on Monday 19th January. Thank you for your support in helping us keep everything ready for PE lessons.

Grandparents Afternoon Thursday 19th March

We are delighted to invite grandparents to a special event on **Thursday, 19 March at 2:20 pm**. We would love for grandparents to bring along a photograph, artifact, or a favourite story from their youth to share with their grandchild. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn about family history and enjoy stories from the past.

We understand that some grandparents may not be able to attend, and please be assured that those who can join us will happily share their experiences with other children, so all children can take part in this special occasion.

NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

Book Show and Tell

On Thursday afternoons this half term, we will be celebrating reading for pleasure and would like to invite the children to bring in a favourite book to recommend to their peers. The children will have the opportunity to talk about why they like the book and their favourite part (without giving away any plot spoilers of course!). Please support your child by talking to them about what they would like to say about their book and perhaps have a quick practice before sharing in school. This is a great way for the children to develop their communication skills and confidence, and everyone will benefit from being introduced to new books.

Each week a different colour group will be able to bring their books in. Please stick to the correct week to avoid confusion. Your child will know which colour group they are in but, if you are unsure, please check with your child's class teacher.

Thursday 22nd January: Red Group

Thursday 29th January: Yellow Group

Thursday 5th February: Green Group

Thursday 12th February: Blue Group

Thank you for your support with this.

Toys

Please remind your child that we do not bring toys into school. If a precious toy is lost, or broken, at school this can cause a lot of upset. Thank you.

Sewing Morning Volunteers

We will be learning sewing skills as part of our DT curriculum. If you have an up-to-date DBS check and would like to help in your child's class on the following days, please let your child's class teacher know - they will be very grateful! No previous sewing experience is necessary.

Hedgehogs and Owls: Tuesday morning - 27th January
Otters: Wednesday morning - 28th January

History Learning: The Victorians

On **Tuesday 3rd February**, we will be stepping back in time for the morning. We will be pretending that we are Victorians at school and will be taking part in activities such as exercise drills, marching, writing dictations, observational drawing, and following Victorian school rules. We will prepare the children for this by learning, in advance, about what a Victorian school day would have entailed and by reassuring them that their teachers are only acting and will be their usual selves in the afternoon. During the afternoon we will reflect on how it felt to be a Victorian child and record our thoughts and observations. The teachers will be wearing Victorian costumes, and it would be fantastic if the children would like to dress up too, however, they do not have to if they would prefer not to. Your child may like to wear some of the following: a dress (any colour), a skirt, a blouse / shirt / top, pinafore, hat, cap, short trousers, or trousers tucked into socks, a waistcoat. Please do not feel the need to buy anything special for this; a few simple tweaks to your child's normal clothes will do the job!



Reading Volunteers

If you have an up-to-date DBS check and have an hour to spare, we would love you to come into school to hear readers. Please let your child's class teacher know if this is something you would like to help with. Thank you.

Athletix Kidz

Athletix Kidz provides a play-based athletics programme and runs a club after school on a Wednesday. There are currently some spaces available if you'd like your child to attend. Please [click here](#) for more information and booking details.

NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

Words of the Week

You may have noticed in this week's learning that we included some 'words of the week.' These are words that we will be focusing on throughout that week with the aim of spelling them confidently and fluently within any writing that we are doing. They are some of the most common 'tricky words' that the children will need to spell accurately within their writing and the ones we have noticed can be more often misspelt. If you would like to support your child further, then please do help them to practise spelling these words at home.

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