



## NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week ending 23rd January 2026

### Parent Consultation Evenings

You are invited to make a 10-minute appointment with your child's teacher to discuss how your child is getting on at school. The appointments will be held in school in your child's classroom on the following dates:

- **Year 2 Woodpeckers**
  - Tuesday 10th February (4.00pm-5.30pm) or
  - Wednesday 11th February (4.00pm-5.00pm) or
  - Thursday 12th February (3.30pm-6.30pm)
- **Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 (Badgers & Falcons)**
  - Wednesday 11th February (4.00pm-7.00pm) or
  - Thursday 12th February (3.30pm-6.30pm)

Please find attached instructions on how to book your appointment. The booking system will close at 3pm **on Monday 9th February**.

### School Term Dates and Holidays 2026-2027

Please see attached the dates for next year - it is also on our website. Please note the two week holiday in October.

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

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. 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.

### Baby Grand Piano – Free to a Good Home

We're looking for a new home for our baby grand piano. It's a beautiful instrument perfect for a family, student, or music lover. If you or someone you know might be interested, please get in touch with the school office at [info@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk). Please note collection will need to be arranged by the new owner. Thank you.



### **Cool Milk**

Please could you check with your child that they are drinking their Cool Milk at school and if not please contact the school office or Cool Milk directly to cancel it as we have a lot of milk being wasted. Many thanks.

### **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**

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.**

### **Porridge tasting**

Next week, we will be listening to, retelling, and 'living' the story of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. On Thursday 29th January, we plan to make and taste some porridge—not too hot, not too cold... just right!

Please see the ingredient list below and let a member of the nursery team know if you do not want your child to eat any porridge.

### **Ingredients:**

- Wholegrain rolled oats
- Honey
- Semi-skimmed milk

**If your child can only have oat or soya milk, please provide a small amount on the day.**

### **Share a Story**

We would love to invite parents and carers to come into our nursery class and share a favourite book or a story that your child enjoys. This is a lovely opportunity to celebrate stories, cultures, and help foster a love of reading. We especially welcome parents and carers who speak another language at home to share a familiar story, book, or traditional tale in that language. Hearing stories in different languages helps children appreciate diversity, build confidence, and enriches everyone's learning experience. Parents and carers are welcome to come in during the week beginning **2nd February** or **9th February** at **9:00am**. If these times are not convenient, we are very happy to try to accommodate another date or time to suit your availability. If you would like to take part, please speak to a member of the nursery team so we can arrange the details. Thank you for supporting our love of stories.

## **NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS**

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### **Woodland Explorers in Reception**

- Rabbits will be visiting the woodland on Wednesday 28th January 2026.
- Ducks and Foxes will be visiting the woodland on 29th January 2026.

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**

### **Puppets**

Next week we will be learning about puppets in DT. If your child has a puppet that they would like to bring in to talk about in class, then please bring to school on the following days:

- Owls and Hedgehogs – Monday
- Otters – Tuesday

Thank you very much.

### **Hever Castle Trip Volunteers**

Otters and Hedgehogs have enough volunteers – thank you so much for your support. However, Owls would like two more volunteers if possible. Please do contact the school office if you are able to help. Owls are going to Hever Castle on 18<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you for your support with this.

### **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 29th January: Yellow Group
- Thursday 5th February: Green Group
- Thursday 12th February: Blue Group
- Thank you for your support with this.

### **Sewing Morning Volunteers – 1 more still needed for Hedgehogs and Owls!**

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

### **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.

### **Dip and Do Home Learning**

Thank you for bringing in your child's work from home to share with their class. We enjoyed seeing what they have been getting up to at home. Please do also continue to practise the words at the bottom of the Learning Letter with your children. Thanks again for your continued support with your child's learning.

## **NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS**

### **Dip and Dos/ Words of the Week**

Thank you for bringing in your child's work from home to share with their class. We have loved seeing what they have been getting up to at home. Please do also continue to practise the words of the week with your children. We are already seeing that it is making a difference to their writing! Thanks again for the continued support with your child's learning.

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