

NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week ending 6th February 2026

Feeling Good Week – Friday – ‘Come as yourself’ Day

A reminder that on Friday 13th February your child may wear an outfit which makes them feel most comfortable, confident, and like they truly belong - whether that's cosy clothes, cultural dress, favourite colours, or something totally unique. Celebrate what makes you, you!

World Book Day

Get ready for one of our favourite days of the year - World Book Day on Thursday 5th March! As part of the National Year of Reading 2026 – **Go All In**, we're inviting children to go all in with their love of books and, should they wish, come dressed as their favourite book character - or, if they prefer, a book-related prop or even a favourite word. We have a whole week of reading-filled fun planned, including a Story Safari, our *Classroom Door Detectives* challenge, where each class decorates their door with book-themed props for others to explore and guess, as well as lots of other magical moments and assemblies to celebrate stories together.

Please name any loose accessories that the children may wish to bring along on World Book Day. We also have an extra supply of costume items in school.

Sharing books together supports communication skills and nurtures a lifelong love of reading. Thank you for your continued support.

Reading Rocks!

To celebrate World Book Day, we're excited to share a **fun and creative activity, ideal for half-term**, for children to enjoy at home. We'd love children to decorate a rock inspired by a favourite book - this could be a much-loved character, an object from a story, a setting, or anything else their imagination dreams up. These colourful creations will become part of our reading trail of colourful cobbles, bringing stories to life around the school and helping us take reading outdoors. This open-ended activity is a lovely way to get crafty, talk about books, and spark imaginations - we can't wait to see the wonderful ideas that appear along the trail!



Please write your child's name on the reverse side and hand to your class teacher from Monday 2nd March. Thank you!



Piano/Keyboard

If anyone has an electric piano or portable keyboard they no longer need, we would be grateful for the donation. We're hoping to find a full 88-key model (like the one pictured), but we would appreciate any offers. Thank you for your support.



February Half Term School Holiday Activities

Bookings are open for the council's February half term school holiday activities. They have 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

Inset Day

Please be aware that there is an inset day on Monday 23rd February and the school will be closed.

Greensand Job Opportunities

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

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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.

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.

Woodland Explorers

We hope to visit the woodland on Monday 9th and Thursday 12th February (weather permitting!). Please come to school with your wellington boots or alternative footwear in a **named** bag, a waterproof coat and **named** hat/gloves if appropriate.

Share a Story

Thank you to everyone who came in to share stories with the children last week. 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 **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

Junk Modelling

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Woodland Explorers

Rabbits will be going to the woodland on Wednesday 11th February 2025.

Ducks and Foxes will be going to the woodland on Thursday 12th February 2025.

Please come to school in your school uniform with your wellington boots or alternative footwear in a **named** bag, a waterproof coat and **named** hat/gloves if appropriate.

Lunar New Year

As we continue to learn about a different country's culture, celebrations and traditions, we will be tasting some food from China.

We will be using our senses to try rice noodles and a fortune cookie.

Please see a list of the ingredients below and let us know if you do not want your child to eat the below.

Fortune Cookies:

Ingredients: Butter, Egg, Raising Agent (E450), Sugar, Wheat Flour

Noodles:

Ingredients: Rice flour (84%), Tapioca starch, Water. Manufactured in a factory that uses nuts and sesame

NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

Hever Castle Consent

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted the consent form and made payment for the Hever Castle trip. If you haven't had a chance yet, please complete the consent form and lunch choice by **Monday 2nd March**, and ensure any further payment is made via Arbor by **Monday 23rd April**. Guidance on how to make payment is attached. Thank you.

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 12th February: Blue Group

Thank you for your support with this.

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.

NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

Pizza Making

As part of our D&T learning and linked to our English work on instruction writing, Year 2 will be making, tasting and evaluating pizzas next week. The kitchen have kindly agreed to cook these for us and the children will be tasting some at school but will bring some home for you to try as well! Badgers class will be making theirs on Tuesday, Falcons class on Wednesday and Woodpeckers class on Thursday. We will be using a pizza base mix, a tomato and herb pasta sauce and various toppings of the children's choosing including cheese, olives, ham, pepperoni, sweetcorn, peppers, mushrooms and pineapple. We have brought gluten free pizza bases and vegan cheese for any gluten or dairy allergies.

Please see below for the ingredients that we will be using:



<https://www.sainsburys.co.uk/gol-ui/product/sainsburys-tomato---herb-pasta-sauce-500g>



<https://www.sainsburys.co.uk/gol-ui/product/sainsburys-british-mature-grated-cheddar-500g>



<https://www.sainsburys.co.uk/gol-ui/product/sainsburys-sliced-black-olives-340g>



<https://www.sainsburys.co.uk/gol-ui/product/del-monte-pineapple-chunks-in-juice-435g>



<https://www.sainsburys.co.uk/gol-ui/product/sainsburys-german-pizza-pepperoni-slices-x32-100g>



<https://www.sainsburys.co.uk/gol-ui/product/sainsburys-british-cooked-ham-125g>



<https://www.sainsburys.co.uk/gol-ui/product/sainsburys-sweetcorn-3x198g>



<https://www.sainsburys.co.uk/gol-ui/product/sainsburys-mixed-peppers-x3>



<https://www.sainsburys.co.uk/gol-ui/product/sainsburys-sliced-white-mushrooms-250g>



<https://www.sainsburys.co.uk/gol-ui/product/cathedral-city-our-plant-based-dairy-free-grated-150g>



<https://www.sainsburys.co.uk/gol-ui/product/sainsburys-pizza-base-mix-145g>



<https://www.sainsburys.co.uk/gol-ui/product/schar-gluten-free-pizza-base-with-sourdough-2x150g>

Please do speak to your child's class teacher if your child has any allergies to these ingredients that we may be unaware of. We look forward to sharing the pizzas with you next week!

Dance Workshop Rearranged

The dance workshop that was cancelled before Christmas has been rearranged for Wednesday 25th March (the week before the Easter holidays) and will be linked to next half term's topic on transport. If your child doesn't usually have PE that day, they will need to come in in their PE kit, but don't worry we will send out another reminder the week before.

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