

NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week ending 13th February 2026

Thank You

Thank you for your continued support this half-term. Wishing you and your families a wonderful and restful break.

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.

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.



School Pond Request

Mrs Claire Hill has been working hard over the past few weeks clearing, de-weeding and planting the area around the school ponds. We are now trying to stimulate life within the ponds so if you have any pond plants going spare or would be willing to bring in a bucket of pond water or frogspawn, we would be most grateful for these donations. Mrs Hill is also looking for any spare perennials from your gardens that you may be dividing up and would be willing to contribute to our pond area. Please send anything into the school office. Thank you in advance for your support.

Lunchtime Resources

We are currently in the process of trying to restock our resources for the children to use at lunchtimes. If you have any of the following items going spare and would be willing to donate them to the school please do send them into the school office: chalk, matchbox cars or plastic sand pit moulds. Thank you.

Taster Day - Thursday 5th March 2026

Our Caterers, Twelve15 are offering a change to the advertised menu on Thursday 5th March 2026. Please [click here](#) for the menu options that day. If your child has a special diet this will be

catered for. **If your child currently has packed lunches**, please complete [this form](#) to let us know if you would like them to try the school lunch on that day. All children on the standard menu will automatically be given this menu and do not need to complete the form. Please complete the form by **Tuesday 24th February** so that the food can be ordered in time.

Loveworks – Food Bank Donations

Please [click here](#) for information about donations to Loveworks, a local Food Bank Charity.

Greensand Job Opportunities

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

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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.

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.

Bumblebees' children having school lunches

Please note that payment for your child's school lunch is now due for the second half of the Spring Term. The charge for next term is 24 days x £2.90 = £69.60. Please ensure that your child's Arbor account has been topped up with this amount before Monday 23rd February 2026 to let us know that you wish to continue with school lunches.

Pancakes

After half term, we will be celebrating Pancake Day by sharing the story of *Mr Wolf's Pancakes* by making and enjoying some pancakes of our own.

Please see the list of ingredients below. If you do not want your child to eat a pancake, please speak to a member of the nursery team.

Ingredients:

- Flour
- Egg
- Milk
- Rapeseed Oil (for frying)
- Lemon
- Sugar

We are aware that some children may have dietary requirements. They will be fully involved in the fun of cooking but will be offered the alternative pancakes listed below.

Genius 6 x Gluten Free Scotch Pancakes

Gluten Free, Milk Free, Made without wheat, Suitable for coeliacs and vegetarians

Ingredients

Water, Starches (Potato, Maize), Sugar, Rice Flour, Partially Inverted Sugar Syrup, Humectant (Vegetable Glycerol), Dried **Egg** White, Rapeseed Oil, Maize Flour, Raising Agents (Disodium Diphosphate, Potassium Hydrogen Carbonate), Dried Whole **Egg**, Emulsifier (Water, Sugar, Polyglycerol Esters of Fatty Acids, Mono-and Diglycerides of Fatty Acids, Potassium Hydroxide), Salt, Acidity Regulator (Citric Acid), Stabilisers (Xanthan Gum, Hydroxypropyl Methyl Cellulose)

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

Junk Modelling

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NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

Science Learning during the week beginning 23rd February

During the first week back after half term, we will be doing taste testing as part of our learning in science. We will be tasting a small amount of each of the following: spinach, lemon, honey, and Pom Bears. Please tell the class teacher if your child has dietary requirements they are not aware of. Thank you.

Pom Bear ingredients: Dried Potato, Sunflower Oil, Potato Starch, Maize Starch, Maize Dextrin, Sugar, Salt, Potato Protein, Yeast Extract, Emulsifier: Mono- and Diglycerides of Fatty Acids, Potassium Chloride, Paprika Powder



Maths Home Learning

If your child would like to play some games to embed their maths skills, we would recommend the following websites:

- Topmarks – all topics for all ages - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16>
- Daily 10 (Topmarks) – Mental Maths - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>
- ICT Games - <https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/index.html>
- EYFS – BBC Bitesize – <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zhtf3j6>
- KS1 BBC Bitesize - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8>

Thank you and have a wonderful half-term break!

Book Sharing on Thursdays

The children have enjoyed sharing and recommending their favourite books to their peers each week and would like to continue with their 'Book Club.' Each week a different colour group will have the opportunity to bring a book to school to celebrate reading for pleasure. Your child may like to practise what they are going to say about their book before they bring it in; some children have even been inspired to write short book reviews to go with their book!

- Thursday 26th February - Red Group
- Thursday 5th March - Yellow Group
- Thursday 12th March - Green Group
- Thursday 19th March - Blue Group
- Thank you for your support with this.

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 February**. Guidance on how to make payment is attached. Thank you.

(NB: last week's payment date of 23rd April was incorrect - apologies for any confusion)

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 were something you would like to help with. Thank you.

NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

Dip and Do

Your child will have brought home the next set of 'dip and do' activities today in their book bag which are linked to our current topic on healthy living. We look forward to seeing any of the work they have completed when they return them to school on Monday 2nd March. Thanks for your support and have a wonderful half-term break!

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