



## NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week ending 27th February 2026

### World Book Day

A reminder that World Book Day is on **Thursday 5th March**. As part of the National Year of Reading 2026 - *Go All In*, we're inviting children to celebrate 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.

Your child will receive their book token voucher on Thursday. Happy book shopping!

Please hand any painted 'Reading Rocks' to class teachers from Monday.

Thank you for your support and happy World Book Day!

### Author of the Month - Lauren Child

We are delighted to share that our Author of the Month for March is Lauren Child.

As we celebrate World Book Day next Thursday, we are shining a spotlight on this much-loved author and illustrator, whose books continue to inspire a love of reading across our school. Lauren Child is known for her distinctive cartoon-style illustrations and creative collage artwork, combining bold patterns and expressive characters to vividly bring stories to life.

Her popular *Clarice Bean* books and the *Charlie and Lola* series are firm favourites in our school library. These stories explore everyday childhood experiences with warmth, humour and imagination, making them highly relatable for our children.

Throughout March, we will enjoy many reading activities in class, as we continue to promote reading for pleasure and celebrate the joy that books bring to our school community.

### Favourite 5

With World Book Day coming up next week, we continue to celebrate the joy of reading by asking staff to share five of their all-time favourite books! This fortnight, Ms Jeffery has chosen a wonderful mix of classics and colourful adventures for us to enjoy in the library and in class: *What the Ladybird Heard* by Julia Donaldson, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* by Judith Kerr, *Winnie the Witch* by Valerie Thomas, *Bird's Eye View* by Frann Preston-Gannon, and the eco-friendly *Harry Saves the Ocean* by N.G.K.. From mischievous animals to magical mishaps and important environmental messages, there's something for everyone to discover. Why not pick up one and dive in for World Book Day?

### Parking

We have received several reports of inconsiderate parking at the T-junction of Wray Park Road and Alma Road. Vehicles parked too close to the corner are severely restricting visibility for both drivers and pedestrians, and this has already led to a near-miss incident. In addition, cars are blocking the pavement, forcing pedestrians onto the road.

Please help us keep everyone safe by avoiding parking on or near the junction, ensuring sight lines remain clear, and keeping pavements fully accessible. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Making payments using Arbor**

When paying for a school trip or contributing to enrichment activities, please ensure you select the correct activity in Arbor.

Once you are set up on the [Arbor Parent Portal](#), go to:

- **Activities** → **Trips**

and choose the appropriate category eg. Year 1 Trip – Hever Castle

Please **do not** add funds to your child's '**Meals**' account unless your child is in **Nursery**. Although every child will have a Meals account listed, any money added goes directly to **Surrey County Council**, not to the school.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the school office.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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**

### **Wow Moments**

For your convenience, we have attached a WOW Certificate to the notices.

Please share with us whenever your child has a WOW Moment, so we can celebrate their achievements together!

If you would prefer a paper copy, please let your child's class teacher know.

### **Gingerbread Men Baking**

During the week beginning 2nd March, we will be baking and decorating gingerbread men.

We will observe the changes the ingredients undergo as they mix and bake. After enjoying our treat, we will revisit the sequence we followed to make our yummy gingerbread men.

Please see the list of ingredients below and let one of the nursery team know if you do not want your child to eat a gingerbread man.

### **Ingredients**

- plain flour
- bicarbonate of soda

- ground ginger
- cinnamon
- Stork Baking Spread1kg
- brown sugar
- egg
- raisins
- golden syrup

*To decorate*

- icing sugar

*NB: Children with allergies will still take part but will be given gluten-free biscuits specially baked by our kitchen staff.*

### **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.**

## NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

### **Wow Moments**

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Please share with us whenever your child has a WOW moment, so we can celebrate their achievements together!

If you would prefer a paper copy, please let your child's class teacher know.

### **Eid Celebrations**

During the week beginning 16th and 23rd March, we would like to warmly invite any parents who celebrate Eid to come in and talk to the children about how your family celebrates this special occasion.

If you are happy to join us for a short chat, you might like to share:

- Any special foods you enjoy
- Clothes your family wears for Eid
- Traditions or activities you take part in
- Photos or objects that help show how you celebrate

Please let your child's class teacher know if you are willing to come in, and whether you are happy to speak to other Reception classes or just your own child's class.

We look forward to learning more about how our families celebrate Eid!

### **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, artefact, 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.

To help us plan for this event, please indicate on the form who will be attending on Thursday 19th March. To ensure we can manage space safely and comfortably, we kindly request that each child is joined by one grandparent only. Thank you for understanding.

[Grandparents Afternoon Thursday 19th March – Fill in form](#)

### **Reception School Trip**

Reception will be visiting Nower Wood on 15th June. We will share more details about the trip closer to the time, but we are currently looking for parent volunteers to support us on the day.

Please note:

You must have a valid DBS certificate to volunteer.

You may not be placed in the same group as your child during the visit.

The DBS process can take some time, so if you are interested in helping, please speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

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## **NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS**

### **Change of PE for Hedgehogs Class – just for next week!**

On Thursday it is World Book Day and this is Hedgehog's usual PE day. So, just for next week Hedgehog's will swap and do PE on Monday 2nd March and Tuesday 3rd March instead. Thank you.

### **Hever Castle Trip Volunteers**

If you would be able to accompany Owls class to Hever Castle on Wednesday 18th March, please email the office. Thank you.

### **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 5th March - Yellow Group

- Thursday 12th March - Green Group
- Thursday 19th March - 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 you can support us with this. Thank you.

## **NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS**

### **Dip and Do**

We do apologise as the dip and do activities were only sent home this week, so we have extended the deadline for the children to bring their work back in again. We now look forward to seeing any of the work they have completed on **Monday 9th March**. Thanks for your support.

### **Minibeast Hunt**

Next week as part of our science learning on microhabitats, Year 2 will be heading to the woodland to take part in a minibeast hunt! Please could they bring in a pair of wellies or old shoes in a named bag on the following days:

- **Falcons and Woodpeckers - Tuesday 3rd March**
- **Badgers - Wednesday 4th March.**

Thank you.

### **Supporting Maths Learning at Home**

At parents' consultations we handed out some information about how you can help your child with their maths learning at home. Please follow these links to find out how to support your child with '[Double Digit Addition and Subtraction](#)', "[Supporting Maths at home in EYFS and KS1](#)" and '[Maths at Home](#)'. We hope you find this information useful.

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