



NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week ending 6th March 2026

Open Doors – Wednesday 25th or Thursday 26th March 2026.

This is an opportunity to celebrate your child's work and learning journey with them.

The times are as follows:

- 3.20 - 3.45pm for Nursery
- 3.15 - 3.45pm for Reception, Years 1 and 2.

Booking information for each year group is attached for you to book your preferred session. Your child's class teacher will dismiss your child to wait with you in the playground whilst they take other children to their clubs before welcoming you to the classroom.

World Book Day

Thank you for supporting us to celebrate World Book Day, you did us proud!

The children all looked fantastic, and we were amazed by the creative painted characters stones which will brighten up our playground and inspire talk about books.

Travelling Book Fair – coming to Holmesdale soon

A book fair is a pop-up book shop that brings children's books to our school and is a great opportunity to create a school-wide reading focus and build an appreciation for reading and books. Every book fair is packed with children's books for all ages - from award-winners and the newest titles to pocket-money pick-ups and treasured classics. The range includes picture books, early readers, chapter books, books for reluctant readers, non-fiction and lots more. Every book sold at our book fair helps to earn Rewards that we can spend on free books and resources for our classrooms and library.

We will be hosting the book fair on **Friday 20th March, Monday 23rd March, Tuesday 24th March and Wednesday 25th March 15:10pm-16:00pm in the Studio**. Please pop in after you have collected your child to peruse an amazing selection of children's fiction and non-fiction texts. We are unable to accept cash payments but will have a card payment system for easy purchases.

Please find more information about the books in the attachment.

PSA Mother's Day Sale – Friday 13th March

The PSA is running a Mother's Day sale in the playground after school on Friday 13th March. The children can choose a gift for their mum, granny or someone special. Gifts are priced at £4, or £6 if including a card and chocolates. Parents can pre-order a mystery gift on the [PSA website](#) to be sent home via the class teacher. They can also order a voucher on the website to be redeemed at the sale or pay by cash or card on the day. Mystery gift orders close on 9th March. Thank you.

Lunchtime Resources

We are still in the process of restocking our resources for the children to use at lunchtimes, and we'd be grateful for any donations of the following: **chalk, matchbox cars, or plastic sandpit moulds**. If you are able to donate any of these items, please send them into the school office. 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.

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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.

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

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 your understanding.

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

Bookings will close at the end of the day on Friday, 13th March.

Maths Games

On Monday 9th March, games will be sent home on a fortnightly rota between the three classes.

Due to the shorter half term, the first cycle will be for one week, so each child gets a turn before Easter. These games provide an enjoyable way of consolidating your child's learning whilst encouraging turn-taking and fair play.

We have two sets of games to share between the 3 classes. This will give your child the opportunity to borrow games during a 2-week period approximately every 4 weeks. Children in Rabbits and Ducks will choose a game on Monday 9th March and may change their games on any

day up to Thursday 12th March (all to be returned on Friday 13th March). Games for Foxes will be available between Monday 16th and Friday 20th March 2026.

When it is your child's turn for the games, they will be given a game on Monday. You may keep the game for as long as you like (within the loan period) or swap it for another. Should you wish to swap the game, a box will be outside the classroom at drop off. Please return the game, cross off the game number next to your child's name on the class list, and then enter the new game number that you have chosen to borrow.

Each game is packaged in a plastic folder and comes complete with the necessary playing pieces. We have explained to the children that these games must be treated carefully. However, accidents can happen. If any game gets damaged or lost, please send in £5 so that we can replace it.

If you mislay a playing piece, please try to replace it with a substitute from home. If this is not possible, send a note in with your child to let us know which piece is missing so that we can replace it before it goes home with another child. Likewise, please let us know if a game comes home with a missing piece. Games can be made challenging by adapting the playing rules, for example combining totals from 2 dice instead of one, doubling numbers etc.

We hope you will enjoy playing the games together at home.

Woodland Explorers

Rabbits will be going to the woodland on Wednesday 11th March 2026.

Ducks and Foxes will be going to the woodland on Thursday 12th March 2016.

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.

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NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

Collecting Junk Modelling

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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 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

Just a reminder to send in any work that the children have completed at home for 'dip and do' this coming **Monday 9th March**. Thank you for your support.

DT – Moving Vehicle Day

In the last week of term the children will be planning, making and evaluating a moving vehicle to finish our topic on Transport. Please could each child bring in 2 different sized boxes, turned inside out and stuck back together again with masking tape (not sellotape). The larger box for the base should preferably be no longer than 25cm, or wider than 20cm and the top box needs to be smaller. Please do not stick the two boxes together.

Please talk to your child about the kind of vehicle they might like to make. If they have any accessories they would like to add to their vehicle, please bring these into school with their boxes. All boxes to be named in a bag and brought back to school by **Friday 20th March**.

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