



## NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week ending 13th March 2026

### School Council

Next week we will be electing our school council members ready for the summer term. Children in Reception will also take part during this term. Children may put themselves forward for the position, explaining to their peers why they feel they would be suitable for the role. The children will then elect two members to represent their class. The elected members will take part in meetings, representing their peers; this is a great opportunity for children to develop their self-confidence, responsibility, and speaking and listening skills. If you feel your child would benefit from taking part, please do encourage them to apply for the role. Thank you.

### Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March

On Friday 20th March, children may wear Red Nose Day merchandise alongside their school uniform. If you would like to make a voluntary cash donation, there will be collection buckets available on the day. Thank you.

### Travelling Book Fair

Just a reminder that we will be hosting the book fair from **15:10–16:00** in the Studio on:

- Friday 20th March
- Monday 23rd March
- Tuesday 24th March
- Wednesday 25th March

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.

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

A reminder that Open Doors will take place on Wednesday 25th or Thursday 26th March.

- **Nursery:** 3:20-3:45pm
- **Reception, Year 1 & Year 2:** 3:15-3:45pm

Please refer to last week's notices for details on how to book. For any queries, please contact the school office.

### Message from the PSA - Holmesdale School Disco – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the school disco on Friday 27th March at Reigate Park Church. We still have tickets available, please visit [www.pta-events.co.uk/holmesdale](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/holmesdale).

Children are welcome to come dressed in a disco theme if they wish and must be accompanied by an adult.

Times are:

- Nursery and Reception 1.50 - 2.50pm
- Year One & Year Two - 3.20 - 4-20pm

A paper plate will be sent home in your child's bookbag early next week for them to design as a disco ball or in a disco theme to help us decorate the hall. Please hand them back to their class teacher by Monday 23rd March. We still need a few more volunteers for the discos. If you'd like to

help out, please let your class rep know. We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor!

### **School Uniform – Jewellery**

Just a gentle reminder that, in line with our school's uniform policy and for safety reasons, we kindly ask that children do not wear jewellery to school. Thank you for your support.

### **Reigate and Banstead – Easter Holiday Activities**

Please see the attached flyer for information about Easter Holiday activities as bookings are now open.

### **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**

### **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**

### **Early Morning Club Bookings – Summer Term**

Bookings for Early Morning Club for the Summer Term will open on **Monday 16th March from 10:00am**. If you would like to pay with childcare vouchers or from the Government Tax Free Account and haven't previously done so, please contact [bookings@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:bookings@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk) with your child's details. Bookings are made using [Scopay](#) Please click here for further information about [Early Morning Club](#).

### **Grandparents Afternoon Thursday 19th March**

Thank you for confirming who will be joining us next week. We will be serving our visitors a biscuit and some squash, and the children will have the same. Please see the ingredients listed below and let your child's teacher know if you do not want your child to have a biscuit or squash.

## Sainsbury's Rich Tea Biscuits

### Ingredients

Flour (**Wheat** Flour, Calcium, Iron, Niacin, Thiamin), Sugar, Vegetable Oil (Palm), Glucose-Fructose Syrup, **Barley** Malt Extract, Raising Agents (Sodium Bicarbonate, Ammonium Bicarbonate), Salt

## Schär Gluten-Free Rich Tea Biscuits

### Ingredients

Maize Starch, Maize Flour, Sugar, Palm Fat, Tapioca Starch, **Eggs**, Butter (**Milk**), Whole **Milk** Powder, Glucose Syrup, Sugar Syrup, Emulsifier: Mono- and Diacetyl Tartaric Acid Esters of Mono- and Diglycerides of Edible Fatty Acids, Raising Agents: Ammonium Bicarbonate, Sodium Bicarbonate, Salt, Natural Flavour, Acid: Citric Acid

## Maths Games

Games for Foxes will be available between Monday 16th and Friday 20th March 2026.

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## NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

### Hever Castle Trip:

**Tuesday 17th March for Hedgehogs**

**Wednesday 18th March for Owls and Otters**

We are looking forward to our visit to Hever Castle next week. All children will need to be at school at **8:45am** for a prompt 9:00am departure on their visit day. We will be leaving Hever Castle at 2pm and **aim** to get back to school at 3pm (traffic dependent). When the children arrive back at school from the trip, we will take them back into school so that they can be accounted for and handed over to you at the gate by a class teacher at the slightly later time of around 3.10pm. Please be aware that our return to school is dependent on traffic conditions, and there is a possibility that we may be slightly delayed. You may therefore wish to make provisional alternative arrangements for collecting siblings, just in case our arrival back at school is later than planned.

Children should come in **normal school uniform** but can wear comfortable shoes e.g. trainers. Please ensure that your child brings a warm and **waterproof coat**. All children should bring a **full named water bottle** and a named rucksack. Thank you for your support with this.

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## **Extra-Curricular Clubs – Summer Term Bookings**

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### **Eco Club**

Mrs Joukador is continuing Eco Club for the summer term. The club runs on a Monday after school until 4pm and is open to Year 1 and 2. The club will start on Monday 20th April and end on 6th July. If your child is interested in attending Eco club, please complete this [form](#). The club can take a maximum of 15 children.

### **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 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**

### **Trip to Wakehurst – Tuesday 2nd June 2026**

A [letter](#) was sent yesterday by email to all Year 2 parents outlining the trip to the Botanic Garden at Wakehurst on Tuesday 2nd June. Any payments and consent are required by Friday 1st May 2026. If you would like to register your interest as a parent-helper, please complete this [form](#) by Friday 20th March 2026.

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### **DT – Moving Vehicle Day**

Just a reminder that 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**.

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### **Reminder – Reading Books**

Just a reminder to bring your child's reading books back in on a Wednesday each week so that they can be changed and ready to go home again on a Thursday. Please do remember to write in the reading records when you have read with your child. We do love to hear about all the reading they are doing at home!

### **Enrichment**

As part of our enrichment this year and linked to our History learning on transport Mrs Poortman will be coming in next Tuesday 17th March to lead a mini workshop on transport. We hope the children will learn lots of facts to share with you at home!

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