

NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week ending 27th March 2026



WISHING ALL OUR FAMILIES A WONDERFUL AND RESTFUL EASTER BREAK

Favourite 5

Mrs Short has kindly chosen five of her favourite children's books to enjoy in our library and share in class. Her selection includes *Six Dinner Sid* by Inga Moore, *The Railway Children* by E. Nesbit, *Frog Finds a Friend* by Max Veltjuijs, *Hairy Maclary - Scattercat* by Lynley Dodd, and *We All Went on Safari* by Laurie Krebs.

There's a lovely theme of adventure, friendship (and some cats) running through her choices, with characters exploring new places, meeting others, and discovering the world around them. We're excited to share these with the children.

Earth Day 22nd April 2026 – 'Our Planet, Our Power'

The theme for Earth Day this year is 'Our Planet, Our Power'.

To celebrate Earth Day, we would like to create a book to keep in the school library showing pictures of the children getting involved with eco-friendly activities. We would love to see pictures of children taking part in activities that will help the environment at home such as helping to sort the recycling, doing litter-picking or growing their own fruit and vegetables.

Please send the pictures to eco.school@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk.



Alternatively, if your child would prefer to create a picture with their ideas for how we can help the environment, please give this to your child's class teacher.

April - Author of the month

After the Easter break, our Author of the Month for April will be Michael Rosen! We've chosen him because the children love his funny, engaging style and the way he reads with so much expression and animation – it's impossible not to be captivated. Maybe over the holiday you could go on your own "bear hunt," enjoy the excitement of his poem *Chocolate Cake*, or discover one of his many books in the town library. We cannot wait to celebrate his poems and stories together and share the joy of his word

School Lunches

Please [click here](#) for the new school lunch menu which commences on 13th April 2026.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our book fair. We will let you know how much we raised once we have the information. Have fun sharing your new books!

Online Safety Weekly Updates – Pop-Up Ads

Pop-up advertisements are small windows or banners that appear while browsing online. Although harmless for most people, they can pose greater risks to younger users. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

Thank You for Supporting Red Nose Day

Thank you to the children for donning their “noses” and accessories and thank you for your generous donations. Your support will make a real difference.

KOOSA Kids Easter Holiday Club

KOOSA Kids will be running their Easter Holiday Club from 30th March to 10th April. To book a place please use the link below

<https://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club>

Dress Up Clothes

If you have any unwanted dress-up clothes that you would like to donate, please give them to a member of the EYFS team. Thank you.

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

Bumblebees' children having school lunches

Please note that payment for your child's school lunch is now due for the first half of the Summer Term. The charge for next term is 29 days x £2.90 = £84.10. Please ensure that your child's Arbor account has been topped up with this amount before Monday 13th April 2026 to let us know that you wish to continue with school lunches.

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.

Collection of Seeds

When we come back after the Easter break, we will be starting our topic on growing. As part of this we will be looking at the different seeds we find in our fruit and vegetables. We would be very grateful if you had any seeds at home to donate that we can look at and potentially grow. Any

spare compost would also be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

Tadpoles

We would like to give our children the opportunity to observe tadpoles mature into frogs by keeping tadpoles in our classrooms. If you can help source some tadpoles for Reception, please let your child's teacher know.

Photographs

In Reception, we will be talking about growing and exploring change over time. To assist us with this learning, please send in three photographs of your child.

- One taken recently
- One as a toddler (age 2 or 3)
- One of them as a baby (birth-8 months)

Please do not send in any precious photographs as we may write on or stick these photographs into our WOW books. Printed or photocopied pictures are perfect.

Please send all pictures in by Monday 13th April 2026.

Growing

After Easter break, we will be learning about growing seeds and the structure of a plant and revisiting what we know about recycling.

If you are able, please send into school by Monday 13th April 2026:

- A clear, empty, clean plastic bottle (500ml, 1l or 2l bottle) with the top section cut off. (Please only send the bottom section)
- 2-3 pieces of kitchen roll



If you have any extra potting soil, seeds, or kitchen rolls that you are happy to donate, we would be very grateful.

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NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

Class Assemblies

Parents are invited to join us for their child's class assembly at **9:15am** on the dates below:

- **Thursday 23rd April** – Owls Class Assembly
- **Wednesday 29th April** – Otters Class Assembly
- **Thursday 30th April** – Hedgehogs Class Assembly

Each assembly will run for about 30 minutes.

Local Trip to Reigate Castle – Tuesday 19th May

As part of our learning in geography and history, we will be visiting Reigate Castle. The trip would involve a fair amount of walking as the year group is divided into 2 groups for the activity, so it would mean walking from school to the castle and back, twice! If you would like to accompany us on this visit and, preferably, have an up-to-date DBS check, please email the school office. Thank you for your support with this.

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 16th April: Red group
- No book sharing on Thursday 23rd April (we will be celebrating Dip and Do Home Learning instead)
- Thursday 30th April: Yellow group
- Thursday 7th May: Green group
- Thursday 14th May: Blue group

Thank you for your support with this.

Dip and Do Home Learning

To support and embed the children's learning on castles, we have sent home Dip and Do activities for you to enjoy together at home. Please return the learning on Monday 20th April so that the children can share any pictures, stories, photos, models etc. with their class. Thank you for your support with this.

Toilet Roll Tubes

Please save any empty toilet-roll tubes and pass them to the Year 1 teachers. Thank you.

Dance Performance Club – Summer Term bookings

We are delighted to welcome Willow Dance back for the summer term. They will be offering a Dance Performance Club every Tuesday after school starting 21st April. For more information and booking details, please [click here](#).

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.

Piano Lessons for 2026-27

If you are interested in your Year 1 or 2 child attending piano lessons in school, Catherine Nicholson offers lessons on Monday and Wednesday afternoon. For more information, please [click here](#).

End of the Spring Term

Thank you so much for your continued support this term with your child's learning. We have had a great term and look forward to some more fantastic learning in the summer term.

NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

Junior School Transition

We understand that at this time of year, children become more aware of their upcoming transition to a new school, and for some, this brings a mix of excitement and uncertainty. Please be assured that we have an extensive transition process in place, which will take place in the summer term, where the children will receive full support throughout this transition.

Dip and Do

Your child will be coming home today with a new set of fun Dip and Do activities all linked to their learning this half term on transport. Please return any work that they have completed at home on **Monday 20th April**. We look forward to seeing what they produce.

Comprehension Booklets

If your child has been sent home with some reading comprehension booklets, please read the following:

Attached are some reading comprehension booklets which we feel would be beneficial for your child to practise at home.

Please could you support your child in working through the questions. It is important that they read all the information independently and try to answer the questions without support at first. When they have completed a question, please discuss it with them and the possible answers they could have given. Each question must be answered according to the instructions e.g. tick one, 'find and copy two words'.

Questions are based on vocabulary, retrieval, sequencing, and inference.

There are different types of questions:

- Tick one answer
- One-word answers – a short line
- Sentence answers – one/two long lines
- Ordering statements with numbers
- Drawing lines to match information
- True or false statements

You **do not** need to return these to school. They can be kept at home for practise and reference,

but please do let your child's class teacher know how they got on.

Thank you for your support

Year 2 Teachers

End of the Spring term

Thank you so much for your continued support this term with your child's learning. We have had a great term and look forward to some more fantastic learning in the summer term.

Trip to Wakehurst – Tuesday 2nd June 2026

This is a reminder that information about the trip to Wakehurst has been sent previously. Please note that any payment for this trip is due by **Friday 1st May**. If you have any questions, please get in touch with the school office. Thank you.

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