

NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week ending 17th April 2026

Welcome Back to School!

Class Photographs – Thursday 23rd April

On Thursday 23rd April, the school photographer will be in school to take class photographs.

Please ensure your child brings their school jumper or cardigan on this day.

If your child's class is scheduled to have PE on Thursday, please dress them in school uniform rather than PE kit. PE will take place as a movement activity carried out in school uniform.

Thank you.

Welcare – One Step at a Time Group

A drop-in group for families with children under the age of five who have additional needs and/or disabilities. The group offers a welcoming environment, along with support and advice for parents and carers. Please see the attached PDF for further details.

Kerbing Works – Alma Road

Please be aware that there will be temporary lights next week on Alma Road (works will be carried out between the entrance to Holmesdale Community Infant School to the junction with Sheridan Drive) for three days from 22nd–25th April so delays might be possible.

Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to support our Book Fair.



Earth Day 22nd April 2026

To celebrate Earth Day this year, we would like to create a book in the library showing either pictures of the children getting involved with green initiatives at home such as litter picking, gardening or recycling, or children can bring in drawings of their ideas on how we can help the planet. Your child can bring in their Earth artwork and hand it to their teacher or you can email pictures to: eco.school@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk. Thank you.



Online Safety Weekly Updates – Streaming

Streaming lets you watch TV shows and listen to music online in real time, without downloading files. While convenient, it's important to be aware of the risks and how to stay safe. Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

Early Morning Club – Booking Information

To ensure a space is available, all Early Morning Club sessions must be booked in advance. Bookings can be made up until midnight on the day before the required session. We accept Childcare Vouchers and payments from the Government Tax-Free Childcare account. Please also ensure that the side gate is always closed when entering and leaving. For further information, please contact bookings@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk or visit the school website.

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.

Collection of Seeds

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

Maths Games

Ducks Class- Please return all maths games on Thursday 23rd April 2026.
Foxes and Rabbits will commence their turn on Monday 27th April 2026.

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.

Woodland Explorers

Rabbits will be going to the woodland on Wednesday 22nd April 2026.
Ducks and Foxes will be going to the woodland on Thursday 23rd April 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

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!

- 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

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.

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.

Junk Orchestra – Year 1

We are hoping to invite the [Junk Orchestra](#) into school for our Year 1 pupils. They offer a fantastic, hands-on experience where children create instruments from everyday household items and then come together to play as a band.

If you have not yet contributed to the Year 1 enrichment fund, and are able to do so, we would be very grateful. Your support will help ensure this exciting activity can go ahead.

NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

Dip and Do

Just a reminder to return any completed Dip and Do activities to school this coming **Monday 20th April**. We look forward to seeing what they produce.

Great Fire of London Workshop

This coming Tuesday 21st April all of Year 2 will be participating in an exciting Great Fire of London drama workshop whereby they will be taking part in a reenactment of the event. We look forward to sharing photos of this workshop soon!

Maths learning at home

Building fluency of basic number facts is crucial because it creates the foundations for all future Maths learning. It helps to boost the children's confidence and resilience, reduces the children's cognitive load when tackling more challenging problems and helps them to solve higher order problems faster and more efficiently as they are able to make links and apply what they know more readily. Please do continue to make use of your child's 'Numbots' login to help them gain fluency of these basic number facts. Even just a few minutes a day/ a few times each week will make a big difference to their learning. The [White Rose '1 minute maths' app](#) is also a really great way to practise these Maths skills regularly at home and the children really enjoy using it too! Please do continue to refer to the 'Maths at home' sheet that was given out during parents consultations last term for other ideas as to how to help your child with Maths at home. Thanks for your continued support.

Trip to Wakehurst – Tuesday 2nd June 2026

This is a reminder that any payment for the Wakehurst trip is due by **Friday 1st May**. If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Thank you.

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