



NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week ending 1st May 2026

May - Author of the Month

This May, we are delighted to celebrate *Jill Murphy* as our Author of the Month. Best known for *The Worst Witch* and *Five Minutes' Peace*, she was a talented writer and illustrator whose stories are funny, relatable, and full of imagination. We have chosen her because her work encourages children to persevere and shows that making mistakes is all part of the learning process. Throughout the month, we will explore her stories together while learning about her inspiring journey and her quiet life away from the spotlight.

Wanted: Tadpoles

Reception would like to offer the children the opportunity to observe tadpoles developing into frogs. Unfortunately, the tadpoles we had secured are no longer available, so if you or anyone you know has access to frogspawn or tadpoles, please let a reception class teacher know. Thank you.

Online Safety Weekly Updates – PEGI Age Ratings

Age ratings show the recommended minimum age for video games, helping parents and carers decide if a game is suitable. PEGI ratings are based on the suitability of a game's content, not on its level of difficulty. Please see the attached guide for PEGI 3 and PEGI 7.

Class Photographs

Photograph proofs and ordering information will be sent home in your child's book bags next week.

School Uniform Reminder

We would like to remind parents and carers that children are expected to attend school in full school uniform each day. On non-PE days, footwear should be supportive black shoes or trainers. For safety reasons, we kindly ask that children do not wear jewellery to school. Thank you.

Warm Weather

As the weather gets warmer, please ensure your child has sunscreen applied before school and brings a named sunhat each day. Thank you for your support.

Wear Blue for MPS Society – Friday 15th May

A reminder that on Friday 15th May, we invite children to come to school wearing something blue in support of MPS Awareness Day. Voluntary cash donations can be made on the day, with all funds raised going to the MPS Society. Thank you for your support in helping us raise awareness for this important cause.

Koosa Kids – May Half Term Holiday Club

KOOSA Kids are pleased to be operating their May Half Term Holiday Club at Holmesdale Infant School from Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May. To book your place please click the link below.

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

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

Walk to Reigate Train Station – Consent Form

A reminder to complete the parental consent form below so your child can take part in our short walk to Reigate Train Station on **Wednesday 13th May**.

[PARENTAL CONSENT - NURSERY WALK TO REIGATE TRAIN STATION WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Early Years Pupil Premium

If your financial circumstances have changed recently and you are now eligible for state benefits, Holmesdale School might be able to claim extra funding for your child at school. If this applies to you, please complete the Early Years Pupil Premium section on page 4 of the current [Declaration Form](#) and return it to the school office by **Friday 8th May 2026**.

Toys from Home

As we begin preparing the children for their transition into Reception, we kindly ask for your support in not allowing children to bring their toys into nursery on a daily basis. Bringing toys can sometimes lead to children becoming upset if items are lost or damaged. We understand that some children may need a comfort item. If this is the case, please ensure it is small enough to fit into their book bag. Children may show the item to staff at the door, but it will then be placed securely in their book bag. We have introduced Show and Tell (please see last week's notices), which will give every child the opportunity during the summer term to bring in an item to share and talk about with their friends in a planned and special way.

Thank you for your continued support.

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

Class Assemblies

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

- Friday 8th May – Rabbits Assembly
- Thursday 14th May – Foxes Assembly
- Friday 15th May – Ducks Assembly

Each assembly will run for about 30 minutes.

Nower Wood – Monday 15th June – Consent Form

*Please note a correction to last week's message. The trip to Nower Wood will take place on **Monday 15th June**, not Monday 1st June.*

This is a reminder that, if you haven't done so already, please record your parental consent and select your child's lunch option [here](#). It is essential that consent is recorded for your child to be able to attend the trip. The cost of the trip is £26.00 per child. The school uses a system called Arbor to collect payment and consent for school trips. We encourage you to familiarise yourselves with the system using the link below:

[Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App](#)

Woodland Explorers

Rabbits will be going to the woodland on Wednesday 26th May 2026.

Ducks and Foxes will be going to the woodland on Thursday 7th May 2026.

Please come to school in your school uniform with your wellington boots or alternative footwear in a **named** bag, a waterproof coat and **named** sun hat if appropriate.

Pupil Premium

If you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and you are eligible to register for Pupil Premium, please complete [FSM Application Form](#) and return it to the school office by **Friday 8th May 2026**.

Eligibility criteria 1 – if either parent is in receipt of the following:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC. N.B. If you receive WORKING TAX CREDIT you do NOT qualify even if you receive child tax credit and your income is below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Eligibility criteria 2 – Application for other pupil premium

- If your child is a looked-after child (LAC) i.e., in the care of, or provided with accommodation by an English local authority
- If your child ceased to be looked after by the local authority because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order.
- If either or both parents are regular members of HM Forces and designated as personal category 1 or 2 (PStat Cat 1 or 2), in the armed forces of another nation and stationed in England or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence.

Eligibility criteria 3 – no recourse to public funds

If you are a family with no recourse to public funds and your immigration category is one of the following, please complete the [NRPF form](#)

Zambrano

Article 8 of the ECHR

Section 4 of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999

Chen

BN(O) Passport holder

Spousal visa holder

Maths Games

A polite reminder to all Foxes and Rabbits to return all maths games by Thursday 7th May 2026.

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 YEAR ONE PARENTS

Pupil Premium

If you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and you are eligible to register for Pupil Premium, please complete [FSM Application Form](#) and return it to the school office by **Friday 8th May 2026**.

Eligibility criteria 1 – if either parent is in receipt of the following:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC. N.B. If you receive WORKING TAX CREDIT you do NOT qualify even if you receive child tax credit and your income is below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Eligibility criteria 2 – Application for other pupil premium

- If your child is a looked-after child (LAC) i.e., in the care of, or provided with accommodation by an English local authority
- If your child ceased to be looked after by the local authority because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order.
- If either or both parents are regular members of HM Forces and designated as personal category 1 or 2 (PStat Cat 1 or 2), in the armed forces of another nation and stationed in England or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence.

Eligibility criteria 3 – no recourse to public funds

If you are a family with no recourse to public funds and your immigration category is one of the following, please complete the [NRPF form](#)

Zambrano

Article 8 of the ECHR

Section 4 of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999

Chen

BN(O) Passport holder

Spousal visa holder

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 7th May: Green group
- Thursday 14th May: 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.

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

Fire Safety Workshop

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed the fire safety workshop on Tuesday. We hope you enjoy seeing all the photos of this in the newsletter. Please click the links below for additional resources to use at home with your child about fire safety and wildfires.

[Fire Safety Information](#) [Fire Safety Activity](#)

Pupil Premium

If you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and you are eligible to register for Pupil Premium, please complete [FSM Application Form](#) and return it to the school office by **Friday 8th May 2026**.

Eligibility criteria 1 – if either parent is in receipt of the following:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC. N.B. If you receive WORKING TAX CREDIT you do NOT qualify even if you receive child tax credit and your income is below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Eligibility criteria 2 – Application for other pupil premium

- If your child is a looked-after child (LAC) i.e., in the care of, or provided with accommodation by an English local authority
- If your child ceased to be looked after by the local authority because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order.
- If either or both parents are regular members of HM Forces and designated as personal category 1 or 2 (PStat Cat 1 or 2), in the armed forces of another nation and stationed in England or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence.

Eligibility criteria 3 – no recourse to public funds

If you are a family with no recourse to public funds and your immigration category is one of the following, please complete the [NRPF form](#)

Zambrano

Article 8 of the ECHR

Section 4 of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999

Chen

BN(O) Passport holder

Spousal visa holder

Wakehurst Trip – June

This is a reminder that the Year 2 trip to Wakehurst will take place on **Tuesday 2nd June**. If you haven't done so already, please [click here](#) to record your parental consent and select your child's lunch option. It is essential that consent is recorded for your child to be able to attend the trip. The cost of the trip is £22 per child. The school uses a system called Arbor to collect payment and consent for school trips. We encourage you to familiarise yourselves with the system using the link below:

[Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App](#)

Any payment and consent must be received by **Friday 1st May 2026**.

Please be aware, if we are unable to raise enough funds to cover the cost of the coach and activities, the trip will unfortunately need to be cancelled, and all payments will be refunded

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