



## NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week ending 15th May 2026

### **National Numeracy Day - Wednesday 20th May**

National Numeracy Day is the UK's only campaign dedicated to improving everyday maths. Each May, schools across the country come together to help children feel more confident with numbers. The day shines a spotlight on the importance of numeracy, and practical steps are made to build confidence and strengthen essential maths skills.

This year, National Numeracy Day highlights the vital role communities play in building confidence with numbers.

Many children across the UK struggle with numeracy and improving these skills can feel daunting to tackle alone. But with encouragement and support from teachers, classmates and families, positive change is possible.

Through *Count on Your Community*, schools help to create supportive environments where children can talk openly about numbers, feel safe making mistakes, and take small, meaningful steps together to build their confidence.

Numeracy is a lifelong, important skill, and we will be taking part to highlight how fun numbers and maths can be. During the day/week, children will experience a variety of fun maths activities ranging from dancing, singing, fun with the Numberblocks, cracking codes and creating parks with NumBots and TT Rockstars.

Look out for the newsletter next week to see what we have been up to in school with our maths!

### **Online Safety Weekly Updates – Online Safety for Under 5s**

Research has shown that a significant number of children are online by the time they start school. While technology can be used for educational purposes, it is important to understand the benefits and potential concerns. Please see the attached flyer for more information and practical tips to support the safe and healthy use of technology.

### **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>

### **Summer Fair – Saturday 6th June**

Join us for our Summer Fair on Saturday 6th June at Holmesdale School. Save the date and come along for a fantastic day out, with a variety of activities, stalls and entertainment for all ages.

Tickets can be booked on the PSA website [here](#).

## 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 second half of the Summer Term. The charge for next term is 34 days x £2.90 = £98.60. Please ensure that your child's Arbor account has been topped up with this amount before Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 to let us know that you wish to continue with school lunches.

### Junk Modelling

We would be very grateful if you could help us by collecting and sending in **clean, empty plastic containers** such as yoghurt pots, butter tubs, and similar items. These will be used in our creative area this fortnight.

**Please ensure that all containers are thoroughly washed before sending them in. As we have a number of children with severe allergies to eggs, milk and gluten, we ask that you avoid sending in any packaging that has contained nuts, pine nuts, lentils, chickpeas, or sesame seeds. Thank you for your support.**

### Woodland Explorers

Nursery will be visiting the woodland on Monday 18th and Friday 22nd May.

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.

## NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

### Maths Games

We've noticed that some of our maths games have not yet been returned. Could you please check at home and send back any games you may have? We'd really appreciate your help in making sure everyone can continue to enjoy using them. If we don't have enough games for a full class set, unfortunately we won't be able to send them home in the future

### Nower Wood – Monday 15th June – Consent Form

This is a reminder that, if you haven't done so already, to 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 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](#)

*\*\*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\*\**

## NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

### **Reigate Castle Trip – Tuesday 19th May**

We are looking forward to our trip on Tuesday. We will develop our map reading skills and identify landmarks on the journey to Reigate Castle grounds. Once at the castle grounds, we will be learning about who lived at the castle and how it was defended.

Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat, a water bottle, a sun hat and is wearing sun cream. It is a PE day and the children can wear their PE kit to school as usual. Thank you.

### **Book Sharing on Thursdays**

The children have enjoyed sharing and recommending their favourite books to their peers. 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 21st May – Red group
- Thursday 4th June – Yellow group
- Thursday 11th June – Green group
- Thursday 18th June – 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 tell your child's teacher if you can support us with this. Thank you.

### **Junk Orchestra – Year 1**

[Junk Orchestra](#) offers a fun, hands-on experience where children play instruments from everyday items. To make this activity possible, we rely on contributions to the enrichment fund. If you're able to contribute, we would be very grateful.

*\*\* Please note that without enough funding, this activity may not be able to go ahead\*\**

## NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

### **Little Wandle Reading Books**

We have found that we have quite a few of our Little Wandle reading books missing from our sets at school after they have been sent home. This does then have an impact when we are using them within school to read with a group of children. Please could you have a search at home for any reading books that have yet to be returned to school and bring them back in next week on Wednesday when books are due in. Thank you!

### **Collecting Children on Time**

We have noticed an increasing number of children being collected late from classrooms at the end of the school day. While we do understand that occasional delays can happen, prompt collection is important for the children and so that teachers can take children to their after-school clubs on time.

Thank you for your support with this.

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