



NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week ending 22nd May 2026

Wishing all our families a happy and relaxing half term.

June - Author of the month

This June, we are delighted to celebrate Jez Alborough as our Author of the Month. Best known for *Hug* and the *Duck in the Truck* series, he is a talented writer and illustrator whose stories are playful, engaging, and full of humour. We have chosen him because his books support early language development, repetition, and storytelling in a fun and accessible way. Throughout the month, children will explore his stories while learning about his creative journey and his work as both an author and illustrator.

Favourite 5

Mr Charles has chosen his five favourite children's books for the school library. As a huge admirer of Oliver Jeffers' imaginative storytelling and distinctive illustrations, and having collected all of his books, he has chosen *Stuck* for its wonderfully chaotic tale of objects being thrown into a tree. Budding detectives will enjoy *The Secret Seven* by Enid Blyton, while *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl has been chosen for its sharply drawn characters of Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker. Also featured are *The Koala Who Could* by Rachel Bright and *Dream Big, Little Mole* by Tom Percival - two inspiring stories about courage, confidence and discovering that everyone has something special to give the world.

Online Safety Weekly Updates – Using and Reviewing Parental Controls

Many children regularly use smart devices and computers, but unrestricted internet access can bring a range of risks. Parental controls can help make devices safer for children by limiting content and managing screen time. Please see the attached guide for more information.

Warmer Weather

As the weather becomes warmer, please ensure your child comes to school prepared for the sunnier days.

- ★ Please provide your child with a sunhat, clearly named.
- ★ Apply sun cream at home before school each morning. We kindly ask that sun cream is not sent into school, as we have children in school with a range of allergies.

As British weather can still be unpredictable and changeable, please also ensure your child brings a waterproof jacket (Kagoule) to school each day.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all children safe and comfortable during the warmer weather.

Cool Milk

We have been advised that the dairy is unable to deliver milk on Monday 1st June 2026 for those who have Cool Milk. If you currently pay for your child's milk, you will receive a credit on your account.

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

Greensand Job Opportunities

Please [click here](#) for current opportunities within Greensand MAT.

Follow us on Facebook/Instagram

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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 1st June 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.

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

Maths Games

Rabbits and Foxes will have their fortnightly turn to enjoy our maths games from Monday 1st June until Thursday 11th June.

Woodland Explorers

- Rabbits will be visiting the woodland on **Wednesday 3rd June**.
- Ducks and Foxes will be visiting the woodland on **Thursday 4th June**.

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

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Nower Wood – Monday 15th June – Consent Form

We're looking forward to our upcoming trip to Nower Wood! We'll share more details about the day closer to the time. If you haven't done so already, please could you record your parental consent and select your child's lunch option [here](#). It's important that this is completed so your child can attend the trip. Thank you.

NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

Phonics Screening Check

Next half term your child will be completing the statutory Phonics Screening Check. The Phonics Screening Check is a quick check of your child's decoding skills. Your child will be asked to read 40 words independently - 20 are real words, 20 are known as 'alien words' (made-up nonsense words). By asking the children to read alien words we can check their decoding skills and knowledge of graphemes in a fair way - it mirrors what the children have to do when they read a word that they have not read before. They will have to use their knowledge of letters and sounds to work out how to read them. The check will be carried out by a member of staff who knows your child well. As far as the children are aware, they are simply enjoying doing some reading with an adult as normal; we don't talk to the children about the screening specifically. It should only take a few minutes to complete, but there is no time limit. Please continue to listen to your child read their books as often as possible and practise reading the real and alien words which can be found at the bottom of the weekly Learning Letter.

Thank you.

Shoe boxes

We will be needing shoe boxes for a DT project later in the term. Please keep hold of any shoe boxes you have and send them into school on Friday 26th June. Thank you very much.

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 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.

NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

Trip to Wakehurst – Tuesday 2nd June

We are all very much looking forward to our trip to Wakehurst on Tuesday 2nd June and hope that the good weather that is predicted for half term continues for us on the day. Please see the separate email that has been sent out with details about the trip.

London Dip and Do

Your child will be bringing home this half term's 'Dip and Do' homework activities in their book bag today. All the activities are linked to this half term's history learning about the Great Fire of London and geography learning about famous landmarks. Please could you send any work that your child has completed at home back into school on **Monday 15th June**. We look forward to seeing what you get up to! Thank you.

Reminders

Just a reminder that all children need to bring a coat to school every day, as we know, the weather can be very changeable. We also have an increasing number of children wearing jewellery and bringing toys into school, but as our priority is to keep the children safe when being active in the playground and around the school we ask if you could keep these items at home. We would also not want anything that is precious to the children to get broken or lost. Please note that if watches are worn, they must be analogue only. This supports the children learning to tell the time. Thank you so much for your support.

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