



NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week ending 17th July 2026

Wishing you all a wonderful summer

New Staff for September

We are pleased to welcome new members to our school family, alongside some familiar faces who will be stepping into new roles. We look forward to introducing them to the children and families.

- Miss Wareham will be joining Rabbits Class.
- Mrs Pettman will be joining our Nursery team as Senior Nursery Practitioner.
- Miss Wood will be joining Nursery as a Learning Support Assistant (LSA).
- Mrs Balkaya will be joining us as a Midday Supervisor.
- Vanja Hollenbach, Emma Squirrell, Theo Stoneham and Torby Smallwood will be joining our Early Morning Club Team.

Summer Reading Challenge 2026 – Read to the Beat!

The Summer Reading Challenge, run by The Reading Agency in partnership with local libraries, is a free way to keep children reading and having fun throughout the summer holidays. Children can sign up at their local library, earn rewards, enjoy exciting events, and choose from books, picture books, comics or audiobooks – it all counts! Families can also take part online from home.



This year's theme is Read to the Beat! For the first time, children are encouraged to set their own personalised reading goals based on their interests, whether that's exploring new genres, discovering poetry, graphic novels or audiobooks. Everyone who joins will also receive a special edition of Storytime magazine packed with stories, games and musical activities.

To find out more information, click on the link below:

[Regular events and activities in Surrey Libraries - Surrey County Council](#)

Thank you for continuing to support your child's reading journey. Making a little time to read each day really does make a lasting difference

KOOSA Kids Summer Holiday Club

KOOSA Kids are excited to be operating their Summer Holiday Club at Holmesdale Community Infant School from **Thursday 23 July to Wednesday 26 August**.

Designed for children aged **4–13**, their action-packed activity programme includes games, arts and crafts, go-karts, science activities, and lots of fun challenges. Each week features a different theme, making every week unique and exciting

Please [click here](#) for more information, visit www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club or call 01276 21884.

Greensand Job Opportunities

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

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NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS

Thank You

Thank you for all your support and for our gift. We've loved getting to know you and your child, and it's been a joy to be part of their early learning journey. We wish you all the very best as you take your next exciting step into Reception!

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

A Successful Year

Thank you for all your support with your child's learning this year. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach your children, and we look forward to seeing them continue their learning journey in Year 1. The summer holidays provide a long break, and, in our experience, children benefit from opportunities to practise the reading, number and writing skills they have learned throughout the year.

There are several ways in which you can support your child:

- Visit your local library and encourage your child to choose books they can read independently, as well as books that you can enjoy together. You can also take part in the Summer Reading Challenge.
- Encourage your child to write a weekly diary, shopping list or postcard.
- Allow your child to pay for items in shops using coins and practise their counting skills.
- Count cars or read number plates during long car journeys.
- Bake together and measure ingredients.
- Play board games.
- Continue to practise phonemes and tricky words using the *Word and Sound* book.
- Visit www.topmarks.co.uk for access to a variety of subjects and activities that you can complete with your child. Within the Popular Learning Areas section of the website, there are a variety of activities your child can explore. The games your child can play using a 100-square are endless! Search for "**Splat Square**" and select "**Paint the Number.**" Your child can look for number patterns by splatting odd or even numbers, or every fifth number. They may also enjoy finding their own number patterns. Within the **English** and **Early Years** sections of www.topmarks.co.uk, there are a range of number and shape games for your child to explore. Don't forget to log in to your **NumBots** account and continue your robot-building quest! Within the **English** and **Early Years** sections of www.topmarks.co.uk, there are a variety of decoding and blending games your child can complete, including:

Balloon Phonics

Forest Phonics

Both of these activities encourage children to decode and blend words.

NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

Message from the Year 2 Team

We have enjoyed getting to know our new classes during the transition activities and are excited to begin the new academic year together. We will be beginning the year by thinking about our hopes for the future and the children are invited to dress up in clothes to represent a profession or role that they may aspire to have when they are grown up, on **Wednesday 9th September**. This may be a simple prop such as a hard hat or a clipboard, please do not buy anything special and do let us know if you would like support with this.



PE days for Year 2:

We will be taking part in physical activities during the first 3 days of the new term but your child will not need to wear their PE kit for these sessions.

PE lessons will begin during the week beginning 7th September. Your child should come to school dressed in their PE kit on their PE days as they did in Year 1.

- **Woodpeckers: Mondays and Tuesdays**
- **Badgers: Mondays and Wednesdays**
- **Falcons: Tuesdays and Wednesdays**

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Thank you for all your support with your child's learning this year. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach your children and we look forward to seeing them continue their learning journey in Year 2. The summer holiday provides a long break where, in our experience, children benefit from an opportunity to practise their reading, number and writing skills that they have learnt this year.

There are several ways in which you can support your child:

- Please visit the local library, encouraging children to choose a book they can read themselves and ones you can share with them. You can also enter the summer reading challenge.
- Encourage your child to write a weekly diary, a shopping list or postcard.
- Allow your child to pay at the shop using coins and practise their counting skills.
- Counting cars or reading number plates on a long car journey.
- Baking and measuring ingredients together.
- Play board games.
- Continue to practise phonemes covered this year – you may like to read the words that were attached to our weekly learning letters

- Play on Numbots and continue with your robot building quest!
- Please click on www.topmarks.co.uk for access to a variety of different subjects and activities you could complete with your child. Within the popular learning areas, there are a variety of different activities your child can enjoy:

Maths

- The games your child could play using a 100 square are endless! Type in 'splat square' and click on paint the number. Your child could look for different number patterns by 'splatting' the odd or even numbers or 'splatting' every 5th number. Your child may wish to find their own number patterns.
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Reading

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- Forest phonics
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- This website may be helpful if you are looking for book recommendations:

[Books for 5 - 7 year old \(penguin.co.uk\)](http://penguin.co.uk)

Spelling

- 'Look, cover, write, check' is a fun online game to practise spelling tricky words: [Look, Cover, Write, Check- mobile friendly \(ictgames.com\)](http://www.ictgames.com)

NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

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Thank you for all your support with your child's learning this year. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach your children, and we wish them all the best for their new exciting journey at junior school. The summer holiday provides a long break where, in our experience, children benefit from an opportunity to practise their reading, number and writing skills that they have learnt this year. There are several ways in which you can support your child:

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- You could even try the White Rose 1 minute maths app.

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Enjoy the next chapter in your educational journey.

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