

NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week ending 11th September 2026

Message from the Summer Reading Challenge - The Reading Agency

We hope that your students have had a lovely summer and enjoyed taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge this year from The Reading Agency. At Reigate Library, we have certainly loved displaying the album covers that the children have created to track their progress, as well as chatting with them about the books that they've been reading.

We have been running the [Summer Reading Challenge](#) in all our 52 Surrey Libraries during the summer and it finishes **this Saturday 12 September**. Please encourage your students and their families to visit their local library this week to pick up the final rewards! The aim of the challenge in branch has been to read up to six books, collecting rewards along the way, including stickers with QR codes, a bookmark, temporary tattoos, and a certificate and wristband for any child who finishes the Challenge. If they've not quite finished reading their six books, remember that all reading counts - including audiobooks, eBooks and eComics! We have a Facebook post <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1079545914723116>

Author of the month

We are delighted to announce that our first Author of the Month for the new academic year is **Liz Pichon**, the brilliant creator of the bestselling Tom Gates series! Our library is packed with her fantastic books, ready for children to borrow, take home and enjoy. Written in a fun diary-style format and filled with hilarious adventures, doodles, cartoons and handwritten notes, the Tom Gates books are perfect for developing reading fluency and building confidence. The short chapters, colourful pages and relatable stories about school, family and friendships make them especially appealing to children who are developing a love of reading. Liz Pichon's humour, creativity and unforgettable characters encourage children to keep turning the pages and inspire them to use their own imagination through drawing, writing and storytelling. We hope lots of children will discover the joy of reading with Tom Gates this month!

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals (FSM)

From September 2026 all children in households receiving Universal Credit will be eligible for FSM funding, regardless of income. Eligibility is based on your current circumstances which means that some children may gain or lose eligibility depending on changes to household income or benefits.

There are two types of FSM eligibility:

- Expanded FSM – linked to Universal Credit
- Targeted FSM – based on previous income thresholds. This group is entitled to Pupil Premium funding

Eligible families could help the school access additional funding to support their child and ensure that the family receives any related support.

Please complete [this form](#) and return it to the school office by **Friday 18th September** if you receive the relevant benefits, including Universal Credit and think that you are eligible. You will

only need to complete this form once. Subsequent checks will be carried out annually to assess if you continue to be eligible. If you move school your new school will advise if you need to complete a new form. Please ensure that you advise the school office if your circumstances change.

Gardening Club - Donation Request

Our Gardening Club would be grateful for donations of spring-flowering bulbs. If you have any spare bulbs, such as:

- Daffodils
- Tulips
- Snowdrops
- Crocuses

We would be very grateful to receive them. We look forward to planting them with the children and watching them grow. Thank you.

School Uniform Reminder

A gentle reminder that all children should come to school wearing the correct school uniform each day. On non-PE days, children should wear supportive black shoes or black trainers. For safety reasons, we kindly ask that jewellery is not worn to school. Thank you for your support in ensuring that all children are dressed appropriately and ready for learning.

Greensand Job Opportunities

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

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NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS

What a Wonderful Start to the Year!

We would like to thank all of our families for such a fantastic start to the school year. It has been a real pleasure visiting your homes and getting to know both the children and you. The children have begun to settle brilliantly, and we are already enjoying seeing their personalities shine through. We look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year to support your child's learning, development, and wellbeing. Thank you for your warm welcome and ongoing support. We are excited for the year ahead

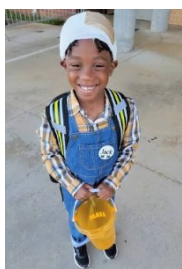
Nursery Rhyme Day - Thursday 8th October

We know how important nursery rhymes are for young children's language development, listening skills, memory, and early literacy. To begin the year, our first topic in Nursery will be a special focus on nursery rhymes. Although we will continue to sing and learn nursery rhymes throughout the year, we will be spending our first month exploring some of our favourites in lots of different ways. Attached to each week's learning, we will send home copies of the rhymes we have been learning in class. We would love you to sing and recite these with your child at home.

On Thursday 8th October, we will be celebrating the end of our nursery rhyme topic with a special Nursery Rhyme Day. We would like to invite the children to come dressed as a character from a nursery rhyme. There is no need to purchase a costume, as homemade outfits work just as well and can be lots of fun to create together. Simple ideas are absolutely perfect, and please

discourage any costumes that are not linked to a nursery rhyme. We will send further details about how we will be celebrating the day nearer the time but wanted to give you plenty of notice about the dressing-up opportunity.

Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to a month full of singing, rhyming, and fun!



Jack and Jill



Old Mc Donald



Twinkl Twinkl Little Star

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

A Wonderful Start to Reception

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our Reception families for helping to make the start of the school year such a positive one. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting you in your homes before the children started school. It was a lovely opportunity to get to know your child, learn about their interests and personalities, and begin building strong relationships with your family. Thank you also for taking the time to create the *All About Me* boxes. The children have loved sharing them with us and their classmates, and we have really enjoyed looking through them together. They have given us a wonderful insight into what is important to each child and have helped us to get to know them even better. The children have made a fantastic start to Reception and are settling into their new routines with growing confidence. We know that children thrive when home and school work closely together, and we look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year to support your child's learning, wellbeing and development.

Thank you for your warm welcome, support, and trust.

Super Me Day Friday 2nd October 2026

We are excited to let you know that we will be holding a 'Super Me' Day in Reception on Friday 2nd October to celebrate just how unique and special every child is.

It will be a fun-filled day of 'Super Me' hero training, activities and a fantastic parade where the children will have the opportunity to share their own special superpower with their friends. We would love each child to come dressed as their very own 'Super Me' character. This does not need to be anything shop-bought or expensive; homemade ideas are absolutely perfect and often the most meaningful. A simple cape made from an old pillowcase, a decorated T-shirt, or a sash or hat made at home would all be wonderful. As part of the day, we would like the children to think about what makes them special and to create their own unique superpower. Children might choose to design their own shield using a cereal box or paper plate, or think about the qualities that make them unique. For example, they might be a 'Super Kindness Hero' sharing kind tokens with friends, a 'Super Smiler', a 'Super Magician', or a 'Super Stylish' hero. Whatever their unique power is, we cannot wait to hear all about it!

To help encourage creativity and individuality, we kindly ask that children avoid commercial superhero costumes such as Spider-Man, Hulk, Batman or other well-known characters. Instead, we would love them to celebrate the amazing qualities that make them their own special 'Super Me' hero.

We can't wait to celebrate all the amazing qualities that make every child unique!



NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

Teddy Bears' Picnic

This **Tuesday 15th September**, to launch our topic on toys, we will be taking part in a Teddy Bears' Picnic. Our lunchtime team are kindly providing us with packed lunches to enjoy outside. If your child has a dietary need this will be provided for as usual. **If your child usually has a packed lunch sent in from home, then please continue to do this.** Your child may bring a teddy or soft toy to school on this day so they can join us at the picnic! We have spare toys at school if your child would prefer to use a school teddy. We will be doing lots of fun activities such as a bear hunt in the woodland and other games. Fingers crossed that the weather is kind to us! Thank you.

Reading books:

Your child will have brought home their reading books on Thursday this week. As in Reception, your child will bring home one decodable book which is closely matched to their phonics level and one non-decodable reader. Please share these with your child each day, write what they have read in their reading record and return these to school on a **Wednesday** each week. The books will continue to be sent home **every Thursday**. Thank you for your support. The children will also bring home a library book once a week which will start next week. These are the days when each class will be visiting the library so please return the books each week on this day:

- **Otters: Monday**
- **Owls: Tuesday**
- **Hedgehogs: Friday**

NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

PE days for Year 2

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**

Reading books

Your child will bring home their reading books on Thursdays. As in Year 1, your child will bring home one decodable reading book which is closely matched to their phonics level and one non-decodable reading book. If your child would like to change their non-decodable reading book throughout the week, they are able to. Please read with your child each day, write what they have read in their reading record and return these to school on a **Wednesday** each week. The books will continue to be sent home **every Thursday**. Thank you for your support.

Thank you

Thank you very much for supporting your child with dressing up for our 'When I grow up' day. They looked fantastic and it was lovely to learn about what they want to be when they are grown ups. We had a fantastic day and the children took part in workshops, working hard in a restaurant, learning how to bandage a friend and taking part in firefighter fitness training.

Library books

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

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