



NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS

Week ending 16th September 2026

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of benefits including Universal Credit, please ensure that you have completed the [Pupil Premium and Free School Meals form](#) to register for this.

Gardening Club - Donation Request

Our Gardening Club is still looking 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. Thank you.

Parking

Please note that the school's car park is reserved for Staff and Blue Badge holders only. There is ample parking available on the nearby streets, all within a short walking distance. Please [click here](#) to view Surrey's parking restrictions interactive map using our postcode RH2 0BY. Thank you.

School Gate Reminder

For the safety and security of the children in school, the school gates close at **8.55am** each morning. Any children arriving after this time should be brought to the School Office and signed in by a parent or carer. Keeping the gates closed helps us maintain a safe and secure site once parents and carers have left the playground.

Once the gates are closed, our caretaker is required elsewhere to help prepare the school for the day ahead and is therefore unable to reopen them. Thank you for your understanding and support.

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

Jelly

Next week, we will be making and tasting jelly as part of our learning. The children will observe how materials change as the jelly melts and then sets again.

Please see the ingredient list below and let a member of the Nursery team know if you do not wish

for your child to take part in the tasting activity.

Ingredients:

Raspberry Flavour: Pork Gelatine, Colour: Beetroot Red, Acid: Adipic Acid, Acidity Regulator: Trisodium Citrates, Flavourings, Sweeteners: Aspartame, Acesulfame K, Acid: Fumaric Acid, Salt.

Orange Flavour: Pork Gelatine, Acid: Adipic Acid, Acidity Regulator: Trisodium Citrates, Flavourings, Sweeteners: Aspartame, Acesulfame K, Colours: Beetroot Red, Beta Carotene, Acid: Fumaric Acid.

Blackcurrent Flavour: Pork Gelatine, Colours: Beetroot Red, Anthocyanins, Acid: Adipic Acid, Acidity Regulator: Trisodium Citrates, Flavouring, Sweeteners: Aspartame, Acesulfame K, Acid: Fumaric Acid.

Sensory Learning

Next week, the children will be exploring a range of aromatic spices and herbs, including cinnamon, rosemary, lavender, star anise and cloves, as part of their playdough experiences. Using a pestle and mortar to grind the spices will help to develop both gross and fine motor skills while also encouraging sensory exploration.

Please let a member of the Nursery team know if your child has any allergies or sensitivities to these spices.

Nursery Library Visits

We are excited to let you know that, from next week, Nursery will be visiting the school library every Monday. Each child will have the opportunity to choose a book to bring home. We encourage you to read and enjoy the book together, helping to foster a love of stories and reading. Please return your child's library book on the following Monday so that they can choose a new one. Happy reading!

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

National Child Measurement and Flu Vaccination - Friday 2nd October 2026

Reception children will have their height and weight measured in school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme on Friday 2nd October 2026. The annual flu vaccination session will also take place on this date. Letters containing information about both programmes were sent home to parents and carers this week. Please see the instructions in the flu vaccination letter to complete the consent form.

Reception Reading: Wordless Picture Books

This week, the children will be sharing and exploring wordless picture books in school. These books tell a story through illustrations rather than written text and are an important part of developing early reading skills.

Wordless books help children to:

- Understand how stories work, including the beginning, middle and end.
- Develop their language and vocabulary.
- Talk about characters, settings and events.
- Build confidence in storytelling.
- Make predictions about what might happen next.
- Develop comprehension skills before they become fluent readers.

On Thursday, your child will bring home a wordless picture book to share with you. As you look through the book together, encourage your child to tell the story in their own words. You can support them by:

- Discussing what is happening in the pictures.
- Introducing and modelling new vocabulary.
- Talking about the characters and their feelings.
- Discuss the plot and key events.
- Asking questions such as *"What do you think will happen next?"* and *"Why do you think that happened?"*

There is no right or wrong way to tell the story. The aim is to enjoy talking about the book together and to develop your child's language, imagination, and storytelling skills. Thank you for your support in helping your child develop a love of books and stories.

Reception Library Visits

We are excited to let you know that Reception visited the school library this week and will continue to do so every week. Each child will have the opportunity to choose a book to bring home. We encourage you to read and enjoy the book together, helping to foster a love of stories and reading. Please return your child's library book each Monday so that they can choose a new one during their next library visit. Happy reading!

NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

Flu Vaccination Programme - Friday 2nd October 2026

The annual flu vaccination session will take place in school on Friday 2nd October 2026. Parents and carers should have received a letter this week containing further details and information on how to complete the consent form.

Reading books update:

We will be starting our Little Wandle reading groups this week. As a result of timetabling, we will now send home the children's reading books **on a Friday** each week. Please can you now return their books to school each week **on a Thursday**. Thank you for your support.

Their library books will continue to go home/ be sent back on these days:

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

New PE days for Otters:

Otters will now have PE on a **Wednesday and Thursday** each week, so please send your child to school in their PE kit on these days.

Autumn:

Year 1 have been learning about seasonal changes within science this half term. Over the weekend please do have a look out for signs of autumn wherever you go and talk to your child about what they notice. If you would like to take some photos of what they see, or objects that they find e.g. leaves changing colour and falling from the trees, or collections of **acorns and conkers** please bring them into school from Monday for us to look at. If the children can also bring in some **autumn leaves** into school, we will be turning them into autumn leaf mobiles next week!

Small World Resources:

We are currently in the process of renewing and updating our small world resources within Year 1. If you have any 'small world' toys that are still in good condition and that you no longer use please do send them into school with your child. For example, superhero characters, animals, sea creatures, cars and garages, farm sets, toy houses with characters, play mobile or train sets. Thank you for your support.

NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

Flu Vaccination Programme - Friday 2nd October 2026

The annual flu vaccination session will take place in school on Friday 2nd October 2026. Parents and carers should have received a letter this week containing further details and information on how to complete the consent form.

Uniform

Please check that all school uniform is clearly named. We already have several sweatshirts and fleeces that are not named and, unfortunately, have not been claimed at the end of the day. If your child is wearing shoes or trainers with shoelaces to school, please support them with learning how to tie laces so that they can do this confidently and independently at school. Many thanks for your support with this.

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