

NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS

Week ending 25th September 2026

Key Dates and Events

Please make a note of the following dates for your diary. Further information about selected events will be shared nearer the time. Please also visit our website calendar, which is updated throughout the year.

OCTOBER

Friday 2nd October	Super Me Day – Reception only
Friday 2nd October	Flu Vaccinations for Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Height & Weight checks – (Reception only) <i>**A reminder to submit your flu vaccination consent form</i>
Thursday 8th October	Nursery Rhyme Day – (Nursery children only)
Friday 9th October	Yr 2 Cake Sale – At school pick-up Feeling Good Friday (All year groups)
Tuesday 13th October	Parent Consultation Evening - All year groups (Excluding Badgers class)
Wednesday 14th October	School Photographs – (All year groups) Parent Consultation Evening (Badgers class only)
Thursday 15th October	Parent Consultation Evening (All year groups)
Monday 19th – Friday 30th October	Half Term

NOVEMBER

Friday 6th November	Mufti Day for Winter Fair Donations
Monday 16th November	Friendship Week – Odd Socks Day
Saturday 21st November	Winter Fair
Saturday 28th November	PSA Christmas Quiz Night

DECEMBER

Wednesday 9th December	Nursery Christmas Nativity Open Doors (All year groups)
Thursday 10th December	Reception Nativity Open Doors (All year groups)
Friday 11th December	Reception Nativity
Wednesday 16th December	Yr1 Nativity Yr 2 Nativity
Friday 18th December	End of Term – School Day ends at 1.30pm

Parent Consultation Evenings

You are invited to make a 10-minute appointment with your child's teacher on either

- **Tuesday 13th October (3.30-6.30pm) or**
- **Thursday 15th October (4.00-7.00pm)**

to discuss how your child has settled into their new class. The appointments will be held in school in your child's classroom. Details of how to book your appointment will be emailed to you with the notices next week. Bookings will close at **3pm on Monday 12th October**.

Badgers Class only, please note that the dates for consultations for Badgers Class will be slightly different on this occasion -

- **Wednesday 14th October (3.30-6.30pm) and**
- **Thursday 15th October (4.00-7.00pm)**

School Lunch Taster Day - Thursday 1st October 2026

Our Caterers, Caterlink, are offering a change to the advertised menu on Thursday 1st October 2026. Please [click here](#) for the menu options that day. If your child has a special diet, this will be catered for. **If your child currently has packed lunches**, please complete [this form](#) to let us know if you would like them to try the school lunch on that day. Please complete the form by **Monday 28th September** so that the food can be ordered in time.

Feeling Good Friday – 9th October

During 'Feeling Good' Friday, we will be exploring what it means to 'belong'. A sense of 'belonging' is an important part of our well-being, and the children will take part in a range of activities and enjoy stories linked to this theme. The children are invited to wear clothes that represent 'belonging' to them. This could be a Brownies or Cubs uniform, a football team shirt, cultural dress, or perhaps a favourite colour from the rainbow. We look forward to celebrating the many ways we belong to different communities. Thank you for your support.

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.

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

Learning Journey

A huge thank you to all the parents who have already sent in their decorated Learning Journeys and WOW Books. They look absolutely fabulous! If you have not yet returned your child's decorated Learning Journey or WOW Book, please remember that these are due **by Monday 28th September**.

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

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

A reminder to parents and carers to complete and submit the flu vaccination consent form before the deadline, following the instructions provided in the letter sent home last week. The annual flu vaccination session will take place on Friday 2nd October 2026.

Reception children will also have their height and weight measured in school on the same day as part of the National Child Measurement Programme.

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Reception Statutory Baseline Assessment

Over the next two weeks, our reception children will be taking part in the Reception Baseline Assessment, which is a statutory assessment for all children in Reception classes across England. The assessment is carried out in a relaxed, one-to-one setting with your child's teacher. Children generally enjoy the activities, which are practical and age appropriate.

Please see the accompanying leaflet for further information about the Reception Baseline Assessment.

Wordless Books

We will continue to send wordless books home for you to share and enjoy with your child. As Reception staff will be carrying out the statutory Reception Baseline Assessments over the coming weeks, which involve dedicated one-to-one time with each child, teachers may not be able to read every book with children before it is sent home.

Thank you for your understanding and support. We hope you enjoy reading together at home and sharing these special books with your child.

Water Bottles and Book Bags

Please can we ask that full water bottles are not placed inside book bags. Unfortunately, bottles can leak and cause damage to reading books and other learning resources. Sadly, this year we will have to replace over £900 worth of damaged Little Wandle Readers, many of which were affected by water damage. To help us keep our books in good condition for all children, please ensure water bottles are carried separately or stored upright in the designated bottle holder.

Thank you for your support in helping us care for these valuable reading resources

Early Morning Club Bookings

Please be aware that places at [Early Morning Club](#) are limited each morning to ensure we maintain the required staffing ratios. To help us manage numbers safely, all children must be booked in advance before attending.

NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

Flu Vaccination Programme - Friday 2nd October 2026

A reminder to parents and carers to complete and submit the flu vaccination consent form before the deadline, following the instructions provided in the letter sent home last week.

Year 1 Information Meeting – Tuesday 22nd September

Thank you to all those who attended the Year 1 information session in their child's classroom this week. If you were unable to attend, please [click here](#) for the presentation slides so you can see what was discussed.

If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher.

Knuffle Bunny- Sock Puppet

In English over the coming weeks we will be using the story 'Knuffle Bunny' in our learning. We are going to be making our own Knuffle Bunnies, therefore every child needs to bring in one old/odd sock with their name clearly marked on the inside edge of the sock.

Please bring your sock in by **Monday 5th October** and hand it to your class teacher.

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NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

Flu Vaccination Programme - Friday 2nd October 2026

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Year 2 Information Meeting – Thursday 24th September

Thank you to all those who attended the Year 2 information session in their child's classroom this week. If you were unable to attend, please [click here](#) for the presentation slides so you can see what was discussed.

If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher.

Lunchtime Assistants Required!

Year 2 children are invited to apply for the role of **Lunchtime Assistant**. This is an important position that requires children to demonstrate responsibility, helpfulness and, above all, kindness. Successful applicants will assist with a range of duties, including helping to monitor the corridors during lunchtime, ensuring that children go to the lunch hall at the appropriate time, and working alongside Mrs Blanchard and the lunchtime supervisors to help lunchtime run smoothly. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to develop their leadership skills, take on additional responsibility and make a positive contribution to our school community. Class teachers have spoken to the children about this opportunity and explained how they can apply for the role. Application forms have been sent home today. Thank you for your support with this.

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

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