

NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week ending 2nd October 2026

Parent Consultation Evenings

Please note that, due to technical issues, booking details will now be emailed on Monday 5th October. Bookings will close at 3:00pm on Monday 12th October.

Parent Consultations will be as follows

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

The appointments will be held in school, in your child's classroom, and will last 10 minutes.

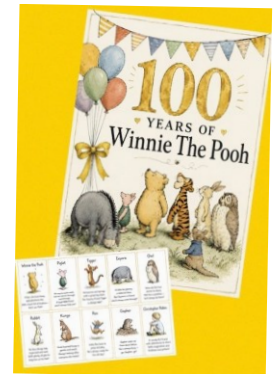
Badgers Class only, please note that the dates for consultations for Badgers

Class will be slightly different on this occasion -

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

Author of the Month

This October, we are delighted to be celebrating our Author of the Month, A.A. Milne, as we mark 100 years of Winnie The Pooh! To join in the centenary celebrations, the much-loved characters from Hundred Acre Wood are hiding around school, ready for the children to discover. We are very excited to celebrate this wonderful milestone and hope it inspires lots of happy memories, conversations and, of course, a continued love of reading. Many happy returns, Pooh!



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.

School Council

Before half term, we will be electing our new School Council members. Children in Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to put themselves forward for this important role by explaining to their classmates why they would make a good representative. Each class will then vote to elect two School Council members. The successful candidates will attend meetings, sharing the views and ideas of their classmates and helping to make a positive contribution to school life. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to develop their confidence, sense of responsibility, and speaking and listening skills. If you feel your child would benefit from taking part, please encourage them to apply. Thank you for your support.

Book Recommendations

Please click [here](#) to see the free **Scholastic Book Club magazine**. Inside, you will find a range of book recommendations as well as some fun puzzles and activities for children to enjoy. We hope you find something that inspires a love of reading at home

Birthdays in School

We love celebrating the children's birthdays in school! However, we kindly ask that parents and carers do not send sweets into school or bring sweets to give out to classmates to mark their child's birthday.

If you would like to celebrate your child's special day with a gift to the class, we would be delighted to receive a book donation for the class book corner. Your child could even write a little message inside the front cover, sharing why they have chosen the book or dedicating it to their class. This would be a lovely way to mark their birthday and leave a lasting gift for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and support in helping us to promote a love of reading.

Maisha Trust

Please see the attached letter from Susannah Dyde at the Maisha Trust. They are very grateful for all your generosity following last year's mufti day held to raise money for the charity. Thank you to everyone who took part and donated.

Reigate and Banstead October Half Term Activities

Please [click here](#) for information about the half term activities available.

Greensand Job Opportunities

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

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NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS

Nursery Rhyme Day - Thursday 8th October

Just a reminder that on Thursday 8th October, we will be celebrating Nursery Rhyme Day in Nursery. Children are invited to come to Nursery dressed as a character from their favourite nursery rhyme. Throughout the day, we will be singing lots of nursery rhymes, enjoying themed games, and, just like the Queen of Hearts, we will be baking delicious jam tarts together. Please see the ingredient list below. If you do not wish your child to eat the jam tart, please let a member of the Nursery team know before Thursday 8th October.

Short Crust Pastry

INGREDIENTS: *Wheat Flour (Wheat Flour, Calcium Carbonate, Folic Acid, Iron, Niacin, Thiamin), Water, Palm Oil, Rapeseed Oil, Salt, Preservative: Potassium Sorbate; Flour Treatment Agent: Ascorbic Acid; Emulsifier: Mono- and Diglycerides of Fatty Acids; Acidity Regulator: Citric Acid; Lemon Juice.*

Our lovely school cooks will prepare a gluten free version for gluten free diets

Reduced Sugar Strawberry Jam

INGREDIENTS: *Strawberries, Sugar, Glucose-Fructose Syrup, Water, Gelling Agent: Pectins; Acidity Regulators:*

Citric Acid, Sodium Citrates; Preservative: Potassium Sorbate.

Total sugar content: 42g per 100g. Prepared with 46g of fruit per 100g.

Autumn in Nursery 🍂

In a week's time, we will be learning all about autumn and exploring the wonderful changes that happen at this time of year. If you are out and about on autumn walks, we would love children to bring in any interesting natural treasures they find, such as colourful leaves, acorns, conkers, pine cones, seed pods or twigs. These will help us create autumn displays and support our learning in Nursery. We would also be delighted to share any autumn-themed story books that your child may have at home. Please make sure any books are clearly named so that we can return them safely.

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

Autumn in Reception 🍂

Over the next few weeks, we will be learning all about autumn and exploring the wonderful changes that happen at this time of year.

If you are out and about on autumn walks, we would love children to bring in any interesting natural treasures they find, such as colourful leaves, acorns, conkers, pine cones, seed pods or twigs. These will help us create autumn displays and support our learning in Reception.

We would also be delighted to share any autumn-themed story books that your child may have at home. Please make sure any books are clearly named so that we can return them safely.

Woodland Explorers in Reception

The woodland at Holmesdale School is an important part of our educational environment, and we use this area to support learning through activities inspired by the Forest School philosophy. Forest School is a holistic approach to learning that fosters children's natural curiosity and sense of enquiry as they explore the outdoor environment. Although we are not a designated Forest School, we provide opportunities for children to develop a range of practical skills and knowledge that support learning across all areas of the curriculum.

Through woodland sessions, children will learn:

- How to keep themselves and others safe by following woodland safety rules.
- To dress independently and appropriately for different weather conditions.
- To develop their listening and attention skills through collaborative games and activities.
- To use tools and equipment safely and appropriately.
- To negotiate with their peers by listening to others' ideas and working cooperatively and effectively together.
- To develop their creativity and imagination using natural resources.
- To build confidence and resilience by learning through trial and error without fear of failure.
- To develop independence and self-esteem through new experiences and challenges.
- To make choices while applying the skills and learning that have been demonstrated to them.
- To respect the woodland environment and understand how they can help to preserve and care for both the school woodland and the wider natural world.

All Reception children will have the opportunity to visit the woodland, usually for one hour every fortnight. We will provide waterproof trousers, but we ask that children bring named Wellington boots (or other suitable outdoor footwear) in a named bag, along with a warm, waterproof coat on their scheduled woodland day. During colder weather, children will also need named hats and gloves.

Rabbits, Foxes and Ducks classes will be visiting the woodland on Thursday 15th October 2026.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child has the appropriate clothing and footwear on

their woodland day. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Reception team.

Early Morning Club – SCOPAY Link Code Letters

Bookings for the school's Early Morning Club are made through **SCOPAY**. To set up your account and book sessions, you will need a **link code**.

If you have not already received your link code, a letter containing the code and full instructions will be placed in your child's book bag. Please keep this letter safe in case you would like to book Early Morning Club sessions in the future.

NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

Knuffle Bunny- Sock Puppet

Thank you to everyone who has brought in an old/ odd sock ready for the children to make their knuffle bunnies next week. Please could the remaining socks be brought into school by this coming **Monday 5th October** and handed to your child's class teacher. Please can you remember to write your child's name on the sock. Thank you.

Cuddly toys in school

Just a reminder that your child should not bring any cuddly toys into school as we would not want these precious items to get lost. Thank you for your support.

NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

Reading books return day

Please do remember to return reading books on a Wednesday so that we are able to change them and send new books home on Thursdays.

Library books need to be returned on the following days:

- Woodpeckers: Monday
- Badgers: Wednesday
- Falcons: Tuesday

Thank you very much.

Reigate Priory School Open Days

Reigate Priory School is holding open days for parents and carers of Year 2 children at 9:30am on:

- Tuesday, 17th November
- Wednesday, 18th November
- Thursday, 19th November

Please click [here](#) for more information and [here](#) to book a place.

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