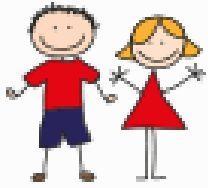
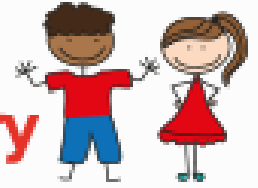


SEPTEMBER 2024



# Holmesdale Community Infant School and Nursery



HOLMESDALE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## OPEN MORNINGS FOR SEPTEMBER ENTRY 2025

**09**  
OCT  
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**17**  
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**22**  
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**15**  
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### OPEN MORNING

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> October

Parent Consultation Evenings

24<sup>th</sup> October Flu Vaccination

28<sup>th</sup> October - 1<sup>st</sup> November  
Half Term

4<sup>th</sup> November - Inset

# A MESSAGE FROM MRS MULLARKEY



Dear Families

We've had a wonderful start to the school year! It's been heartwarming to see children settling back into school routines, and for those beginning their journey with us, friendships are already blossoming as they explore and enjoy learning together.

A special thanks goes to our amazing staff for their dedication in supporting both our children and their families. We also want to express our gratitude to the entire school community for being so welcoming and inclusive.

A huge thank you to our fantastic PSA volunteers for ensuring that all families have access to both new and pre-loved uniforms, and for providing our new Reception parents with thoughtful 'first day at school survival kits.'

There is so much to look forward to this year, and we're excited to continue our partnership with you all.

Warmest wishes

S. Mullarkey

# BREAKING NEWS!

## WE'RE ON SOCIAL MEDIA



We are excited to announce that we've launched on Instagram and Facebook!

Follow us to stay updated on upcoming events, news, activities and celebrations in school.

Tell your friends and family.



### Before we get started on all the fun posts, please read the excerpt below from our **Social Media Policy – [click here](#) for full policy**

#### **Responsibilities of parents/carers with social media**

We expect everybody to behave in a positive manner online, engaging respectfully with our schools / Trust and each other on social media, in the same way as they would face to face. Making or sharing grievances or complaints on social media is unlikely to help resolve any issues, but can cause upset to staff, pupils and parents/carers, also undermining staff morale and the reputation of the school / Trust (which is important for the pupils we serve).

We expect parents/carers to help us model safe, responsible and appropriate social media use for our pupils.

We ask that parents discuss with their child(ren) their activity on social media. We ask parents/carers to respect age ratings on social media platforms wherever possible and not encourage or condone underage use. Talk to your children about the apps, sites and games they use, with whom, for how long, and when (late at night / in bedrooms is not helpful for a good night's sleep and productive teaching and learning at school the next day).

'Social media' is considered to include all technologies that allow individuals to communicate, create and share content or information (including photos and video). It includes, but is not limited to:

- Blogging and microblogging sites e.g. X / Twitter, LinkedIn
- Online discussion forums
- Collaborative spaces & chat apps e.g. Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp
- Media sharing platforms e.g. YouTube, TikTok

"Abusive" can be summarised as making any posts or comments which are bullying, aggressive, rude, insulting, illegal, defamatory or otherwise inappropriate (e.g. racist, homophobic, transphobic etc.).

When communicating with the school via official communication channels, social media or using private/independent channels to talk about the school, parents and carers **should**:

- Be respectful towards, and about, members of Greensand staff and the school/Trust at all times
- Be respectful of, and about, other parents/carers and other pupils
- Direct any complaints or concerns through the school's official channels, so they can be dealt with in line with the school's complaints policy

Parents/carers **should not** use social media to:

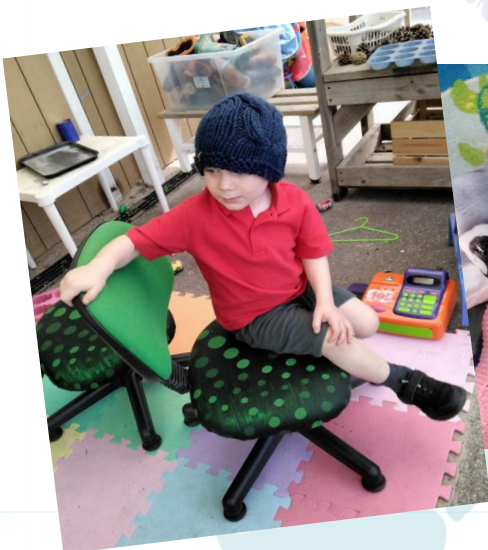
- Complain about individual members of staff, other parents/carers or pupils, the school or Trust. If you have a grievance or complaint to make, please contact the school directly to resolve the matter through the normal channels. Our complaints policy can be found on the Trust and schools' websites.
- Make abusive comments or posts about members of staff, other parents/carers, pupils or the school / Trust
- Draw attention to, or discuss, behaviour incidents
- Post images of children other than their own, for privacy and child protection reasons, without the express advance permission of those pictured (or their parent/carer if under 18).

**For any school inquiries, please continue to contact us through the school office on 01737 243678 or email [info@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk). We kindly ask that you avoid using social media for these matters. Thank you**

WELCOME TO EYFS  
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# NURSERY AND RECEPTION

We are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into nursery, showing great courage as they explore their new environment and build relationships with peers and staff. Parents should be equally proud of how confidently their children have embraced this new chapter.



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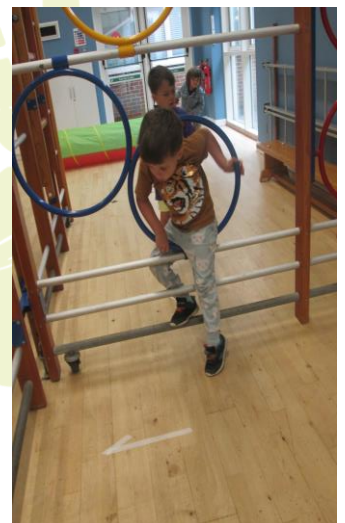
We have settled into reception really well.  
We have made new friends, learnt new  
routines and had lots of fun!



We enjoyed our Superhero  
day! We completed super  
hero training and talked  
about what our super powers  
are, such as bravery and  
kindness!



I'm spreading  
love!



# Year 1 News

## Welcome to Year 1

We received an invitation from 'Biscuit Bear' inviting us to a Teddy Bears' Picnic. We made posters to advertise the picnic and wrote invitations to our own soft toys.



We went into the woodland to hunt for teddy bears then we played games and danced to music! Finally, we sat down to eat our delicious picnic - what a fantastic way to start our year together!



# Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1

Mrs Hill's Toy workshop was very interesting. We were fascinated to learn the stories behind Mrs Hill's impressive collection; some of her toys are 96 years old! We looked closely at the toys and did observational drawings of our favourite ones.

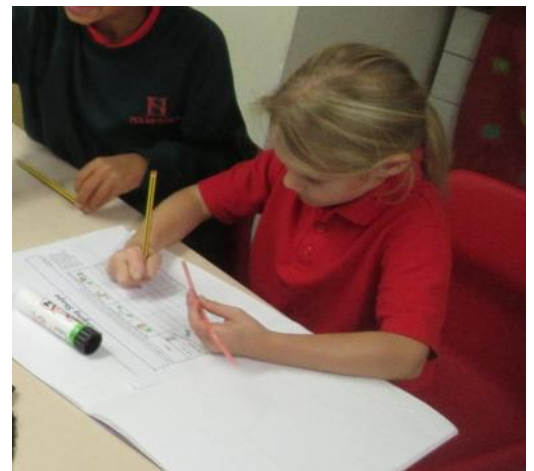


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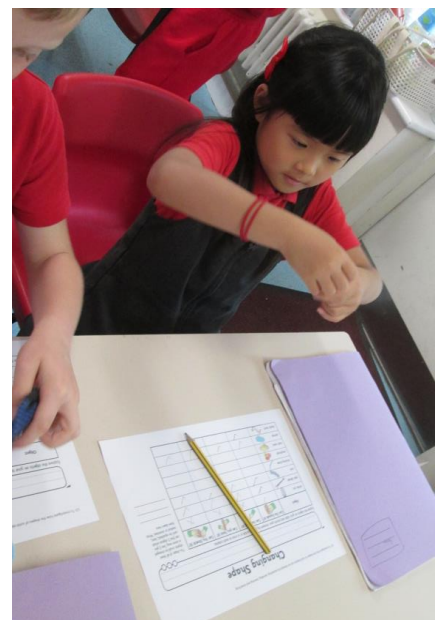
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In science we have had fun exploring different materials and their properties.

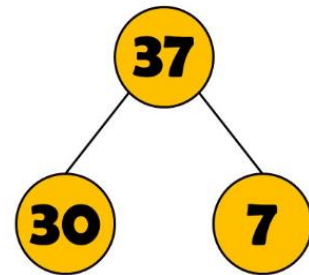
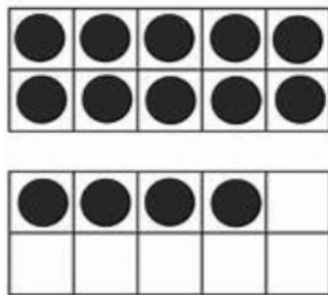
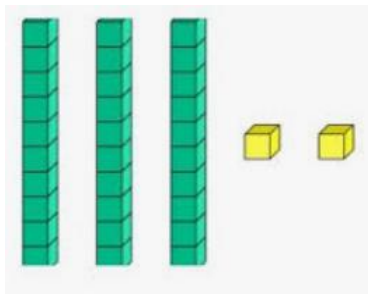


We learnt about the suitability of materials for certain objects and carried out an investigation to see which materials could be stretched, squashed, twisted or bent.

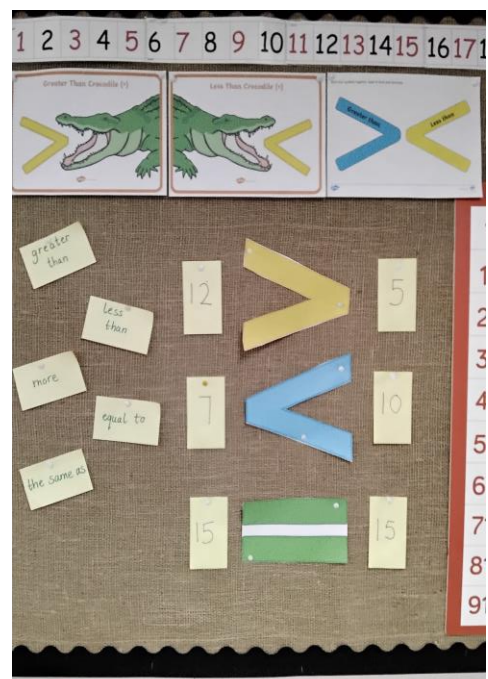
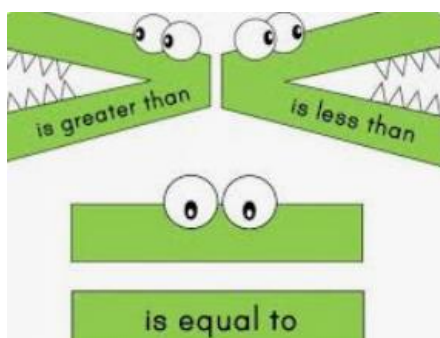


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In Maths we have been busy learning about place value and using different resources to make tens and ones and partition numbers in different ways. We have used manipulatives like base ten, tens frames and a part, part, whole model.



We have also been using our comparative language, like greater than, less than and equal/the same as to compare objects and numbers.



# SPORTS ROUND

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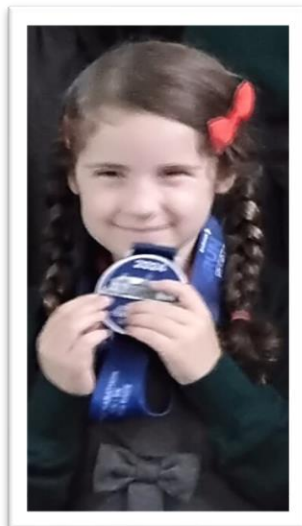
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We are very proud of everyone who took part. An outstanding achievement.

Well done to you all.

Thank you for sharing your photographs with us. We love seeing them.



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**RUN**  
REIGATE



We would love to hear from you about any sporting achievements. Perhaps you swam a width or length of the pool for the first time? You may have run your best distance or maybe you knocked down all the cans in a tin can alley game. Whatever the achievement, we'd love to hear about it. Send in your stories and photos to

[info@Holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@Holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk)

Thank you everyone.



Thank you to our clubs who have done a brilliant job enabling children to succeed in an enjoyable and welcoming environment.