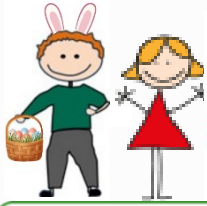
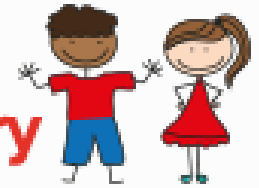




May 2025



Holmesdale Community Infant School and Nursery



HOLMESDALE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Mon 26th May – Fri 30th May
Half Term

Saturday 7th June
Summer Fair

Monday 9th June
Year 2 Trip to British Wildlife Centre
Reception Trip to Nower Wood

Wednesday 11th June 2025
Year 2 Trip to British Wildlife Centre

Monday 30th June
Arts Week





A MESSAGE FROM MRS MULLARKEY

Dear Families

It's been a wonderful half term, full of special moments and great learning across the school. I hope you enjoy reading about some of the highlights in this month's newsletter.

As always, the children have been busy with their reading, writing, maths and so much more. Their enthusiasm and positive attitudes to learning have been a real credit to them, and we're incredibly proud of all they've achieved. A big thank you to our fantastic staff team for their continued care, energy and dedication.

We've also really appreciated your support – whether it's been helping with reading and Numbots at home, coming along to PSA events, volunteering in school or joining us on trips. Your involvement makes such a difference and is truly valued.

Wishing you all a restful and refreshing half term break.

With best wishes

S. Mullarkey



Wear It Blue FOR MPS AWARENESS DAY



MPS Society
transforming lives through
support, research & awareness

THANK YOU! MPS Awareness Day was a massive success, the children danced their hearts out in their fantastic blue outfits, and it was lovely to see! Your kind generosity helped us raise £380!





Author of the Month

As part of our May Author of the Month, we've been learning about Michael Bond and the much-loved character Paddington Bear. The children discovered that Paddington got his name because he was found at London's Paddington Station with only a suitcase and a note that read "Please look after this bear. Thank you."

They were especially delighted to learn about Paddington's royal visit to Buckingham Palace as part of our late Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, where he offered Her Majesty one of his 'emergency' marmalade sandwiches, only to find that the Queen also kept one in her handbag!

The children are eagerly on lookout for the special 50p coins issued by The Royal Mint, showing Paddington at some of the UK's top landmarks, including The Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, St. Paul's Cathedral and Paddington Station.

Honouring his timeless contributions to children's literature, Michael Bond's cheerful picture lights up our literary wall of fame in our school library!



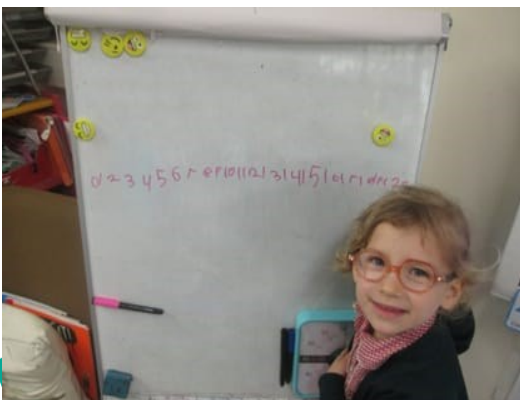
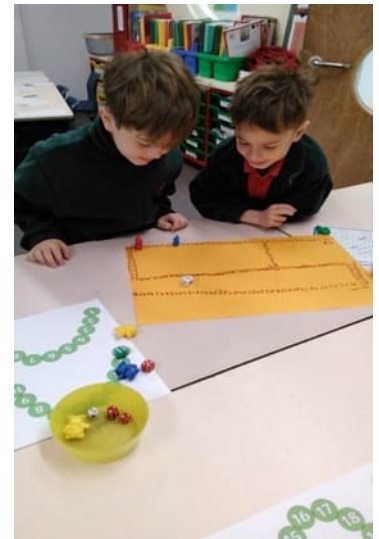


NATIONAL NUMERACY DAY

We all had great fun during National Numeracy Day on Wednesday 21st May.

Children learnt how important it is to enjoy numbers and how they are all around us!

Children had fun exploring this year's theme of money and got to take part in a variety of activities.





NATIONAL NUMERACY DAY



DANCE SHOW



Our Year 2 Dance Group had a brilliant time participating in the Greensands Multi Academy Trust Dance Festival! We performed our dance at The Hawth theatre in front of around 850 people!



We centered our dance around the theme of resilience, drawing inspiration from the story of the Incy Wincy Spider, who demonstrated determination and perseverance by continuously climbing despite challenges.



Earth Day

The children made some beautiful and colourful pledges to celebrate Earth Day. It was interesting to read their thoughts on the little things we can all do to help the environment.



Bee corridors

To teach the children the importance of bees, all the classes have planted bee-friendly flowers outside their classrooms. The tubs are recycled bean pots from the kitchen and will create a corridor welcoming bees to travel around our school.



INTERNET SAFETY



One of the topics children are taught in KS1 is all about personal information.

What is personal information?

It is worth talking to your child about which of the following is personal information, and therefore not something they should share with others online, and which of the following are not considered personal information.

Your name

Your
address

Your favourite
animal

The name of
the school
you go to

What you
ate for lunch

Your
phone
number

A song you
like

A sport you
like to play

Your
password

In school:

Through our E-safety curriculum, children are taught the importance of not sharing personal information online, as you may not know who you are sharing this information with or what will be done with the information.

At home:

You might like to discuss with your child(ren) which of the above information is suitable to share and with whom e.g. information you share online with family might be different to information you would share with anyone else. Discuss, is there some information you shouldn't share with anyone online?

WELCOME TO EYFS

MAY 2025

NURSERY AND RECEPTION

This month we have been talking about growing and journeys.



We grew cress and ate cress sandwiches. Yummy!

We went on an exciting trip to the train station and created models and drawings of different types of transport.



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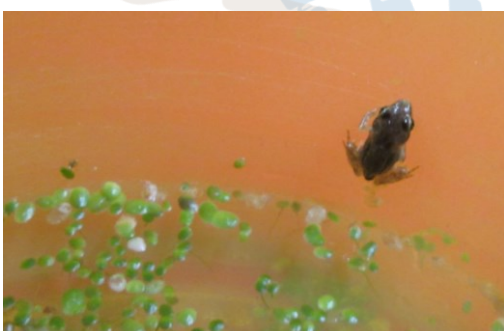
We have been learning about growing. We planted some sunflower seeds and watched them grow.



Whilst learning about spring, we have been drawing spring pictures and writing about them.



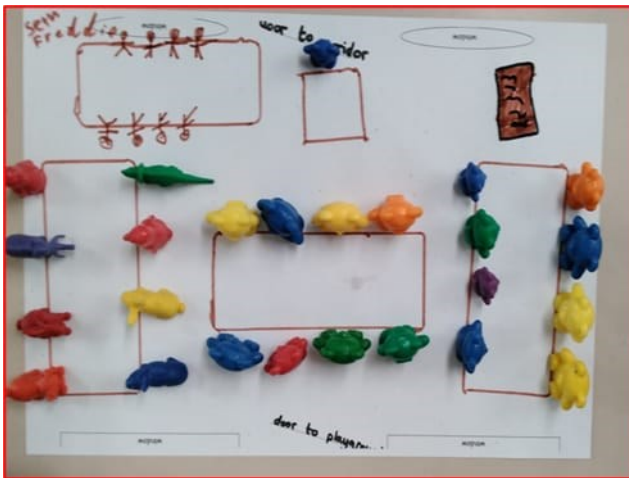
We have been enjoying observing tadpoles and how they have changed. We had a few tadpoles turn into froglets and enjoyed releasing them into our school pond.



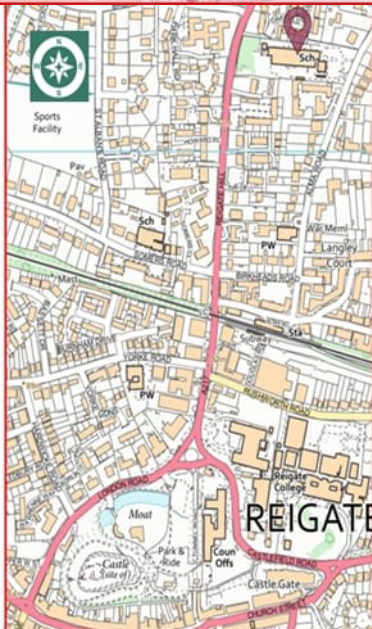
Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1

In geography, we have been learning about aerial views, using directional language and locating features on maps. We made 'messy maps' of our classrooms, using objects.



We decided to put our map reading skills to the test! We used a map to plan a route to Reigate Castle grounds.



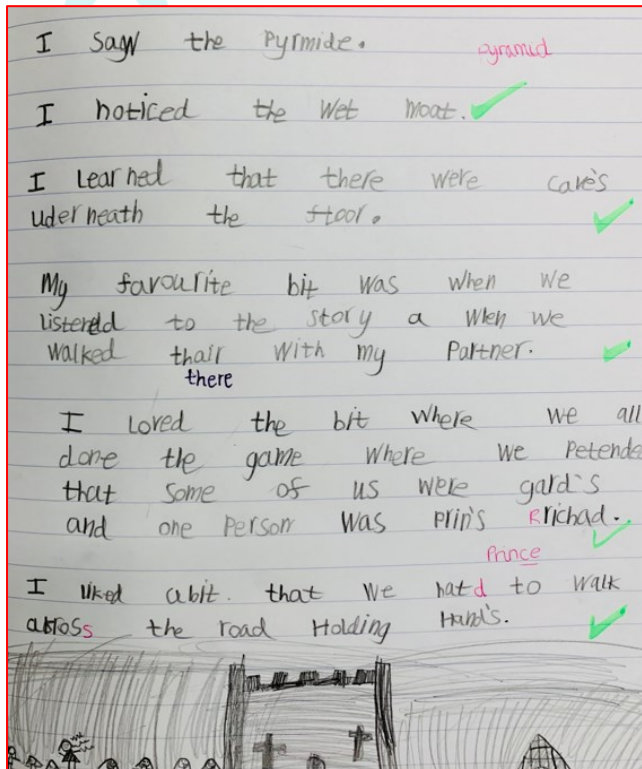
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We followed the route on our maps and looked for features such as the War Memorial and the level crossing.



Mrs Hill taught us about the history of Reigate Castle. Some of us pretended to be King Richard and his guards, defending the castle, and some of us were attacking the castle with newspaper arrows!



My partner was Jack.
I saw the ruins of Reigate castle.
I noticed that Mrs Hill had a megaphone.
I learned that Richard was beheaded.
My favourite bit was shooting the arrows.



WELCOME TO

YEAR 2 NEWS

HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL



We had a fantastic time at our Great Fire of London workshop.

We brought history to life by perfecting our drama skills. Everyone had a role, from shopkeeper to noble person. Some children even got to be the fire itself!



WELCOME TO

YEAR 2 NEWS

HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL

We designed, made
and evaluated our own
Tudor houses.



We recreated a street
in London in 1666. Look
how close together the
houses are!



SPORTS ROUND

WELCOME

THIS MONTH'S ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY UPDATES ►



Well done to Margaux, Raffy, Jacob, Felix and Noah who are part of The Old Reigatians RFC Rexes and Rhinos. They took part in the Guilfordians RFC Minis festival, and it sounds like it was a brilliant day!



Congratulations to Jack, Sam, Dionysios, and Zander for their achievement in completing the YMCA Fun Run on May 4th. Their determination and effort were rewarded with well-earned medals.

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Well done to Roman who had a brilliant first season with his U7 team, earning recognition for his talent and securing invitations from top clubs such as Arsenal and West Ham.



Jack had a great experience at Wimbledon Football Club. He won a competition which allowed him to present a trophy to the player of the year for AFC Wimbledon. Well done, Jack!



Congratulations to Bella who achieved a distinction on her ballet exam; a fantastic accomplishment and well-deserved recognition of her talent.

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Congratulations to Miss Gooding and Mrs. Ryan for taking part in the Women's Football Tournament at AFC Wimbledon. They played four matches against teams from across the London area. A special shoutout to Mrs. Ryan for scoring a goal, and to Miss Gooding for her amazing performance as midfielder. Well done!



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