

# Headlines

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS FORD, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

It seems impossible that it is half term already - where do the weeks go?! It has been a great start to the new school year and I am delighted the children, and parents, have been able to participate in a range of exciting activities, including our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon, Jeans for Genes Day, 'Meet the Teacher' Meetings, 'Celebration of Pupils' Work' sessions for Years 1 - 6 and, of course, the FOSS Halloween Infant/Junior Disco on Wednesday, which was a huge success.

We already have many exciting events and activities planned after the half term break, including the very popular 'FOSS Break the Rules at Stepgates Day' on Thursday 6th November.

There are many people I would like to say thank you to in this issue of Headlines; firstly, thank you to all the children in Kites Class who were outstanding ambassadors for the school during our Prospective Parents Open Mornings which were held on Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th and Tuesday 14th October. Our Year 6 children welcomed our visitors and conducted tours of the school. Once again, the feedback we received this year from prospective parents was very positive; they were very impressed with how well behaved, friendly and polite all the children were. Well done Kites! (We are also holding our Open Evening for prospective parents on Tuesday 18th November between 5pm and 7pm - Last tour 6:30pm - Places must be booked in advance).

I would also like to thank all parents/carers who attended our Parent-Teacher Consultation Meetings which were held this week and very well attended. If you were not able to meet your child's class teacher please contact them to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. These meetings are a valued opportunity for you to celebrate your child's achievements and support their learning.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents/carers for your generous donations of tins and non-perishables. These will be donated to Runnymede Foodbank, who provide food packs together with help and support for many families in our local community.



Our Harvest Festival celebrations have been a wonderful success again this year, despite the weather requiring a change of venue. On Thursday all pupils from Reception to Year 6 contributed to our Harvest service with a wonderful performance of Harvest songs and readings as part of the Service of Thanksgiving.

### PURPLE AND YELLOW MUFTI DAY

I am incredibly grateful to all parents/carers for supporting our Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) themed Mufti Day on Friday 17th October. Your generous donations for this very worthy cause are much appreciated.

### HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

Huge congratulations to our new Head Boy, Kieran EHF and new Head Girl, Ellie J, who were elected earlier this term. Congratulations also to our new Deputy Head Boy, Onur A and new Deputy Head Girl, Alexa S. I am sure they will be excellent role models in our school community.

Finally, I would like to thank all Governors, FOSS (Friends of Stepgates School), staff, parents/carers and children who continue to show their support, commitment and dedication to Stepgates.

I hope that you and your families are able to have a restful half term and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd November 2025.

Mrs T Ford  
Headteacher

**ATTENDANCE**

Congratulations to Kites and Hawks Classes for the best attendance in the last two weeks.

	6th-10th October	13th-17th October
<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	<b>94.8%</b>	<b>93.9%</b>
Ladybirds	94.1%	92.5%
Butterflies	91.5%	87.6%
Grasshoppers	95.8%	98.2%
Falcons	95.8%	94.2%
Hawks	96.3%	98.9%
Owls	90.6%	87.9%
Kites	98.2%	98.5%

# PROUD CORNER

**Well done to:**

- ◆ Paisley J, Year 2 - Swimming Certificate and Badge
- ◆ Kallum B, Year 2 - Football Medal
- ◆ Kohaku L, Year 3 - Rugby Medal x 2
- ◆ Bella C, Year 6 - Gym Medals (Team and Individual)
- ◆ Ella C, Year 5 - GOSH Charity Run Medal

Thank you for sharing your success with the children at our Whole School Assembly.

**HEADTEACHER AWARDS**

Well done to the following children who have been presented with Headteacher Awards:

- ◆ Alfie P, Year 5
- ◆ Adewonuola O, Year 6
- ◆ Romeo I, Year 6
- ◆ Joseph W, Year 3

**Well Done!**

A very well done to all those children who received a Well Done Certificate today.

**Keep up the good work!**

**HAWKS CLASS ASSEMBLY**

On Friday 17th October, Hawks Class delivered an assembly all about our whole class text 'Leon and the Place Between' by Angela McAllister. We had lots of fun learning our lines, using drama and acting skills, and creating artwork. We even made magic show tickets to hand out to people as they came into the hall. We particularly enjoyed learning the song that we performed at the end of our assembly. The song was called 'Magic' and fit the theme of our assembly very well.

We would all like to say a big thank you to our grown ups for coming to watch and support us!

**INSET DAY**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2025 FOR AN INSET DAY**

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

### **Is your child in Year 6?**

If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 you will need to apply for a secondary school place **by 31st October 2025.**

Apply online at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions)

### **Is your child starting school in September 2026?**

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 you will need to apply for a school place between **3rd November 2025 and 15th January 2026.**

Apply online at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions)

## **OPEN MORNINGS AND OPEN EVENING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS**

**We welcome all prospective parents to visit our wonderful school.**

Our Open Morning tours were held on:

Wednesday 8th October - 9:30am

Thursday 9th October - 9:30am

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October - 9:30am

**If you were unable to attend our Open Morning tours, but would like to visit Stepgates Community School, please contact the school office.**

## **Our Open Evening tours will be held on:**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November  
Between 5pm and 7pm (Last tour: 6:30pm)**

Please contact the school office either by telephone (01932 563022) or email ([events@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:events@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk)) to book a space. (If emailing, please specify which date you would prefer and provide a contact telephone number).

**All visits must be booked in advance**

## DATES - 2025/2026

### UPCOMING EVENTS - AUTUMN TERM 2025

Mon 27th Oct to Fri 31st Oct	Half Term
Monday 3rd November	Children return to school
Thursday 6th November	FOSS Break the Rules at Stepgates Day (For children in Reception to Year 6)
Friday 7th November	Falcons (Year 3) Class Assembly
Monday 10th November	Book Fair this week
Monday 10th November	Odd Socks Day (This is an Awareness Day - No donation required)
Thursday 13th November	Year 6 Junior Citizen
Thursday 13th November	World Kindness Day (This is an Awareness Day - No donation required)
Thursday 13th November	FOSS Meeting (AGM) 6pm
Friday 14th November	BBC Children in Need (Further details to follow)
Friday 21st November	Grasshoppers (Year 2) Class Assembly
Friday 28th November	FOSS Mufti Day - Bottle donation to support the planned Stepgates stall at the Chertsey Goose Fair on Saturday 6th December
Monday 1st December	INSET Day - School closed
Friday 5th December	Butterflies (Year 1) Class Assembly
Saturday 6th December	Chertsey Goose Fair
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Lunch followed by Pantomime
Friday 19th December	Last day of Autumn Term - Children finish at 1pm
Mon 22nd Dec to Fri 2nd Jan	Christmas Holidays

### SPRING TERM 2026

Monday 5th January	Children return to school
Thursday 12th February	Children finish at normal time for half term
Friday 13th February	INSET Day - School closed
Mon 16th to Fri 20th Feb	Half Term
Monday 23rd February	Children return to school
Friday 27th March	Last day of Spring Term - Children finish at 1pm
Mon 30th March to Fri 10th April	Easter Holidays

### SUMMER TERM 2025

Monday 13th April	Children return to school
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Mon 11th - Thurs 14th May	SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) Week
Wednesday 20th May	Class Photographs
Thursday 21st May	Sports Day (Weather Permitting)
Thursday 21st May	Children finish at normal time for half term
Friday 22nd May	INSET Day - School closed
Mon 25th to Fri 29th May	Half Term
Monday 1st June	Children return to school
Monday 8th June	INSET Day - School closed
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm

# FOSS NEWS AND EVENTS



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## RULES

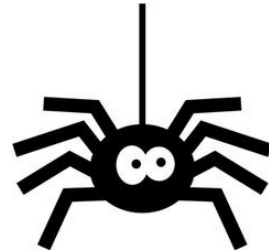
at Stepgates

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November

RULE	COST
Wear your own shoes or trainers	50p
Wear your own top, football shirt or hoodie	50p
Wear your own trousers, skirt or shorts	50p
Wear your PJ's or onesie to school	£1
Bring a treat to eat in class (50g max, no nuts)	50p
Eat your dessert before your main at lunch	50p
Change your name for the day	30p
Funky hair, socks or hat	30p
Fill your water bottle with squash instead of water	30p



You may choose to break all the rules or just one. You decide! Please ensure your child has the exact money at morning drop off on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November.



### FOSS HALLOWEEN DISCO

A huge thank you to all those who helped with the Halloween Disco on Wednesday 22nd October, which was a huge success.

Well done and thank you to all involved!



## Next FOSS meeting (AGM)

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025,  
6.00pm, Shared Area @ Stepgates

Everyone and anyone welcome!

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2025

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