

Headlines

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FORD, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school. I hope you all had a restful half term. We have a very busy term ahead of us with many activities already in the diary.

REMINDER - PARENT-TEACHER CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Parent-Teacher Consultation Meetings for this term will be held on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th March. We will follow the same format, i.e. face-to-face, with appointments held in the School Hall.

As these meetings are a valued opportunity for you to celebrate your child's achievements and support their learning, please contact your child's class teacher if you are not able to attend the meeting.

There will also be an opportunity for parents in Years R, 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 to attend our very popular 'Celebration of Pupils Work' sessions next week. As you know these are designed to give an opportunity to look through your child's work and see their classroom and learning environment. Please can you confirm with the class teacher if you plan on attending. Further details, including the date and time, have been sent separately, but for ease of reference these have also been added to the dates section of this newsletter (Page 4).

PRIDE

This half term's School Value is 'Pride'. The children will be focusing on taking pride in their appearance and the environment during assembly and in class. Please encourage them to think about things they can be proud of in themselves, their families and in our school or wider community.

'FAVOURITE SPORTS PERSON' MUFTI DAY

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all parents who supported our Mufti Day today, helping to raise funds for a new Stepgates football kit. Your continued support and generosity is very much appreciated by the staff at Stepgates and, of course, the children.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day next Thursday (5th March), which will be a Mufti Day. The children may come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book, and bring the book along to share with their friends. To celebrate World Book Day the children will also have a fantastic opportunity to use the creative arts alongside reading, as each class will be taking part in a workshop lead by 'West End in Schools'.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

I have seen an increase in the number of children wearing trainers to school and would like to remind parents trainers are not permitted in school, unless your child is wearing their PE Kit or is taking part in Forest School sessions. I would like to see all children wearing black school shoes. If there are exceptional circumstances, please contact your child's class teacher to discuss.

Mrs T Ford
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE
Congratulations to Ladybirds
Class for the best
attendance in the last two
weeks.

	2nd-6th February	9th-13th February
WHOLE SCHOOL	93.1%	94.1%
Ladybirds	96.4%	96.6%
Butterflies	93.6%	95.8%
Grasshoppers	93.3%	92.4%
Falcons	90.6%	90.9%
Hawks	94.0%	90.4%
Owls	87.7%	94.5%
Kites	95.2%	96.2%

PROUD CORNER

Well done to:

- ◆ Oscar H, Year R - Stage Coach Bear For Bravery & Confidence
- ◆ Sapphire B, Year 2 - Cheerleading Medal
- ◆ Crystal B, Year 3 - Cheerleading Medal
- ◆ Isla-Rose S, Year 4 - Gymnastics medal
- ◆ Charlie W, Year 2 - Man Of The Match Football Medal
- ◆ Isabella HEK, Year 5 - Dance Medal & Trophy
- ◆ Bella G, Year 4 - Gymnastics 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:

- Marley H, Year 3
- Aimee A, Year 3
- Lucas G, Year 3
- Cleo C, Year R

Well Done!

A very well done to all those children who received a Well Done Certificate at the end of last half term.

Keep up the good work!

HAWKS CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Friday 6th February 2026, Hawks Class delivered an assembly about Ancient Greece.

Three time travellers and The Doctor explored different areas of Ancient Greek history, including Athens, Sparta, Olympia and the agora. They travelled in the Tardis, which made some very strange noises! Our favourite part was the song at the end, called 'Go Olympians'. It was all about Ancient Greek Olympic events and was very catchy. We hope everyone that came to our assembly, enjoyed it and learnt something new.

Written by Hawks Class

GRASSHOPPERS FIRE SAFETY TALK

Year 2 had an exciting visit from Surrey Fire and Rescue education services last half term. We talked about dangers we might find in the home, and who can help us if we find ourselves in trouble. Grasshoppers Class took part in some role play to make a phone call to 999 and sequenced the events if we need assistance from the fire brigade. We told Julie from Surrey Fire Service all we knew about the events of the Great Fire of London and talked about how different things are today!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Value we are learning about
this half term is...



Pride

Emergency Contact

Details

Please can you make sure that we have all your up to date telephone numbers and email addresses.

If we have the wrong details, we may not be able to contact you in an emergency.

Are you looking for a Nursery place for your child in September 2026?

We are now commencing the admission process for our Sunbeams Nursery for September 2026

If your child was born between

1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024

If your child is under three years of age, we offer EITHER five morning sessions (9:00am to 12:00 noon) OR five afternoon sessions (12:30pm to 3:30pm). You may choose less than five sessions but we would recommend you choose at least two sessions per week.

For eligible parents we offer four 'Free Early Education for Two year olds' (FEET) places, for which a copy letter proving eligibility from Surrey County Council needs to be provided to secure this place.

(For eligibility please see: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/childcare-professionals/providing-free-early-education/providing-free-early-education-for-two-year-olds#>)

If your child was born between

1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023

We offer 15 hour funded places on a two and a half day split; either Monday full day, Tuesday full day and Wednesday morning OR Wednesday afternoon, Thursday full day and Friday full day.

For eligible parents we offer 30 hour free childcare places, for which a code from HMRC's Childcare Choices Website needs to be provided to secure this place. For eligibility please see:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

For further information and/or an Application Form, please contact:

Mrs C Purkiss. Business Manager
Telephone: 01932 563022 / Email: admin@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk

DATES - 2025/2026

UPCOMING EVENTS - SPRING TERM 2026

Tuesday 3rd March	Grasshoppers Class (Yr 2) 'Celebration of Pupils Work' Session (2:45pm)
Tuesday 3rd March	Owls Class (Year 5) 'Celebration of Pupils Work' Session (2:45pm)
Wednesday 4th March	Butterflies Class (Yr 1) 'Celebration of Pupils Work' Session (2:45pm)
Wednesday 4th March	Hawks Class (Year 4) 'Celebration of Pupils Work' Session (2:45pm)
Friday 6th March	Falcons (Year 3) Class Assembly
Friday 6th March	Reception Class 'Celebration of Pupils Work' Session (2:45pm)
Friday 6th March	Kites Class (Year 6) 'Celebration of Pupils Work' Session (2:45pm)
Monday 9th March	FOSS Mother's Day Gift Stall
Monday 9th March	Parent-Teacher Consultation Evenings
Tuesday 10th March	Parent-Teacher Consultation Evenings
Wednesday 11th March	FOSS Mother's Day Gift Stall
Friday 13th March	Butterflies (Year 1) Class Assembly
Wed 18th - Fri 20th March	Hawks Class (Year 4) Residential Trip
Friday 20th March	Red Nose Day
Friday 27th March	Last day of Spring Term - Children finish at 1pm
Mon 30th March to Fri 10th April	Easter Holidays

SUMMER TERM 2025

**DURING MAY ASSESSMENTS FOR ALL CLASSES WILL TAKE PLACE.
NO AUTHORISED ABSENCES WILL BE GRANTED DURING THIS TIME**

Monday 13th April	Children return to school
Tuesday 14th April	FOSS Happy School Bag 'Drop Off'
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



A selection of gifts will be available for your child to purchase as a **Mother's Day** gift for that special person in their life.

£3.50 per gift

Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th March

The gift shop will take place during school hours.



HAPPYSCHOOLBAG CLOTHES COLLECTION

HappySchoolBag is an organisation that helps raise funds for schools and other charities by collecting unwanted clothes.

If you have recently had a sort out, or are planning a 'clear out' but have nowhere to take your unwanted clothes and items, look no further than here!

Please return filled bags to the collection point (school car park gates) on Tuesday 14th April between 8.00am and 9.00am and 3.00pm and 4.00pm.

Thank you for your support!

ADVERTISEMENTS

We are regularly asked if we can advertise a variety of external organisations in the form of flyers/posters etc. The following page(s) contain advertisement requests we have received from external organisations.

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BOYS FOOTBALL 4 Day Easter Camp




WHAT?
 Technical development/1st touch/receiving the ball.
 Team games / combinations / 3v3, Defensive techniques and understanding.
 Finishing & 4 aside transitions – attacking and defending.



WHERE?
 3G Pitch
 ABBEY RANGERS FC
 Addlestone
 KT15 2QH

WHEN?
 Wednesday 1st April
 Thursday 2nd April
 Wednesday 8th April
 Thursday 9th April
 (8.30am – 4.00pm)

AGE?
 Under 5 (Reception)
 Under 6 (Year 1)
 Under 7 (Year 2)
 Under 8 (Year 3)
 Under 9 (Year 4)
 Under 10 (Year 5)

DAILY COST?
 £35.00

M:07825 089500 **E: tom@tasportscoaching.co.uk**

GIRLS FOOTBALL COURSE FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2026

Monday 16th February
Tuesday 17th February

Venue:- Abbey Rangers Football Club (KT15 2QH)
Times:- 8.30am – 4.00pm
£35.00 Daily / £65.00 Two Day

Designed for girls of all abilities aged between 5yrs to 13yrs!

- Playing in a fun, challenging & safe environment.
- Meeting new friends that have an interest in football.
- Develop technique, speed, tactics & improve skills & confidence.
- Professional FA qualified coaching.
- 3G Pitch and use of clubhouse.

If you would like further information or would like to book a place for your daughter to attend, please kindly contact Tom on 07825 089500 or email tom@tasportscoaching.co.uk

