

Headlines

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FORD, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a very busy and successful few weeks at school, with so much to celebrate. This has included sporting successes, exciting school trips and, most importantly, fantastic learning across all year groups.

On Tuesday 30th June, children in Years R to 5 will visit their new classrooms and spend the afternoon with their new class teachers as part of our transition process for moving up to the next year group in September. This will be an exciting opportunity for the children, and I am sure they will enjoy learning more about what lies ahead in the next academic year. The children will also take part in an additional transition morning on Wednesday 8th July, providing a further opportunity to become familiar with their new teachers and classrooms.

Year 6 pupils have been busy preparing for their move to secondary school. As part of their end-of-year celebrations, they will present their production, 'Grossbusters: A Monster Musical', on Tuesday 14th July. We look forward to what promises to be a wonderful performance.

Transition visits for our new Nursery and Reception children are already taking place, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming all of our new starters in September.

There are still many exciting events to look forward to before the end of term, including the much anticipated FOSS Colour Run on Friday 3rd July. On Saturday 11th July, we will be taking part in the Black Cherry Fair Parade and, once again, we hope to shine within the local community through our walking procession. (Please see the separate flyer from FOSS for further details).

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES FOR SPRING TERM

Thank you to all parents/carers who completed the Spring Term Parent Questionnaire. We are delighted that the feedback was overwhelmingly positive across all year groups, with many lovely and constructive comments received. We received 80 responses:

Q1. My child is happy at Stepgates	99% answered Strongly Agree/Agree
Q2. My child feels safe at Stepgates	97.5% answered Strongly Agree/Agree
Q3. Stepgates makes sure its pupils are well behaved	98.75% answered Strongly Agree/Agree
Q4. If your child has been bullied, did Stepgates deal with the bullying quickly and effectively? (or move to Q5 if N/A)	95% answered Not applicable (N/A) or Strongly Agree/Agree
Q5. When I have raised concerns with Stepgates, they have been dealt with properly (or move to Q6 if N/A)	95% answered Not applicable (N/A) or Strongly Agree/Agree
Q6. Stepgates makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	98.75% answered Strongly Agree/Agree
Q7. Stepgates has high expectations for my child	96.25% answered Strongly Agree/Agree
Q8. My child does well at Stepgates	100% answered Strongly Agree/Agree
Q9. Stepgates lets me know how my child is doing	97.5% answered Strongly Agree/Agree
Q10. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at Stepgates	98.75% answered Strongly Agree/Agree
Q11. My child can take part in clubs and activities at Stepgates	100% answered Strongly Agree/Agree
Q12. Stepgates supports my child's wider personal development.	86.25% answered Strongly Agree/Agree 13.75% answered 'Don't know' - We will take steps to ensure parents feel better informed in this area
Q13. Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)?	86.25% answered NO, with 13.75% answering YES
Q14. My child has SEND and Stepgates gives them the support they need to succeed.	100% answered Not applicable (N/A) or Strongly Agree/Agree
Q15. I would recommend Stepgates to another parent.	100% answered YES

MESSAGE FROM MRS FORD, HEADTEACHER Cont'd...

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES FOR SPRING TERM CONT'D...

In Autumn Term you asked for more clubs and we hope we have addressed this in Spring Term. Please see comments below:

Spring term clubs has been brilliant for my daughter. She is really enjoying taking part in all the different clubs she attends. Maybe a few more clubs for the children in the winter months.

Thank you for listening on the feedback re clubs this term. It's massively helped and all 3 really are enjoying Netball, Dance Crew and Forest School. Thanks to the teachers running them.

I would like to thank you all, on behalf of my staff, for the many wonderful comments received. Here are just a few:

- * *We LOVE Stepgates! They go above and beyond daily* * *Truly wonderful school*
- * *All the best in Stepgates School! Thanks for all support!* * *Keep it up Stepgates!*
- * *My child loves every day at Stepgates* * *Good and supportive staff. Excellent school*
- * *Is the best School, and I am so happy for my son!* * *Keep up the good work!*
- * *Very holistic approach for children that need a bit of extra help but do not fall under SEN*

All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend our Celebration of Work Open Evening on Thursday 16th July, between 3:30pm and 5:00pm.

Finally, I must say a huge thank you to all parents/carers for the 'bottle' donations to support the Stepgates 'Tombola Stall' at the Black Cherry Fair. Your continued generosity is very much appreciated.

**Mrs T Ford
Headteacher**

	8th-12th June	15th-19th June
WHOLE SCHOOL	93.7%	93.1%
Ladybirds	97.0%	95.5%
Butterflies	89.8%	93.1%
Grasshoppers	93.9%	92.7%
Falcons	96.2%	92.1%
Hawks	89.7%	95.6%
Owls	91.2%	90.3%
Kites	95.5%	96.4%

ATTENDANCE

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

PROUD CORNER

Well done to:

- ◆ Leo W, Year 2 - Football Trophies & Medals
- ◆ Clay C, Year 4 - Football Medals
- ◆ Lucas G, Year 3 - Player of The Year Trophy Football
- ◆ Summer S, Year 5 - Painted Art Skill
- ◆ Paige A, Year 3 - Tap Exams Certificate & Trophy
- ◆ Mia N, Year 3 - Tap Exam Certificate & Trophy
- ◆ Dakota W, Year 3 - Tap Exam Certificate & Trophy
- ◆ Bronte W, Year R - Tap & Ballet Rosettes/Certificates
- ◆ Cleo C, Year R - Rainbows Promise Badges & Certificate
- ◆ Lottie J, Year R- Rainbows Promise Badges & Certificate
- ◆ Crystal B, Year 1 - Cheerleading Certificate
- ◆ Ivy W, Year R - Ballet & Tap Rosettes
- ◆ Ellie-May S, Year 4 - South Regional Tournament for Karate

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:

- Annabella HEK, Year 2
- Aaron C, Year 5
- Ezra A, Year 3
- Maisie L, Year 3
- Grace H, Year 3
- Aimee A, Year 3
- Noah V, Year 3

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Owls Trip to Kew Gardens

On Thursday 11th June 2026 Year 5 went to Kew Garden because our topic in Geography is Rainforests. There were lots of greenhouses filled with tropical plants, flowers and even waterfalls and little ponds with real fish! We also saw venus fly traps and purple pitcher plants. There was a really high bridge called The Tree Top Walkway, which we walked along. We saw some very large Henry Moore sculptures, who we had learnt about recently in Art. We loved our trip, it was so interesting.



Written by Piper.



Busy Bees Trip to The Look out

Busy Bees enjoyed a day out at The Look Out in Bracknell. The children enjoyed exploring the resources indoors including the water play area, building zone, science area and sensory zone.

Outside, children played in the park; climbing, spinning and swinging on all the equipment!

It was a lovely day out which supported lots of sensory needs of our pupils!

A special thanks to those parents who supported the Busy Bees on our little adventure.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



KITES CLASS VISIT TO GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL



On Monday 15th June, we all went to Guildford Cathedral by coach. When we got there, we were lucky to try four activities. Our first activity was 'Wow' (a good moment in Primary School)

Reggie

We began our service by going around the cathedral doing many activities, reflecting on our time at Stepgates and what we have to come.

Joey

We did some indoor reflective activities around the cathedral, such as our proud moment, what we are looking forward to at our new school and thinking of a person we are thankful for supporting us throughout our primary journey, and our regret.

Wonu

First, we thought about our proudest moment and wrote this on a flag, we then made pipe cleaner mini-humans to say thank you to someone who has helped us in Primary School, then we wrote on a star what we are excited about when we go to high school and in our final activity, we thought about our regrets and washed our bad thoughts off a muddy stone.

Callum

After, we took our seats in the cathedral (Stepgates were at the front). First a beautiful song was played on the organ. After, the Bishop and Canon led the service and prayed for Jesus to be our light for the years ahead.

Amber

The candle-bearer held a lit candle and held it up above their head for our school - representing Jesus.

Bella

In conclusion, we had so much fun and thank you for letting us come to this wonderful place.

Ruby

Overall, we had an amazing day and enjoyed reflecting on our time at Stepgates.

Ellie

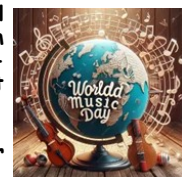


Ladybirds Class Assembly

On Friday 19th June, it was Ladybird's Class assembly. They did an amazing job of telling us all about World Music Day which happens every year on 21st June. They explained that people all over the world play music, sing and dance together to help share the universal language of music.

As well as some clear and confident speaking, they demonstrated traditional instruments from around the world including a djembe drum display from Africa. We also had a splendid performance of Riverdance from some Ladybird Flatleys as well as some super singing which the class has used as part of their learning this year.

Well done Ladybirds - we are proud of all you bring to our school and your confidence during your assembly showed this perfectly.



DATES - 2025/2026

Monday 29th June	Hawks Class (Year 4) trip to Chertsey Museum
Tuesday 30th June and Wednesday 1st July	Secondary School Induction Days - (Please check with individual school for further details)
Thursday 2nd July	Grasshoppers (Year 2) Class Assembly (rearranged from 26.06.26)
Friday 3rd July	Butterflies (Year 1) Class Assembly
Friday 3rd July	FOSS 'Colour Run'
Thursday 9th July	Grasshoppers Class (Year 2) trip to Legoland
Saturday 11th July	Black Cherry Fair
Tuesday 14th July	Kites Class (Year 6) Production (Afternoon & Evening Performance)
Wednesday 15th July	Butterflies Class (Year 1) trip to Milestones Museum
Thursday 16th July	Celebration of Work Evening - 3:30-5pm
Friday 17th July	FOSS Break the Rules at Stepgates Day
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm

TERM DATES ACADEMIC YEAR - 2026/2027

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE 5 INSET DAYS WHEN THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO CHILDREN. THESE ARE:

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Monday 26th July 2027
- Tuesday 27th July 2027
- Wednesday 28th July 2027
- There will be one further INSET Day to add, which will be in June. This will be advised as soon as possible

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Tuesday 1st September 2026 - INSET Day - School closed

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 - Children in Years 1-6 start school

Friday 16th October 2026 - Children finish at normal time for half term

(Half Term - Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October 2026) - **Two weeks**

Monday 2nd November 2026 - Children return to school

Friday 18th December 2026 - Last day of Autumn term - Children finish at 1pm

(Christmas holidays - Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027)

SPRING TERM 2027

Monday 4th January 2027 - Children return to school

Friday 12th February 2027 - Children finish at normal time for half term

(Half Term - Monday 15th to Friday 19th February 2027)

Monday 22nd February 2027 - Children return to school

Thursday 25th March 2027 - Last day of Spring term - Children finish at 1pm

(Easter holidays - Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027)

SUMMER TERM 2027

Monday 12th April 2027 - Children return to school

Monday 3rd May 2027 - Bank Holiday - School closed

Friday 28th May 2027 - Children finish at normal time for half term

(Half Term - Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027)

Monday 7th June 2027 - Children return to school

Friday 23rd July 2027 - Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm



Thank you

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their help and support with the Father's Day Stall.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to parents/carers for supporting this FOSS event.

FOSS

BREAK

THE

RULES

at Stepgates

Friday 17th July

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 Friday 17th July.



As always, we need your help with this. This year, it is very simple. **We need as many children* and parents as possible to turn up and walk with us!** Turn up wearing...

- Red or white t-shirts
- Medieval costumes such as Knights / Queens / Kings / Tabards / Armour

We will have props to walk with or carry, but if you have anything you can think of (such as a bell or a knight's shield), please do bring it along too.

Every year, Stepgates creates its own fabulous float and proudly walks the route. To continue this tradition, we rely on the participation of our community of children, parents, carers and friends.

Last year, we won BEST FLOAT for the second year in a row! To follow up on this success, we are planning on shining within our community by creating a simple walking procession.

The theme this year is Myths and Legends. With this in mind, we have decided to bring it back to our local roots and highlight Chertsey's very own **Blanche Heriot**, a legendary heroine who lived in the 1400's during the War of the Roses. It is said that in order to gain time for her lover's pardon to arrive from London, she clung to the clapper of the enormous bell in the belfry tower, thereby saving his life from a certain death.



*Infants and Juniors will need to be accompanied to the starting point of Free Prae Road and then picked up immediately after the procession at Abbey Fields. Sunbeams children will need to be accompanied on the procession. Adults are also invited to join us to walk. Exact timings will be given nearer the time, although likely to be between **9:15 – 11 am**

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday
11th July
2026



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📍 Egham CC, Vicarage Road, Egham, TW20 8NP

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📅 27th to 30th July
24th to 27th August

🕒 9am – 3pm

📍 Staines & Laleham CC, Worple Road, Staines-upon-Thames, Middlesex, TW18 1HR

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17th to 20th August

🕒 9am – 3pm

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