

Sunbeams Newsletter 1



FORTNIGHT COMMENCING 14TH SEPTEMBER 26

Latest News

We are so excited to start the new term and get to know all the new faces. In Sunbeams this year we will have; our Teachers Miss Dyos & Miss Shand (job share). Early Years Practitioners; Miss Philips, Miss Jude, Miss Joseph, Mrs Sebastian (am), Miss Chennell (pm), On Thursdays Mr Todd (our P.E coach) joins us as well.

Nursery hours: Please use the side gate to enter and exit. Our start times are 9am (or 12:30pm for the afternoon sessions). Our finishing times are 3pm (or 3:30pm for an afternoon session). We will endeavor to open the gate to release the children as close to 2:55pm as possible everyday to allow parents with siblings at other local schools enough time to collect them.

This term, our theme is "**My Family**" — a topic designed to help children explore the people, places, and things that make up their everyday lives. From family and friends to homes, pets, favourite foods, and special traditions, we'll be celebrating what makes each child's world unique and special.



How You Can Join In

We'd love for families to get involved! Please share on Tapestry or send in photos, stories, or objects from home that reflect your child's world, feel free to send them in so we can add them to our display. These will help us build a rich and inclusive learning environment where every child feels seen and celebrated.

Important Dates

Half Term - Mon 19th October to Fri 30th October 2026

Christmas holidays - Mon 21st Dec 2026 to Fri 1st Jan 2027

Books we will be reading

Hello friend - Rebecca Cob

The family book - Todd Parr

We all belong - Alex Gross

Which food will you choose? -Claire Potter

All sorts - Pippa Goodhart

The Colour Monster -!



Messages

Water bottles and food in Nursery. Please can you bring in a named water bottle with only water (not squash or juice) in it. Please do not bring any food into the Nursery as we have children with various severe food allergies. The children are offered a wide range of fruit in the morning and afternoon when they visit the snack bar.

Birthdays As we are a school that promotes healthy eating and good dental hygiene we request that sweets are not brought into school, even for birthdays. If you would like your child to give out gifts for their birthday we have found stickers or raisins work well.

Tapestry At least one parent should have been sent a link so you can log in to Tapestry and see what wonderful things your child has been up to. If you are having trouble getting on please email

Missdyos@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk

Where to find information.

Please use our website to find out key dates, including term times and INSET days

<https://www.stepgatesschool.co.uk>

Who to contact:

Office (to report absence, late pick up or other urgent information) office@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk

The teacher for non-urgent information:

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