



Newsletter

27th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

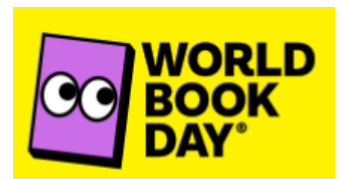
Junior Citizen Workshop

Earlier this month year 6 attended the Reigate & Banstead Junior Citizenship workshop. This event is designed to provide children with life skills that will enable them to keep themselves and others safe. There were presentations and work shops from emergency services and other local agencies, all focussed on giving increasingly independent year 6 children, as they transition to secondary schools, a greater awareness of everyday risks and how to overcome them, for example railway safety. As you can see in the photos this also included resuscitation skills and healthy eating.



World Book Day Thursday 5th March

Just a quick reminder that World Book Day is next week and the children have a choice of what to wear. They can either come in comfy clothes or dressed as their favourite book character. We are saying **no** football kits, this has led to poor behaviour in the past and is not linked to celebrating books and reading. All children are encouraged to bring their favourite book as they will be doing a variety of activities including sharing their favourite stories in their house teams.



We are running a competition, with book tokens as prizes, that all children can enter. We would like them to bring photos of them reading in the most unusual place they can. **Photos should not use AI.** Year 4, who will be on their residential, can bring their photos in before they leave if they wish to take part.

We regularly receive donations of books for our library from parents and, over time, have collected too many copies of some books and authors e.g. Horrid Henry, David Walliams etc. We also have books donated that aren't so relevant or useful in school. On World Book Day, in the afternoon, there will be a table with all these book and families are welcome to take them. Please don't be offended if something you have donated is there, we just don't need them and want other families to benefit.

Attendance

Punctuality is an important part of good attendance and we are seeing a rise in families arriving after 8.55 am. The children should be in class for registration by then and will have missed the valuable early morning activities that each class plans, to support learning and engage the children ready for the day.

Please aim to have your child/ren in school for 8.45 am when the doors open so they do not miss out. Children arriving after the register often find they have missed important learning information and can disrupt lessons that have begun. We will be writing to families who are regularly late to offer support.

Please see attached the class average attendance percentages, well done to Squirrels!

The school's attendance policy can be found at; [Attendance Policy September 2025 StJ](#)

Arbor Parent Portal

Please look out for an email that will be sent shortly regarding logging in to the Arbor parent portal. If you have any problems accessing the application or website please do contact the office as we will be using this channel for parent evening bookings soon.

A few important reminders:

Nail Varnish

Nail varnish should not be worn to school and we expect that it will be completely removed for school days.

Collection changes

Please ensure that you notify the office before 2.30pm if your child is going to be collected by someone other than yourself, we may not see an email in time if it is sent later. If there is a need after 2.30pm to make a change, please call the office on 01737 763804.

Morning drop-off times

Please be aware that the school gates do not open until 8.30am and it is from that point that the playground is supervised by staff, please do not leave children unsupervised outside the gates before 8.30am. Infant's parents/carers must wait in the playground until their children are passed to the infant teachers at 8.45am.

Free School Meals / Pupil Premium eligibility

If you believe that your child may be eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office for a form to complete.

Sickness and diarrhoea

Children should not return to school until **48 hours** after the last bout of illness. Please also remember to provide the school office with copies of hospital or doctor's appointment letters.

Greensand vacancies

Please see details of vacancies across the Greensand Trust [here](#).

Data Sept 25 to present

Group	% Attend
Squirrels	97.8
Falcons	97.3
Deer	97.0
Owls	96.9
Hedgehogs	96.1
Otters	96.1
Rabbits	95.1

Upcoming Events

March	
4 th – 6 th	Yr4 Marchants Hill residential
5 th	World Book Day
11 th – 13 th	Yr5 Windmill Hill residential
12 th	Yr4 Deer class assembly
17 th	Drusilla's trip – Yr1 & Yr2
20 th	Yr5 Easter experience
20 th	Quiz – Friends event
22 nd	Yr5/6 Redhill Rising Sunday workshop (at Donyngs)
23 rd	Parents' evening 3.30-6pm
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25 th	KS2 Choir Dorking Halls
27 th	Easter Service in St John's Church 9.10 am
27 th	Last day of term – early finish Infants 1.20pm, lower KS2 Y3&4 1.25pm, upper KS2 Y5&6 1.30pm
April	
13 th	Back to School
16 th	Yr5/6 Redhill Rising event (at the Belfry) 11am
22 nd	Yr5 Falcons class assembly
29 th	YrR Rabbits class assembly
May	
6 th – 7 th	Yr3 High Ashurst residential
11 th – 14 th	Yr6 SATS week
15 th	Summer disco – Friends event
20 th	Yr3 Owls class assembly
25 th – 29 th	Half-term
June	
4 th	Class photos
13 th	Summer fair – Friends event
19 th	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
22 nd – 26 th	Yr6 Brenscombe residential
30 th	Yr6 Secondary school visits
July	
1 st	Yr1 Hedgehogs and Yr2 Squirrels class assembly
17 th	Yr6 Leaver's assembly
17 th	Last day of term – early finish Infants 1.20pm, lower KS2 Y3&4 1.25pm, upper KS2 Y5&6 1.30pm

School Governor's Meetings

The meetings for this academic year will take place on the following dates;

18th Mar 2026

20th May 2026

1st July 2026

If you would like any further information, please contact the Clerk on clerk@stjohn-redhill.surrey.sch.uk



A helping hand for a *healthier family*

Do you need help to achieve a healthy weight for your child or teenager?

Be Your Best is a funded healthy lifestyle programme for Surrey families with children & teenagers aged 5-17 years, who are above the healthy weight range.

We can help you make a positive difference to your child or teenager's health & wellbeing.

The programme is made up of one-to-one and group sessions:

Sessions include

- Live cooking workshop
- Meal planning for the whole family
- Easy food swaps
- Managing screen time
- How to become an active family
- Importance of sleep

One-to-one sessions

With a health & wellbeing advisor at a mutually agreed time & location

Online group sessions for parents/carers

Week days after school via Zoom

Online physical activity sessions

Group sessions via zoom or on-demand video content

"Me and my boys are really enjoying this programme and we are so grateful to be taking part." - Mum

Find out more :



Calling all budding musicians, singers, actors and public speakers....it's not too late to enter the Reigate and Redhill Music and Drama Festival. With over 250 different entry categories across 12 different sections, this year's fun and friendly event has something for everyone. Visit the syllabus online at www.rrfestival.org and submit your entry by Sunday 1 March.

RR: Reigate Redhill & Festival

Celebrating Performance
in Music and Drama



www.rrfestival.org
Registered charity no 1209178

Enter now!

Join us for Reigate and Redhill Festival: a fun and friendly celebration of music, speech and drama.

- For children and adult amateur musicians:
 - Brass, Choirs, Classical Guitar, Group Music, Harp & Clarsach, Piano & Organ, Strings, Vocal, Woodwind (inc. Recorders)
- Concerto Competition for musicians aged 20 and under
- Rock, Pop and Urban for soloists and groups, aged 10 to 19
- Speech and Drama for Reception to Year 13

See our online syllabus for details of over 250 competitive and non-competitive entry categories.

Entries from £5

Festival dates:
28 April–22 May 2026



Entries close: 25 February 2026