



Newsletter

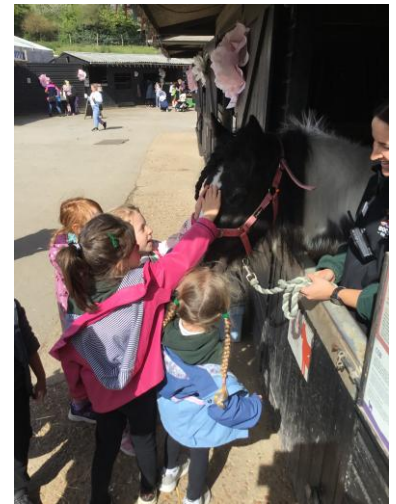
26th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

How lovely to finally see some sunshine! Children can wear their summer uniforms now, we do have a good collection of summer dresses in our store. We are no longer taking cash payments at school, so please do use the 'Second hand uniform 25/26' option on ScoPay under trips and events to make a contribution. This money will then be donated to The Shonda Project.

Bocketts Farm

Rabbits class enjoyed their trip to Bocketts Farm last week, where they met various animals and had great fun around the farm.



Redhill Rising

On 16th April years 5 and 6 took part in a special performance with other local schools as part of the Redhill Rising Project. This youth arts project celebrates Redhill's evolving identity through music, drama and storytelling, and culminated in a mass community performance at The Belfry Shopping Centre. After lots of practice in school, including workshops run by Franklin Music, they filled the balconies in The Belfry and sang brilliantly. We are especially proud of our soloists George and Faith in year 5, Anisa and Lily in year 6.



Sports day

We can now confirm that Sports Day will be on Thursday 18th June. Parents and families are welcome to join us at the Ring Sports Ground, where thanks to Merstham Cricket Club we have access to toilets etc.

For new families, Sports Day is divided into two parts with a family picnic lunch in the middle. All the children come to school first to be registered and parents go to the Ring, The Friends provide refreshments for parents. We walk the children down to the Ring, where they sit with their class under shelters. During the morning the children take part in lots of activities, gaining points for their teams, working in mixed aged groups. Parents can watch the events from the edge of the field. At the end of the morning the infant classes take part in running races. During lunch time children are allowed to join their families for lunch. Infants and free school meals children can have a packed lunch provided for them – details to follow. At the end of lunch time the infant classes go back to school and the juniors take part in other events, until they walk back to school to be dismissed by their teachers. Children are not permitted to leave the Ring with their parents and apart from lunch time the children remain with their class or group and parents watch the events.

The Friends Disco

The tickets for the discos on 15th May will go on sale next week.

Attendance

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](#)

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.

Data Sept 25 to present

Group	% Attend
Squirrels	97.7
Falcons	97.4
Owls	97.2
Deer	97.0
Hedgehogs	96.3
Rabbits	95.8
Otters	95.7

A few important reminders:

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](#).

Upcoming Events

April	
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
18 th	Sports Day
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
14 th	End of year production – Yrs 3 to 6 – afternoon performance – 2pm
14 th	End of year production – Yrs 3 to 6 – evening performance – 6pm
15 th	End of year production – Yrs 3 to 6 – evening performance – 6pm
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;

20th May 2026

1st July 2026

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