



Newsletter

8th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

High Ashurst

Owls had an amazing time at High Ashurst and the staff team were very proud of them. They slept in tepees and wrapped up warm for the chilly night. Activities involved archery, fire lighting and a challenge course where team work was very important.



After recovering from their residential, next week year 3 are taking part in **Feet First**, a Walking Training programme aimed at children ages 7 to 8 years old (Year 3), and is delivered by trained Walking Instructors employed by Surrey County Council.

The training course provides pupils with road safety skills to better enable them to safely walk to and from school with their parents and carers and prepare them for independent travel. It is taught through a combination of classroom and practical roadside sessions. The on-road training will be held off-site, within close walking distance from the school.

Next week is National SATs week for all year 6 pupils. The children in Otters have worked hard all year and are well prepared to take the formal tests in reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation and maths next week. They are spread over four mornings and done by Friday, in time for the disco.

The Science Garden is being used and it has been a delight to take the children into it not just to do science activities but to share stories and enjoy the stage area. Last week Rabbits and Hedgehogs spent a sunny afternoon there.



Attendance

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

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.

Class	% attendance
Squirrels	97.8
Falcons	97.5
Owls	97.3
Deer	97
Hedgehogs	96.3
Rabbits	95.9
Otters	95.8

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

May	
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