



Newsletter

21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Greensand Trust Let's Sing event



Our Let's Sing choir were amazing! They joined forces with Milton Mount's choir to sing two songs as well as singing with all the other Greensand Schools in great ensemble pieces. We were very proud of them.

The Shonda Project

Please see an update from The Shonda Project PDF attached, and visit their new website www.shonda.org.uk. We support this charity by donating the money that we raise from our second-hand uniform sales. Since last November we have raised over £330 for the charity.

Consultation Outcome – October Half Term 2026-2027

You will have seen an email from the Greensand Trust this week confirming that we will be moving ahead with the change to a two-week October half term from 2026/27. If you have not seen this email or the follow up email, which includes our term dates for 2026/27, please let the office know. The term dates and consultation email are included with this newsletter, for your reference.

End of day in the playground

As the playground is used in the evening for various clubs could we please ask that once you have collected your children that you move on from the playground, so that the clubs can start.

Email communications

We have now successfully moved from sending email communications via ParentMail to using Arbor. Please keep an eye on your junk folders in case the emails are sent there, the sender will show as '**no-reply@mail.arbor-education.com <no-reply@mail.arbor-education.com> On Behalf Of St John's Primary School** '

Club4 Holiday Activities - back for Christmas 25!

If you receive free school meal vouchers, or have previously been referred for holiday club support you can now log on (<https://eequ.org/club4activesurrey>) and book a place. Further information is included with this newsletter.

Attendance

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

As per the below table any child with an attendance of less than 90% is classed as persistently absent, in line with our policy and government guidance. Following a recent register check we will be sending you an email if your child is counted as a persistent absentee. We appreciate that this may be due, in part, to genuine illness so this is an advisory message just to keep you informed. Should you wish to discuss this further please don't hesitate to contact our home school link worker, Miss Beardwell, if you think we can help in any way.

Data Sept 25 to present

Group	% Attend
Squirrels	98.1
Deer	97.5
Falcons	97.0
Otters	96.2
Rabbits	96.2
Hedgehogs	95.8
Owls	94.4

Each child's attendance can be broadly summarised as:

97%+	Well done! This will give your child a good start in life and supports a positive work ethic. Your child's attendance is at, or above, the school target.
96% – 95%	Strive to build on this. Your child's attendance is below the school target and will be monitored. You may be sent a letter of concern from the school's lead on attendance.
94% - 90%	Absence is now affecting attainment and progress at school. This is a cause for concern and will be closely monitored. The school and Local Authority School Attendance Support Teams may work with you to improve your child's attendance and/or punctuality. You will be sent a letter of concern from the school's lead on attendance and you may also be asked to provide medical evidence for future absence.
Below 90%	This level of attendance is known as persistent absence and is unacceptable. Absence is affecting attainment and progress and disrupting your child's learning. Your child's attendance is now a major concern. A formal discussion with the Local Authority School Attendance Support Teams may take place.

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

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.

School Governor's Meetings

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

3rd Dec 2025

4th Feb 2026

18th Mar 2026
20th May 2026
1st July 2026

If you would like any further information or would be interested in joining our school committee, please contact the Clerk on clerk@stjohn-redhill.surrey.sch.uk

Upcoming Events

December	
5 th	Christmas disco – Friends event
9 th	2pm Infant Nativity play parents and carers, NO pre-schoolers
10 th	9.15am Infant Nativity Play, parents and carers, NO pre-schoolers 2pm Infant Nativity Play, grandparents and pre-schoolers
15 th	Pick a present – Friends event
17 th	2.00pm Carol Service at the Church, parents welcome (mince pies and hot chocolate by Friends)
19 th	Christmas pantomime and Christmas jumper day
19 th	Last day of term – early finish Infants 1.20pm, lower KS2 Y3&4 1.25pm, upper KS2 Y5&6 1.30pm
January	
24 th	School Choir & Phoenix Reading Choir concert – Friends event
March	
20 th	Quiz – Friends event
May	
15 th	Summer disco – Friends event
June	
13 th	Summer fair – Friends event

We are hiring!

Clerk to Governors

Fixed term, part time

Closes: 25 November 2025



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Qualified Nursery Childcare Practitioner

Perm, full time

Closes: 31 December 2025



Progress & Achievement Coach (Teaching Assistant)

Perm, 25 hrs per week

Closes: 25 November 2025



Class Teacher

Perm, full time

Closes: 26 November 2025



Midday Meals Supervisor

Perm, 6 hours per week

Closes: 25 November 2025



HR and Recruitment Administrator

Perm, part time

Closes: 24 November 2025



Teaching Assistant

Perm, part time

Closes: 27 November 2025



Midday Meals Supervisor

Perm, part time

Closes: 1 December 2025



1:1 Learning Support Assistant (SEN)

Fixed term, part time

Closes: 1 December 2025



View vacancies at:
greensandacademytrust.co.uk

