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Weekly parent communication

"Strong relationships are the backbone of our success." Ofsted.
Clear communication helps us build them.

Week commencing: 9th November 2026

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Whole-school dates

Whole-month dates – For future dates please check our website thank you
www.dovers-green.surrey.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=2,3,1&pid=54&viewid=1

Dates for the Diary
Autumn Term: Tuesday 1st September - Friday 18th December

Friday 13th November	**Children in Need – Wear something spotty or yellow**
Monday 16th November – Friday 20th November	'Inclusive Individuals' Week
Monday 16th November	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents - 13.15pm – 14.30pm Parents Evening – 3.30pm – 6.30pm – Bookings now open
Wednesday 18th November	Parents Evening – 3.30pm – 6.30pm – Booking now open
Friday 27th November	PTA Non-Uniform Day

What you need to do this week



Children in Need on Friday 13th November – wear something spotty or yellow to school



Parents Evening is taking place on Monday 16th & Wednesday 18th November

Bookings now open on Arbor!

PE Days and Forest School Days:

Red Ladybirds
PE:- Tuesday & Forest School is Wednesday

Yellow Ladybirds
PE:- Wednesday & Forest School is Friday

Dragonflies
PE: Monday & Fridays & Forest School is Thursday

Fireflies
PE: Monday & **Thursday** & Forest School is **Friday**

Bumblebees
PE: Monday & Tuesday & Forest School is Thursday

Grasshoppers
PE: Monday & Wednesday & Forest School is Tuesday

Butterflies
All Butterflies children do their PE on Tuesday

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Children in Need

Children in Need is on Friday 13th November. Please see below how to donate any amount is greatly appreciated.

https://challenge.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraising/dovers-green-school



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Travel Survey for Parents/Carers

Please find below link to complete a travel survey on how you come to school, thanking you.



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Whole-school notices



Move It Monday – Starting the Week with a Smile!

This week saw the launch of our exciting new Move It Monday initiative, bringing music, movement and a little Monday morning magic to the Dovers Green playground!

Every Monday, from 8:30–8:40am, we are inviting children, parents, siblings and staff to join us for ten minutes of dancing before the school day begins.

But Move It Monday is about much more than having fun!

Did you know?

- Physical activity can help improve children's mood, concentration and readiness to learn.
- Moving together creates opportunities for connection, confidence and a sense of belonging.
- A positive and welcoming start to the school day can help children who sometimes find separation or Monday mornings difficult.

Our message is simple: Move, smile, connect and belong!

We know that coming back to school after the weekend can sometimes feel a little overwhelming. By making Monday mornings something to look forward to, we hope to support positive attitudes towards school, strengthen our community and encourage excellent attendance.

There's no need to be a brilliant dancer – just bring your enthusiasm and your best moves!

We can't wait to see our Dovers community dancing into the new week together!

Little Moments, Big Feelings – Supporting Emotional Wellbeing

At Dovers Green, we know that happy, secure children are children who are ready to learn. As we settle back into school after half term, we are placing a particular focus on emotional wellbeing, friendships and helping every child feel that they belong.

For young children, emotions can sometimes feel very big. Whether it's feeling worried about coming to school, finding friendships tricky or adjusting to a change in routine, these feelings are all part of growing up.

Did you know?

- Children often communicate their emotions through their behaviour before they have the words to explain how they feel.
- Predictable routines and positive relationships help children feel safe and secure.
- Small moments of connection, such as talking, playing or sharing a story, can make a big difference to children's emotional wellbeing.

Our message is simple: Connection before correction.

At school, we support children to recognise their feelings, develop positive friendships and learn strategies to manage tricky moments. We want every child to know that they are valued, listened to and included.

At home, taking just a few minutes each day to ask "What made you smile today?" or "Was anything tricky today?" can open up important conversations.

Together, we can help our children grow into confident, resilient and compassionate individuals.



This week at Dovers

Dovers Green School Council – Every Voice Matters!

During Monday's assembly, we shared some exciting news with the children – **this half term, we will be launching our very own Dovers Green School Council for Years 1 and 2!**

At Dovers Green, we believe that every child has a voice and that their ideas, opinions and experiences matter. Our School Council will provide children with a meaningful opportunity to represent their classmates, share ideas, contribute to decisions and help make our school an even better place for everyone.

This links closely to our school ethos, *"We are all special, but we are all different,"* and our commitment to promoting **British Values**, particularly democracy, mutual respect and individual liberty. Through the School Council, children will begin to understand what democracy looks like in practice – listening to different opinions, voting, representing others and recognising that everyone deserves to be heard.

We would love to encourage every child who is interested to have a go! Being a school councillor isn't about being the loudest, most confident or most popular person in the room. It's about being kind, listening carefully, sharing ideas and wanting to make a positive difference. If your child feels a little nervous or needs some help applying, please reassure them that **we are here to support them every step of the way!**

Class teachers will shortly share further information about the application process and how you can support your child if they would like to put themselves forward.

We also recognise that School Council won't be the right role for everyone, and that's absolutely fine! Over the coming weeks, we will be reviewing the **wider roles and responsibilities available across school**, with the aim of creating as many opportunities as possible for children to develop confidence, take responsibility, contribute to school life and lead by example.

Every child has something special to offer, and every child deserves the opportunity to shine. We can't wait to see our young leaders grow!



The Nest

Key messages, celebration and practical reminders for families of children in the Nest.

This week in the Nest we have been getting creative around the theme of fireworks! We created incredible salt artwork which we coloured with watercolours – this took a lot of patience! We also made edible sparklers which we enjoyed around the table at snacktime. And we ended our week with real sparklers outside on the terrace which was great fun!



With the help of our puppets, we have been learning how to manage disappointment when something doesn't go to plan. We have been talking about how we feel when Plan A doesn't work out, and thinking about what could be a helpful Plan B. We have used this many times during this week, and the children have talked about using it at home too.

Admiral Butterflies

Key messages, celebration and practical reminders for Butterflies families.

Returning after the half term break, we were excited to see that our terrace area had acquired artificial grass. This has improved the surface on which we have to play making it more usable in all weathers. The basketball net has proved very popular, and we have noticed pupils having fleeting social interactions in this space which is so nice to see.
Inside we have been exploring the story of Whatever Next and enjoying activities related to this key text.

Please remember to provide us with waterproof clothing for your child. As you know too well, clothing is a very personal thing for lots of our pupils, so having their own outfits to wear makes a big difference. Thank you.







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Emperor Butterflies

Key messages, celebration and practical reminders for Butterflies families.

It has been so lovely to welcome the children back after half term. This week, we have been re-establishing our classroom routines. We have been attempting to put our belongings away when arriving at school, such as our coat on our peg and water bottle in the crate. As part of our learning, we created colourful firework pictures using chalk and paint, exploring different colours and patterns. Some of the children also enjoyed designing and making Rangoli window decorations as part of our learning about Diwali.

Please remember:

To send children into school with their scrapbooks completed on a Monday.







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Monarch Butterflies

This week we have been busy learning about lots of different celebrations. In art we made salt firework pictures, where we explored how paint travels through the salt as it is absorbed. We also learnt about the festival of Diwali and made rangoli window decorations using lots of colour and patterns.
In Forest School we spent time searching for crunchy Autumn leaves to make Autumn crowns and explored the forest for minibeasts. In Dance we have begun working on making shapes with our bodies and moving between shapes.
In Drawing club this half term our topic is Fairytales. This week we have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk. In our first lesson we drew the Giant and gave him special powers when we wrote our code words or sentences. In our second lesson we drew the castle and used our imaginations to think about different things we could build it out of such as crystals or M&Ms.







Key notes:

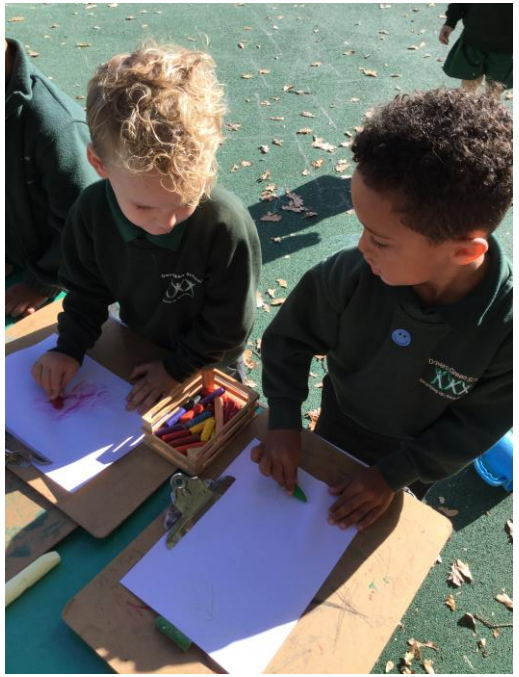
- **Thank you to those who helped on our Year 2 church visit. The children did so well!**
- **For Remembrance Day we will be talking about soldiers. If you have any pictures or stories of relatives who have been in the armed services, it would be great to be able to share them with the children.**

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Reception

Ladybirds' Week of Fun!

- This week, we had our very first Forest School session! We learnt the routines and rules of Forest School and played some fun games!
- In PE, we are learning playground games this half term, and we loved playing 'Simon Says'!
- In Drawing Club, we watched a short episode of 'Wacky Races'! We designed new cars to join in the race, not forgetting to write our secret code!
- We have loved acting out different parts in our new role play areas. We have a vets in Reds, a hospital in Yellows and a police station on the terrace!





Please remember:

We have three special occasions next week: Diwali (Sunday 8th November), Remembrance Day (Wednesday 11th November) and Children in Need (Friday 13th November). It would be helpful if you could discuss these special events with your children at home, so that they can talk about them in the classroom next week. Thank you!

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Year 1

Year 1

Welcome back!

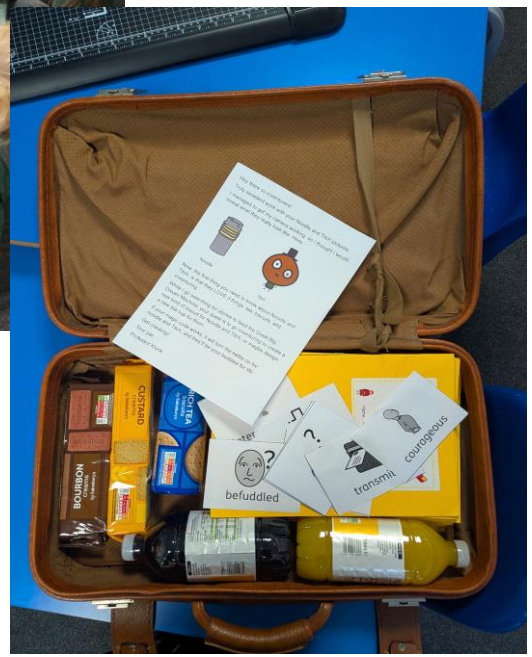
The children were well rested after the 2 week break and have been full of enthusiasm for the launch of Curious Quests. In Curious Quests we build on our Drawing Club adventures and push our writing into even more imaginative adventures, so this week has been spent introducing the characters (Professor Klunk, Noodle, Titch, and The Greap) who will help us on our 'inventuring' to power The Great Big Story Dream Machine. On Wednesday, our magic codes were SO good that Professor Klunk sent us some biscuits and squash!

In Maths we are using our knowledge from part-whole models to develop confidence writing addition number sentences (e.g. 5 + 5 = 10).

In Geography we have continued to look at maps by exploring what a key for a map is, and drawing our own maps of our school grounds.

We are extremely pleased to announce that Mrs Rounce is expecting a baby which is due in April!





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Year 2

Year 2

Welcome back after an unusually long half term! This half term our topic is called- A twist in a tale. We have been thoroughly enjoying the text, Jim and the beanstalk. JIM AND THE BEAN STALK (kids books read aloud) Jack fractured fairy tale stories This week we have been writing predictions, questions and an introduction to the story, including conjunctions to extend our sentences. In maths we have been exploring different strategies to add 2-digit numbers. We can use a hundred square, jottings and solve some mentally by adding the tens first then add the ones. In RE we have been finding out how Christians give to and worship God in different ways. We were kindly invited to Reigate Park church where we found out the vast ways in which this church gives to their community.

Have a go solving some addition problems together at home.
Children love it when they can explain their learning to you. Let them be the teacher and show you how to do it!
Paint the Squares - Interactive Number Charts - Topmarks





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Lunch menu

Autumn/Winter Menu

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 02/11/26 23/11/26 14/12/26 18/01/27 08/02/27 08/03/27	**Option One**	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges **(V)**	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Soya Mince Lasagne **(V)**	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice **(VE)**	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy **(VE)**	Quorn and Lentil Tikka Masala with Rice **(VE)**	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce **(V)**
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**
	Dessert	Cheese and Crackers **(V)**	Apple Cake with Custard **(V)**	Fruit Medley **(VE)**	Jelly with Mandarins **(VE)**	Syrup Sponge with Custard **(V)**
WEEK TWO 09/11/26 30/11/26 04/01/27 25/01/27 22/02/27 15/03/27	**Option One**	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges **(V)**	Spaghetti Bolognaise	BBQ Chicken, Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Chicken and Sweetcorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Breaded Fish or Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Five Bean Chilli with Rice **(VE)**	Vegan Bolognaise with Spaghetti **(VE)**	Lemon and Herb Quorn, Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa **(VE)**	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice **(VE)**	Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce **(V)**
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**
	Dessert	Gingerbread Cookie **(VE)**	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce **(V)**	Fruit Salad **(VE)**	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard **(V)**	Vanilla Shortbread **(VE)**
WEEK THREE 16/11/26 07/12/26 11/01/27 01/02/27 01/03/27 22/03/27	**Option One**	Macaroni Cheese **(V)**	Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes **(VE)**	Tomato Pasta **(VE)**	Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes with Gravy **(VE)**	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice **(VE)**	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips and Tomato Sauce **(V)**
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**
	Dessert	Oaty Cookie **(VE)**	Pear Crumble with Custard **(V)**	Fruit Salad **(VE)**	Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard **(V)**	Iced Sponge **(V)**

MENU KEY:

- Whole grain
- Plant based
- Added plant protein
- **(VE)** Vegan
- **(V)** Veggie

AVAILABLE DAILY: Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

Attendance

Whole-school attendance (this year to date)
93.3%

Our target
> 95%

Every Day Counts at Dovers!

Attendance Fact of the Week

Did you know?

90% attendance means missing approximately **one school day every fortnight.**



- These missed days can add up:
- quickly and mean missing
- important learning, special
- experiences and time with friends.

The Bigger Picture

Attendance across a 190-day school year:

95% attendance
= 9.5 days missed
(almost 2 school weeks)

90% attendance
= 19 days missed
(almost 4 school weeks)

Being in school regularly helps children to:

- Learn and make progress
- Build friendships
- Grow in confidence
- Feel a sense of belonging
- Be ready for their next steps

Class of the Week

Grasshoppers!

An amazing **100%** attendance from Monday to Thursday this week!



Year Group of the Week

Year 2!

A fantastic **95.5%** attendance this week!

We recognise that children will sometimes be too unwell to attend school. Our focus is on working positively with families to support good attendance whenever children are well enough to be in school.

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Attendance

Reporting your child/ren off school due to illness



If you need to report your child/ren off due to illness please use the following order with Arbor being our preferred method. Please note all absences need to be reported by **09.00am**, thank you.

1. Please go to the Arbor app, or Parent Portal to report your child off, please use the link below and follow the instructions

   Logging absences on the Parent Portal and Arbor App – Arbor Help Centre

2. Please email absence@dovers-green.surrey.sch.uk

3. Please call 01737 245515 press 1 for our absence line

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Safeguarding

Little Screens, Big Conversations: Keeping Children Safe Online

At Dovers Green, we recognise that technology can offer wonderful opportunities for children to learn, explore and have fun. However, even at a young age, children can encounter content, conversations or experiences online that they may not fully understand.

Did you know?

- Not all videos labelled as 'child-friendly' are necessarily suitable for young children.
- Autoplay and recommended videos can lead children towards content they weren't originally looking for.
- Some games and apps include chat functions, advertising or opportunities to interact with strangers.
- Children may not always recognise when something online is worrying, inappropriate or unsafe.

Our safeguarding top tip – Watch, Talk, Check!

👀 **WATCH:** Take an interest in what your child is watching or playing. Where possible, enjoy online activities together.
💬 **TALK:** Have regular, relaxed conversations about what they see online. Remind them that they can always tell a trusted adult if something makes them feel worried, confused or uncomfortable.
🔒 **CHECK:** Review parental controls, privacy settings and age ratings on the apps, games and devices your child uses.

Remember: Parental controls are helpful, but conversations and supervision are just as important.

Our message is simple: **Stay curious, stay connected and keep talking!**

For practical advice and free resources, visit:

- NSPCC – Keeping Children Safe Online
- UK Safer Internet Centre
- Internet Matters

If you ever have concerns about your child's online experiences, please speak to our safeguarding team. We are always here to help.





Clubs and enrichment

Please note all our clubs are run by external companies, should you wish your child/ren to participate please contact them directly.

Monday 3.00pm – 4.00pm – Street Dance run by Inspire all aged groups - www.inspireacademyofdance.co.uk

Tuesday 08.00 – 08.40am – Playball all aged groups - www.playballkids.com

Tuesday 03.05pm – 4.05pm – Learn Play Achieve (Football) Years 1 & 2 only - www.learnplayachieve.com

Wednesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm – The Outdoor Project Years 1 & 2 only – www.theoutdoorproject.co.uk

Thursday 03.05pm – 4.20pm – Let's Dance Junior – all aged groups - letsdancelivewithkelly@gmail.com

Friday – mornings only – Rocky Steady Music – all aged groups - www.rocksteadymusicschool.com

Friday mornings only – Academy for the love of Music – all aged groups – academyfortheloveofmusic@yahoo.com

Friday 3.15 – 4.00pm – Starlight Musical Theatre – all aged groups - www.starlightmusicaltheatre.com

Alternatively please look at our website for more details: www.dovers-green.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Extra-Curricular+Clubs&pid=168

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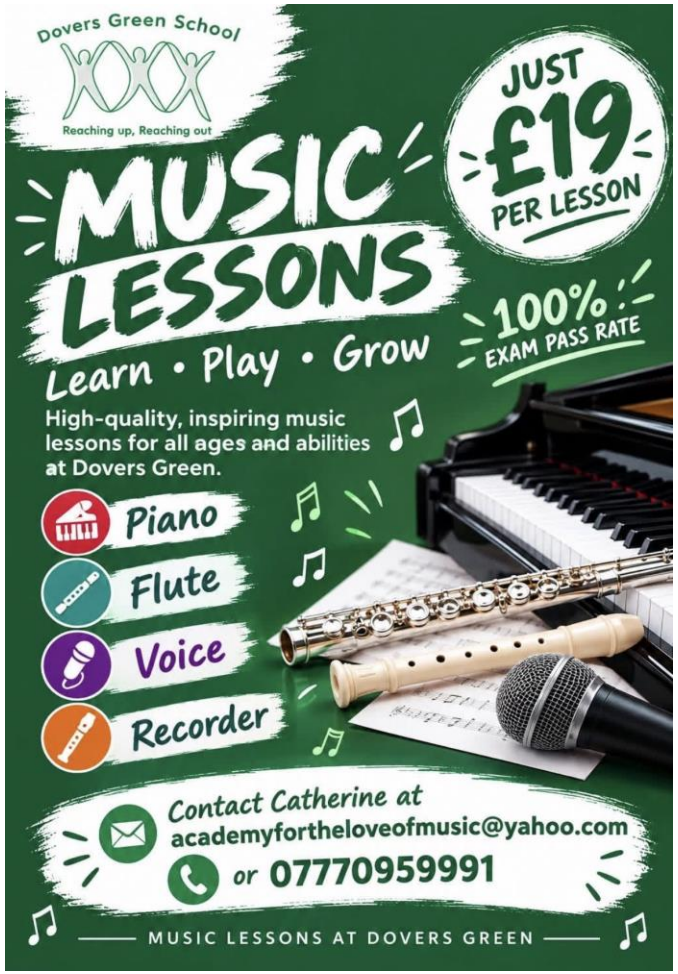




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Wrap Around Care

This week in Early Birds Breakfast and Tea-Time Tigers:









Sign Up Information:

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to welcome you to the Early Birds Breakfast Club (EBB) and Teatime Tigers After School Club (TTT).
Our club is only available for children who attend school full time.
To allow your child to attend either club, they must be registered with us . Please note that a one-off registration fee of £10 applies.
Please complete the registration and booking forms and return them to **ebbttt@doversgreen.surrey.sch.uk** or by handing them in at the School Office.

Please follow the link below for all the information you need, including registration and term and conditions.

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Contact Information



Poppies and Merchandise for sale

In honour of all British Commonwealth Armed Forces members who have served, fought, or lost their lives in World War 1 and subsequent conflicts, we are selling poppies and merchandise now. Poppies are 50p - £1.00 and all the merchandise is £2.00 please come to the school office to purchase.





Our Year 2 children will be going round selling poppies and merchandise next week, if you wish to purchase anything please ensure your child/ren have the correct money we do not take cards, thank you.

PTA and community

Christmas cards

It's that time of year again!

We are excited to let you know that our Christmas cards are now available to order online.

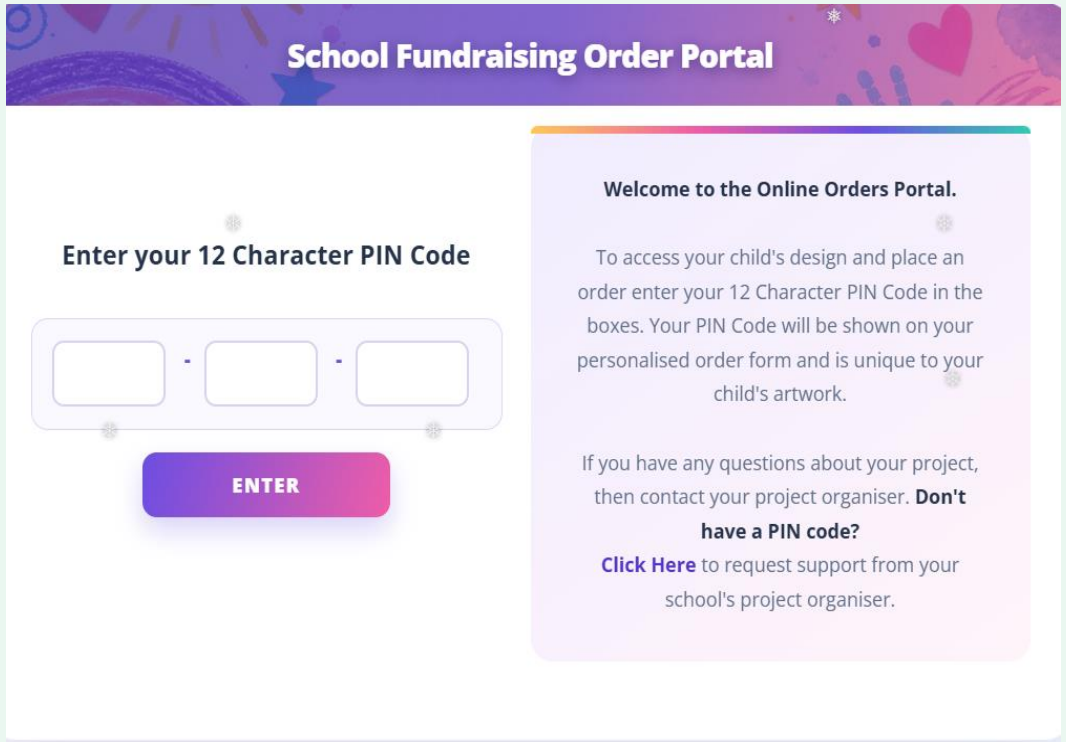
The deadline for placing your order is 16th November.

Please click on the link and enter your code. Alternatively, the easiest way is to scan the QR code on your card , which will take you directly to your child's artwork.

All orders will be delivered to the school. We will let you know as soon as they have arrived and are ready to be sent home

Thank you for your support and we hope you enjoy creating a special keepsake this Christmas!

Christmas Card Order Online



Dates for our Christmas Production



Our Christmas Production will take place for our EYFS children on Monday 7th December at 2.30pm and on Tuesday 8th December at 09.00am

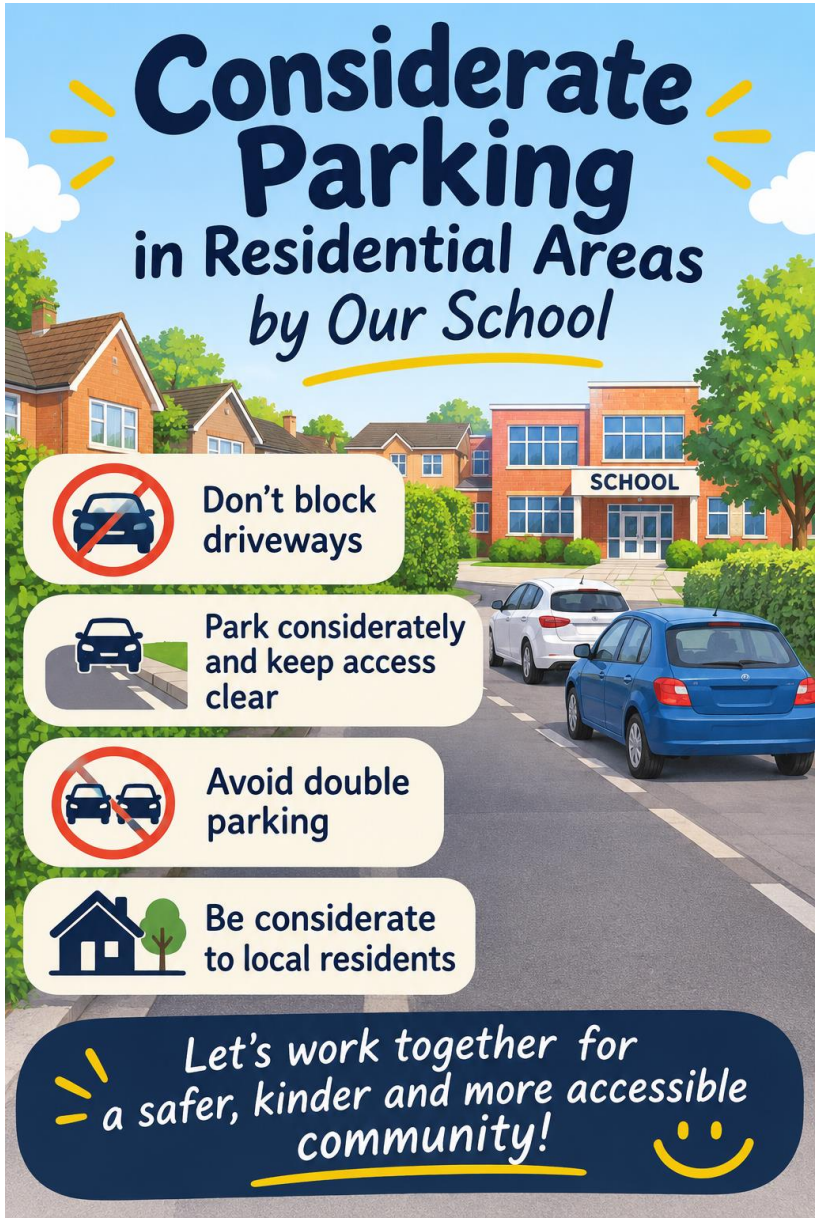
For KS1 this will take place on Thursday & Friday 11th December both productions will be at 2.00pm

For our Butterflies children you will be advised by their class teacher in regards to dates.

Further details on how to book your time slot will be sent out via Arbor in the next few weeks.

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Parking!



Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to kindly remind all parents/carers about our parking guidelines around the school premises.

Please make sure to park considerately, ensuring that driveways are not blocked and that we do not park on junctions or double yellow lines. This helps us maintain safety for all our students and families while keeping the roads clear for emergency services.

Thank you so much for your cooperation and understanding. It truly makes a difference for everyone in our school community and surrounding areas!

Flyers for upcoming events







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YMCA | Here for young people Here for communities Here for you

SANTA RUN



Sunday 13 December 2026 | Priory Park, Reigate

Join us for this festive, family-friendly running event!

- 10:30 | Adult 3 mile (aged 16+)
- 11:15 | Family 1 mile (children aged 4+ and adults)
- £13.50pp includes a free Santa suit and medal

Register online at:
www.ymcaeastsurrey.org.uk

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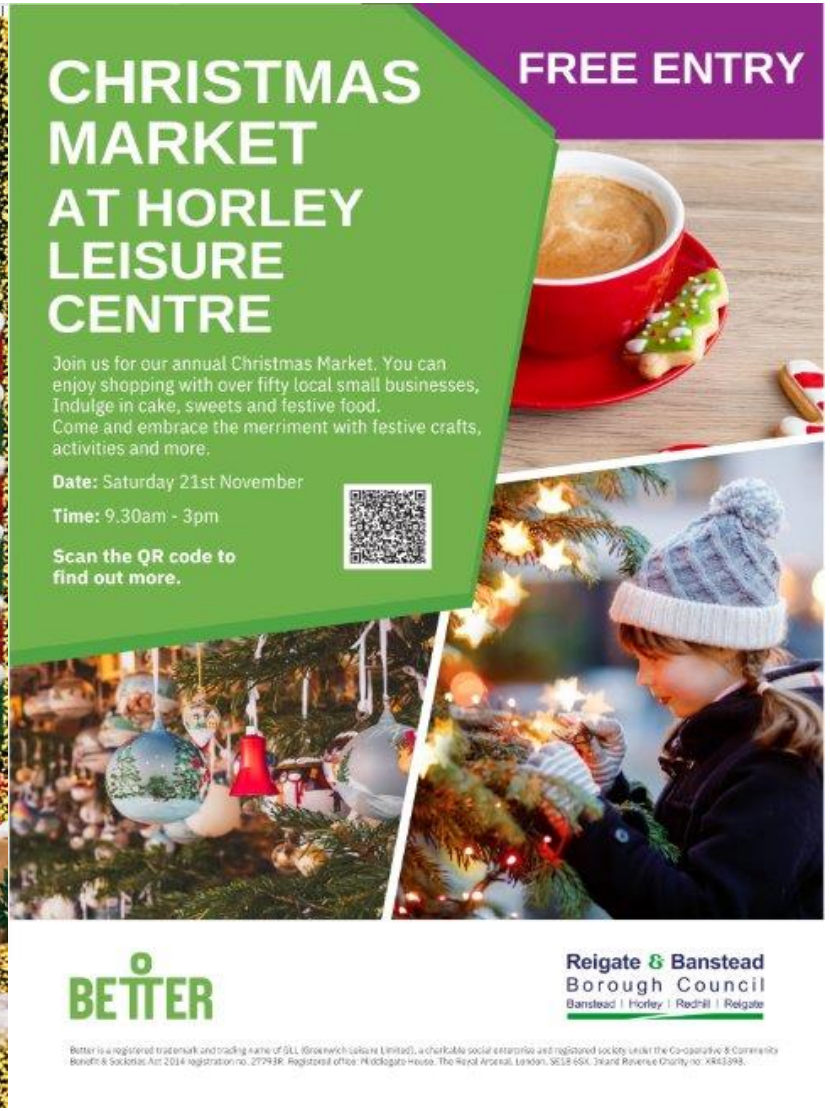




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Instagram

